

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church & Preschool

Connecting people to Jesus as we gather, grow, and go.



“ Which of the two
did the will of
his father?”

Matthew 21:31, NRSV

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 1, 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 worshipping 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 worship 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: We will be studying the Book of Revelation.

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.

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: Matins with Holy Communion

TODAYS HYMNS: LSB 848, 641, 549, 854, 857

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

PRELUDE

On Eagle's Wings

Michael Joncas

PASTORAL GREETING

✠ THE SERVICE OF MATINS ✠

ANTHEM

Prelude

S. Eithun

Laudate Ringers

(This is an original piece that reminds us that our confidence is in Christ alone.)

Stand

OPENING VERSICLES

LSB 219

(The "Gloria Patri" ~ Glory be to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit ~ serves as the Invocation in the Matins Service. You can cross yourself as we sing these words in remembrance of your Baptism)

PSALMODY: VENITE~~(Latin: "O Come")

LSB 220

PSALM

Psalm 25:1–10; antiphon: v. 4



- P** Make me to know your ways, | O LORD;*
teach me | your paths.
- C** **To you, | O LORD,***
I lift | up my soul.
- P** O my God, in you I trust; let me not be | put to shame;*
let not my enemies exult | over me.
- C** **Indeed, none who wait for you shall be | put to shame;*
they shall be ashamed who are wantonly | treacherous.**
- P** Make me to know your ways, | O LORD;*
teach me | your paths.
- C** **Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my sal- | vation;*
for you I wait all the | day long.**
- P** Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your | steadfast love,*
for they have been | from of old.
- C** **Remember not the sins of my youth or my trans- | gressions;*
according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your
goodness, | O LORD!**
- P** Good and upright | is the LORD;*
therefore he instructs sinners | in the way.
- C** **He leads the humble in | what is right,*
and teaches the humble | his way.**
- P** All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and | faithfulness,*
for those who keep his covenant and his testi- | monies.

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.**

P Make me to know your ways, | O LORD;*
teach me | your paths.

Sit

ANTHEM

Luther's Morning Prayer

Magness

Children's Choir

(This is a music setting of Luther's Morning Prayer from the Small Catechism.)

OLD TESTAMENT

Ezekiel 18:1–4, 25–32

L A reading from Ezekiel, chapter 18.

¹The word of the LORD came to me: ²"What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, 'The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge'? ³As I live, declares the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. ⁴Behold, all souls are mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is mine: the soul who sins shall die. . . .

²⁵"Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? ²⁶When a righteous person turns away from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it; for the injustice that he has done he shall die. ²⁷Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his life. ²⁸Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die. ²⁹Yet the house of Israel says, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' O house of Israel, are my ways not just? Is it not your ways that are not just?

³⁰"Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, declares the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions, lest iniquity be

your ruin. ³¹Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed, and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? ³²For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Lord GOD; so turn, and live."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

Philippians 2:1–4, 14–18

L A reading from Philippians, chapter 2.

¹If there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, ²complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. . . .

¹⁴Do all things without grumbling or questioning, ¹⁵that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, ¹⁶holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. ¹⁷Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. ¹⁸Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 21:23–32

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²³When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" ²⁴Jesus answered them, "I also will ask you one question, and if you tell me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵The baptism of John, from where did it come? From heaven or from man?" And they discussed it among themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' ²⁶But if we say, 'From man,' we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet." ²⁷So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.

²⁸"What do you think? A man had two sons. And he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' ²⁹And he answered, 'I will not,' but afterward he changed his mind and went. ³⁰And he went to the other son and said the same. And he answered, 'I go, sir,' but did not go. ³¹'Which of the two did the will of his father?'" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you. ³²For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. And even when you saw it, you did not afterward change your minds and believe him."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

RESPONSORY

Common

Psalm 119:89; 26:8; Luke 11:28



- L** 1 Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.
 2 Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.
 3 Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it.



C Lord, I love
the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glo-ry dwells.

Sit

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

BAPTISM PART 3

P How can water do such great things?

C **Certainly not just water, but the word of God in and with the water does these things, along with the faith which trusts this word of God in the water. For without God's word the water is plain water and no Baptism. But with the word of God it is a Baptism, that is, a life-giving water, rich in grace, and a washing of the new birth in the Holy Spirit, as St. Paul says in Titus, chapter three: "He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by His grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. This is a trustworthy saying." (Titus 3:5-8)**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Vicar Nathan Harkins

SERMON HYMN

Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service

LSB 848

SERMON

Invited to Be Sons

Matthew 21

Vicar Nathan Harkins

Stand

CANTICLE

We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God

(This canticle serves as the Creed in the Matins Service.)

LSB 941

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.)

PRAYERS

LSB 227

KYRIE~~(Latin: Lord, Have Mercy)

Mark 10:47



C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

COLLECTS

Psalm 102:1



L O Lord, hear my prayer.



C And let my cry come to You.

P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

P Merciful Lord, You founded Your Church upon the proclamation of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. Turn unbelievers from their evil ways, that their sins may be washed away and faith brought into their hearts. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Merciful Lord, encourage us by Your Holy Spirit, that we may not lose heart. Make us to be of one mind and will, that we may serve You with gladness, doing the works of Your kingdom here and throughout the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Merciful Lord, sustain all fathers, mothers and children; husbands and wives; friends and neighbors; laborers and employers; and teachers and students.

Enable us all to serve our neighbors in these godly vocations, delighting in the Lord's lovingkindness. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Merciful Lord, You open Your hand and satisfy all our needs of body and soul. Help us to be thankful for Your blessings and in joyful generosity return a portion to You for the work of the Gospel here and throughout the world. Lord in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Merciful Lord, all the might of man is nothing before You, yet You have appointed earthly realms and rulers to punish evil and honor good. Give us faithful leaders who will serve honorably and well. Bless also those who serve in the armed forces to defend us and protect our liberty. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Merciful Lord, grant the encouragement of Christ and the comfort of His love to those who suffer [*especially* _____]. In every affliction, prove Yourself a ready and worthy Savior, especially to those who believe. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P *Additional Prayers of Thanksgiving or Intercession*, Lord in Your Mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Merciful Lord, the name of Jesus stands above all names. Before it we bow our knees and confess Him as Lord and God. Inspire in us true devotion and worship as we approach His altar to receive our humble Savior in these humble means of bread and wine for our salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Merciful Lord, in You there is no shadow due to change. Enkindle Your divine light in us, that we may stand united as Christ's own body, holding fast to the Word of life and shining brightly in the midst of this world's darkness; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

✠ THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. *[Hebrews 10:22]*

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.** *Psalm 124:8*

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.** *Psalm 32:5*

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

P O almighty God, merciful Father,
C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession...and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.** *[John 20:19-23]*

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

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

PAX DOMINI ~ (Latin: Peace of the Lord)

John 20:19

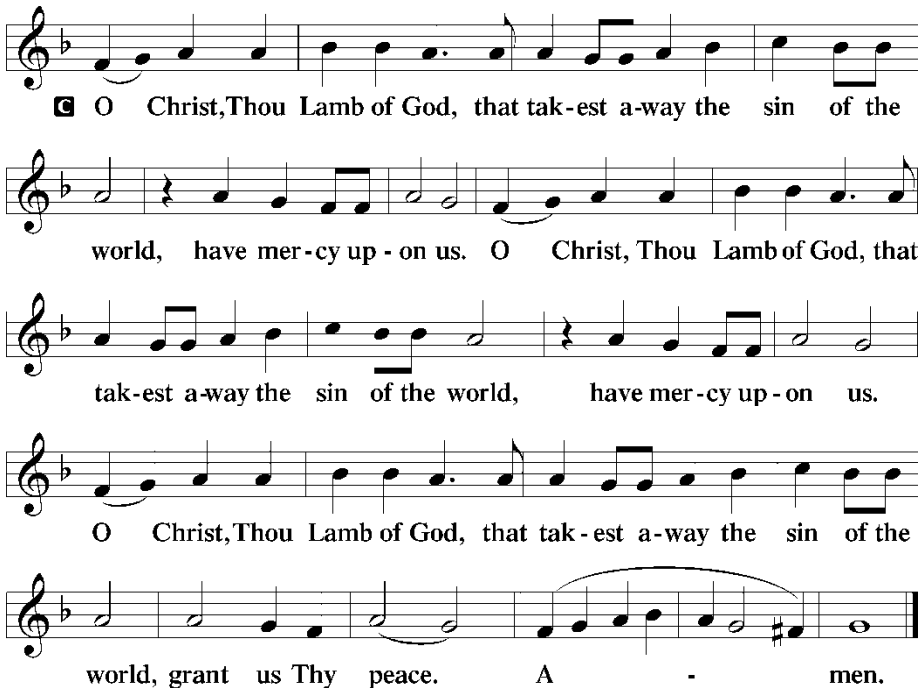
(The pastor here makes a **declaration** of the peace we have with the Lord through the forgiveness offered in this Sacrament. Therefore, we boldly respond **AMEN!** – which means "Yes, yes, this is so!")

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen!

AGNUS DEI ~ (Latin: Lamb of God)

LSB 198



C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

INVITATION

P Welcome to the table of the Lord.

Sit

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 continuous kneeling tables 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 is 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 641 *You Satisfy the Hungry Heart*

LSB 549 *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

LSB 854 *Forth in Thy Name, O Lord, I Go*

Stand

DISMISSAL

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BENEDICAMUS/BENEDICTION

P Let us bless the Lord.

Psalm 103:1

C **Thanks be to God.**

P The Lord bless you...and ☩ give you peace.

Numbers 6:24-26

C **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way

LSB 857

POSTLUDE

God, who Made the Earth and Heaven

Kevin Hildebrand

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



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SERVING THE LORD AND US TODAY:

Preaching..... Vicar Nathan Harkins
Celebrant..... Pastor Mike Ada
Liturgist..... Pastor Joel Schultz
Organist..... Deb Miller
Laudate Ringers Director Eric Schlef
Acolytes.....(8:00) Jack & Henry McDonald (10:45) Aubrey & Greyson Huseman
Greeters.....(8:00) Roger Berardi & Chuck Tuttle (10:45) Pat Circle & Liza Pillers
Ushers(8:00) Roger Berardi, Beau Campbell, Keith Gloe, & Chris Wibe
..... (10:45) Kurt Batten, Dale Brandt, & Matt Tripp
Altar Guild..... Karen Benz, Janette Copeland, & Deb Froelich
NurseryJason & Alli Bauck (Helping Hands – Jerod & Shelby Waldman)
Counters..... Jym Fees & Chuck Tuttle
Altar Flowers.....Brian and Michelle Olson in honor of Riley’s birthday

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VOICE OF THE MARTYRS PRAYER REQUEST

Front-line Workers Warned to Stop Evangelizing - Mexico

Mateo and Elena are church planters in Central Mexico. Their town is in a region known as the “Circle of Silence,” where Christians are routinely opposed by those who follow a syncretistic blend of Catholicism, animism, and the occult. The couple has experienced hostility from their community because of their witness for Christ. Their tires have been slashed, their bank accounts have been hacked, and they recently received a threatening note to stop their evangelistic activities: “First warning. You must leave. You may not preach, you or your wife.” Men on motorcycles also threatened them with guns at their front door. The couple has two young daughters, ages 5 and 3, and their older daughter has been bullied at school because of her Christian faith. Please pray for protection, strength to endure their hardships and that the Holy Spirit guide them through this time.

PRAYERS REQUESTED THIS WEEK

For **Jessi Campbell**, Beau and Ann Campbell's daughter who is pregnant and due next month.
For **Gary Olson**, who is recovering from surgery for a broken hip.
For **Debbie Seutter**, as she awaits the results from 3 MRIs and other ongoing tests.
For **Randy Nawalaniec**, Georgia Freese's brother who is recovering from open-heart surgery.
For **Levi Hucheson**, Brenda Brown's friend's infant grandson, who had a traumatic birth and brain injury and is hospitalized.
For **Eric Wolgast**, Mike Wolgast's brother, who was diagnosed with prostate cancer and determining the best course of treatment.
For **Michael Baker**, Doris Baker's husband, who is recovering from prostate surgery.
For **Rick Southard**, who is recovering from knee surgery.
For **Jacki Aldrich**, Alaina Booth's cousin, who is recovering slowly from a serious car accident.
For **Danny and Char Hundley**, as Danny recovers from a stroke and deals with stage four cancer and Char helps to support and care for Danny.
For **Linda Graybeal and family** as they mourn the death of her mom, Arvis Palmer, who died on Wednesday.
For **Joe Hodnik and family** as they mourn the death of Joe's aunt Jerrie Curry.
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 **Neal Wurth**, Barbara Gossen's nephew, who was recently diagnosed with cancer.
For **Rick Southard**, who is recovering from knee surgery.
For **Leslie Beller**, Jack Gruhn's former 4th grade teacher, who is losing her battle with cancer.
For **Linda Knight**, Angela Hodge's aunt, whose cancer has spread to her whole face and neck.
For **our expectant mothers: Alaina Booth, Charisse Meier, Cassie Nichols, and Stacey Vanderpool** 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, Mary Lou Denny, Peggy Doane, Karen Feldes, Danny Hundley, Brian Jenkins, Beth Johnson, Mikaela Koch, Judy Landall, John Mahnken, Bonnie Malloch, Geordie McGuire, Milroy Moses, Melissa Nesemeier, Edna Pitts, Lisa Schaefer, Randy Schlueter, Rev. Dr. Mark Schulz, Eydie Taylor, Kip Willnauer, 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.