Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church



July 31, 2022 – Eighth Sunday of Pentecost

SERVICE THEME: Focused Living Properly Values Earthly Wealth

<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.

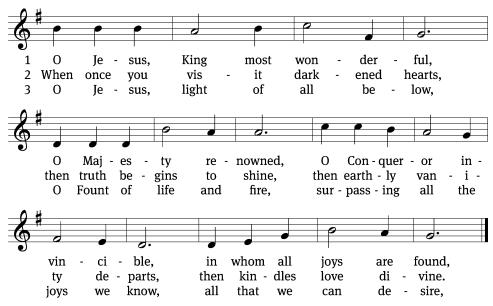
PRAYER FOR WORSHIP

Lord God, all things I have come from you. Guide me to use what you have given me in unselfish ways. Take my heart and fill me with your love; take my lips and move them to speak of Jesus; take my life and use me to serve in your church. Move me to do what is needed to spread the message of Jesus to others. In his name I pray. Amen.

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543 O Jesus, King Most Wonderful



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

Confession

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Almighty and merciful Father,

we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts. We have offended you and sinned against your holy law. We have done those things that we should not have done, and we have not done those things that we should have done. Have mercy on us, Lord!

Spare us, forgive us, and restore us, according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

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, grant us wisdom to recognize the treasures you have stored up for us in heaven that we may never despair but always rejoice and be thankful for the riches of your grace; 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

Ecclesiastes 1:1-2,12-14; 2:18-26

'The words of the Teacher, son of David, king in Jerusalem:

²"Meaningless! Meaningless!" says the Teacher.
"Utterly meaningless! Everything is meaningless."

¹²I, the Teacher, was king over Israel in Jerusalem. ¹³I applied my mind to study and to explore by wisdom all that is done under the heavens. What a heavy burden God has laid on mankind! ¹⁴I have seen all the things that are done under the sun; all of them are meaningless, a chasing after the wind.

¹⁸I hated all the things I had toiled for under the sun, because I must leave them to the one who comes after me. ¹⁹And who knows whether that person will be wise or foolish? Yet they will have control over all the fruit of my toil into which I have poured my effort and skill under the sun. This too is meaningless. ²⁰So my heart began to despair over all my toilsome labor under the sun. ²¹For a person may labor with wisdom, knowledge and skill, and then they must leave all they own to another who has not toiled for it. This too is meaningless and a great misfortune. ²²What do people get for all the toil and anxious striving with which they labor under the sun? ²³All their days their work is grief and pain; even at night their minds do not rest. This too is meaningless.

²⁴A person can do nothing better than to eat and drink and find satisfaction in their own toil. This too, I see, is from the hand of God, ²⁵for without him, who can eat or find enjoyment? ²⁶To the person who pleases him, God gives wisdom, knowledge and happiness, but to the sinner he gives the task of gathering and storing up wealth to hand it over to the one who pleases God. This too is meaningless, a chasing after the wind.



90A Fill Us with Your Love, O Lord

Lord, you have been our / dwelling place

throughout all gener- / ations.

Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the / whole world, from everlasting to everlasting / you are God.

You turn people / back to dust,

saying, "Return to dust, you / mortals."

A thousand years in your sight are like a day that has / just gone by, or like a watch / in the night. *Refrain*

Teach us to number / our days,

that we may gain a heart of / wisdom.

May the favor of the Lord our God / rest on us;

establish the work of our hands for us—yes, establish the work / of our hands.

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 12:13-21

¹³Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me."

¹⁴Jesus replied, "Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?" ¹⁵Then he said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions."

¹⁶And he told them this parable: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. ¹⁷He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.'

¹⁸"Then he said, 'This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. ¹⁹And I'll say to myself, "You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry." '

²⁰"But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?'

 ${}^{\scriptscriptstyle 21}\ensuremath{^{\prime\prime}}\xspace$ This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God."

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.



- I will not boast in wealth or might, or human wisdom's fleeting light.
 But I will boast in knowing Christ at the cross. (Refrain)
- 5 Two wonders here that I confess: my worth and my unworthiness. My value fixed—my ransom paid at the cross. (Refrain)

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Sermon

Colossians 3:1-11

¹Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. ³For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

⁵Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. ⁶Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. ⁷You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. ⁸But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. ⁹Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices ¹⁰and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. ¹¹Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.

"You are raised to new life!"

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." JJn 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

Lord God, from whom all blessings flow, we praise you for everything you provide to sustain our lives. Lead us every day to be thankful for your gifts and content with what you have given. Today we pray that you would guide us to manage your blessings wisely for the good of your kingdom.

As we use your gifts to meet our needs, move us also to support the ministry of the gospel with our offerings.

Before your Son ascended to your throne, he called us to preach the good news to every creature. In grace you created the public ministry so that we may answer his call by sending others in our place.

Impress on us the immense importance of the task you have given us to proclaim your Word to the world.

In our words and in our offerings, move us to be faithful witnesses of your grace.

Work in our hearts so that our gifts do more than support a cause or meet a need. Move us to give out of love for you, our King and Redeemer. Lead us to bring our gifts first to honor you, the Giver of all things.

Teach us to give as an ongoing part of life since the work of the gospel continues every day. Forgive us for the sins of apathy and carelessness and for giving that reacts only to urgent pleas or crises.

Help us see the wisdom of planning our offerings as a regular routine of our faith.

Teach us determine our offerings in view of your blessings to us. The widow's coins were meager, but they were all she had. Move us to believe that to whom much is given, much is also expected.

Give us courage to bring gifts that reflect your gifts to us.

Teach us to give our offerings as a cheerful response of our faith in you and your Son. Spare us all feelings of obligation or resentment as we give. Help us to see our offerings as the vehicle that carries the gospel to the lost, and lead us to rejoice with the angels of heaven over every sinner who repents. **Help us to balance our duty to give with the joy of giving.**

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

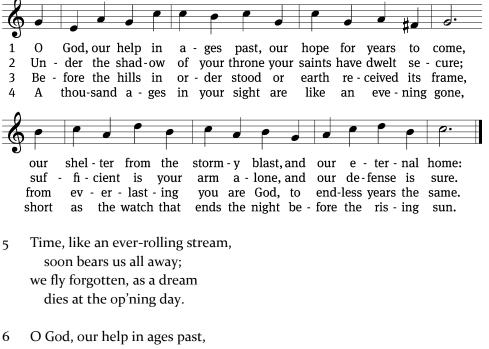
Silent prayer

Precious Lord, all our blessings come from you. Lead us again and again to thank you and then move us to be wise and faithful stewards of your gifts. May our gifts and offerings bring souls here and far away to the gracious gift of Jesus and his love.

Lord, hear us and grant us this blessing. 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. 820 O God, Our Help in Ages Past



our hope for years to come, still be our guard while troubles last and our eternal home!

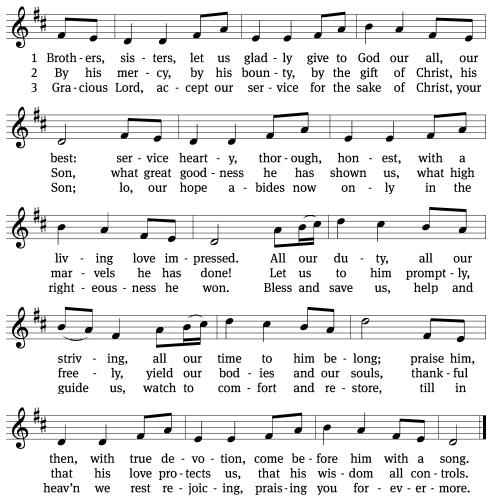
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Prayer

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.

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.** 748 Brothers, Sisters, Let Us Gladly



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THIS WEEK AT BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

+ Today	9:30am Adult Sunday School	
	10:30am Worship	
+ Wednesday	7pm Bible Study	
+ Sunday	9:30am Adult Sunday School	
	10:30am Worship	

"Focused" Worship Theme

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.

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 <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.

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.

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.



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.



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); 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 cont	act Pastor Holz or ca	all the church office a	t 931-905-1400.
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Attendance and Offerings Summary				
	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: Mac McCoo & Doris Harvey Kitchen: Volunteers Piano: Barb Noon Fellowship: Families All

Next week's ushers:

(10:30am) Mike Rathge & Trey Church Greeters: Jeff & Eileen Cleveland Kitchen: Loretta Wilder, Gael Irizarry, Mary Daniel Piano: Barb Noon Fellowship: Families A-G