Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church



October 23, 2022 – Twentieth Sunday of Pentecost

SERVICE THEME: FAITH DEMONSTRATED THROUGH TOTAL DEPENDENCE

<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

Heavenly Father, you have invited me to come to you with whatever is on my heart, and you have promised to hear me. When I waver or hesitate to pray, strengthen my faith in your promises. Give me the courage to come to you with everything in my life. Make me bold to pray with the confidence that you will hear me and answer my prayers, according to your loving and wise will for me. Amen.

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816 I Am Trusting You, Lord Jesus



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. 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.



Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Lord, keep your household, the church, in continual godliness, and set us free from all adversities that, under your protection, we may serve you with true devotion and holy deeds; 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

¹²And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God ask of you but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in obedience to him, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, ¹³and to observe the LORD's commands and decrees that I am giving you today for your own good?

¹⁴To the LORD your God belong the heavens, even the highest heavens, the earth and everything in it. ¹⁵Yet the LORD set his affection on your ancestors and loved them, and he chose you, their descendants, above all the nationsas it is today. ¹⁶Circumcise your hearts, therefore, and do not be stiff-necked any longer. ¹⁷For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who shows no partiality and accepts no bribes. ¹⁸He defends the cause of the fatherless and the widow, and loves the foreigner residing among you, giving them food and clothing. ¹⁹And you are to love those who are foreigners, for you yourselves were foreigners in Egypt. ²⁰Fear the LORD your God and serve him. Hold fast to him and take your oaths in his name. ²¹He is the one you praise; he is your God, who performed for you those great and awesome wonders you saw with your own eyes. ²²Your ancestors who went down into Egypt were seventy in all, and now the LORD your God has made you as numerous as the stars in the sky.



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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Second Reading

¹⁵Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them. ¹⁶For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world. ¹⁷The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever.

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.*

What Is the World to Me CW 717 What is the world to with all plea - sure 1 me its vaunt-ed The world seeks wealth 2 af - ter and all that mon - ey of fers, -The world is like cloud and like 3 а а va - por fleet - ing, 4 What is the world to me! Ie - sus Mv is mv trea - sure, when you and you a - lone, Lord le - sus. are trea - sure! mv nev - er con - tent though gold should fill its cof - fers. vet is shad-ow that de - clines, swift its end re - treat - ing. а to life, my health, my wealth, my friend, my love, my plea - sure, my You dear - est Lord. soul's de - light shall on - ly, mv be: high - er con - tent with I'll Ι have a good. it be; Je - sus shall re - main, though all things fade and flee, Mv joy, my crown, my all. bliss e - ter - nal - ly. my my



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Gospel

Luke 19: 1-10

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. ²A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. ³He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd. ⁴So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way.

⁵ When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today." ⁶ So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly.

⁷All the people saw this and began to mutter, "He has gone to be the guest of a sinner."

⁸ But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount."

9 Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰ For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

"Jesus is always seeking."

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.

In Christ Alone

CW 510





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Closing Prayer

How can we thank you, Father, for allowing us to worship in your house today! We have heard the promises of your love in the gospel. We have praised you, confessed you, and prayed for your blessings. We have been strengthened by the witness and worship of others. Keep our faith strong as we live out the tasks of our lives, take away our doubts and fears, and give us courage to share the good news of your Son wherever we go and however we 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.**



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Next Week's Worship

Our theme for worship: *"The Truth Will Set You Free."* Our readings will be: Jeremiah 31: 31-34, Galatians 5: 1-6, John 8: 31-36. We will sing the following hymns: 633, Speak, O Lord, 853 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God, 707 Cling Tightly to the Word of God, and 855 The Church's One Foundation.

THIS WEEK AT BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

† Today	9:30am Sunday School
	10:30am Worship
	11:30 Fall Festival
+ Wednesday	7pm Mid-week Bible Study—Zechariah
+ Sunday	9:30am Sunday School
	10:30am Worship
† Daily	12-6 Pumpkin Patch Open

Pumpkin Patch Update

Thank you to all those who have helped with running the pumpkin patch during the week. We greatly appreciate the help! We could not do this without many helping hands.

We are in GREAT NEED of volunteers to run the pumpkin patch daily between 12-6 pm. You can sign up and see the volunteer schedule by scanning the QR Code or at: www.signupgenius.com/go/30E044CAFAD23A2F85-pumpkin



Fall Festival TODAY



Following the service today, we will be having our Fall Festival and there will be "Octoberfest" fare of bratwurst and kraut and hotdogs with all the sides and all the fixings. There will also be fun activities for everyone—hayrides, face painting, corn hole, pumpkin tic-tac-toe, and games are all part of the event.

Bible Information Class

Would you like to grow deeper in the Word of God? In our 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.

Voter's Meeting

Following our service on November 6th, we will be holding our Congregational Voter's Meeting. We will go over our plan of ministry for the church and preschool for 2023, and approve our budget for both the church and preschool. There will also be ministry updates, as well as elections for our church Secretary and Vice-President.

Vice-President and Secretary Nominations

Two positions on our Steering Committee are open for election this year—the positions of Vice-President and Secretary. Those positions are currently held by Art Ebbinger-Vice-President; and Matt Filter-Church Secretary. Both men are willing to serve another two-year term. If you have another name you would like to nominate for either position, please inform our Nominating Committee chairman Matt Filter, or Pastor Holz.

Mornings with Mommy

What is Mornings with Mommy? Mornings with Mommy isn't preschool and it isn't childcare. It's something different. Mornings with Mommy is a fun and easy way for you to enjoy activities with your children and meet other moms. There will be age appropriate activities for infants, toddlers and preschoolers. The best part is, we do all the planning. You just sign up! Moms can mingle with each other and enjoy activities with their children, including: arts and crafts, sensory table, story time, music, educational toys and a snack. The program costs only five dollars per family per session and includes all snacks and activities. Pre-registration is required. If you would like to attend, please go to "Facebook: Mornings with Mommy – Clarksville."



Ministry to the Military Update

Did you know, this past April, the WELS had their annual Military Contact Pastors workshop at Risen Savior Lutheran Church in Pooler, GA? Risen Savior is close to Ft. Stewart, GA. The workshop was attended by Military Contact Pastors, members of the Military Services Committee, a vicar and 4 guests. At the workshop they discussed the European Chaplaincy, utilizing Jesus Cares (ministry to people with special needs) as outreach on military installations. They learned about the Lutheran military service group, understanding the military mindset, and life in a military home. They met on Ft. Stewart and over 25 chaplains were in attendance. They were able to have one on one conversations on how best to serve the military thru the word and sacrament.

If you are a servicemember please register at <u>https://wels.net/serving-you/christian-life/special-ministries/military-services/</u>

You will be connected with other military families, receive free devotional resources and contact with the national chaplain. They can also provide training videos on the website to talk about how military members can ask for religious accommodation so that the local WELS pastor can serve them with the word and sacrament.

Please support our military members and families by getting them involved in the life of the congregation as soon as possible. Help the spouses and family when the family member deploys. Offer to watch their kids, so the spouse can have a night out. Offer to do yard work or help with household or auto repairs that may come up. And most importantly, pray for them.

Fill the Table for FUEL

November is a time of giving thanks. We are thankful for all the many blessings that the Lord has poured upon us in giving all that we need for our bodies and lives. But thanksgiving is also a time for us to think about those who are in need. One group in particular that we can help is the FUEL program. It provides high-protein meals to needy students over the weekends when they may be without adequate nutrition. Our congregation provides this important nutrition to 12 students at Glenellen Elementary School. Why not consider a donation to our FUEL food program here at church? We will have a table set up in the main entryway to deposit donations with some suggested food items.

- Cheese crackers
- · Peanut butter crackers
- · Handi-Snacks
- · Cookies (individually packaged)
- · Beef jerky
- · Juice boxes (Must be 100% juice)
- Granola bars
- · Cereal (individual boxes)
- · Pop-tarts
- · Chips (individual bags)
- · Pudding cups
- Applesauce
- · Fruit cups
- · Raisins (individual boxes)
- · Fruit roll-ups
- · Nuts (individual packages)



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: Pat Bray, father of Allison Johnson (skin cancer and surgery); Josh Carter, friend of Adam Holz (recovery from car accident); Ed Scarano (cancer diagnosis and treatment); Stacy Schroeder, daughter of Jeff & Eileen Cleveland (melanoma diagnosis); 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

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

Serving next week:

Ushers: Mac McCoo & Art Ebbinger Greeters: Mac McCoo & Doris Harvey Kitchen: Mary Daniel Piano: Deb White Fellowship: ALL