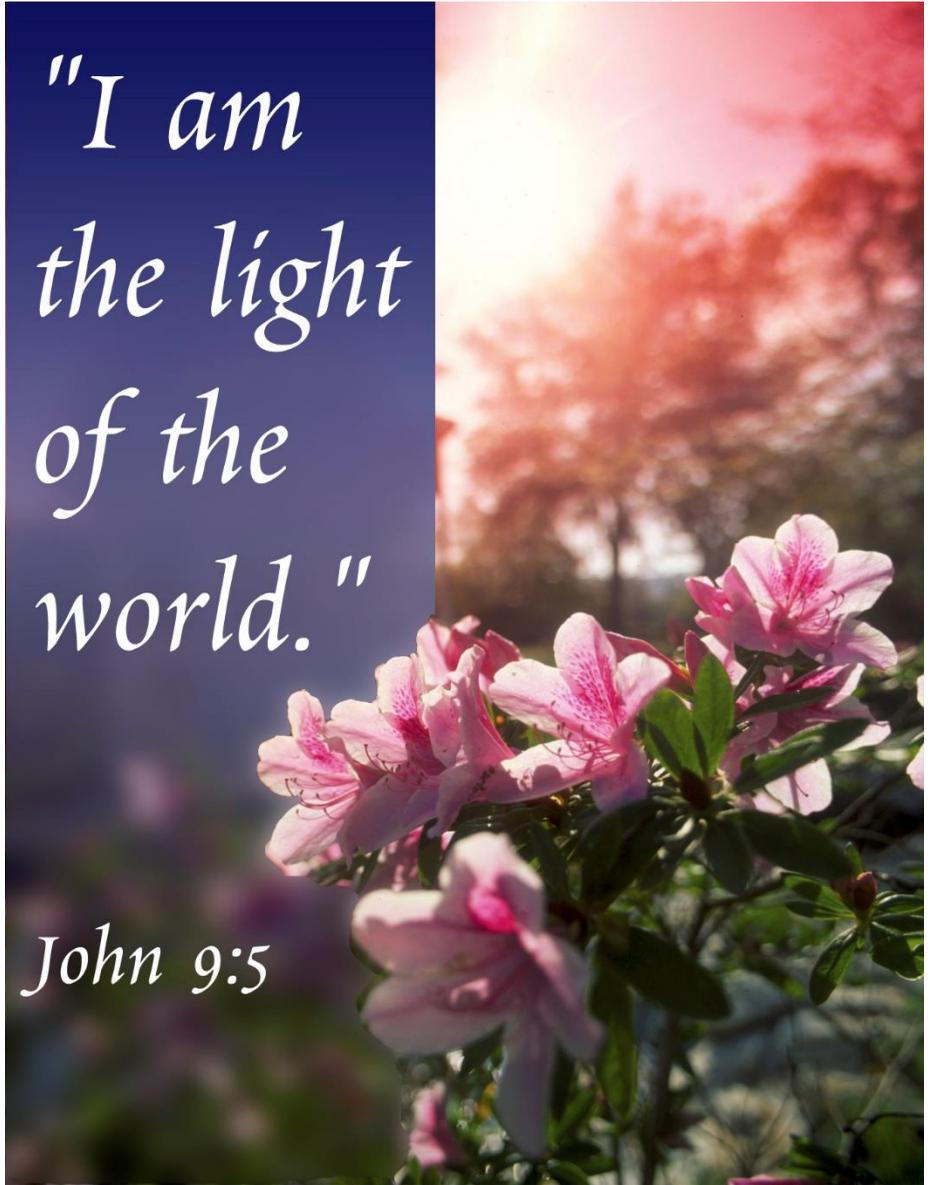


Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church & Preschool

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

*"I am
the light
of the
world."*

John 9:5



The Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 22, 2020

8:00 & 10:45 am & 6:00 pm

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.

EDUCATION HOUR

Adult Bible Classes: **Pastor Schultz's** class will further explore the theme of each Wednesday's sermon during Lent. **Vicar Reseburg's** class will be a review of the Christian teaching as explained in Luther's Small Catechism. *Both classes will be live-streamed on Sunday @ 9:00am. Go to YouTube and search for Beautiful Savior Olathe.*

Sunday School classes are cancelled. Materials will be emailed for families to work on together.



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AS WE GATHER

By His Word of the Gospel, Jesus Calls Us Out of Darkness into His Marvelous Light

The Lord is grieved by the spiritual blindness of His people, yet in mercy He does not forsake them. He restrains His anger and keeps His peace, until He opens their ears and eyes to hear and see Him. *"For his righteousness' sake,"* He magnifies His Word and makes it glorious in the coming of Christ Jesus (Is. 42:21). Jesus turns *"the darkness before them into light"* (Is. 42:16) because He is *"the light of the world"* (John 9:5). The incarnate Son of God does the works of His Father and displays the divine glory in His own flesh *"while it is day,"* until that night *"when no one can work"* (John 9:4). By the washing of water with His Word, He opens the eyes of the blind and grants rest to the weary. Therefore, though *"at one time you were darkness,"* now *"you are light in the Lord"* (Eph. 5:8). By our Baptism into Christ, we live in the eternal day of His resurrection, wherein He shines upon us. As often as we fall back into the darkness of sin, He calls us by the Gospel to *"awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead"* (Eph. 5:14).

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

PASTORAL GREETING

OPENING HYMN

O Son of God, In Galilee

LSB 841



1 O Son of God, in Gal - i - lee You
2 O lis - ten to the si - lent prayer Of
3 The speech - less tongue, the life - less ear You
4 Mean - while to them the lis - t'ning ear Of
5 Then in Your prom - ised hap - py land Each



made the deaf to hear, The mute to speak, the
Your af - flict - ed ones. O bid them cast on
can re - store, O Lord; Your "Eph - pha - tha," O
stead - fast faith im - part, And let Your Word bring
loss will prove a gain; All mys - t'ries we shall



blind to see; O bless - ed Lord, be near.
You their care; Your grace to them make known.
Sav - ior dear, Can in - stant help af - ford.
light and cheer To ev - 'ry trou - bled heart.
un - der - stand, For You will make them plain.

Stand

✠ THE PREPARATION ✠

INVOCATION

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

P 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,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

Psalms 124:8

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.** *Psalm 130:3-4*

P 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]*

C **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

During the penitential season of Lent, the Hymn of Praise is omitted.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.** *2 Timothy 4:22*

P Let us pray:

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 42:14-21

¹⁴For a long time I have held my peace; I have kept still and restrained myself; now I will cry out like a woman in labor; I will gasp and pant. ¹⁵I will lay waste mountains and hills, and dry up all their vegetation; I will turn the rivers into islands, and dry up the pools. ¹⁶And I will lead the blind in a way that they do not know, in paths that they have not known I will guide them. I will turn the darkness before them into light, the rough places into level ground. These are the things I do, and I do not forsake them. ¹⁷They are turned back and utterly put to shame, who trust in carved idols, who say to metal images, "You are our gods."

¹⁸Hear, you deaf, and look, you blind, that you may see! ¹⁹Who is blind but my servant, or deaf as my messenger whom I send? Who is blind as my dedicated one, or blind as the servant of the LORD? ²⁰He sees many things, but does not observe them; his ears are open, but he does not hear. ²¹The LORD was pleased, for his righteousness' sake, to magnify his law and make it glorious.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

HANDBELL DUET

What Wondrous Love Is This

Hanson

Eric & Lauran Delancy

EPISTLE

Ephesians 5:8–14

⁸for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), ¹⁰and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹²For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. ¹³But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, ¹⁴for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

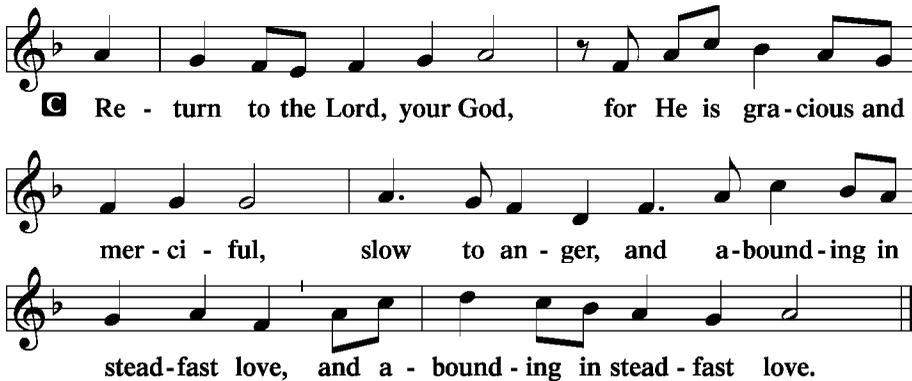
P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

GOSPEL VERSE

John 6:68



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra-cious and
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a-bound - ing in
stead-fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 9:1–7, 13–17, 34–39

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John the ninth chapter.

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

¹As [Jesus] passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. ²And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" ³Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. ⁴We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. ⁵As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." ⁶Having said these things, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man's eyes with the mud ⁷and said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing.

¹³They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. ¹⁴Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see." ¹⁶Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" And there was a division among them. ¹⁷So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet."

³⁴They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out. ³⁵Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said,

“Do you believe in the Son of Man?” ³⁶He answered, “And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?” ³⁷Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you.” ³⁸He said, “Lord, I believe,” and he worshiped him. ³⁹Jesus said, “For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind.”

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)*

P THE LORD'S PRAYER – FOURTH PETITION

C **Give us this day our daily bread.**

P What does this mean?

C **God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.**

P What is meant by daily bread?

C **Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self-control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.**

P THE LORD'S PRAYER – FIFTH PETITION

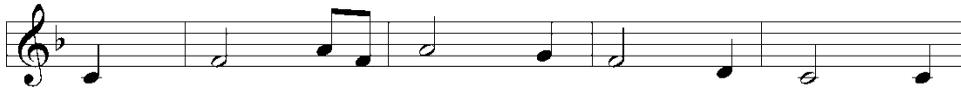
C **And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

P What does this mean?

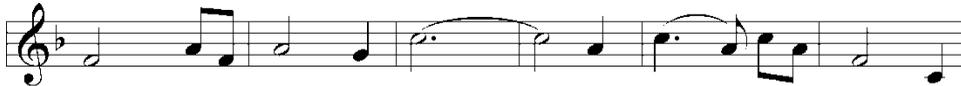
C **We pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would not look at our sins, or deny our prayer because of them. We are neither worthy of the things for which we pray, nor have we deserved them, but we ask that He would give them all to us by grace, for we daily sin much and surely deserve nothing but punishment. So we too will sincerely forgive and gladly do good to those who sin against us.**

SERMON HYMN

Amazing Grace LSB 744



1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound— That
2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
4 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail And
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, Bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but
Word my hope se - cures; He will my shield and
have al - read - y come; His grace has brought me
mor - tal life shall cease, A - maz - ing grace shall
shin - ing as the sun, We've no less days to



now am found, Was blind but now I see!
por - tion be As long as life en - dures.
safe thus far, His grace will lead me home.
then pre - vail In heav - en's joy and peace.
sing God's praise Than when we'd first be - gun.

SERMON

Born Blind John 9:1–7, 13–17, 34–39 Pastor Joel Schultz

Stand

THE APOSTLES' CREED

CI 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 T everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

1 Timothy 2:1-4

- P** Blessed Lord, You give sight to the blind, You open the ears of the deaf, and You make the lame to walk. Hear the prayers of Your people on behalf of all people as they have need.
- P** In the darkness of sin and its death, we cry to You, O Lord. Open our ears by Your Word, our minds by Your Spirit, and our hearts by Your grace, that we may know and be thankful for all the blessings You have given to us in Christ, our Lord, especially the gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation. Strengthen us in faith, that we may serve You with all our body, mind, soul and strength. Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

P Bidden by Your Word, we pray to You, O Lord, on behalf of Your Church and all Your people in every place. Give to us good pastors and servants of Your Word who will preach the full counsel of Your Word and serve us with Your Sacraments. Raise up many more to serve as church workers, and bless those who are now preparing for full-time church work. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Defended by Your grace, we ask You, O Lord, to provide us with good and faithful leaders who will honor the cause of justice in our land, preserve the precious gift of liberty, and protect the lives of those least able to defend themselves. Bless the members of our armed forces and protect them as they defend us, and grant Your blessing to all emergency workers who come to our aid in time of need. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Enjoying the riches of Your grace, we ask You, O Lord, to give us generous hearts, that we may share with the poor what You have provided and work for the common good of all. Be with those who are unemployed and in search of honest labor, the underemployed in pursuit of better jobs, and the homeless seeking basic shelter for themselves and those in their families. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Knowing Your healing will and gifts, we pray You, O Lord, to remember the sick in their afflictions, to calm those troubled in mind, and to keep steadfast the dying. [*Hear us especially for _____.*] Show us Your gracious will, O Lord, and sustain those who are afflicted in body or mind until that day when You will bestow upon us new bodies fit for the eternal life You have prepared for us in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord, You have promised to be with us always with Your comfort, strength, peace and protection. We thank and praise You for Your goodness and mercy. We humbly come before You during this time of national and international distress asking You to work mightily to curb the advance of this virus that has already attacked thousands. Be with those here in our community and around the world who are doing what is humanly possible to stop its devastating advance, yet we know that no remedy, measure or treatment will be effective without Your

blessing. Therefore, we ask You to bless all those efforts. And grant to us peace, courage and strength of faith, so that we are continually confident of Your love and goodness. We know that Your ways are not our ways, that Your ways are always best, and so we entrust ourselves, our loved ones and this current situation into Your hands, trusting in Your mercy. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P All these things, O Lord, we pray in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, asking You to grant our prayers not for our sake but for the sake of Him alone. Teach our hearts to be content with Your will and to trust that You will answer us with what is best for us and at the right time for our need. So do we pray, giving testimony of our confidence in Your gracious favor in Christ by answering with one voice.

C **Amen.**

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

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

LSB 849



1 Praise the One who breaks the dark - ness With a lib - er -
2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren With a strong, yet
3 Let us praise the Word In - car - nate, Christ, who suf - fered



at - ing light; Praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners,
gen - tle, word; Praise the One who drove out de - mons
in our place. Je - sus died and rose vic - to - rious



Turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight. Praise the One who preached the
 With the pierc - ing, two - edged sword. Praise the One who brings cool
 That we may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and



Gos - pel, Heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, Calm - ing
 wa - ter To the des - ert's burn - ing sand; From this
 glad - ness, See - ing what our God has done; Let us



storms, and feed - ing thou - sands With the ver - y Bread of peace.
 Well comes liv - ing wa - ter, Quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
 praise the true Re - deem - er, Praise the One who makes us one.

POSTLUDE

God Loved the World So That He Gave

Wayne L. Wold

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- Celebrant..... Pastor Mike Ada
- Liturgist..... Vicar Aaron Reseburg
- Organist..... Deb Miller
- Handbell Duet..... Eric & Lauran Delancy
- Altar Flowers Jerry & Vaunda Palmer

ALTAR FLOWERS that adorn our altar this morning were given to the glory of God by Jerry & Vaunda Palmer in celebration of their wedding anniversary.

VOICE OF THE MARTYRS

Gospel Message Reaching North Korean Capital - Korea, North

Memory cards loaded with videos explaining Jesus and Christianity are reaching citizens in Pyongyang. Someone living in the country's capital, where only the most loyal citizens are permitted to live, wrote an encouraging letter recently to Christian workers in the region. "The video clips that I watched were very shocking," the person wrote. "It is true that I could not understand much, but I was inspired by them; they caused me to think about life and the faith. These videos are very dangerous. But learning about the faith is worth risking my life. After watching the videos, I now know why the North Korean regime is afraid of Christianity. I eagerly and earnestly look forward to seeing religious freedom one day in North Korea." Pray for this person and all other North Koreans who hear God's Word. Pray that they will understand the gospel and come to saving faith in Christ.

PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR THIS WEEK

For **Monty Hayes**, Catherine Miller's father, as he recovers from back surgery and working through rehabilitation.

For **Ken Miller**, Erik Miller's father, who was diagnosed with colon cancer and is now receiving chemo therapy treatments.

For **Gene Downard** recovering from gall bladder & hernia surgery.

For **K.C. Gloe** diagnosed with osteoid carcinoma (bone cancer) and will be having his left leg below the knee amputated. Surgery is scheduled for March 31st.

For **Steve Martinez**, friend of Danny Hundley, who has been on our long-term prayer list, has now been diagnosed with a squamous cell carcinoma.

For all the people world-wide who are infected with the COVID 19 Virus, that God would provide them healing and comfort.

CONTINUED PRAYERS

For **Bob Newman**, who was able to have his thumb sewn back on after an accident.

For **Verl Matthews**, brother of Rev. Darrell Matthews, recovering from a heart attack.

For **Jen Degner**, Gail Mattern's mother, abdominal cancer, nearing life's end.

For **Pat Gossen, Barb Gossen, Joy Rodenberger, Moriah Obermueller, & Debbie Newman** continuing treatments for cancer; for **Sherri Webb** as she continues to recover from her stroke.

For our expectant mothers and their unborn children especially **Julie Flores, Mary Schultz, Kellie Kanoy, Liesl Jensen, Jordan Shiao, Morgan Riechers, Nicole Christensen** and all other expectant mothers. Also for those who long for God's gift of children.

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 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!