Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church



August 28, 2022 – Twelfth Sunday of Pentecost

SERVICE THEME: Hard Truth: The Humble Will Be Exalted; the Exalted Will Be Humbled

<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

Lord Jesus, teach me to love others as you have loved me. Help me be more patient and alert to the needs of others and always ready to serve them with the gifts you have given me. Amen.

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607 Ten Thousand Reasons



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

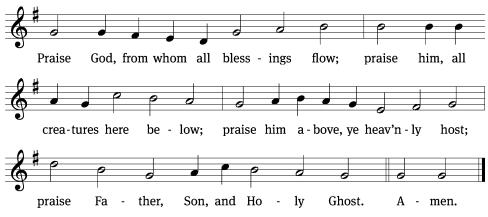
Confession

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.

God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

Amen.



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The Word

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O Lord of grace and mercy, teach us by your Holy Spirit to follow the example of your Son in true humility, that we may withstand the temptations of the devil and with pure hearts and minds avoid ungodly pride; 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

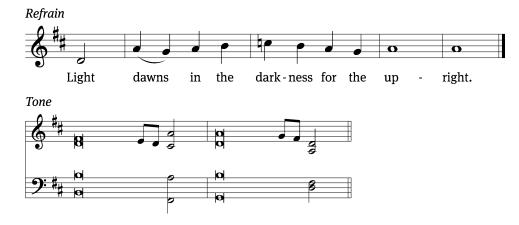
Proverbs 25:6,7a

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⁶Do not exalt yourself in the king's presence, and do not claim a place among his great men;

⁷it is better for him to say to you, "Come up here," than for him to humiliate you before his nobles. 112A Light Dawns in the Darkness

Psalm 112A



Blessed are those who / fear the LORD,

who find great delight in / his commands.

Wealth and riches are in their / houses,

and their righteousness endures for- / ever. Refrain

Surely the righteous will never be / shaken; they will be remembered for- / ever. Their hearts are secure, they will / have no fear; in the end they will look in triumph / on their foes. 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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Second Reading

¹My brothers and sisters, believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ must not show favoritism. ²Suppose a man comes into your meeting wearing a gold ring and fine clothes, and a poor man in filthy old clothes also comes in. ³If you show special attention to the man wearing fine clothes and say, "Here's a good seat for you," but say to the poor man, "You stand there" or "Sit on the floor by my feet," ⁴have you not discriminated among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts?

⁵Listen, my dear brothers and sisters: Has not God chosen those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and to inherit the kingdom he promised those who love him? ⁶But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who are exploiting you? Are they not the ones who are dragging you into court? ⁷Are they not the ones who are blaspheming the noble name of him to whom you belong?

⁸If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, "Love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing right. ⁹But if you show favoritism, you sin and are convicted by the law as lawbreakers. ¹⁰For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it. ¹¹For he who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." If you do not commit adultery but do commit murder, you have become a lawbreaker.

¹²Speak and act as those who are going to be judged by the law that gives freedom, ¹³because judgment without mercy will be shown to anyone who has not been merciful. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

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.

729 Son of God, Eternal Savior



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Luke 14:1,7-14

Gospel

'One Sabbath, when Jesus went to eat in the house of a prominent Pharisee, he was being carefully watched.

⁷When he noticed how the guests picked the places of honor at the table, he told them this parable: ⁸"When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take the place of honor, for a person more distinguished than you may have been invited. ⁹If so, the host who invited both of you will come and say to you, 'Give this person your seat.' Then, humiliated, you will have to take the least important place. ¹⁰But when you are invited, take the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he will say to you, 'Friend, move up to a better place.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all the other guests. ¹¹For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

¹²Then Jesus said to his host, "When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or sisters, your relatives, or your rich neighbors; if you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid. ¹³But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, ¹⁴and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

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." IJn 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

Eternal God and Father, we thank you for the blessings we share as members of your holy Church, for your gracious Word and sacraments, for opportunities to worship and to grow in faith and knowledge, for occasions to serve and be served, and for fellowship with believers in our congregation and our synod. **Help us rejoice in these blessings, dear Lord, and use them faithfully.**

Jesus Christ, Lord of the Church, you give grace to your people by calling us to be your witnesses in the world. Open our eyes to see the great and noble mission that lies before us. In the hurting eyes of the lonely, in the pained eyes of the sick, and in the searching eyes of the lost, help us to see your face, Lord Jesus, and to serve others as we would serve you.

Awaken us to opportunities to proclaim your message of love.

Holy Spirit, giver of life, through Word and sacrament bestow on us the wisdom and power we need to witness clearly and to act boldly. Help us to speak the truth in love, to give the reason for the hope we have, and to conduct ourselves with gentleness and respect.

Set our hearts on fire as we work and witness for Christ.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray for a family member, a neighbor, or a friend who does not believe in you, or whose faith is weak or troubled.

Silent prayer

Keep in your care those who are enduring chronic pain and incessant unhappiness, those enduring rejection and struggling with poverty, those mourning the loss of someone they loved. [Especially bless... *here name the person and the cause of the petition*.] Bring healing and help and comfort and calm to everyone in distress.

Move us to act alone or join with others to provide help and support.

Bless the Church with men and women who are willing to proclaim your Word in places where we cannot go. Keep them and their loved ones in your care and let nothing hinder their work. By the power of the gospel, restore their spirits each day, so that they do not lose heart as they serve us and others. **Move us to support them with our sincere prayers and generous offerings.**

Wherever your Word is proclaimed, O Lord, grant it success. Let your kingdom come to us and others, so that we and many more might join the assembly of saints and angels to sing your praise forever. **Savior of all, hear our prayer and help us in our mission. 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.

1 We walk bv faith bv sight. and not no 2 We may not touch his hands and side, nor 3 Help then, 0 Lord, our un - be lief; and 4 For you, 0 res ur - rect - ed Lord. are 5 Lord, when our life of faith is done. in gra - cious words we hear from him who spoke as fol - low where he trod; but in his prom - ise may our faith а bound to call on you when found in means di vine: be - neath the wa ter realms of clear light may be - hold er we you e'er spoke, but we be - lieve him near. none God!" joice and "My Lord and we re cry seek where you near and are found. you are bread and the Word, be - neath the and wine. full end as you are with and less sight.

830 We Walk by Faith

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Blessing

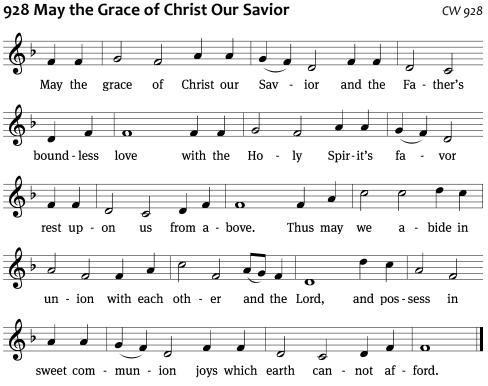
The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace. Amen.

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Prayer

Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life that we may boldly confess him to be the Christ and steadfastly walk in the way that leads to life eternal; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.



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Setting One from Christian Worship

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Next Week's Worship

Our theme for worship: "*Hard Truth: Put Down What You Love: Pick Up What You Loathe.*" Our readings will be: Deuteronomy 30:15-20, Philemon 1:7-21, Luke 14:1,25-35. We will sing the following hymns: 703 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say, 694 Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken, 671 Your Body, Given For Me, O Savior, 861 Lord Jesus Christ, the Church's Head.

THIS WEEK AT BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

† Today	9:30am Sunday School
	10:30am Worship
† Tuesday	5:30pm Board of Education
† Wednesday	7pm Mid-week Bible Study
+ Sunday	9:30am Sunday School
	10:30am Worship

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.

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!

New Worship Series

Sunday, September 4 Hard Truth: Put Down What You Love: Pick Up What You Loathe

Sunday, September 11 Hard Truth: The Found are Left; the Lost are Found Sunday, September 18 Hard Truth: Serve God with Money; You Can't Serve God and Money

Sunday, September 25 Hard Truth: What Seems to Help in Life Foils in Death; What Seems to Fail in Life Helps in Death

Sunday School Kick-Off-August 14

Fall Sunday School for all ages kicks off today Sunday, August 14. Adults will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30am and kids ages 3 and up will meet in the Sanctuary and then go to their separate classes. Join in!

Fall Sunday School (Adults)

Today we will begin a Bible Study called "The Gospel to Share." In this Bible Study we will look at key Bible truths taught in the Bible (like forgiveness, heaven, etc.) and how we can relate to those key truths and apply to our own lives and then how to share them with others. You need to know nothing, bring nothing, and come for some time in the Word of God. We meet Sundays in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30. Coffee is available at 9!

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 14. Please consider helping our children grow in God's Word. Please see Jennifer Geer or Pastor Holz for more details.



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. There will be a short video after church this morning that will help explain what the program is about.



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: Josh Carter, friend of Adam Holz (recovery from car accident); Ed Scarano (cancer diagnosis and treatment); Marcella Salter Griffin, friend of Marcia Schilling (stage 4 cancer); Mark Schwarm, friend of Gael Irizarry (pancreatic cancer); 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.

Attenuance and Orierings Summi	ar y	
	Last Week	
Worship Attendance	84	
Thru Wednesday 08/10/22	Weekly Offerings	
General Funds	\$4,309.10	
Special Offerings	\$0.00	
Reserved Offerings, Building Funds, Preschool,		
etc.	\$108.81	
Offerings Total	\$4,417.91	YTD
Available for General Use	\$4,309.10	\$116,159.54
2022 BUDGET NEEDS	\$5,134.32	\$164,298.24

Attendance and Offerings Summary

Serving in God's House		
	Next week's ushers:	
Ushers:	(10:30am) Mac McCoo & Art Ebbinger	
(10:30am) Daniel Lane & Josh Geer	Greeters: Loretta Wilder & Ernie Rautter	
Greeters: Art & Sandy Ebbinger	Kitchen: Margareta Smothers, Marion Bouie,	
Kitchen: Christa Rautter, Charmaine Smith, Mary Daniel	Mary Daniel	
Piano: Barb Noon	Piano: Deb White	
Fellowship: Families N-S	Fellowship: Families T-Z	