

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church & Preschool

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



do justice
love
kindness
walk
humbly
with your God

MICAH 6:8, ESV

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 16, 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 in the future.

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: Micah*. 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 Preaching of the Word of Christ Bears the Good Fruits of Faith and Love

As “the rain and the snow come down from heaven” and “water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout” (Is. 55:10), so the Word of God accomplishes the purpose for which He speaks it, granting joy and peace through the forgiveness of sins and producing the fruits of faith and love in those who are called by His name. Christ Jesus, the incarnate Word, has established the name of the Lord as “an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off” (Is. 55:13). He opens our ears to hear, our minds to understand and our hearts to believe His Word, lest the evil one come and snatch it away. He thus transforms our rocky hearts into good soil, which clings to the Gospel and “indeed bears fruit” (Matt. 13:23). He is Himself the firstfruits of all who “have received the Spirit of adoption as sons” (Rom. 8:15). Thus being “led by the Spirit of God,” we are not afraid, but we cry out in faith to our Father in heaven (Rom. 8:14–15). For as we suffer with Christ, the beloved Son, so shall we “also be glorified with him” (Rom. 8:17).

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

What a Friend We Have in Jesus
Benjamin M. Culli

PASTORAL GREETING

MEMBER CONNECT

OPENING HYMN

Lord Jesus, Think on Me
LSB 610

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; [18:20]

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

Psalm 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 and call upon Him in prayer and praise, 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]*

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

P Let us together confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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



- C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

2 Timothy 4:22

Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; 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

¹⁰“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, ¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it. ¹²“For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. ¹³Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall make a name for the LORD, an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”

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

PSALM

Psalm 65:9–13; antiphon: v. 5



- P** By awesome deeds you answer us with righteousness,
O God of our sal- | vation,*
the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the | farthest seas.
- C** **You visit the earth and water it; you greatly enrich it;
the river of God is full of | water;***
you provide their grain, for so you have pre- | pared it.
- P** You water its furrows abundantly, settling its | ridges,*
softening it with showers, and bless- | ing its growth.
- C** **You crown the year with your | bounty;***
your wagon tracks overflow with a- | bundance.

- P** The pastures of the wilderness | overflow,*
the hills gird them- | selves with joy,
- C** **the meadows clothe themselves with flocks,
the valleys deck them- | selves with grain,*
they shout and sing together | for joy.**
- 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** By awesome deeds you answer us with righteousness,
O God of our sal- | vation,*
the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the | farthest seas.

EPISTLE

Romans 8:12–17

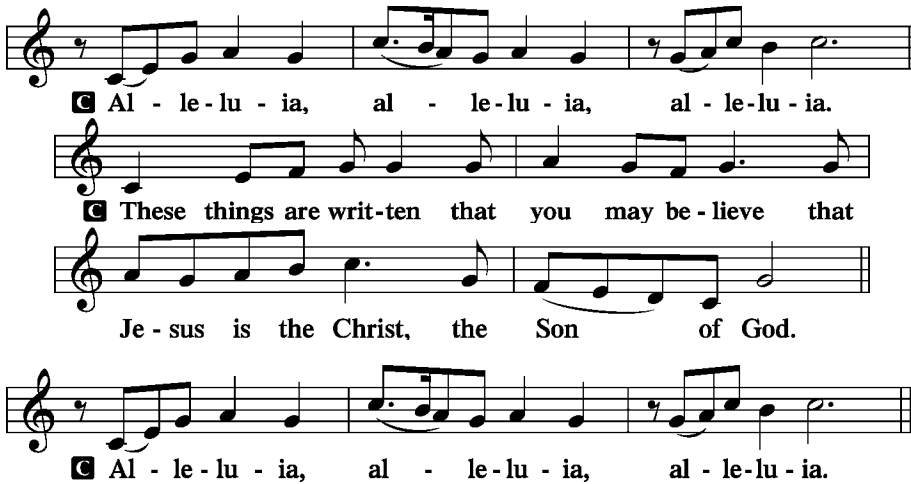
¹²So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh.
¹³For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death
the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons
of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have
received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶The Spirit
himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then
heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order
that we may also be glorified with him.

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

Stand

GOSPEL VERSE

John 6:68



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

C These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 13:1–9, 18–23

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

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

¹That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ²And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, ⁶but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹He who has ears, let him hear. . . .

¹⁸"Hear then the parable of the sower: ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, ²¹yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or

persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. ²³As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

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 NINTH COMMANDMENT

C **You shall not covet your neighbor's house.**

P What does this mean?

C **We should fear and love God so that we do not scheme to get our neighbor's inheritance or house, or get it in a way which only appears right, but help and be of service to him in keeping it.**

P THE TENTH COMMANDMENT

C **You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.**

P What does this mean?

C **We should fear and love God so that we do not entice or force away our neighbor's wife, workers, or animals, or turn them against him, but urge them to stay and do their duty.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Vicar Avery Hjulberg

SERMON HYMN

Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service

LSB 848

SERMON

Micah: God Grieves Over Wayward, People

Micah 6:8

Vicar Avery Hjulberg

Stand

APOSTLES' CREED *(located on the inside back cover of the hymnal)*

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

- P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
- P** Father of mercy, our sins have merited thorns and briars and yield only trouble and strife. Forgive our transgressions and discipline us against temptation, that we may rejoice in Your name and the promise of everlasting life. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Almighty God, You send forth Your Word as abundantly as rains upon the earth. Grant that we would never take Your generosity for granted, but would seek the help and refreshment of Your Word in every circumstance. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Lord of life, continue to sow Your Word through the fields of the earth. Bless pastors and missionaries as they proclaim Your truth. Prepare the hearts of all who hear to believe and yield abundant fruit. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Heavenly Father, bless parents with faithfulness as they plant Your Word into their children, that they may grow steadfast among the cares and troubles of this world. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

P Creator of heaven and earth, by Your Word You send forth rain and snow to make the world bring forth and sprout. Give seed to the sower and bread to the eater. Provide us seasonable weather and bountiful harvest, that we may enjoy daily bread and praise Your name. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord God, look with mercy upon those who suffer from illness of body or mind. *[Be especially with _____.]* Give them healing. Comfort them with Your presence. Grant them patience to endure suffering, and assure them at all times that they are Your dear children and that the glory of Christ awaits them. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

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

C **hear our prayer.**

P Almighty God, Your Spirit calls us by the Gospel to the new life of faith. We praise You and acknowledge You as our Lord. Deliver us from the devil's temptations, that we may live under You and serve You in righteousness, innocence and blessedness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the same 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

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.

BENEDICAMUS/BENEDICTION

P Let us bless the Lord.

Psalm 103:1

C **Thanks be to God.**

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

O God of Mercy, God of Might

LSB 852

POSTLUDE

Fuga

Buxtehude

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



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SERVING THE LORD AND US TODAY:

Preaching..... Vicar Avery Hjulberg
Liturgist..... Vicar Avery Hjulberg
Organist..... Deb Miller
Acolytes..... (8:00) Jack Gruhn & John Yarnell (10:45) Blake Hughey & TBD
Ushers (8:00) Matt Christensen, Keith Clarke, Matt Horyna, Matt Riechers,
..... Dale Schempp, & Ryan Wolff
..... (10:45) Jeff Hiller & TBD
Altar Guild..... Pat Brackin, Debbie Hodnik, Liza Pillers, & Mary Jane Rees
Greeters..... (8:00) George & Karen Ledgerwood (10:45) John & Connie Koetting
Nursery Jason & Alli Bauck (Helping Hands – Jimmy & Liesl Jensen)
Counters..... John Blakley & Keith Gloe
Altar Flowers..... David & Karen Benz 38th Wedding Anniversary

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VOICE OF THE MARTYRS PRAYER REQUEST

Christian Child Burned, Orphaned in Attack - Democratic Republic of the Congo

Militant rebel groups in the eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) occasionally raid villages, burn buildings, and murder residents. Eight-year-old Divine is one of their victims. In June 2022, rebels entered her village and burned several churches and homes. The church that Divine and her parents attended was set ablaze, and so was their home. Divine's parents died in the blaze; though badly burned, Divine survived. She is now being cared for at a Christian clinic where the doctor says that because of severe scarring, she needs additional surgeries. Doctors believe Divine will eventually be able to return to school. Pray for front-line workers as they are evaluating her situation and needs for long-term assistance as she has no surviving family.

PRAYERS REQUESTED THIS WEEK

For **Colton Clark**, who is recovering from shoulder surgery this past Thursday for a torn labrum.
For **Carter and Colton Clark**, who are scheduled to have their wisdom teeth removed on July 24th and 28th.
For **Danny Hundley**, who is recovering from a stroke.
For **Terry West**, who is recovering from an accident.
For **Fred Gruhn, Sr.**, Fred Gruhn's father, who is hospitalized with intestinal inflammation and will soon be 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 **Karen Rinne**, who is recovering from a procedure.
For **Lisa Schaefer**, a friend of the Freese and Jenkins families, whose cancer has returned for the third time and is undergoing treatment.
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 **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 **Mike Broderick**, Chris Wibe's cousin, who was diagnosed with liver cancer.
For **Joe Hodnik**, a prayer of thanksgiving for a successful foot surgery.
For **Charlotte Ziegler**, Tamara Morin's mom who is moving back to the KC area and into her new home.
For **Carol Boland**, for continued healing after complications from a recent foot surgery.
For **Dennis Smith**, who has been diagnosed with AFib.
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: 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, 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.