Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church



September 11, 2022 – Fourteenth Sunday of Pentecost

SERVICE THEME: Hard Truth: The Found are Left; The Lost are Found

Beautiful Savior



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

Give me a caring heart, O Lord, to love and seek the lost. Overcome my fear, and give me courage to share my hope of salvation with those who have no hope. Make me faithful in my daily life so that all I say and do may glorify you. Amen.

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CW 612 sts. 1, Ref, 2-3



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Invocation

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

Confession

Today we are coming before the Eternal King, the Lord of holiness, the Creator of all. It is his will that we live in purity before him, in love with all people, and in line with his holy Word. But we realize that our words and actions do not live up to his perfect standard. For that reason, this morning we begin our worship in humble confession before God.

Lord God, forgive our wandering ways. For all of our sins— the open and obvious, and also the secret and unspoken, we ask for your forgiveness. So often we have ignored your Word and spurned your help. For these and all our sins we ask for your forgiveness.

Absolution

God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son— Jesus Christ. Jesus not only was with us during his ministry on earth, but he also died for us, rose for us, and now promises that he is still with us today. By his mighty power and his incredible love, our sins are forgiven. All of our guilt is taken away.

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty! Praise God for his mercy and love!

612 How Great Thou Art

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The Word

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Lord, we pray that your mercy and grace may always go before and follow after us that, loving you with undivided hearts, we may be ready for every good and useful work; 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

Hosea 3:1-5

'The LORD said to me, "Go, show your love to your wife again, though she is loved by another man and is an adulteress. Love her as the LORD loves the Israelites, though they turn to other gods and love the sacred raisin cakes."

²So I bought her for fifteen shekels of silver and about a homer and a lethek of barley. ³Then I told her, "You are to live with me many days; you must not be a prostitute or be intimate with any man, and I will behave the same way toward you."

⁴For the Israelites will live many days without king or prince, without sacrifice or sacred stones, without ephod or household gods. ⁵Afterward the Israelites will return and seek the LORD their God and David their king. They will come trembling to the LORD and to his blessings in the last days.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 51A



Cleanse me with hyssop, and I / will be clean; wash me, and I will be whit- / er than snow. Hide your face / from my sins and blot out all my in- / iquity.

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

⁵If anyone has caused grief, he has not so much grieved me as he has grieved all of you to some extent—not to put it too severely. ⁶The punishment inflicted on him by the majority is sufficient. ⁷Now instead, you ought to forgive and comfort him, so that he will not be overwhelmed by excessive sorrow. ⁸I urge you, therefore, to reaffirm your love for him. ⁹Another reason I wrote you was to see if you would stand the test and be obedient in everything. ¹⁰Anyone you forgive, I also forgive. And what I have forgiven—if there was anything to forgive—I have forgiven in the sight of Christ for your sake, ¹¹in order that Satan might not outwit us. For we are not unaware of his schemes.

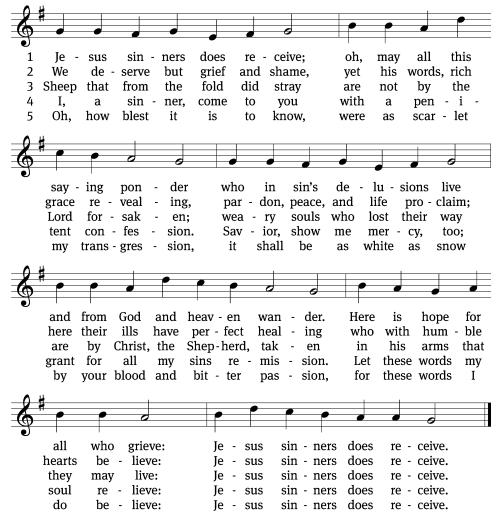
Children's Devotion *Ages* 3 *through grade* 5 *are invited to come forward for a Bible lesson.*

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.



654 Jesus Sinners Does Receive

CW 654 sts. 1-5



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Luke 15:1-10

Sermon

¹Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. ²But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them."

³Then Jesus told them this parable: ⁴"Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn't he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? ⁵And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders ⁶and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.' ⁷I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.

^{8"}Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Doesn't she light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.' ¹⁰In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

"Every soul is precious"

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

Lord God, our maker and preserver, we praise and thank you for all that you give us day after day.

We are not worthy of all the mercies you show us.

You have given us your precious Word to nourish our souls and to protect us from the temptations of the devil, the world and our sinful nature. We thank you for those who teach and preach your saving truth at this place and everywhere. Grant them a rich measure of patience, wisdom and love.

Heavenly Father, we pray that you shield us from every kind of danger: sudden catastrophe, terrors of crime, and the pain of disease. Watch over those who travel by land, sea and air. Keep our loved ones from whatever perils may threaten them.

Heal those who are sick, cheer those who are sad, calm those who are distressed and comfort all who are old and infirm.

Bless our land, our people and those who hold offices of high trust. Keep our government and schools upright for the advancement of good citizenship and useful vocations that we may enjoy your gifts of peace, security and well being.

Grant your blessing to every nation on earth. Where there are wars, may there be peace. Where there is hatred, let it be healed. Where there is poverty, danger, or disaster, come with your almighty power to help and restore.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

We bring these requests before you in the name of Jesus our Lord and ask you to hear us. Take all that we have--our bodies and minds, our time and skills, our ministries and offerings, and use them to your glory. We give ourselves to you that we may serve you in whatever way is pleasing in your sight. 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.

833 I Run to Christ



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Prayer

Almighty God, by the glorious resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, you conquered death and opened the gate to eternal life. Grant that we, who have been raised with him through Baptism, may walk in newness of life and ever rejoice in the hope of sharing his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be dominion and praise now and forever.

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.** 606 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus



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Next Week's Worship

Our theme for worship: "*Hard Truth: Serve God with Money; You Can't Serve God and Money.*" Our readings will be: Ecclesiastes 5: 10-20, 1 Timothy 6: 6-10, 17-19, Luke 16:1-13. We will sing the following hymns: 708 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing, 807 All Depends on Our Possessing, 819 If God Himself Be For Me, and 678 Once in the Blest Baptismal Waters.

THIS WEEK AT BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

† Today	9:30am Sunday School
	10:30am Worship
† Monday	9 am Pastors' Circuit Meeting (here)
† Tuesday	5:30 pm Steering Committee
+ Wednesday	7pm Mid-week Bible Study—Zechariah
+ Sunday	9:30am Sunday School
	10:30am Worship

Bible Information Class Begins—September 18

Our next Bible Information Class will begin on Sunday, September 18, starting at 12 pm. What is Bible Information class? We cover the main themes and teachings of the Bible, ask and answer questions about the Word of God, and grow together in the Word. It also serves as our pre-membership class. It will meet in the sanctuary. Questions? Please speak with Pastor Holz.

Office Position Opening

We have an opening for our church/preschool office administrator. The office administrator gives tours to prospective preschool families, handles all the registration paperwork and payments, assembles the weekly bulletin and newsletters, updates the website, and assists the pastors and teachers with a wide variety of projects. Applicants must have a working knowledge of: Word, Excel, and Publisher and be available from 8:00am-3:00pm, Monday through Friday. If you are interested in applying for this position, please speak to Pastor Holz or Miss Noon.

Our Worship Series

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

New Mid-week Bible Study— "Hope restored"

This Wednesday, we will begin a study of the Old Testament book of Zecharaiah, called "Hope restored." It was a time of great upheaval and perplexity in the days of Zechariah the prophet, but God restored hope through the words of his prophet. It is also a book that is packed with prophecies about the Savior. Join us in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesdays at 7pm.

Pumpkin Patch Connection Cards

Please fill out a pumpkin patch commitment card this morning. This will help us plan for our annual pumpkin patch.

WHY do we have a pumpkin patch? It is one of the best opportunities we have to reach out to many in our community that we may never meet otherwise. also provides us with some extra funds to give to special projects like Christian Aid and Relief, our WELS disaster response group. So please, fill in your commitment to the pumpkin patch this year. Thank you!!

Confirmation Class Begins!

Calling all sixth, seventh and eighth graders! Confirmation Classes will be beginning September 18 for those entering grades 6-8. During these classes, we study the basic teachings of the Bible and grow in our knowledge of the Word of God. It also prepares young people for communicant membership at Beautiful Savior. The first confirmation class will take place at 12 pm on Sunday, September 18. The classes will meet weekly and last for one hour.

Lunch Bunch

On Wednesday, September 21 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.

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.



WELS Youth Night Event—October 16

<u>Who:</u> 6th - 12th Grade Youth <u>What:</u> WELS Youth Night provides a series of youth-focused events, three times a year, not only for the youth of our congregation but also the youth from area congregations. Experience an inspiring evening of games, music, God's Word, small group discussion, food, and fun with fellow youth (6th–12th grade) from all over the area. <u>When:</u> Event 1 will be held on Sunday, 10/16/22, from 5 PM - 8 PM <u>Where:</u> Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church (Columbia, TN) <u>How:</u> Register online now at <u>coslutheran.com</u>

> VELS YOUTH NIGHT

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: Theresa Robinson and family (Aunt Gerda Ray called home to heaven); Josh Carter, friend of Adam Holz (recovery from car accident); Ed Scarano (cancer diagnosis and treatment); 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); Debbie Cheben, friend of Deb White (Stage 4 pancreatic cancer); 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); Eric Smith, friend of Tim Donner (kidney surgery & complications); 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); 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.

Serving in God's House

Serving next week:

Ushers: David Johnson & Ernie Rautter Greeters: Doris Harvey & Mac McCoo Kitchen: Ingeborg Haught, Mary Daniel Piano: Barb Noon Fellowship: Families H-M

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