Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church



August 7, 2022 - Ninth Sunday of Pentecost

SERVICE THEME:

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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.
- \cdot Please silence your cell phone before the start of the service.

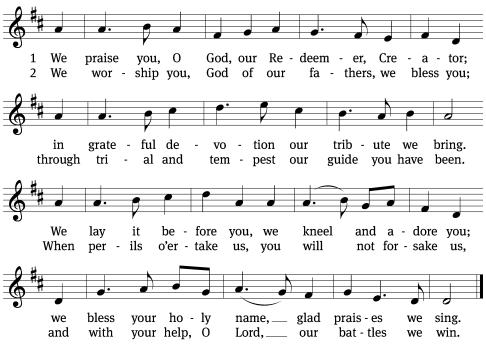
PRAYER FOR WORSHIP

Lord Jesus, help me to see the foolishness of worry and not properly valuing the heavenly treasures that you have prepared and promised me. When it seems that I don't have enough for my daily life, I am tempted to worry and think that I am the one who provides all that I need. Help me humbly trust that as you have given me all that I need for my salvation, you also will provide all I need for my earthly life. Help me pursue eternal treasure with all my heart. Amen.

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609 We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer

CW 609 sts. 1-2



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

Confession CW 154

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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Lord, Have Mercy

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen**.

The Word

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and willing to give far more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask except through the merits and mediation of 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 15:1–6

¹After this, the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision:

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"Do not be afraid, Abram.
I am your shield,
your very great reward."
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²But Abram said, "Sovereign LORD, what can you give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "You have given me no children; so a servant in my household will be my heir."

⁴Then the word of the LORD came to him: "This man will not be your heir, but a son who is your own flesh and blood will be your heir." ⁵He took him outside and said, "Look up at the sky and count the stars—if indeed you can count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be."

⁶Abram believed the LORD, and he credited it to him as righteousness.

121A I Lift Up My Eyes to the Mountains

Psalm 121A





the mak-er of heav-en and earth.

Tone



heav - ens and the earth.

I lift up my eyes to the / mountains—
where does my help / come from?

My help comes / from the LORD,
the maker of / heaven and earth.

He will not let your / foot slip—
he who watches over you will not / slumber;
indeed, he who watches over / Israel
will neither / slumber nor sleep. Refrain

The LORD watches / over you—
the LORD is your shade / at your right hand.
The LORD will keep you / from all harm—
he will watch / over your life;
the LORD will watch over your coming and / going
both now and for- / evermore.

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 Luke 12:22–34

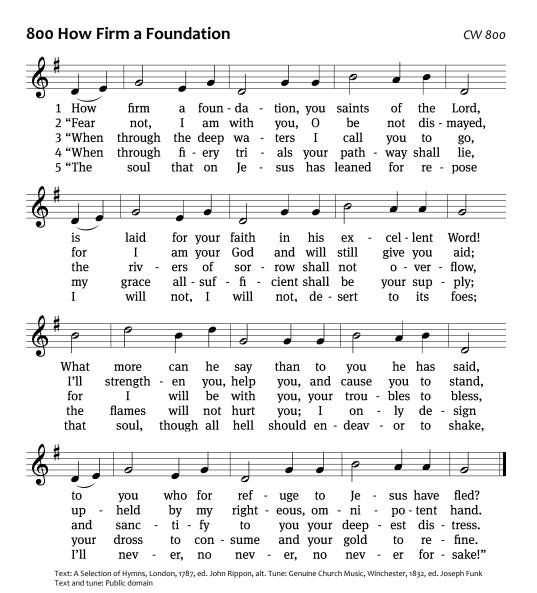
²²Then Jesus said to his disciples: "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear. ²³For life is more than food, and the body more than clothes. ²⁴Consider the ravens: They do not sow or reap, they have no storeroom or barn; yet God feeds them. And how much more valuable you are than birds! ²⁵Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to your life? ²⁶Since you cannot do this very little thing, why do you worry about the rest?

²⁷"Consider how the wild flowers grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. ²⁸If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today, and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! ²⁹And do not set your heart on what you will eat or drink; do not worry about it. ³⁰For the pagan world runs after all such things, and your Father knows that you need them. ³¹But seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

³²"Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

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.



Sermon Hebrews 11:1–3,8–16

¹Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. ²This is what the ancients were commended for.

³By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.

⁸By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. ⁹By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹And by faith even Sarah, who was past childbearing age, was enabled to bear children because she considered him faithful who had made the promise. ¹²And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore.

¹³All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth. ¹⁴People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶Instead, they were longing for a better country—a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.

"Faith handles life's mysteries"

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. 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

The Sacrament

Preface CW 165

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock until he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy (Sanctus)

- V.1 O holy, holy, Lord God of pow'r and might Your glory, earth and heaven, In countless ways recite. Hosanna! Come and save us, Lord God of hosts on high, And in your grace and mercy, Receive our fervent cry.
- V. 2 Hosanna in the highest! How truly blest is he Who in God's name is coming, to set his people free! He comes to bring salvation, and with his blood outpoured Deliver us from bondage, Hosanna Mighty Lord.

Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my + body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my + blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **Amen.**

O Christ, Lamb of God



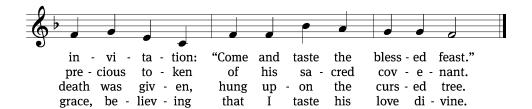


Distribution (When we come to the Lord's Supper, we receive the very body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ for the personal assurance of forgiveness. But the Lord's Supper is also a confessional act, by which we confess a oneness of faith. We therefore ask only those who are confirmed members of Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church or of sister Wisconsin Synod Lutheran churches to approach the altar. If anyone has a question about our communion practice or would like to become a communicant member of Beautiful Savior, please speak with the pastor after the service.)



CW 668





- 5 Let me praise God's boundless favor, whose own feast of love I savor, bidden by his gracious call. Wedding garments he provides me, with a robe of white he hides me, fits me for the royal hall.
- 6 Now have I found consolation, comfort in my tribulation, balm to heal the troubled soul. God, my shield from ev'ry terror, cleanses me from sin and error, makes my wounded spirit whole.

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Communion Blessing

Closing Prayer

Thank you, dear Savior, for nourishing my faith with the Sacrament of your body and blood. Lift my heart with your forgiveness, renew my confidence in your grace, empower my love for others, and lead me to long for the eternal banquet of heaven.

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.

835 Precious Lord, Take My Hand

CW 835

- V.1 Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me standI am tired, I am weak, I am worn.Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.Take my hand, precious Lord; lead me home.
- V.2 When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near,When my life is almost gone,Hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall.Take my hand, precious Lord; lead me home.
- V.3 When the darkness appears and the night draws near And the day is almost gone,At the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand.Take my hand, precious Lord; lead me home.

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Setting One from Christian Worship

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Next Week's Worship

Our theme for worship: "Hard Truth: We Want Peace, but God's Word Divides." Our readings will be: Jeremiah 23:23-29, Hebrews 12:1-13, Luke 12:49-53. We will sing the following hymns: 590 O Holy Spirit, Enter In, 716 O Christ, Who Called the Twelve, 870 O Church Arise, 876 Fight the Good Fight.

THIS WEEK AT BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

† Today No Sunday School

10:30am Worship

† **Monday** 9am-11am Preschool Open House † **Tuesday** 9am-11am Preschool Open House

5:30pm Steering Committee

† **Wednesday** 7pm Mid-week Bible Study

+ Sunday 9:15am Sunday School kick-off

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!

Lunch Bunch

On Wednesday, August 17 at 11:30am, lunch will be served here at church for our older and/or retired members and friends. *If you would like to attend please sign up so the hosts can get an accurate headcount for the meal preparations.* A free will offering will be taken to cover the cost of the meal. After the meal there will be a short devotion. If you have questions, please talk with Doris Harvey or Pastor Holz.

New Worship Series

Sunday, August 14 Hard Truth: We Want Peace, but God's Word Divides Sunday, August 21 Hard Truth: The First Will Be Last; The Last Will be First Sunday, August 28 Hard Truth: The Humble Will Be Exalted; the Exalted Will Be Humbled

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 on 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)

On Sunday, August 14, 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.

Attendance and Offerings Summary

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	Last Week	
Worship Attendance	76	
Thru Wednesday 08/03/2022	Weekly Offerings	
General Funds	\$3,820.15	
Special Offerings	\$0.00	
Reserved Offerings, Building Funds, Preschool,		
etc.	\$688.87	
Offerings Total	\$4,509.02	YTD
Available for General Use	\$3,820.15	\$111,850.44
2022 BUDGET NEEDS	\$5,134.32	\$159,163.92

Serving in God's House

Ushers:

(10:30am) Trey Church & Mike Rathge **Greeters:** Jeff & Eileen Cleveland

Kitchen: Loretta Wilder, Gael Irizarry, Mary Daniel

Piano: Barb Noon

Fellowship: Families A-G

Next week's ushers:

(10:30am) David Johnson & Ernie Rautter

Greeters: Doris Harvey & Mac McCoo **Kitchen:** Ingeborg Haught, Mary Daniel

Piano: Deb White

Fellowship: Families H-M