Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church & Preschoo

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



The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 15, 2020

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**.

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 ask an usher for assistance. Please feel free to use the narthex as a cry room when needed. Monitors and speakers will assist in your participation.

EDUCATION HOUR (currently 9:00-9:45am)

Adult Bible Class: will be continuing studying in the Book of Acts.

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 Sunday school classrooms.

Nursery: Until further notice there will NOT be a staffed nursery during the Sunday School hour.

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.**



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AS WE GATHER

God's Gift of Forgiveness Engenders Our Forgiveness of Others

The Day of the Lord is "near and hastening fast," and it will be "a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation" (Zeph. 1:14, 15). The Lord will search out and punish "the men who are complacent" concerning His Word, "who fill their master's house with violence and fraud" (Zeph. 1:9, 12). Then all their works and efforts will be for nothing: "Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them" (Zeph. 1:13). But those who fear, love and trust in the Lord are "good and faithful" stewards of His property (Matt. 25:21). They live by faith in His free gift of forgiveness, and they multiply His goods in the loving forgiveness of their neighbor, and "the master of those servants" settles His accounts with them by the gracious reckoning of His Gospel (Matt. 25:19). Likewise, "God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Thess. 5:9). Therefore, let us also "put on the breastplate of faith and love" in our dealings with one another (1 Thess. 5:8).

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

PRELUDE

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light
John A. Behnke

PASTORAL GREETING

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light LSB 411



→ 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

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

Psalm 124:8

- P 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.

 [Luke 18:13]
- 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

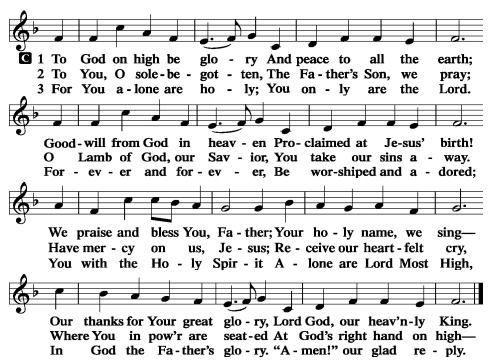
 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **G** Amen. John 20:19-23

♣ 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.

2 Timothy 4:22

P Let us pray:

Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Dispel from us the works of darkness and grant us to live in the light of Your Son, Jesus Christ, that our faith may never be found wanting; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Zephaniah 1:7-16

⁷Be silent before the Lord God! For the day of the LORD is near; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice and consecrated his guests. ⁸And on the day of the LORD's sacrifice— "I will punish the officials and the king's sons and all who array themselves in foreign attire. ⁹On that day I will punish everyone who leaps over the threshold, and those who fill their master's house with violence and fraud. 10"On that day," declares the LORD, "a cry will be heard from the Fish Gate, a wail from the Second Quarter, a loud crash from the hills. ¹¹Wail, O inhabitants of the Mortar! For all the traders are no more; all who weigh out silver are cut off. ¹²At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the men who are complacent, those who say in their hearts, 'The LORD will not do good, nor will he do ill.' ¹³Their goods shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them." 14The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter; the mighty man cries aloud there. ¹⁵A day of wrath is that day, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, 16a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements.

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

ANTHEM

Wait! Watch!
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EPISTLE 1 Thessalonians 5:1–11

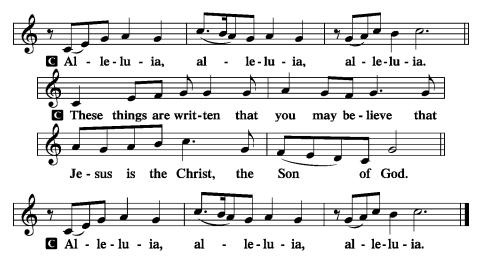
¹Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. ⁴But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. ⁵For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. ⁶So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. ⁵For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. ⁶But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the

breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

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

Stand

GOSPEL VERSE John 6:68



HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 25:14-30

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.
- G Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁴"For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. ¹⁵To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. ¹⁷So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. ¹⁸But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. ¹⁹Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰And he who had

received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.' ²¹His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' ²²And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.' ²³His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' ²⁴He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' ²⁶But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed and gather where I scattered no seed? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. ²⁹For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. 30 And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

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

Sit

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

THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR

- **P** What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?
- These words, "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins," show us that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are given us through these words. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.
- P How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things?
- Certainly not just eating and drinking do these things, but the words written here: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." These words,

along with the bodily eating and drinking, are the main thing in the Sacrament. Whoever believes these words has exactly what they say: "forgiveness of sins."

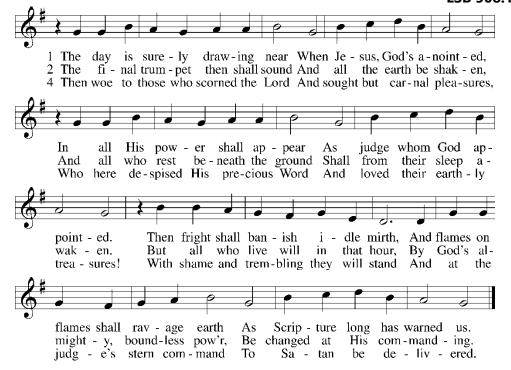
- P Who receives this sacrament worthily?
- Fasting and bodily preparation are certainly fine outward training. But the person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." But anyone who does not believe these words or doubts them is unworthy and unprepared, for the words "for you" require all hearts to believe.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Joel Schultz

SERMON HYMN

The Day Is Surely Drawing Near LSB 508:1, 2, 4, 5, 7



- 5. My Savior paid the debt I owe
 And for my sin was smitten;
 Within the Book of Life I know
 My name has now been written.
 I will not doubt, for I am free,
 And Satan cannot threaten me;
 There is no condemnation!
- 7. O Jesus Christ, do not delay,
 But hasten our salvation;
 We often tremble on our way
 In fear and tribulation.
 O hear and grant our fervent plea:
 Come, mighty judge, and set us free
 From death and ev'ry evil.

SERMON

Living in the Master's Joy Matthew 25:14-30 Pastor Joel Schultz

Stand

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life

→ everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

- Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs
- Almighty Father, as the great day of the Lord draws ever nearer, when Your Son will return to judge the living and the dead, we pray that You would grant Your people to remain faithful to the end. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Gracious Lord, though we do not know the day or hour of Your Son's appearing, grant that we would always be prepared by sending us faithful pastors and teachers who will boldly proclaim Your Word of Law and Gospel to us, that we may be constantly encouraged and built up in the faith. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- Lord God, by the power of Your Holy Spirit, help us always to be good and faithful servants who are diligent stewards of all that You so graciously provide. Especially grant us to be generous in speaking of the salvation that You provide for all through Your Son. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Merciful Lord, we pray that You would grant healing and relief to all who are afflicted in mind, body or soul [especially _______]. Give them the peace and comfort that only comes through Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.

- Loving Father, until Your Son returns in glory, He has given us the Supper of His body and blood to sustain us. Grant that all who receive this gift today may receive it in faith, trusting that it is given for them for the forgiveness of their sins and life everlasting. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, 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

OFFERING PRAYER

★ THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ★

PREFACE

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

2 Timothy 4:22

- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **G** We lift them to the Lord.

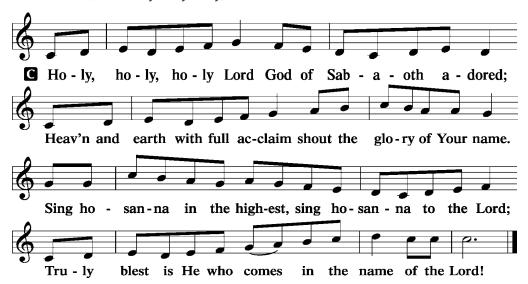
[Colossians 3:1]

- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- 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:



LORD'S PRAYER Matthew 6:9-13

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

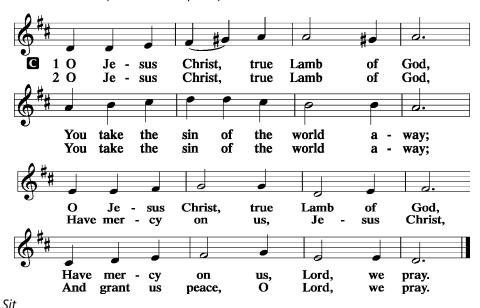
THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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

John 20:19

(The pastor here makes a <u>declaration</u> 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!



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

The congregation will be ushered forward to stand. You will receive the Body of Jesus from the Pastors and then the Blood of Jesus from the Elder/Vicar. Reference the altar and return to your seat for meditation and prayer. 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.

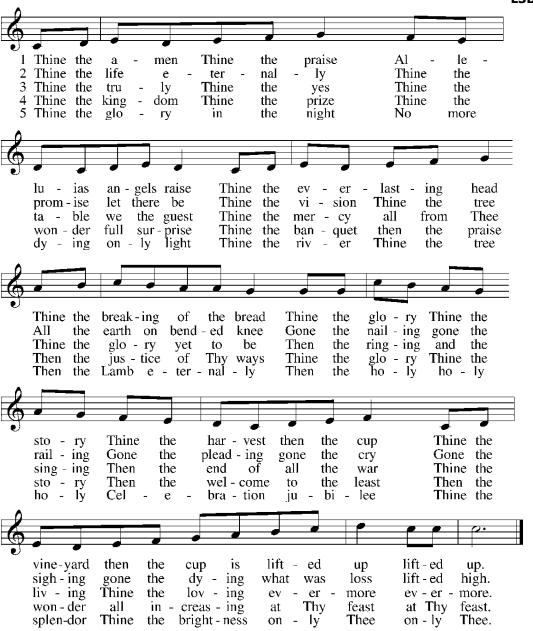
Gluten-free wafers are available from the pastor when you come forward.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

Fruitful Trees, the Spirit's Sowing LSB 691



Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise LSB 680



The Kingdom Shall Come When Morning Dawns LSB 348



- 1 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light tri um-phant breaks,
- 2 Not as of old a lit-tle child, To bear and fight and die,
- 3 Oh, bright-er than the ris ing morn When Christ, vic to-rious, rose
- 4 Oh, bright-er than that glo-rious morn Shall dawn up-on our race
- 5 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light and beau-ty brings.



When beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills And life to joy a-wakes. But crowned with glo - ry like the sun That lights the morn-ing sky. And left the lone-some place of death De - spite the rage of foes. The day when Christ in splen-dor comes And we shall see His face. Hail, Christ the Lord! Your peo-ple pray: Come quick-ly, King of kings!

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.
 - ss the Lord. Psalm 103:1
- Thanks be to God.
- **P** The Lord bless you…and

 → give you peace.

Numbers 6:24-26

Amen.



POSTLUDE

Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise
Kevin Hildebrand

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Acolytes	(8:00) Olivia Travis & Katie Circle
	(11:00) Evan Domsch
	Janette Copeland, Karen Kuhn, Dale & Carol Brandt
	Jym Fees & Chuck Tuttle

THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE Please join us on Thanksgiving Eve for our Thanksgiving service. It will take place on Wednesday, November 25th at 7:00pm. We will be recording the service on our You-Tube channel for those who do not wish to be here in person because of the Covid 19 pandemic.



VOICE OF THE MARTRYS PRAYER REQUEST Christian Loses Hand in Beating – Ethiopia

When the young Ethiopian man came to faith his community turned against him, but he remains committed to following Christ. Kofi grew up as a Muslim, but when an evangelist introduced him to Christ, he was instantly drawn to the saving grace of God and became a Christian. As Kofi grew in his faith, he began sharing it with others, which angered local mosque leaders. They brought him before the local Islamic court, where Kofi told them he could never give up his new faith. The leaders decided to set a trap for him, sending a mob out to the farmland of Kofi's brother, claiming a property line dispute. When Kofi appeared, the crowd shouted, "This is the enemy of Allah!" and began to beat him. His left hand was so badly injured that doctors had to amputate it. Pray for Kofi, who told Christians who visited him, "I am happy not only to give my hand for Jesus, but I am ready to give my life for faith in Jesus Christ." Pray for continued recovery, provision and witness in the area.

PRAYERS REQUESTED THIS WEEK

For **Beth & Dusty Willard**, sister of Adam Holste, delivered her son early with some complications and is NICU.

For Karen Horrigan, recovering from laparoscopic surgery to remove several cysts.

For **Charlotte (Teuscher) Ziegler,** mother of Tamara Morin who is recovering from laparoscopic surgery.

For **Jenni Patience**, granddaughter of Marian Schulteis, who has been diagnosed with lymphoma and had a strong dose of chemo is undergoing radiation treatments.

PRAYERS REQUESTED THIS WEEK

For Mike & Debbie Johnson, mourning the death of Debbie's aunt, Sally Bowman.

For **Jeri Beverstock**, undergoing treatment for a fungal infection in her lungs and healing from a lung surgery. She is also struggling with a Crohn's disease flare up.

For Ashley Hung, friend of Ken & Shirley Knese, undergoing treatment for brain cancer.

For Karen Lentz, friend of Ken & Shirley Knese, undergoing treatment for intestinal cancer.

For **Mark Hoemann**, Joy Rodenberger's brother, who was hospitalized and diagnosed with a pituitary tumor.

Prayer of thanksgiving for **Jake Mattern** who has returned safely from Afghanistan.

For John Mahnken, Samantha Zech, Larry Barstad, Brandon Ryan, Pat Brackin, Jan Degner, Ashley Hung, Ted Teuscher, Joy Rodenberger, Pat Gossen, Barb Gossen, Moriah Obermueller, & Debbie Newman, continuing treatments for cancer; for Sherri Webb as she continues to recover from her stroke and foot surgery.

For our **expectant mothers: Amber Cornell,** and her unborn child. Also for those who long for God's gift of children.

For our partner church in Zacapa, Guatemala: Pray the God would help those with Covid. There are over 200 cases in the department of Zacapa. Pray that God would bless this congregation with church members and the community that they would be strengthened and encouraged in His faith as well.

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.