Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church



October 30, 2022 – Reformation Sunday

SERVICE THEME:

THE TRUTH WILL SET YOU FREE

<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

Almighty, everlasting God, Lord, heavenly Father, whose Word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path, open and enlighten my mind so that I may understand your Word purely, clearly, and devoutly, and then, having understood it correctly, pattern my life according to it, in order that I may never displease you: through Jesus Christ, your Son, our dear Lord. Amen.

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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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Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Gracious Lord, our refuge and strength, pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your Word, protect and comfort them in all temptations, defend them against all their enemies, and bestow on the church your saving peace; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

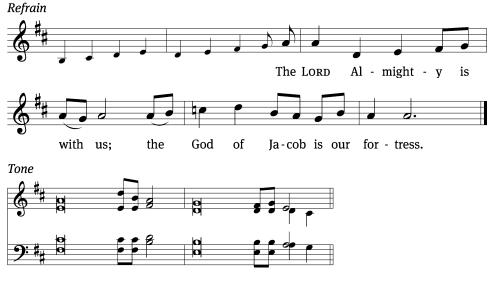
First Reading

Galatians 5:1-6

¹It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.

²Mark my words! I, Paul, tell you that if you let yourselves be circumcised, Christ will be of no value to you at all. ³Again I declare to every man who lets himself be circumcised that he is obligated to obey the whole law. ⁴You who are trying to be justified by the law have been alienated from Christ; you have fallen away from grace. ⁵For through the Spirit we eagerly await by faith the righteousness for which we hope. ⁶For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision has any value. The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love. Psalm of the Day

Psalm 46A



God is our ref- / uge and strength, an ever-present help in / trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the / earth give way

and the mountains fall into the heart / of the sea,

though its waters / roar and foam

and the mountains quake with their / surging. Refrain

There is a river whose streams make glad the cit- / y of God,

the holy place where the Most / High dwells.

God is within her, she / will not fall;

God will help her at / break of day.

"Be still, and know that / I am God;

I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted / in the earth."

Glory be to the Father and / to the Son

and to the Holy / Spirit,

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as it was in the be- / ginning,
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is now, and will be forever. / Amen. Refrain

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Gospel

³'To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. ³²Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

³³They answered him, "We are Abraham's descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?"

³⁴Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. ³⁵Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. ³⁶So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

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.

863 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

CW 863





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Sermon

Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹"The days are coming," declares the LORD, "when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah.
³²It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors
when I took them by the hand

to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them," declares the LORD. ³³"This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel after that time," declares the LORD. "I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. ³⁴No longer will they teach their neighbor, or say to one another, 'Know the LORD,' because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest," declares the LORD. "For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more."

"God covenants with you"

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." 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.

*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: <u>bslclarksville.com</u>

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.

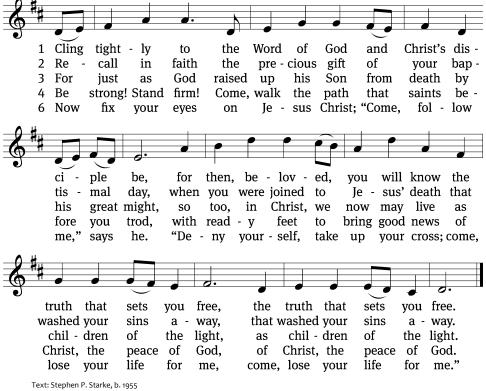
We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served you, who now rest from their labors. Console those who are mourning or living with sadness.

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.



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Closing Prayer

Gracious God, in Christ you bring people from near and far into the fellowship of your church. Open our eyes to your saving plan, and move us to embrace all who seek your salvation so that we may rejoice together at the banquet of your love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, 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.**

855 The Church's One Foundation CW 855 sts. 1-5 1 The Church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord; E - lect from ev - 'ry 2 na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth; 3 The Church shall nev - er per - ish. Her dear Lord, to de - fend. a scorn-ful won - der the world sees her 4 Tho' with op - pressed. 5 Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the Word. char - ter of sal - va - tion: one Lord, one faith, one birth. her guide, sus - tain, and cher - ish, is with her to the end. to schisms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis-tressed, bv she waits the con-sum-ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride: ho - ly name she bless - es, par-takes one ho - ly food, One there be those that hate her and strive to see her fail, Tho' saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up, "How long?" vet vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eves are blest. till with the with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died. press - es, with ev - 'ry grace en - dued. and to one hope she a - gainst both foe and trai - tor she ev - er shall pre-vail. and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song. and the great Church vic - to - rious shall be the Church at rest.

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Next Week's Worship

Our theme for worship: *"We Feebly Struggle; They in Glory Shine."* Our readings will be: Revelation 21: 1-6, Hebrews 11:32-40, Luke 6: 20-23. We will sing the following hymns: 837, When Will I Walk; 621, Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven; 890, Jerusalem the Golden; 886, Blessed Are They; and 880, For All the Saints.

THIS WEEK AT BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

| 9:30am Sunday School |
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| 10:30am Worship |
| 12-6 LAST day for Pumpkin Patch |
| 7pm Mid-week Bible Study—Zechariah |
| 9:30am Sunday School |
| 10:30am Worship |
| 12-6 Pumpkin Patch Open-Final Day Tomorrow |
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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



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

Seek First the Kingdom

Join in a new Sunday Bible Study series called, "Seek first the Kingdom." <u>Sunday, Nov. 6^{th,}</u> "See the Big Picture" <u>Sunday, Nov. 20^{th,}</u> "Stay Properly Motivated" <u>Sunday, Nov. 20^{th,}</u> "Take Good Advice" <u>Sunday, Nov. 27^{th,}</u> "Understand you have Great Power" <u>Sunday, Dec. 4^{th,}</u> "Grow through Grief" <u>Sunday, Dec. 18^{th,}</u> "Get Tough with Temptation" <u>Sunday, Dec. 18^{th,}</u> "Don't be Frightened if you Fail" The Bible Study begins at 9:30 in the fellowship hall. Please join in!

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)



WELS Teen Ski Trip

WHO: All youth ages 11-18

<u>WHAT</u>: An exciting weekend in the mountains of Gatlinburg! Activities include a scavenger hunt, skiing or snowboarding, games, Bible study, worship, meeting new friends, pool, hot tub, and lots of good food.

<u>WHERE</u>: Lodging is at the Edgewater Resort; Skiing / Snowboarding is at Ober Gatlingburg

<u>WHEN</u>: February 3-5, 2023 (Activities begin Friday night and go through Sunday afternoon). The deadline to register through your local church is December 15, 2022.

<u>HOW</u>: The cost for the entire weekend is all inclusive with all activities, meals, equipment rental, and a t-shirt for \$200-215 / person. (The cost is determined by the type of activity. Each church will receive one invoice and send in one payment per group.)

Scan the QR code to take you to the registration page!



SOUTH ATLANTIC DISTRICT



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: Mac McCoo & Doris Harvey Kitchen: Mary Daniel Piano: Deb White Fellowship: ALL

Serving next week:

Ushers: Mike R, Trey C Greeters: Jeff & Eileen C Kitchen: Gael I, Loretta W, Mary D Piano: Barb Noon Fellowship: A - G