

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church



*September 18, 2022 –
Fifteenth Sunday of Pentecost*

SERVICE THEME:

SERVE GOD WITH MONEY; YOU CAN'T SERVE GOD AND MONEY

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

Gracious God, all that I have comes from you: my body and mind, my strength and intelligence, my time and abilities, my energy and my possessions. Help me to focus on using these blessings not only for my own personal benefit. Make me willing to use them joyfully in serving you and serving others. Amen.

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708 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

708 st. 1,2



1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, tune my heart to
2 Hith - er - to thy love has blessed me, thou hast drawn me



sing thy grace; streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing,
to this place; and I know thy hand will lead me



call for songs of loud - est praise. Teach me some me - lo - dious
safe - ly home by thy good grace. Je - sus sought me when a



son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise his
stran - ger, wan - d'ring from the fold of God; he, to



name, I'm fixed up - on it, name of God's re - deem - ing love.
res - cue me from dan - ger, bought me with his pre - cious blood.

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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.

708 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

708 st. 3

3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con -
strained to be! Let thy good - ness, like a fet - ter,
bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee: prone to wan - der, Lord, I

feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my
heart, O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

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The Word

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O God, you have told us not to be anxious about what we need for this life. Move our hearts to seek you and your kingdom, that all good things may be given to us as well; 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 5:10–20

¹⁰Whoever loves money never has enough;
whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with their income.
This too is meaningless.

¹¹As goods increase,
so do those who consume them.
And what benefit are they to the owners
except to feast their eyes on them?

¹²The sleep of a laborer is sweet,
whether they eat little or much,

but as for the rich, their abundance
permits them no sleep.

¹³I have seen a grievous evil under the sun:

wealth hoarded to the harm of its owners,
¹⁴or wealth lost through some misfortune,
so that when they have children
there is nothing left for them to inherit.

¹⁵Everyone comes naked from their mother's womb,
and as everyone comes, so they depart.
They take nothing from their toil
that they can carry in their hands.

¹⁶This too is a grievous evil:

As everyone comes, so they depart,
and what do they gain,
since they toil for the wind?

¹⁷All their days they eat in darkness,
with great frustration, affliction and anger.

¹⁸This is what I have observed to be good: that it is appropriate for a person to eat, to drink and to find satisfaction in their toilsome labor under the sun during the few days of life God has given them—for this is their lot.

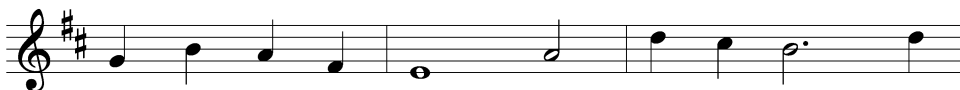
¹⁹Moreover, when God gives someone wealth and possessions, and the ability to enjoy them, to accept their lot and be happy in their toil—this is a gift of God. ²⁰They seldom reflect on the days of their life, because God keeps them occupied with gladness of heart.

128A Blest Are All Who Fear the LORD

Psalm 128A



1 How blest are those who fear the LORD, who find in
2 The prom - ise of suc - cess shall be up - on their
3 What am - ple fruit is seen in lives of faith - ful
4 From heav - en God will sure - ly bless such un - ions
5 To God the Fa - ther and the Son and Ho - ly



God their great re - ward: they know a Love for
work con - tin - ual - ly, as all they do shall
hus - bands and their wives; each home with joy and
with his faith - ful - ness, with boun - ti - ful pros -
Spir - it Three in One, be glo - ry, laud and



all their days, they glad - ly walk in god - ly ways—
pros - per well and in con - tent - ed peace they dwell—
love a - bounds as chil - dren's laugh - ter in them sounds—
per - i - ty till chil - dren's chil - dren they shall see—
end - less praise, both now and through e - ter - nal days—



blest are all who fear the LORD.
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A - - - men.

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Second Reading

1 Timothy 6: 6-10, 17-19

⁶But godliness with contentment is great gain. ⁷For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. ⁸But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. ⁹Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

¹⁷Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. ¹⁹In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

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.*

807 All Depends on Our Possessing

CW 807 sts. 1-4, 6



1 All de - pends on our pos - sess - ing God's a - bun - dant
 2 He who to this day has fed me and to man - y
 3 Man - y spend their lives in fret - ting o - ver tri - fles
 4 When with sor - row I am strick - en, hope a - new my
 6 If my days on earth he length - en, he my wea - ry



grace and bless - ing, though all earth - ly wealth de - part.
 joys has led me is and ev - er shall be mine.
 and in get - ting things that have no sol - id ground.
 heart will quick - en; all my long - ing shall be stilled.
 soul will strength - en; all my trust in him I place.



They who trust with faith un - shak - en in their God are
 He who ev - er gent - ly schools me, he who dai - ly
 I shall strive to win a trea - sure that will bring me
 To his lov - ing - kind - ness ten - der soul and bod - y
 Earth - ly wealth is not a - bid - ing, like a stream a -



not for - sak - en and will keep a daunt - less heart.
 guides and rules me, will re - main my help di - vine.
 last - ing plea - sure and that now is sel - dom found.
 I sur - ren - der, for on God a - lone I build.
 way is glid - ing; safe I an - chor in his grace.

Text: tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.; Andächtige Haus-Kirche, Nürnberg, 1676

Tune: adapt. Johann Balthasar König, 1691-1758; Johann Löhner, 1645-1705

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¹Jesus told his disciples: “There was a rich man whose manager was accused of wasting his possessions. ²So he called him in and asked him, ‘What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your management, because you cannot be manager any longer.’

³“The manager said to himself, ‘What shall I do now? My master is taking away my job. I’m not strong enough to dig, and I’m ashamed to beg— ⁴I know what I’ll do so that, when I lose my job here, people will welcome me into their houses.’

⁵“So he called in each one of his master’s debtors. He asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’

⁶“ ‘Nine hundred gallons of olive oil,’ he replied.

“The manager told him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it four hundred and fifty.’

⁷“Then he asked the second, ‘And how much do you owe?’

“ ‘A thousand bushels of wheat,’ he replied.

“He told him, ‘Take your bill and make it eight hundred.’

⁸“The master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly. For the people of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own kind than are the people of the light. ⁹I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings.

¹⁰“Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. ¹¹So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? ¹²And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else’s property, who will give you property of your own?

¹³“No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.”

“The ‘Big Picture’ on using our money”

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.*

**If you would like to give your regular offering envelope, you can mail it to the church. If you would like to give securely online, scan this code or follow this link: bslclarksville.com*



Prayer of the Church

Almighty God and Father, we thank you for all your mercies, especially for the gift of your Son, through whom you have revealed your gracious will. We praise you for the Holy Spirit and his working through the means of grace.
Plant your Word in our hearts, and cause it to produce fruit in our lives.

Strengthen and defend your Church, that by your Word and sacraments faith may grow and love toward all may increase.

Support all who spread the light of your truth throughout the world.

Keep our children in the grace of their baptisms. Enable their parents to train them in lives of faith.

Raise up Christians to serve you in the ministry of the Word and in all godly walks of life.

Preserve our nation in justice and honor. Guide and bless all who make, administer, and judge our laws.

Give them wisdom that they may promote justice and hinder evil.

Let your blessing rest on planting and harvest, commerce and industry, medicine and science, the arts and culture. Protect all who travel, and care for those whose work is difficult or dangerous.

Be with all who devote themselves to any useful task.

Comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity. Remember those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on those for whom death draws near.

Grant them your love, and take them into your tender care.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served you, who now rest from their labors. Console those who are mourning or living with sadness.

Keep us in the true faith, and bring us at last to the joys of heaven.

Grant us these things, Father, for the sake of Jesus, who died and rose again.

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.



819 If God Himself Be for Me

CW 819 sts. 1-4, 7



1 If God him - self be for me, I may a host de - fy;
 2 This I be - lieve, yea rath - er, of this I make my boast,
 3 I build on this foun - da - tion, that Je - sus and his blood
 4 He can - celed my of - fens - es, de - liv - ered me from death;
 7 My heart for joy is spring - ing and can no more be sad;



for when I pray, be - fore me my foes, con - found - ed, fly.
 that God is my dear Fa - ther, the friend who loves me most,
 a - lone are my sal - va - tion, my true, e - ter - nal good.
 he is the Lord who cleans - es my soul from sin through faith.
 my soul is filled with sing - ing, sees on - ly sun - shine glad.



If Christ, my head and mas - ter, be - friend me from a - bove,
 and that, what - e'er be - tide me, my Sav - ior is at hand
 With - out him all that pleas - es is val - ue - less on earth;
 In him I can be cheer - ful, cou - ra - geous on my way;
 The sun that cheers my spir - it is Je - sus Christ, my King;



what foe or what dis - as - ter can drive me from his love?
 thro' storm - y seas to guide me and bring me safe to land.
 the gifts I have from Je - sus a - lone have price - less worth.
 in him I am not fear - ful of God's great Judg - ment Day.
 the heav'n I shall in - her - it makes me re - joice and sing.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607-1676, abr.; (sts. 1, 4, 7): tr. Evangelical Lutheran Hymn-book, 1907; (sts. 2-3): tr. Richard Massie, 1800-1887
 Tune: Melchior Teschner, 1584-1635, alt.
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Closing Prayer

Merciful God, we thank you for once again having spoken to us through your Word. Let your Word be a light to our path, so that neither the attractions nor the worries of this life may be able to turn our thoughts from the life to come. As we now prepare to leave this house of God, let the Holy Spirit accompany us, so that we may be responsive to your voice speaking to our hearts. Give us forgiveness for yesterday, faith for today, and strength for tomorrow. We ask this of you in the name of Jesus, the name above every name.

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.

678 Once in the Blest Baptismal Waters

CW 678 sts. 1, 4

1 Once in the blest bap - tis - mal wa - ters I put on
4 And thus I live in God con - tent - ed and die with -

Christ and made him mine; now, num - bered with God's sons and
out a thought of fear; to God's good plans I have con -

daugh - ters, I share his peace and love di - vine. My God, for
sent - ed, my faith is fo - cused, firm, and clear. By grace, in

Je - sus' sake I pray your peace may bless my dy - ing day.
Je - sus' name I say, "Lord, you will bless my dy - ing day!"

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Once in the Blest Baptismal Waters'. It consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff has two lines of lyrics, with the first line starting with a '1' and the second with a '4'. The second staff continues the lyrics. The third staff continues. The fourth staff concludes with two lines of lyrics. The music is written in a simple, clear style suitable for a worship book.

Text: tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, alt.; Emilie Juliane von Schwarzburg-Rudolstadt, 1637–1706, abr.
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Setting One from Christian Worship

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Next Week's Worship

Our theme for worship: “*Hard Truth: What seems to help in life foils in death; what seems to fail in life helps in death.*” Our readings will be: Amos 6: 1-7, Hebrews 13: 1-6, and Luke 16:19-31. We will sing the following hymns: 627 To God Be the Glory, 813 He Will Hold Me Fast, 704, Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus, and 705 Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways.

THIS WEEK AT BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

† Today	9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship
† Tuesday	5:30 pm Nurture and Outreach (Pumpkin Patch) Meet
† Wednesday	11:30 Lunch Bunch 7pm Mid-week Bible Study—Zechariah
† Sunday	9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship

Bible Information Class Begins Today

Bible Information Class begins today, following the service this morning. 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: Hard Truths

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

Confirmation Class Begins Today!

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.

New Mid-week Bible Study— “Hope restored”

This Wednesday, we will look at a study of the Old Testament book of Zechariah, 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. It 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!!

Lunch Bunch

This 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

Who: 6th - 12th Grade Youth

What: 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.

When: Event 1 will be held on Sunday, 10/16/22, from 5 PM - 8 PM

Where: Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church (Columbia, TN)

How: Register online now at coslutheran.com

WELS 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 Gerhardt, 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

Ushers: Daniel Lane & Josh Geer
Greeters: Art & Sandy Ebbinger
Kitchen: Charmaine Smith, Mary Daniel
Piano: Deb White
Fellowship: Families N-S

Serving next week:

Ushers: Mac McCoo and Art Ebbinger
Greeters: Loretta Wilder & Ernie Rautter
Kitchen: Marion B, Margareta S, Mary D
Piano: Barb Noon
Fellowship: Families T-Z