# Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church & Preschoo Connecting people to Jesus as we gather, grow, and go.

## "SON OF MAN, I have made a WATCHMAN for the house of Israel..." Ezekiel 33:7a

### Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 10, 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 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, 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 2**

TODAYS HYMNS: LSB 826, 686, 605, 618, and 528

#### 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** 

Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying

Jeffrey Blersch

#### **PASTORAL GREETING**

**OPENING ANTHEM** 

Rejoice with Me

Wright

Youth Choir with bells

(This piece is based on several parables including the Parable of the Lost Sheep found in today's Gospel reading.)

Stand

#### **→** THE PREPARATION **→**

#### INVOCATION

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

- $\blacksquare$  In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen. Matthew 28:19b

#### **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

  1 John 1:8-9

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

- P Let us together confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.
- P Almighty God in His mercy... and of the 

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

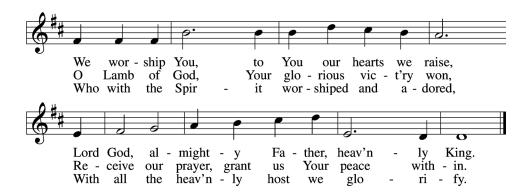
#### **★ THE SERVICE OF THE WORD**

#### **HYMN OF PRAISE**

#### Glory to God, We Give You Thanks and Praise

LSB 946





#### SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

- And also with you.
- **P** Let us pray:

O God, from whom all good proceeds, grant to us, Your humble servants, Your holy inspiration, that we may set our minds on the things that are right and, by Your merciful guiding, accomplish them; 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

#### **ANTHEM**

#### Many and Great, O God, Are Thy Works

arr. Thompson

Intermezzo Ringers with percussion

(If you would like to meditate on the words as the piece is played, please refer to hymn LSB 579 "The Law of God is Good and Wise" in your hymnal)

OLD TESTAMENT Ezekiel 33:7–9

<sup>7</sup>"So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. <sup>8</sup>If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will

require at your hand. <sup>9</sup>But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul."

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



Psalm 32:1-7; antiphon: v. 1

- Blessèd is the one whose transgression is for- | given,\* whose sin is | covered.
- Blessèd is the man against whom the LORD counts no in- | iquity,\* and in whose spirit there is | no deceit.
- P For when I kept silent, my bones wast- | ed away\* through my groaning | all day long.
- For day and night your hand was heavy up- | on me;\* my strength was dried up as by the heat of | summer.
- I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my in- | iquity;\*
  I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the iniquity | of my sin.
- Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you | may be found;\* surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not | reach him.
- P You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from | trouble;\* you surround me with shouts of de- | liverance.
- 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 Blessèd is the one whose transgression is for- | given,\* whose sin is | covered.

EPISTLE Romans 13:1–10

<sup>1</sup>Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. <sup>2</sup>Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. <sup>3</sup>For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, <sup>4</sup>for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer. <sup>5</sup>Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience. <sup>6</sup>For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. <sup>7</sup>Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.

<sup>8</sup>Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup>The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>10</sup>Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

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

Stand

#### **GOSPEL VERSE**

Common John 6:68





HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 18:1–20

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

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

<sup>1</sup>At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" <sup>2</sup>And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them <sup>3</sup>and said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup>Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>5</sup>"Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, <sup>6</sup>but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.

<sup>7</sup>"Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes! <sup>8</sup>And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. <sup>9</sup>And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire.

<sup>10</sup>"See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven. <sup>11</sup>For the Son of Man came to save the lost. <sup>12</sup>What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? <sup>13</sup>And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. <sup>14</sup>So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

<sup>15</sup>"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. <sup>16</sup>But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. <sup>17</sup>If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church.

And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. <sup>18</sup>Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. <sup>19</sup>Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup>For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them."

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

Sit

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

- P THE LORD'S PRAYER: 6<sup>th</sup> Petition
- **And lead us not into temptation.**
- **P** What does this mean?
- God tempts no one. We pray in this petition that God would guard and keep us so that the devil, the world, and our sinful nature may not deceive us or mislead us into false belief, despair, and other great shame and vice. Although we are attacked by these things, we pray that we may finally overcome them and win the victory.
- THE LORD'S PRAYER: 7<sup>th</sup> Petition
- But deliver us from evil.
- **P** What does this mean?
- We pray in this petition, in summary, that our Father in heaven would rescue us from every evil of body and soul, possessions and reputation, and finally, when our last hour comes, give us a blessed end, and graciously take us from this valley of sorrow to Himself in heaven.
- P THE LORD'S PRAYER THE CONCLUSION
- For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever.

  Amen.

- **P** What does this mean?
- This means that I should be certain that these petitions are pleasing to our Father in heaven, and are heard by Him; for He Himself has commanded us to pray in this way and has promised to hear us. Amen, amen means "yes, yes, it shall be so."

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** 

**Pastor Joel Schultz** 

**SERMON HYMN** 

Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying
LSB 826

**SERMON** 

Ezekiel? Not Me! Ezekiel 33 Pastor Joel Schultz

Stand

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

#### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

- Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
- P Blessed Lord, You have promised that where two or three are gathered in Your name, You are in the midst of them. Hear the prayers of Your people, and grant our supplications. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Lord God, heavenly Father, You have sent us pastors as watchmen. Let them be ever faithful in calling sinners to repentance and joyfully announcing Your forgiveness to those who heed their warning. Raise up many other young men to be pastors in Your church and help us to encourage them in this Holy calling. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **©** hear our prayer.

- P Gracious Father, because You have made us our brother's keeper, fill us with care for the members of our earthly families and for our brothers and sisters in Christ. Forgive our sins and strengthen us to live so that we owe no one anything except to love each other. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **©** hear our prayer.
- Righteous God, You give leaders to every nation and people. Grant us good and wise public servants to bear the sword righteously, defending the innocent and punishing wrongdoers. Guard those who protect us, especially our armed forces, police and firefighters. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **©** hear our prayer.
- Merciful Lord, look with compassion upon those who are struggling with illness, grief, loneliness or any malady [especially \_\_\_\_\_\_\_]. Reassure them of Your love, which is like that of the shepherd who seeks and saves the one lost sheep. Lord, in Your mercy,
- hear our prayer.
- P Additional Prayers of Thanksgiving or Intercession, Lord in Your mercy:
- **C** hear our prayer.
- O Lord, grant that we would receive Christ's body and blood with childlike faith. Let us humbly trust that Your forgiveness is poured out for us in this Sacrament. May it strengthen us in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Almighty God, because You desire that none of Your little ones should perish and because sin is constantly crouching at our door, we beg You to call us back to Yourself when we are tempted to stray. Deliver us from temptation, and keep us in the faith. Make us humble like little children, seeing how Your Son humbled Himself for us and for our salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,
- hear our prayer.

- Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- 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.

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

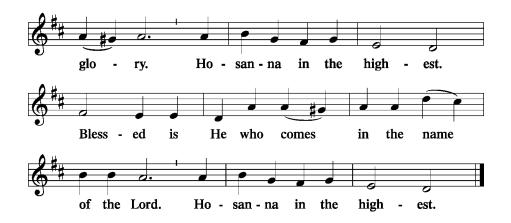
#### **PROPER PREFACE**

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

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

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9





LORD'S PRAYER Matthew 6:9-11

**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

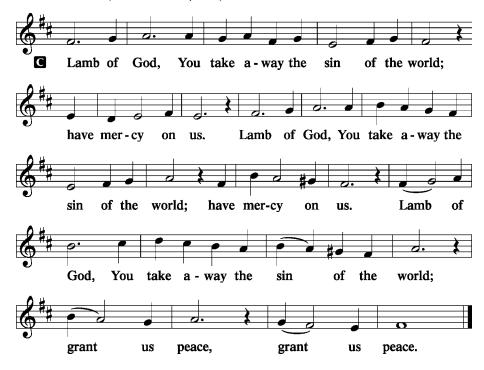
Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

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

John 20:19

(The pastor here makes a <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!



#### **INVITATION**

**P** Welcome to the table of our 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 <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**

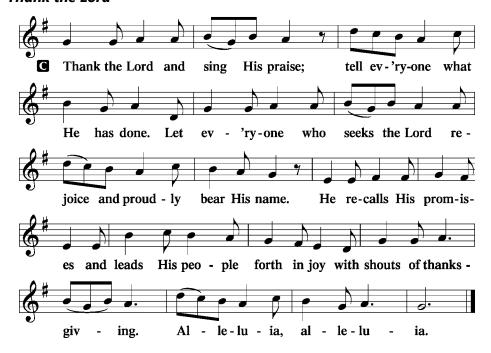
LSB 686 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
LSB 605 Father Welcomes
LSB 618 I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table

Stand

#### **DISMISSAL**

#### **POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE**

#### Thank the Lord



#### **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

#### **BENEDICAMUS/BENEDICTION**

P Let us bless the Lord.

Psalm 103:1

- Thanks be to God.
- ightharpoonup The Lord bless you...and ightharpoonup give you peace.

Numbers 6:24-26

C Amen.

#### **CLOSING HYMN**

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

LSB 528

#### **CHURCH PLANT UPDATE BY STEVE BREMER**

John A. Behnke

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





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#### **SERVING THE LORD AND US TODAY:**

Preaching	Pastor Joel Schultz
Celebrant	Pastor Mike Ada
Liturgist	Vicar Nathan Harkins
Organist	Deb Miller
Percussion	Eric Schlef
Acolytes	(8:00) Kaylee Bahr & John Yarnell
	(10:45) Aubrey Huseman & Greyson Huseman
Greeters	(8:00) George & Karen Ledgerwood (10:45) Paul Peterson
Ushers	(8:00) Scott Bohnert, Zach Booth, Debbie Johnson,
	Mike Johnson, & Mark Zarnstorff
	(10:45) Scott Behrman, Mark Chapin, Brett Clark, & Brad Johnson
Altar Guild	Janette Copeland, Nancy DeLaney, & Gina Stoehr
Nursery	Matt & Morgan Riechers (Helping Hands – Jerod & Shelby Waldman)
Counters	George Ledgerwood & Todd Scheumann
Altar Flowers	TBD

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

Christians Targeted by Hindu Mob - India

Six Christian families in a village in Chhattisgarh State, India, have experienced community pressure from the time of their conversion. They were socially excluded, and the adults lost their jobs. On August 18, 2022, Hindu radicals disrupted their church service and took the Bibles of all the believers. One Christian suggested that the intruders read the Bibles they confiscated, which angered them. The next day, the group returned with representatives from the media. One believer responded to media questions by sharing his testimony of faith, which further incensed the Hindu mob, which then went from house to house, damaging the homes of the Christians. These brothers and sisters have asked for prayer that they would remain faithful to the Lord, that God would work in a way that reveals the truth, and that their village would turn to Christ.

#### PRAYERS REQUESTED THIS WEEK

For Ben Unger and Leticia Watson, as they were united in Holy Matrimony on September 9th.

For **proud grandparents, Dave and Debbie Seutter**, as they celebrate the birth of their grandson Kohen Bennet to daughter, Stephanie and Eric Thomas.

For **Rick Southard**, who is having knee surgery on September 15<sup>th</sup>.

For Carol Olson, who fell last week and is recovering from three transverse process fractures.

For **Cameron**, Abby Bean's niece who is recovering from emergency surgery.

For **Jerrie Curry**, Joe Hodnik's aunt, who was diagnosed with fast onset dementia.

For **Terry Crosky**, Ken Knese's friend who is hospitalized with heart problems.

For Leslie Beller, Jack Gruhn's former 4th grade teacher, who is losing her battle with cancer.

For **Kip Willnauer**, former music director of King of Kings, who is deciding treatment for his pancreatic cancer.

For **Del Gentile**, Brenda Brown's brother, whose cancer has spread, and hospice has been called.

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 **Amy Lauterbach and family**, as they mourn the death of her father, Jeff Harbin.

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 **Donna Rinne**, who is recovering from foot surgery.

For **Denise Jordan**, who is recovering from knee surgery.

For **Alex Buckendahl**, who has been cleared by his physician of his concussion.

For Linda Knight, Angela Hodge's aunt, who has a cancerous tumor in her mouth that is very aggressive.

For **Eydie Taylor**, Mary Martin's sister whose cancer has taken a turn for the worse.

For **Karen Rinne**, as she continues to recover from her procedure.

For **Ivan Rees**, continued prayers as he recovers from health issues.

For **our expectant mothers: Alaina Booth, Charisse Meier,** 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, 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.