Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church



July 24, 2022 - Seventh Sunday of Pentecost

SERVICE THEME:

FOCUSED PRAYER CLAIMS WHAT GOD WANTS FOR US, NOT WHAT WE WANT FROM GOD

Beautiful Savior



EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Serving all people with the Gospel of Jesus Christ

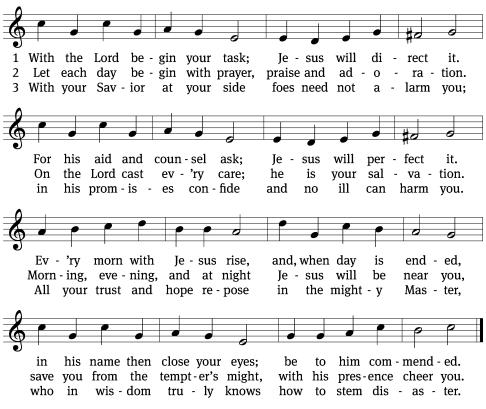
Welcome-- We are glad you could join us today! It is our hope that this service is a blessing to you. Please join us for worship again soon.

- · 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

Almighty God, you know my needs even before I ask, and yet you invite me to bring to you whatever is on my heart. Help me to ask for only what is in line with your will. When I waver or hesitate to pray, strengthen my faith in your promises. Give me courage to come to you with everything in my life, and give me the confidence to know you hear and answer my prayers according to your loving will for me. Amen.

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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.



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The Word

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O Lord, your ears are always open to the prayers of your humble servants who come to you in Jesus' name. Teach us always to ask according to your will that we may never fail to obtain the blessings you have promised; 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

Genesis 18:20-32

²⁰Then the LORD said, "The outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is so great and their sin so grievous ²¹that I will go down and see if what they have done is as bad as the outcry that has reached me. If not, I will know."

²²The men turned away and went toward Sodom, but Abraham remained standing before the LORD. ²³Then Abraham approached him and said: "Will you sweep away the righteous with the wicked? ²⁴What if there are fifty righteous people in the city? Will you really sweep it away and not spare the place for the sake of the fifty righteous people in it? ²⁵Far be it from you to do such a thing—to kill the righteous with the wicked, treating the righteous and the wicked alike. Far be it from you! Will not the Judge of all the earth do right?"

²⁶The LORD said, "If I find fifty righteous people in the city of Sodom, I will spare the whole place for their sake."

²⁷Then Abraham spoke up again: "Now that I have been so bold as to speak to the Lord, though I am nothing but dust and ashes, ²⁸what if the number of the righteous is five less than fifty? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five people?"

"If I find forty-five there," he said, "I will not destroy it."

²⁹Once again he spoke to him, "What if only forty are found there?" He said, "For the sake of forty, I will not do it."

³⁰Then he said, "May the Lord not be angry, but let me speak. What if only thirty can be found there?"

He answered, "I will not do it if I find thirty there."

³¹Abraham said, "Now that I have been so bold as to speak to the Lord, what if only twenty can be found there?"

He said, "For the sake of twenty, I will not destroy it."

³²Then he said, "May the Lord not be angry, but let me speak just once more. What if only ten can be found there?"

He answered, "For the sake of ten, I will not destroy it."

138A Your Praises, God, I'm Bringing

Psalm 138A



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Gospel Luke 11:1–13

¹One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples." ²He said to them, "When you pray, say:

"'Father,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come.

Give us each day our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins,
for we also forgive everyone who sins against us.
And lead us not into temptation.'"

⁵Then Jesus said to them, "Suppose you have a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; ⁶a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have no food to offer him.' ⁷And suppose the one inside answers, 'Don't bother me. The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I can't get up and give you anything.' ⁸I tell you, even though he will not get up and give you the bread because of friendship, yet because of your shameless audacity he will surely get up and give you as much as you need.

9"So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. ¹ºFor everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

""Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? ¹²Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? ¹³If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

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.



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Sermon 1 Timothy 2:1–7

¹I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people— ²for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. ³This is good, and pleases God our Savior, ⁴who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. ⁵For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, ⁶who gave himself as a ransom for all people. This has now been witnessed to at the proper time. ¬And for this purpose I was appointed a herald and an apostle—I am telling the truth, I am not lying—and a true and faithful teacher of the Gentiles.

"What does God want?"

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." JIn 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: bslclarksville.com

Prayer of the Church

Praise to you, Holy Spirit! We worship you as the Lord and adore you as the giver of life. As you were present at the beginning of the world to give life to all created things and as you enlightened and equipped the disciples on the Day of Pentecost by the baptism of fire, so by the baptism of water with the Word you made the light of faith shine in our hearts to know Jesus as our Lord. We confess:

I believe that I cannot by my own thinking or choosing believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to him. But the Holy Spirit has called me by the gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way he calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

Holy Spirit, Spirit of truth and source of all spiritual gifts, stand by us in the weakness of our sinful nature. Grant us a right understanding of the truths that Jesus taught. Give us strength to endure with patience whatever afflictions God may send into our lives. Help us, intercede for us, and train us that we may pray to the Father with boldness and confidence. Preserve us by the power of your Word in our most holy faith as members of the Church, the body of Jesus.

In this Christian Church he daily and fully forgives all sins to me and all believers.

Holy Spirit, you comfort and counsel us in every need. In dark and difficult days strengthen our feeble hands, steady our weak knees, and encourage our fearful hearts. Support us with the promise that in your final creative act you will raise up our bodies so that together with all believers we may see and enjoy the glorious return of Jesus Christ.

On the Last Day he will raise me and all the dead and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true. Amen.

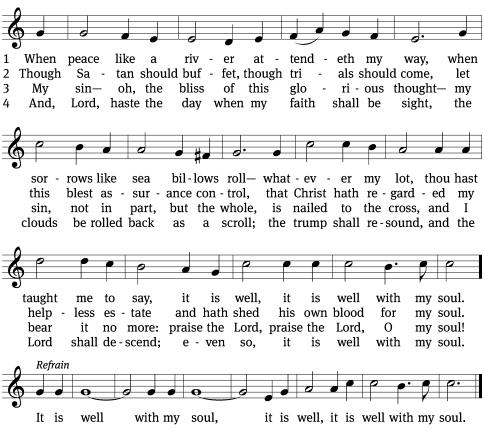
Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

Come, Holy Spirit, renew our hearts And kindle in us the fire of your love. 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.



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Prayer

Gracious God, you nourish my faith with the good news that you have forgiven my sins in Christ. Let the gospel be proclaimed by all who come to worship today: by ministers called to preach the gospel, by musicians who adorn the gospel with beauty, and by all who proclaim the gospel in song and prayer. Let the miracle of your forgiving love touch my heart and the hearts of all. **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.



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THIS WEEK AT BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

† Today No Sunday School

10:30am Worship

† Wednesday 7pm Bible Study † Sunday No Sunday School 10:30am Worship

"Focused" Worship Theme

Sunday, July 31 Focused Living Properly Values Earthly Wealth **Sunday, August 7** Focused Living Properly Values Heavenly Treasure

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. The Wednesday Bible Study will resume on Wednesday, July 27.

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!

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 https://bslclarksville.com/events/ 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 bslc.clarksville@gmail.com and we will get it added for you.

Save the date=Everyone Outreach Seminar

Beautiful Savior will be hosting a weekend seminar that will help us build a culture of outreach so that every member and every ministry at Beautiful Savior is thinking about participating in outreach. The dates of the seminar are Saturday, October 1 and Sunday, October 2.

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.

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.

Sunday School Teachers Needed

We are needing to add 3-4 Sunday School teachers to our Sunday rotations. All teaching material and supplies are provided. We are needing volunteers to start Sunday, August 7. Please consider helping our children grow in God's Word. Please see Jennifer Geer or Pastor Holz for more details.





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.

Attendance and Offerings Summary

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	Last Week	
Worship Attendance	90	
Thru Wednesday 07/13/2022	Weekly Offerings	
General Funds	\$4,173.72	
Special Offerings	\$0.00	
Reserved Offerings, Building Funds, Preschool,		
etc.	\$108.65	
Offerings Total	\$4,282.37	YTD
Available for General Use	\$4,173.72	\$105,251.36
2022 BUDGET NEEDS	\$5,134.32	\$143,760.96

Serving in God's House

Ushers:

(10:30am) Mac McCoo & Art Ebbinger

Greeters: *Loretta Wilder & Ernie Rautter* **Kitchen:** Margareta Smothers, Marion Bouie, Mary Daniel

Piano: Aaron Hartzell
Fellowship: Families T-Z

Next week's ushers:

(10:30am) Mac McCoo & Art Ebbinger

Greeters: Volunteers
Kitchen: Volunteers
Piano: Barb Noon
Fellowship: All