



This light momentary affliction
is preparing for us an
eternal weight of glory
beyond all comparison

2 Corinthians 4:17

Third Sunday After Pentecost

June 9, 2024

BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Our Mission

“To Know Jesus and to Make Him Known”

Our Vision

Educate, Equip and Encourage ourselves and our families through worship and study, and engage our community through discipleship, example and Acts of Kindness, using the unique gifts bestowed on each member of our congregation by the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Worship Information

Parents with Young Children: We encourage families to worship together.

Worship Bulletin: Our order of service is printed out in your worship folder.

Worship Form: There are 5 “Movements” in our Worship.

- God grants us the gift of forgiveness.
- God speaks to us from His Word.
- God receives our offerings and prayers.
- God offers us His real presence in Holy Communion.
- God blesses us and sends us out.

Communion: Please read the Statement of Communion below.

(If you are *gluten intolerant* please speak with Pastor or an elder prior to the worship service so we can accommodate you.)

STATEMENT OF COMMUNION

BECAUSE THE WORD OF GOD TEACHES THAT:

- We are all sinners in need of forgiveness.
- Jesus is our only Savior from sin through His death and resurrection.
- The True Body and Blood of Christ is present in the Sacrament of the Holy Communion

 Please see Pastor if you have any questions about this or do not believe in the Lord's Supper in this way. You are welcome to come forward for a blessing if you are not communing.

- Please see Pastor if there is something going on in your life that needs the attention of Christ in private confession *and* absolution.

AS WE GATHER--In the face of a world seeming to be falling apart, and maybe even your personal “world,” God’s Word has great and convincing comfort and hope for you this day. That hope, however, begins with knowing the real cause of our troubles. It is our sin and alienation from God that is at the root of all anger, frustration, bitterness, and death. We easily “lose heart” when all seems hopeless for us. The center and substance of hope in God is Jesus Christ whose resurrection from all that is darkness and death to us is the means and strength of faith to endure and stand firm through all that troubles us. For “if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you” (Romans 8:11). Far from being merely a blind hope for future deliverance, believing in the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come far outweighs everything and anything that can happen to us now. Living in this hope, we do not lose heart.

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WITNESS AND OUTREACH-- Mark 3:20-35: The song goes, “And assembled as one, in the name of the Son, lifting hearts, lifting hands, celebrating as friends and proclaiming the Lord all our praises afford – we are brothers and sisters in Christ.” We have an eternal relationship with God and one another through Jesus Christ. May God use our witness to bring others into eternal relationships with God.

WELCOME to GUESTS & VISITORS

Hymns will be from the Lutheran Service Book (LSB).

✠ PREPARATION ✠

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 124:8; 130:3–5*

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the LORD,
People: **who made heaven and earth.**
Pastor: If You, O LORD, should mark iniquities,
People: **O Lord, who could stand?**
Pastor: But with You there is forgiveness,
People: **that You may be feared.**
Pastor: I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,
People: **and in His word I hope.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: From God's own Word we understand it is our sin that causes our troubles, doubt, fears, and death. For this reason, God's own Son became our Savior, taking the sin of the world upon Himself and paying our debt with His own death on the cross. All who have been baptized in His name have died with Him and live in the forgiveness of our sin. Let us therefore implore Him again and again for His forgiveness and life.

People: **O God, I confess to You that I have sinned against You in my thoughts, words, and deeds by my own fault. For the sake of Jesus Christ, Your Son, forgive me my sins and restore to me the hope of Your eternal salvation.**

Pastor: God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith. I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**



KYRIE

LSB 944

✠ WORD ✠

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.
Almighty God, You sent Your own beloved Son into our flesh to free us from the guilt and death of our sin. As He is risen from death and lives and reigns in victory, so raise us anew this day and always to the certain hope of eternal life in His name; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

FIRST READING *Genesis 3:8–15*

(The first promise of a Savior from sin)

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM *Psalm 130*

EPISTLE *2 Corinthians 4:13–5:1* (Therefore we do not lose heart.)

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

HOLY GOSPEL *Mark 3:20–35* (Jesus accused by His family and teachers of the Law)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the third chapter.
(The Gospel is read.)

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**



SERMON HYMN “In Christ Alone”

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.

What heights of love, what depths of peace When fears are stilled, when strivings cease

My Comforter, my All in All Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! - who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain:
Then bursting forth in glorious day Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man, Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

SERMON

CREED *Nicene Creed*

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray.

Lord God our heavenly Father, we give You thanks and praise for Your good creation and for Your re-creation of a people of eternal hope and life, Your holy church throughout the world. Keep, we pray, all pastors and believers in the joyful hope of the resurrection and the life of the world to come. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Help all people of the world and especially of our own nation to not lose heart in the face of earthly troubles but to endure with faith in Your gracious promises of the forgiveness of sins and the hope and peace of Your new creation. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: In the midst of trouble, anxiety, mental health issues, sickness, or fear of death, comfort, heal, and raise up all who call upon You in their need, [*especially . . .*]. Bless

all who minister healing and deliverance to those in need.
Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: For the many brave and faithful believers who have gone before us, we give You thanks. Help us to remember all who have fought the good fight, finished the race, and kept the faith, that we may likewise live all our days with our heavenly goal in mind. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

OFFERTORY (in offering plate at entrance to sanctuary)



HYMN "Praise and Thanksgiving" Sts. 3: LSB 789

Father, providing food for Your children, By Your wise guiding teach us to share, One with another, so that rejoicing, with us all others may know Your care.

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE *2 Timothy 4:22*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who endured all our afflictions and sin and death on the cross, rising in victory over death to open the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS LSB p.161

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST *1 Corinthians 11:26;*
Revelation 22:20

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

People: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9–13*

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.

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: **And also with you. Amen.**



AGNUS DEI HYMN

“The Lamb” LSB 547

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

See LSB 329: Christian Questions with Their Answers prepared by Dr. Martin Luther for those who intend to go to the Sacrament.



Note: These questions and answers are no child's play, but are drawn up with great earnestness of purpose by the venerable and devout Dr. Luther for both young and old. Let each one pay attention and consider it a serious matter; for St. Paul writes to the Galatians in chapter six: “Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked.”

NOTE: Pastor will come around again, offering the COMMON CUP.



DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“Beautiful Savior”

LSB 537

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

LSB 469

“When Peace Like a River”

LSB 763

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray. Merciful God our Father, in giving us the body and blood of Your Son in this Holy Sacrament, You cause us already to live that eternal life in unity with all the company of heaven. All thanks and praise to You, our gracious God. Help us to live truly new lives as Your true children all our days until by Your call we enter into the fullness of the resurrection; through our risen Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

People: Amen.



HYMN

“On My Heart Imprint Your Image”

LSB 422

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING

Pastor: Go in peace as you serve our living Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

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NEXT WEEK’S READINGS:

OLD TESTAMENT READING Ezekiel 17:22-24

EPISTLE 2 Corinthians 5:1-10

HOLY GOSPEL Mark 4:26-34

TITHE & OFFERING – our sacrifice of thanksgiving to the Lord

Our “**tithes**” are our first fruits returned to God in proportional, joyful, thankful and faithful response to His grace. “**Offerings**” are special gifts for ministries, memorials and needs over and above the tithe.

(If you are a guest, we welcome you as a guest. Please do not feel obligated to give an offering unless you feel moved to do so by the Spirit.)

May Financial Recap:

May Givings (Thank you!)	\$11,286.00
Monthly Need:	<u>\$17,640.16</u>
Shortage:	-\$ 6,354.16

Scrip Profit: 5/13/24-6/2/24: \$14.80
LWML loose change: \$11.87

(Because of a large donation in February, we have been able to pay our bills and stay on top of all financial obligations. That cushion is nearly gone now. Thank you.)

Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty: June 9 Today is National Children’s Day, a day to highlight the importance of children in our society. The Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty joins in efforts to protect and honor children, especially the preborn. See www.LCRLFreedom.org for more information about this important work.

Life Quotes: June 9 “For the Christian, changing hearts and minds isn’t just about meeting bodily needs; it also means connecting our neighbor to the true source of life—Christ Himself. It means providing for her needs in this world and the next by boldly intertwining our works and words of mercy with the gift of mercy Himself. It means helping him carry the crosses of this world on the way to his heavenly home.” *Michelle Bauman, Director of Y4Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

CALENDAR:

June 11—6:30-8pm Campfire and S’mores @BSLC

June 16—Father’s Day Tie Exchange @ BSLC

June 17-19—VBS, 6-8pm



Campfire and S’mores: Tuesday, June 11, 6:30-8pm

@ Beautiful Savior. Bring your chairs and join us for a devotion around the campfire, maybe some guitar singing, and s’mores! S’mores ingredients will be provided.

Father’s Day Tie Exchange: In Honor of Father’s Day, Beautiful Savior will be hosting a Father’s Day Tie Exchange on June 16th in the narthex after church. The idea is you bring a tie and exchange it for a new one. “Leave a tie! Take a tie!”



Vacation Bible School: Register your kiddos and/or sign up to help with Beautiful Savior's VBS! **June 17-19 from 6-8pm.** We will be learning about God's Living Water. Please email Amy Lipke at alipke@charter.net with questions or more information.

Friday Bible Study: May 31-June 28, 10am-11:30am We will be holding a five week study taking a look at Dietrich Bonhoeffer and Christianity's Struggle in Nazi Germany. This study will be led by Gary Chriske during the regular Pastor Dan study time. This week's topic is "The Nazification of Germany."

Family Fellowship Opportunities:

Let's gather once a month as a family of believers and have some fun! Encourage each other, laugh, and get to know one another.



Tuesday, June 11: Campfire at church (with s'mores!), 6:30-8pm

Tuesday, July 9: Brewers tailgate/watch party @ Beautiful Savior, 6pm

Tuesday, August 13: 6:40pm TimberRattlers game in Appleton (tickets will be ordered as a group, more info coming soon)

Sunday, September 8: Church Picnic, Corn Hole tournament, Dessert Derby

Friday, September 13: Outdoor Movie Night @ Beautiful Savior, 6:30pm

Friday, October 18: Pumpkin carving, apple cider, hayride?, 6:30-8pm



Beautiful Savior Lutheran Prayer List : 6/9/2024 – 6/15/24

Ongoing prayers for Grief & Loss: (Named & Not Named)

Loved Ones –

Family of Bob Helmrick; Family of Robert Kowalski (Chad's father); Family of Luan Wendlick (Cheryl Wagner's mother); Family of Elaine Idsvoog, Ashley Pawlowicz—Mother Yvonne; Caleb Schultz and family at the loss of his cousin, Cheyann Ross; Erin Stroede (mother passed away May 25th)

Situations

Suicide Attempts, Cancer, Christian Parenting, Caregivers, AODA

Military:

Devante; Emily; Nick

Pending Diagnosis & Treatment: Ken Resch (Father of Julie Barge); Paula; Phil Idsvoog; Rose Janke (Karen Holman's mother); Melissa (Caleb Schultz's aunt); BSLC friend new cancer diagnosis; BSLC friend, Sarah, new cancer diagnosis

Hospitalized/Recovering:

Sharon Hughes—Hospice; Joann Wrezinski—Recovery

Circuit 17: St Luke-Rapids (starting the Call process for a Pastor)

Shut-ins:

Merry Kampmeier, Mary S., and Anita C.

Birthdays:

6/10 Tabi Adams

6/10 Mike Marczak

6/11 Joann Wrezinski

6/12 Abush Ficken

Baptism Birthdays:

6/10 John Rubel

6/12 June Holford

Anniversaries:

6/10 Barry and Barbara Winrich (43 yrs)

Missions:

First Choice Resource Center

Camp Luther

Peace Campus Center & Pastor Andy Weden

St. Paul Lutheran Elementary School

Wycliffe & Lutheran Bible Translators & Linda Jordan

J.P. & Aimee Cima & Family

Orphan Grain Train Center

Adam Tanney (Seminary Student)

Christ Care / Carpenter's Crew

Please let us know if you have any prayer requests – Thank you!

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 3:8–15

⁸They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" ¹⁰And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." ¹¹He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" ¹²The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." ¹³Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

¹⁴The LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life."

¹⁵I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 4:13–5:1

¹³Since we have the same spirit of faith according to what has been written, "I believed, and so I spoke," we also believe, and so we also speak, ¹⁴knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. ¹⁵For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

¹⁶So we do not lose heart. Though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷For this slight momentary affliction is preparing

for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, ¹⁸as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

^{5:1}For we know that if the tent, which is our earthly home, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Holy Gospel: Mark 3:20–35

²⁰Then [Jesus] went home, and the crowd gathered again, so that they could not even eat. ²¹And when his family heard it, they went out to seize him, for they were saying, "He is out of his mind."

²²And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem were saying, "He is possessed by Beelzebul," and "by the prince of demons he casts out the demons." ²³And he called them to him and said to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? ²⁴If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. ²⁵And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. ²⁶And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but is coming to an end. ²⁷But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man. Then indeed he may plunder his house.

²⁸"Truly, I say to you, all sins will be forgiven the children of man, and whatever blasphemies they utter, ²⁹but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin"—³⁰for they had said, "He has an unclean spirit."

³¹And his mother and his brothers came, and standing outside they sent to him and called him. ³²And a crowd was sitting around him, and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers are outside, seeking you." ³³And he answered them, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" ³⁴And looking about at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! ³⁵Whoever does the will of God, he is my brother and sister and mother."



About the Cover: Paul knew affliction and suffering for the sake of proclaiming the Gospel all too well. However, he calls it a "light momentary affliction" in comparison to the "eternal weight of glory" that God has promised (2 Corinthians 4:17). All affliction is temporary and will come to an end. However, because Christ lives, the light at the dawn of eternal glory is coming for all who believe in Him. Christ died and has been raised to never die again for our forgiveness so that we, too, will be raised (Romans 6:9).