The LORD is 90 a stronghold in the day of trouble; he knows those who take refuge in him.

NAHUM 1:7, ESV

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost July 23, 2023 8:00am & 10:45am

# Welcome to Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church!

We greet you in the name of our risen Savior, Jesus Christ. We are glad you are worshiping with our family of faith and rejoice with you as God comes to us through His Word this day to bring His gift of forgiveness and life in Jesus.

If you have any questions, please seek out one of the ushers who will be happy to assist you. **Pastor Schultz & Pastor Ada look forward to meeting you at the end of the service**.

**ATTENDANCE REGISTRATION** Members and visitors, please scan this QR code and register your attendance with us today. Thanks!

### HEARING ASSISTANCE devices are available. Please talk to an usher.



**YOUNG CHILDREN** We believe that young children need to be brought to Jesus (Mark 10:14); and what better way than to include them in the regular worship life of the congregation! We **DO NOT** have a staffed nursery during church because we **encourage families to worship together**. Children's bulletins and activity bags are available to help quietly occupy those children too young to listen to the sermon. Please feel free to use the narthex as a cry room when needed. Monitors and speakers will assist in your participation.

## EDUCATION HOUR (9:30-10:30am)

Adult Bible Class: *Majoring in Minors: Nahum*. This class will study one of the Minor Prophets and consider their message for us today and over the 12 weeks of summer.

**Sunday School:** Classes are offered for children who have turned 3 by September 1 through high school. Please ask an usher for assistance in locating classrooms.

Nursery: There is a nursery during education hour located in the lower level, Room 118.

**HOLY COMMUNION** In Holy Communion we celebrate the real presence of our Lord Jesus Christ as He gives us His true body and blood in and with the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of faith. In love for God's Word and in love for God's people, we do not want anyone to receive this blessed gift to their spiritual harm (1 Cor. 11:27-29). **Therefore, anyone who wishes to commune here for the first time and who is not a member of Beautiful Savior or a congregation of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, is asked to speak with Pastor Schultz or Pastor Ada before receiving Holy Communion**. Those not communing are still welcome to come receive a blessing.

## **Order of Service: Divine Service 4**

## **AS WE GATHER**

*The Word of the Gospel Bestows the Righteousness of Christ and Brings Forth Faith* The good Seed, which is "the Son of Man," Jesus Himself (Matt. 13:37), brings forth a harvest of faith and bears good fruits in "the sons of the kingdom" (Matt. 13:38). Whatever is sown apart from His Word is of the devil, who plants the weeds of unbelief and sin, even among the people of God. Thankfully, the Lord is patient and He does not uproot the weeds, lest the plants also be destroyed. He lets "both grow together until the harvest" (Matt. 13:30), while He continues to preach repentance and forgiveness of sins. Thus, He preserves His Church in righteousness, because He alone is "the King of Israel and his Redeemer" (Is. 44:6). Since all things are in His gracious care and keeping, "fear not, nor be afraid" (Is. 44:8). For "the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God" (Rom. 8:19), and in this hope we also wait with patience. Though we do not yet see it, "the Spirit helps us in our weakness" (Rom. 8:26) and, in truth, "the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us" (Rom. 8:18).

## PRAYER AT THE BEGINNING OF WORSHIP

Lord, open now my heart to hear, And through your Word to me draw near; Preserve that Word in purity That I your child and heir may be.

LW 197:1

### **MUSIC FOR MEDITATION**

PRELUDE	God Has Spoken by His Prophets
	Mark Sedio
PASTORAL GREETING	
OPENING HYMN	God Has Spoken by His Prophets
	LSB 583

# + THE PREPARATION +

## INVOCATION

(The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of your Baptism.)

- In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

- Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **G** who made heaven and earth.

Psalm 124:8

- If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.** *Psalm 130:3-4*
- Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

(A moment of silence to confess our specific sins.)

- **P** Let us together confess our sins to God our Father.
- Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.
- P Almighty God in His mercy...and of the 

  → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

[John 20:19-23]

# + Service of the word +

#### **HYMN OF PRAISE**

*Gloria in Excelsis*~~(Latin: Glory to God in the Highest)

Luke 2:14; John 1:29



### SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

#### • And also with you.

**P** Let us pray:

O God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your final judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of living here and dwell with You in perfect joy hereafter; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

2 Timothy 4:22

## **OLD TESTAMENT**

<sup>6</sup>Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: "I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god. <sup>7</sup>Who is like me? Let him proclaim it. Let him declare and set it before me, since I appointed an ancient people. Let them declare what is to come, and what will happen. <sup>8</sup>Fear not, nor be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? And you are my witnesses! Is there a God besides me? There is no Rock; I know not any."

P This is the Word of the Lord.





Psalm 119:57-64; antiphon v. 89

Isaiah 44:6-8

- At midnight I rise to | praise you,\* because of your just and righ- | teous decrees.
- I am a companion of all who | fear you,\* of those who keep your | precepts.
- ▶ The earth, O LORD, is full of your | steadfast love;\* teach me your | statutes!
- A Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\* and to the Holy | Spirit; as it was in the be- | ginning,\* is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
- Forever, | O LORD,\* your word is firmly fixed in the | heavens.

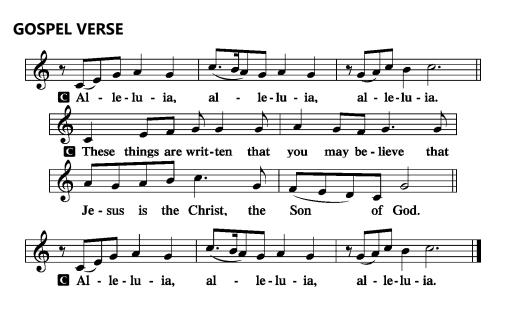
## EPISTLE

#### Romans 8:18–27

<sup>18</sup>For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. <sup>19</sup>For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. <sup>20</sup>For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup>that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. <sup>22</sup>For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. <sup>23</sup>And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup>For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? <sup>25</sup>But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

<sup>26</sup>Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. <sup>27</sup>And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **G** Thanks be to God.



#### HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

John 6:68

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.

## Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>24</sup>[Jesus] put another parable before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, <sup>25</sup>but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. <sup>26</sup>So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. <sup>27</sup>And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?' <sup>28</sup>He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' So the servants said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' <sup>29</sup>But he said, 'No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. <sup>30</sup>Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"...

<sup>36</sup>Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." <sup>37</sup>He answered, "The one

who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup>The field is the world, and the good seed is the children of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, <sup>39</sup>and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the close of the age, and the reapers are angels. <sup>40</sup>Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the close of the age. <sup>41</sup>The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, <sup>42</sup>and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. <sup>43</sup>Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear."

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- **C** Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

## **READING THE FAITH** (as drawn from Luther's Small Catechism)

- L THE CLOSE OF THE COMMANDMENTS
- L What does God say about all these commandments?
- He says, "I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate Me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love Me and keep My commandments." (Ex. 20:5-6)
- **L** What does this mean?
- God threatens to punish all who break these commandments. Therefore, we should fear His wrath and not do anything against them. But He promises grace and every blessing to all who keep these commandments. Therefore, we should also love and trust Him and gladly do what He commands.

#### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

#### SERMON HYMN

#### The Law of God is Good and Wise LSB 579 vv. 1-2, 5-6

Vicar Avery Hjulberg

 The Law of God is good and wise And sets His will before our eyes, Shows us the way of righteousness, And dooms to death when we transgress.

- 2. Its light of holiness imparts The knowledge of our sinful hearts That we may see our lost estate And turn from sin before too late.
- The Law is good; but since the fall Its holiness condemns us all; It dooms us for our sin to die And has no pow'r to justify.
- SERMON

## SERMON HYMN

- The Gospel shows the Father's grace, Who sent His Son to save our race, Proclaims how Jesus lived and died That we might thus be justified.
- It sets the Lamb before our eyes, Who made the\_atoning sacrifice, And calls the souls with guilt oppressed To come and find eternal rest.

 To Jesus we for refuge flee, Who from the curse has set us free, And humbly worship at His throne, Saved by His grace through faith alone.

> Nahum: Long on Law Nahum 1:7-8 Vicar Avery Hjulberg

The Gospel Shows the Father's Grace LSB 580 vv. 1-4

- 3. It brings the Savior's righteousness To robe our souls in royal dress; From all our guilt it brings release And gives the troubled conscience peace.
- It is the pow'r of God to save
   From sin and Satan and the grave;
   It works the faith which firmly clings
   To all the treasures which it brings.

#### Stand

NICENE CREED (located on the inside back cover of the hymnal)

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

- **P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- For certainty that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us, let us pray to the Lord:
- **G** Lord, have mercy.
- For wisdom to steward God's creation well, until new life supplants the groanings of this age, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- For the delegates who assemble at the LCMS convention this week, that God would give them wisdom to work for the welfare of our Synod; that He would guard the lips of those who speak and the ears of those who hear; that He would give us courage to do with integrity what we promise; and that, according to His will, He would bless and prosper the plans and actions undertaken in His name, let us pray to the Lord:
- **G** Lord, have mercy.
- For all who care for the elderly in their homes or other facilities, that they might be instruments of comfort and company to the lonely, let us pray to the Lord:
- **G** Lord, have mercy.
- For those who do not repent or believe, that God would be patient with them, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love; and that He would send His Holy Spirit to bring them into saving faith, let us pray to the Lord:
- **G** Lord, have mercy.
- For all leaders, that in the face of conflict and discord they would work for peace and justice, especially protecting the weak and defenseless, let us pray to the Lord:
- **G** Lord, have mercy.

- For all who endure the bondage of decay through infirmity and weakness, [especially\_\_\_\_\_\_,] that their faith would be preserved and their sufferings be considered incomparable to the glory to be revealed in them, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- P Additional Prayers of Thanksgiving or Intercession, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- For all who receive the Lord's Supper, that we may come with hearts free of pride, presumption or any profaning sin; and that, hoping for what we do not see, we may receive His forgiveness and life, let us pray to the Lord:
- **G** Lord, have mercy.
- Lord, You have called us according to Your purpose. You cause all things to work together for our good. Keep us safe until that day when You gather us with the saints into Your kingdom, which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

## OFFERING

(Our offerings are collected at the door and brought forward and presented in thanksgiving to the Lord. If you missed this opportunity, your offering can be placed in the plate at the door as you leave.)

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

# + THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

## PREFACE

- P The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.

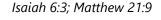
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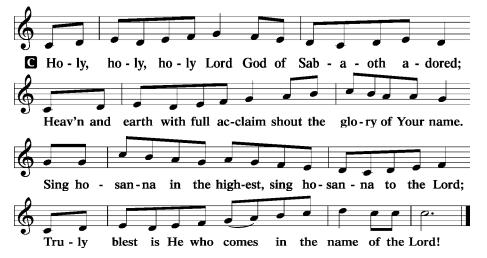
P Lift up your hearts.
C We lift them to the Lord. [Colossians 3:1]
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C It is right to give Him thanks and praise. [Psalm 136]

## **PROPER PREFACE**

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary...evermore praising You and singing:

## SANCTUS~~(Latin: Holy, Holy, Holy)





## LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

**P** Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray:

## **C** Our Father who art in heaven,

hallowed be Thy name,

Thy kingdom come,

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;

give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

#### **PAX DOMINI**~~(Latin: Peace of the Lord)

(The pastor here makes a **declaration** of the peace we have with the Lord through the forgiveness offered in this Sacrament. Therefore, we boldly respond **AMEN!** – which means "Yes, yes, this is so!")

The peace of the Lord be with you always. P

С Amen!

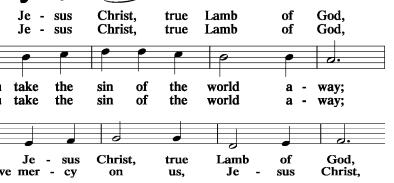
AGNUS DEI~~(Latin: Lamb of God)



## INVITATION

Welcome to the Table of the Lord. P

Sit



John 1:29

John 20:19

Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

## DISTRIBUTION

#### VISITORS, please read the statement concerning Holy Communion on page 2.

#### **Personal Examination Before Communing**

- 1. Do I believe I am a sinner and am I sorry for my sins?
- 2. Do I believe Christ's true body and blood to be present in the Lord's Supper for the forgiveness of sins?
- 3. Do I earnestly intend with the help of the Holy Spirit to amend my sinful life?

(For a longer examination see pages 329-330 of the hymnal.

Communion Prayers are located inside the front cover of the hymnal.)

#### Instructions for Communing

We use <u>continuous kneeling tables</u> for Holy Communion. The congregation will be ushered forward to kneel. You will receive the Body of Jesus from the Pastors and then the Blood of Jesus from the Elder/Vicar. You may receive either from the common cup or the individual cup. When you have sufficiently meditated, stand, reverence the altar, and return to your seat. Those not communing will receive a blessing from the pastor.

**Non-alcoholic white wine** in located in the center of each tray and should only be used by those with medical conditions prohibiting the use of wine.

Gluten-free wafers are available from the pastor when you come forward.

## **DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

LSB 581 These Are the Holy Ten Commands

LSB 618 / Come, O Savior, to Thy Table

LSB 588 Jesus Loves Me

Stand

DISMISSAL

## **POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE**

*Nunc Dimittis*~~(Latin: Now Depart – Song of Simeon)

Luke 2:29-32



### **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

### **BENEDICAMUS/BENEDICTION**

- **P** Let us bless the Lord.
- **G** Thanks be to God.
- The Lord bless you...and 🕂 give you peace.
- C Amen.

Psalm 103:1

Numbers 6:24-26

#### **CLOSING HYMN**

#### Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast LSB 577

#### POSTLUDE

Let All Things Now Living

Jacob B. Weber

# Before you go: Visitors and Members – please register your attendance.





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## SERVING THE LORD AND US TODAY:

Preaching	
Celebrant	Pastor Joel Schultz
Liturgist	Pastor Mike Ada
Organist	Deb Miller
Acolytes	(8:00) Olivia Travis & Jack McDonald (10:45) Kendall Herrs & TBD
Ushers	
	(10:45) Phil Bertels, Jeff Hiller, & TBD
Altar Guild	Janette Copeland, Deb Froelich, & Karen Kuhn
Greeters	
Nursery	Matt & Nicole Christensen (Helping Hands) TBD
Counters	George Ledgerwood & Todd Scheumann
Altar Flowers	

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## **VOICE OF THE MARTYRS PRAYER REQUEST**

Church Attacked, Continues to Meet - Sri Lanka

After the 2004 tsunami, the Sri Lankan government relocated survivors from Pasikuda to another village. Pastor Srikanth, among those relocated, shared the gospel there, and many accepted the Lord. In 2019, Hindu villagers began to oppose the worship in Pastor Srikanth's home. They brought the police, armed themselves, leveled death threats at the worshipers, and incited government officials to threaten to take away Pastor Srikanth's house. Worship services continued, so the villagers were more aggressive, launching a brutal Sunday morning attack that left several believers badly wounded. The police filed charges against the attackers as well as Pastor Srikanth. Despite this opposition and ongoing legal proceedings, the believers continue to gather in a shed next to Pastor Srikanth's house. Pray that the LORD gives them strength, courage, focus and peace as they continue to worship and serve Him.

#### PRAYERS REQUESTED THIS WEEK

For Debbie Kuhn, Karen Kuhn's sister-in-law, who is recovering from a fall that broke her pelvis in three places.

For Alan Thorniley, Anne Yarnell's uncle, who is recovering from knee replacement surgery.

For Matt Horyna, who is currently hospitalized.

For **Debbie Seutter**, who is struggling with health issues and seeking improvement.

For **Colton Clark**, who is recovering from shoulder surgery for a torn labrum.

For Carter and Colton Clark, who are scheduled to have their wisdom teeth removed on July 24<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>.

For Danny Hundley, who is recovering from a stroke.

For Terry West, who is recovering from heart surgery last week.

For **Fred Gruhn, Sr.**, Fred Gruhn's father, who is recovering from an intestinal inflammation and adjusting to moving into the Veterans home in Warrensburg, MO.

For **Ashley Martinez**, who is recovering from knee surgery.

For Stacy Martinez, who began her chemotherapy treatment this past week.

For Archie Palmer, Vaunda Palmer's husband, who is having a tough recovery from his skin cancer treatment.

For Lisa Schaefer, a friend of the Freese and Jenkins families, whose cancer has returned for the third time and is undergoing treatment.

For **Bill Deckert and family**, as they mourn the death of Jan Deckert, who died from a heart attack this past week. For the **family of Karen Gruhn**, Fred Gruhn's aunt, who passed away after complications from Alzheimer's disease. For **peace in the war** between Ukraine and Russia.

For **The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ukraine**, our LCMS partner church, for their safety and love as they care for the people still caught in the conflict.

#### CONTINUED PRAYERS

For Kyle Bodenstab and family, as they mourn the death of Kyle's father Marcus Bodenstab.

For **Trinity Lutheran Church, Burlington, KS**, the childhood church of Chris Scott and where his parents attend, as they make a call for a new pastor in the coming weeks.

For Karen Rinne, who is recovering from a procedure.

For **Carol Boland**, for continued healing after complications from a recent foot surgery.

For **Peggy Doane**, Michelle Wibe's mom, who was diagnosed with cancer in both her lungs and awaiting treatment. For **Ivan Rees**, continued prayers as he recovers from health issues.

For **our expectant mothers: Alaina Booth, Charisse Meier** and **Stephanie (Seutter) Thomas** for their unborn children, and for those who long for God's gift of children.

For those undergoing cancer treatment: Leslie Beller, Mandy Bender, Mike Broderick, Heather Delaney, Karen Feldes, Danny Hundley, Brian Jenkins, Beth Johnson, Mikaela Koch, Judy Landall, John Mahnken, Bonnie Malloch, Geordie McGuire, Milroy Moses, Melissa Nesemeier, Edna Pitts, Randy Schlueter, Rev. Dr. Mark Schulz, Eydie Taylor, and William Wolgast.

For **our partner church in Zacapa, Guatemala:** Pray that God would bless this congregation with church members and the community that they would be strengthened and encouraged in His faith.

For **all those who are unemployed or under-employed**, that the Lord would provide for all their needs and lead them to jobs soon. For those who have secured jobs, we offer prayers of thanksgiving.

For **our neighbors at Fieldstone Apartments**, that the Lord would continue to bless them and keep them in His care and that the Lord would turn their eyes toward Jesus. Fieldstone Apartments is a mission outreach project of BSLC.