# **Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church**



July 17, 2022 – Sixth Sunday of Pentecost

SERVICE THEME: FOCUSED WORSHIP SEEKS SERVICE FROM JESUS MORE THAN SERVICE FOR JESUS

# <u>Beautiful Savior</u>

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



## Serving all people with the Gospel of Jesus Christ

**Welcome**-- We are glad you could join us today! It is our hope that this service is a blessing to you. Please join us for worship again soon.

· Please save the last two rows of pews for parents with small children.

• Parents with little ones: If your child becomes restless during the service, that's okay... We're glad they're here, and Jesus is pleased when they are brought to hear his Word: "Let the little children come to me." If you need to be with your child in the Fellowship Hall, the service can be heard through a speaker.

• Five minutes before the worship service begins the usher will light the candles. This is our signal to quiet down and prepare our hearts for worship.

• Restrooms are conveniently located to the left as you exit the sanctuary.

· Please silence your cell phone before the start of the service.

#### **PRAYER FOR WORSHIP**

Dear all-powerful Lord, renew the wonder in my heart to think of your power, which you used always in mercy. Make me marvel even more that you laid aside this power to carry out the work of salvation on Calvary's cross. Comfort me to know that you are always my all-powerful, all-wise, and all-gracious Savior. In your saving name I pray. Amen.

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## 913 Come Away from Rush and Hurry



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In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** 

## Confession

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

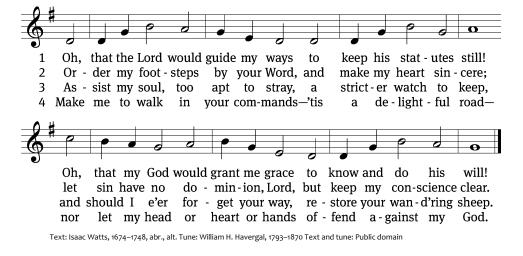
If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord. Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

## 705 Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways



## The Word

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your Word. By your Holy Spirit, help us to receive it with joy and bring forth fruits in faith, hope, and love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.** 

## **First Reading**

Colossians 1:1-14

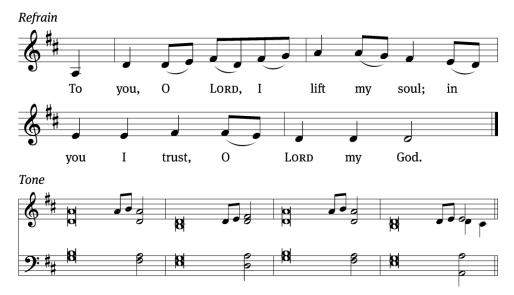
<sup>1</sup>Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, <sup>2</sup>To God's holy people in Colossae, the faithful brothers and sisters in Christ: Grace and peace to you from God our Father.

<sup>3</sup>We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, <sup>4</sup>because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all God's people— <sup>5</sup>the faith and love that spring from the hope stored

up for you in heaven and about which you have already heard in the true message of the gospel <sup>6</sup>that has come to you. In the same way, the gospel is bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world—just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and truly understood God's grace. <sup>7</sup>You learned it from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, <sup>8</sup>and who also told us of your love in the Spirit.

<sup>9</sup>For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, <sup>10</sup>so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, <sup>11</sup>being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, <sup>12</sup>and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. <sup>13</sup>For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, <sup>14</sup>in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

## 25A To You, O LORD, I Lift My Soul



In you, LORD my God, I / put my trust.

I trust in you; do not let me be / put to shame.

Show me your ways, LORD, teach me / your paths.

Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my / Savior.

Remember, LORD, your great mer- / cy and love,

for they are / from of old.

Do not remember the sins of my youth and my re- / bellious ways;

according to your love remember me, for you, LORD, / are

good. Refrain

LORD, forgive my iniquity, though / it is great.

Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and af- / flicted. Look on my affliction and / my distress and take away / all my sins.

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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. Refrain
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## Gospel

<sup>38</sup>As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. <sup>39</sup>She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. <sup>40</sup>But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!"

<sup>41</sup>"Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, <sup>42</sup>but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."

**Children's Devotion** *Ages* 3 *through grade* 5 *are invited to come forward for a Bible lesson.* 

**Children's Church** *During the service, parents may choose to take their children (ages 2-5) to Children's Church. There they will hear a Bible story, and sing songs. They will return to the sanctuary during the offering.* 

703 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say



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## Sermon

<sup>1</sup>Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?"

<sup>2</sup>The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, <sup>3</sup>but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.'"

<sup>4</sup>"You will not certainly die," the serpent said to the woman. <sup>5</sup>"For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

<sup>6</sup>When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. <sup>7</sup>Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

<sup>8</sup>Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. <sup>9</sup>But the LORD God called to the man, "Where are you?"

<sup>10</sup>He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid." <sup>11</sup>And he said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?"

<sup>12</sup>The man said, "The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it."

<sup>13</sup>Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

<sup>14</sup>So the LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this,

"Cursed are you above all livestock and all wild animals!
You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life.
<sup>15</sup>And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel."

"Did God really say?"

## **Apostles' Creed**

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

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there 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.

**Offering** "We love because he first loved us." 1Jn 4:19 God's love in sending Jesus to live, to suffer, and to die for each of us motivates the members of Beautiful Savior to show their love and thanks by returning a portion of their income to the Lord. Through these free will offerings, this congregation and its ministries are maintained.

Offerings are collected in the offering plate at the back of the sanctuary. If you would like to give securely online, scan this code or follow this link: <u>bslclarksville.com</u>



## Prayer of the Church

Almighty God and Father, we thank you for all your mercies, especially for the gift of your Son, through whom you have revealed your gracious will. We praise you for the Holy Spirit and his working through the means of grace. **Plant your Word in our hearts, and cause it to produce fruit in our lives.** 

Strengthen and defend your Church, that by your Word and sacraments faith may grow and love toward all may increase.

Support all who spread the light of your truth throughout the world.

Keep our children in the grace of their baptisms. Enable their parents to train them in lives of faith.

Raise up Christians to serve you in the ministry of the Word and in all godly walks of life.

Preserve our nation in justice and honor. Guide and bless all who make, administer, and judge our laws.

Give them wisdom that they may promote justice and hinder evil.

Let your blessing rest on planting and harvest, commerce and industry, medicine and science, the arts and culture. Protect all who travel, and care for those whose work is difficult or dangerous.

## Be with all who devote themselves to any useful task.

Comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity, Remember those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on those for whom death draws near.

## Grant them your love, and take them into your tender care.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

## Silent prayer

We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served you, who now rest from their labors. Console those who are mourning or living with sadness.

## Keep us in the true faith, and bring us at last to the joys of heaven.

Grant us these things, Father, for the sake of Jesus, who died and rose again. **Amen.** 

## Lord's Prayer

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. 633 Speak, O Lord



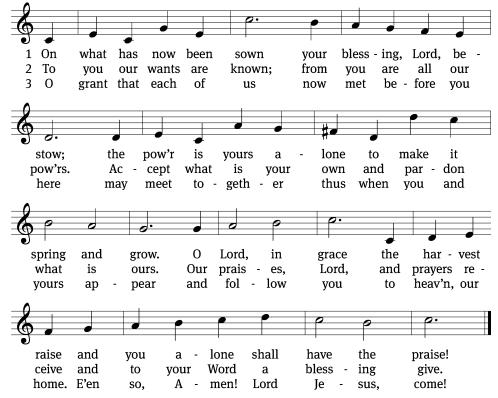
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## **Closing Prayer**

How can I thank you, Father, for allowing me to worship in your house today! I have heard the promises of your love in the gospel. I have praised you, confessed you, and prayed for your blessings. I have been strengthened by the witness and worship of others. Keep my faith strong as I live out the tasks of my life, take away my doubts and fears, and give me courage to share the good news of your Son wherever I go and however I can. **Amen.** 

## Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace. **Amen.**  925 On What Has Now Been Sown



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#### THIS WEEK AT BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

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#### Thank you Pastor Lenz

Today we are grateful to have with us Pastor Mark Lenz to share God's Word with us. Pastor Lenz is a retired pastor who has served congregations in Michigan, Illinois, and Minnesota, and also served many years as a professor of religion and history at our ministerial training college-Martin Luther Collegein New Ulm, Minnesota. Pastor Lenz and his wife Esther are now retired and live in Mount Juliet, TN.

#### Pastor Holz on vacation

Pastor Holz is out of town today on vacation. If you are in need of immediate Pastor assistance, please call Pastor Jared Natsis from Rock of Ages Lutheran Church in Nashville, TN. His number is 615-865-2228. Pastor Holz will be unreachable while he is away. He will be back in the office on Thursday, July 21.

## **Bible Study Opportunities**

Please join in our weekly Bible Study and Sunday School opportunities. Adult Sunday School meets in the fellowship hall on Sundays at 9:15am. Children's Sunday School meets in the classrooms at the same time.

## The Next Step-Bible Information Class

Would you like the opportunity to grow deeper in what God's Word has to say? We will soon be starting our newest Bible Information Class. It is an overview of God's Word and also serves as our pre-membership class. It will meet in the sanctuary following the Sunday service. Questions? Please speak with Pastor Holz.

## New Summer Wednesday Bible Study

Join us as we continue our new mid-week Bible Study on "Heroes of Faith", a study of Hebrews chapter 11. We will look at some great personalities from the Old Testament like Abraham, Moses, and David. We will examine their great moments of faith, and some epic failures too! And we will examine what great faith means for today. Join us in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesdays at 7pm.

## Kitchen Help Needed

We have a wonderful fellowship time with food and drink following our worship. But we are in need of volunteers to help out in the kitchen with providing the set-up and clean up for the snacks. If you would like to help out please speak with Mary Daniel or Pastor Holz.

## **Claim Your Mug**

In an effort to declutter our coffee mug rack in the kitchen, we are asking all to stop by and claim your coffee mug from the counter by putting it onto the wall rack. This will let us know that it is actively being used. Mugs will remain on the counter through August before they move on. Thank you for helping us keep our kitchen organized and functional!

## July 23 Workday-New Date!

We had to move our day for landscaping around our new garage from Saturday, July 9 to Saturday, July 23, and we need your help! Bring your garden tools as we will be installing mulch and plants around the new building. The workday starts at 8am, but come whenever you are able.

## **Events**

Are you wanting to stay up to date with current and upcoming events, Bible studies and Worship opportunities at the church and preschool? Check out

our website at <u>https://bslclarksville.com/events/</u> or scan this code. You can also access the events page through the church app by downloading 'Beautiful Savior' in the app store. Be sure to allow notifications if you'd like to receive alerts. Needing to add an event to the church calendar? Call



the church office at 931-905-1400 or email <u>bslc.clarksville@gmail.com</u> and we will get it added for you.

## Scholarship Thank You

Dear Members of Beautiful Savior,

This August will be the start of my final year of schooling at Martin Luther College. Here I have spent the last three years training to become a history teacher for the WELS. Beautiful Savior members have always been there to support me with their thoughts and prayers. You have also been there to support me through Martin Luther College's Congregational Grant. This helps to cover the costs of school and allows me to focus on my training to serve God and his people as a teacher. I greatly appreciate all the support you have given over the past three years and now into this year. Thank you all so much. In Christ, Joel Holz

## Preschool Registration

Preschool registration for the 2022-2023 school year is now open to all. Our 3 year old classes are filling up fast! We still have space available in our 4 year classes, but that won't last long! The registration fee is \$100(cash or check), due at registration, and secures your spot for Fall. Please see Mrs. Ruiz in the office or any staff member for more information or to schedule a tour. Know any friends or neighbors possibly interested in Preschool enrollment for the Fall? There are postcards available in the entryway to share.

## Summer Bible Study and Sunday School Schedule

There will not be Bible Study or Sunday School the first three Sundays in July-July 3, 10, or 17. Adult Sunday School will resume on July 24. Children's Sunday School will resume on August 7. This provides some time off for our teachers as we gear up for Fall Sunday School.



#### Prayer List

Thank the Lord for the safe return of all the soldiers who recently came home and all soldiers and their families who are facing deployment. Please keep in your prayers this week all soldiers who are currently deployed. Please also remember: Ed Scarano (cancer diagnosis and treatment); Marcella Salter Griffin, friend of Marcia Schilling (stage 4 cancer); Mark Schwarm, friend of Gael Irizarry (pancreatic cancer); Chris Schwarm, friend of Gael Irizarry (injured in car accident); Stacy Schroeder, daughter of Jeff & Eileen Cleveland (melanoma diagnosis); Marci Heady, friend of Johnson family (brain tumor); Andy Hudson, friend of Mac McCoo (pneumonia & Covid); Jimmy Straw (health & wellness); Autumn Potter & family, friends of Jessica Boulter (death of sister); Nicole Petersen (Covid); Debbie Cheben, friend of Deb White (Stage 4 pancreatic cancer); Emerson Kate Hogrefe, infant great-granddaughter of Mrs. Trusty (seriously ill); Aimee Gerkhardt, sister in law of Jessica Church (breast cancer); Roger Chism, friend of Hilde Fox (diverticulitis); Steven Owens, father of Mark Owens, (cancer); Kathy Temple (cancer reoccurrence); Steven Smith, son of Mrs. Trusty (recovery from COVID-19); Eric Smith, friend of Tim Donner (kidney surgery & complications); Mason Arkell, grandson of Marga Arkell (soldier-keep safe); Brandon Vannoy, friend of Mac McCoo (seizures); Sheila Lynch, sister of Gayle Brooks (unable to walk); Drake Robideau, friend of Mary Daniel (strength & wellness); Mike LaFave (back problems); Linda Thomas, sister of Gayle Brooks, (physical rehab after injury); Rick Koch, Step-Father of Jessica Church (knee

replacement/complications); Ruth Amorth, twin sister of Hilde Fox (seriously ill); Gary Davis, husband of Angela Davis (seizures); Gidget Tate (Health issues); Maria Sauer, Friend of Karin Galvin. If you would like to have a name or situation included or if you would like to give an update on a prayer request, please contact Pastor Holz or call the church office at 931-905-1400.

Last WeekWorship Attendance90Thru Wednesday 07/13/2022Weekly OfferingsGeneral Funds\$4,173.72Special Offerings\$0.00Reserved Offerings, Building Funds, Preschool, etc.\$108.65Offerings Total\$4,282.37	
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2022 BUDGET NEEDS \$5,134.32	\$143,760.96

Serving in God's House

#### Attendance and Offerings Summary

#### Ushers:

(10:30am) David Johnson & Ernie Rautter Greeters: Doris Harvey & Mac McCoo Kitchen: Ingeborg Haught, Mary Daniel Piano: Deb White Fellowship: Families H-M

#### Next week's ushers:

(10:30am) Daniel Lane & Josh Geer Greeters: Art & Sandy Ebbinger Kitchen: Christa Rautter, Charmaine Smith, Mary Daniel Piano: Aaron Hartzell Fellowship: Families N-S