

## **Fifth Sunday of Easter**

May 18, 2025

### **BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH**

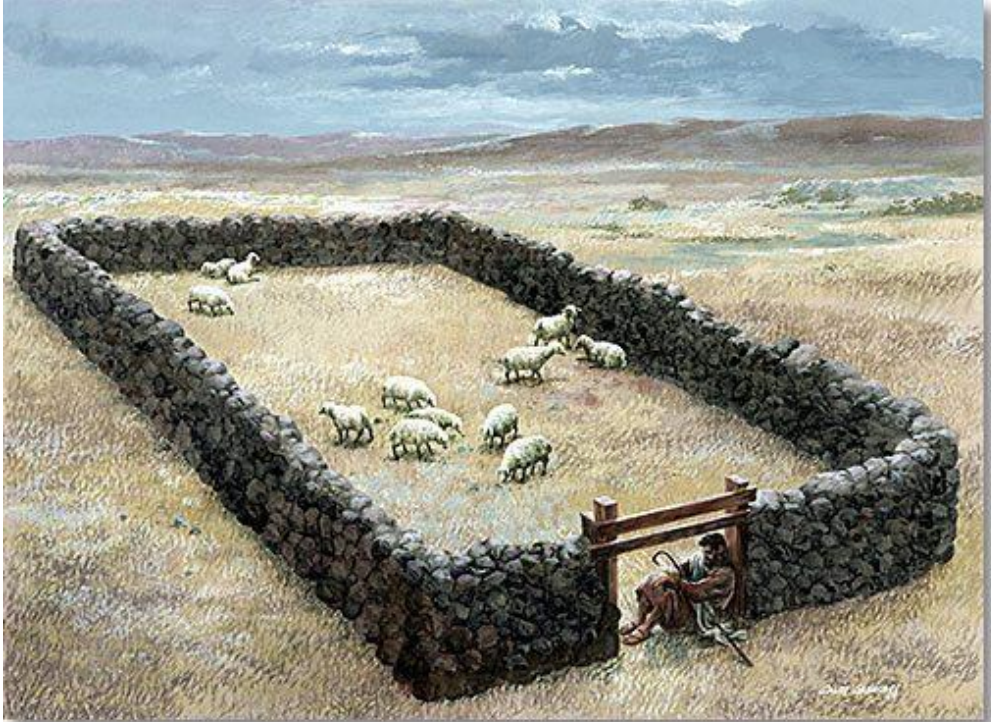
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**AS WE GATHER--**Today we continue our focus on Jesus the Good Shepherd. In today's Gospel, Jesus is called the "Door" of the sheep. The risen Christ opens the way to abundant life. He anoints our heads with oil and guides us beside the still waters of our baptism. He spreads the feast before us in Holy Communion to revive us to face the world's challenges. We go forth to be signs of the resurrection and extend God's tender care to all.



## 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.**

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## WELCOME to GUESTS & VISITORS

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

## ✠ PREPARATION ✠



**HYMN**

“Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven”

LSB 477

## INVOCATION

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

**People:** Amen.



## OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 98:1–2, 4*

Pastor: Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things!

People: **His right hand and His holy arm have worked salvation for Him.**

Pastor: The Lord has made known His salvation;

People: **He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

Pastor: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;

People: **break forth into joyous song and sing praises!**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: We have come together to praise and thank God for His overwhelming grace and mercy. Singing and rejoicing are natural for us, but we cannot come to God with our sins and failures. Let us therefore confess our sins and ask for mercy for the sake of Christ.

People: **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

Pastor: God has called you to life, He has given His Son to pay for your sins, and He has given you and all believers in Christ the faith to trust all His promises. As an ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

## ✠ WORD ✠



**HYMN OF PRAISE** “O Sing to the Lord”      LSB 808, vs. 1-2, 5

## SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Heavenly Father, Your love for us is boundless!

People: **As we have received such love, grant us grace to speak about it in all those circumstances You arrange for us, that many may come to love You as well;**



Pastor: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

**FIRST READING** *Acts 2:42-47* (The Fellowship of the Believers)

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM** *Psalms 67* (Make Your Face shine upon us.)

**EPISTLE** *1 Peter 2:19-25* (Follow in the steps of Christ.)

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**HOLY GOSPEL** *John 10:1-10* (I Am the Good Shepherd.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

(The Gospel is read.)

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **HYMN** "Today Your Mercy Calls Us" LSB 915

**SERMON** "Jesus is the door to abundant life."

**CREED** *Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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.**



## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*Psalm 98:1*

**Pastor:** Let us pray for ourselves, the church around the world, and all people in their various conditions.  
For ourselves, that the faith within us be evident to the people around us, that they will want to find out more about our risen Savior.

**People:** **In thanksgiving may they sing a new song with us!**

**Pastor:** For those who call out to God for relief from poverty, discrimination, and injustice, that God provide relief so that they live peaceful and fruitful lives.

**People:** **In unbounded joy may they sing a new song with us!**

**Pastor:** For those who are ill and those who care for them, that God would restore them to health and provide the strength they need.

**People:** **In their relief may they sing a new song with us!**

**Pastor:** For all who carry the Gospel in far-flung lands, that God open doors of opportunity for the spread of the Gospel. We also lift up Pastor Leech and thank You for leading him to accept our call to serve at Beautiful Savior. Please guide and direct their move in the month ahead. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** **In all corners of the earth may they sing a new song with us!**

**Pastor:** These and any other things God would have us ask of Him, that He grant them for the sake of His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People:** **Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things! Amen.**

## OFFERTORY

(in offering plate at entrance to sanctuary)



## HYMN

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

LSB 805

## ✠ 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.**





## **SANCTUS** “Holy, Holy, Holy” LSB 507, vs.1

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
 Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;  
 Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
 God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

### **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**Pastor:** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, for You stopped at nothing to forgive our sins to the point of giving Your own Son for our salvation. We gather with the faithful here on earth to sing Your praises until You bid us join all who sit at table with the Lamb in His kingdom. To You alone, heavenly Father, be all praise and glory, 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 Cor. 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, 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** “Lamb of God” LSB 550

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



## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want”

LSB 710

“I Am Jesus’ Little Lamb”

LSB 740

“Renew Me, O Eternal Light”

LSB 704

## COMMUNION DISMISSAL

Pastor: Now this, the Body and Blood of Christ, crucified, risen and ascended, strengthen you, nourish you and keep you steadfast in the true faith to life everlasting. Depart in peace.

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

“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

LSB 922

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SENDING

Pastor: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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## **NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** Acts 16:9-15

**EPISTLE** Revelation 21:9-14, 21-27

**HOLY GOSPEL** John 16:23-33

## **TITHE & OFFERING – our sacrifice of thanksgiving to the Lord**

Our “**tithe**” 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.)*

## **April Financial Recap:**

April Givings (Thank you!): \$14,958.55

Monthly Need: \$17,812.08

Shortage: - \$ 2,853.53

Scrip Profit from 5/5-5/11: \$8.25

Parking Lot Project:

\$69,648

Goal: \$100,000

(\$17,430 remains on the  
\$50,000 loan.)

**Life Quotes:** **May 18** “Live abundantly, friends, graduates, loved ones, and fellow brothers and sisters in Christ! Know who you are and to whom you belong.” *Deaconess Janet Nicol, Word of Hope – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)*

## **CALENDAR:**

**Tuesdays**—9am Orphan Grain Train packing

**Tuesdays**—4:30-6pm, Grief Share

**Fridays**—10-11:30am, Friday morning Bible study

**TODAY, May 18**—Congregational Meeting (State of the Congregation, mid-year mtg)

**June 7—2:30pm Pastor Leech’s Installation with reception following**

**June 19**—Youth Campfire with Pastor Leech, 6:30pm (hot dogs and s’mores!)



**Congregational Meeting: after church TODAY:** Please stick around as we share details for Pastor Leech’s installation, an update on the Central Wisconsin Lutheran High School and what that might mean for Beautiful Savior, and get an update on our church finances as we near the midpoint of the calendar year.

**Final Sunday School for the school year: Also TODAY, May 18<sup>th</sup>**-- They will have their annual “Sundae” school treats during class!



**Call Process:**

Update: Pastor Joseph Leech has accepted our call to serve as the next Pastor at Beautiful Savior! Praise God!

**Installation:**

**Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm**

**Welcome Gift:**

There is a box in the narthex for donations towards a gift card shower for Pastor Joe and Gayle. Please give as you feel moved. We will accept donations through June 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Reception:**

Following the service on June 7<sup>th</sup>, we will host a reception with meat and cheese trays, crackers, bars, veggies, and fruit. There are sign up sheets in the narthex. This will be a great time of fellowship as we welcome the Leeches to Beautiful Savior. Thank you for your help!

**Grief Share Classes: Tuesdays, 4:30-6pm** through June 10th. Pastor Dan is facilitating, and the topic of discussion on May 20 is “Questions for God.” The questions that swarm after a loved one’s death feel endless, and you probably wish that God would give you all the answers. But did you know God has already provided answers to some of your toughest questions in His Word, the Bible? This week you’ll find that trusting God with your questions is a step forward in faith, and learn what happens after death according to God’s Word.

**Friday Study:** Pastor Dan is leading “You are Never Alone” based on the book by Max Lucado. This study explores Christ’s miracles and how He is still at work in our lives. May 23<sup>rd</sup> we will look at lesson 9: Paid in Full.



**THANK YOU to everyone who helped out with Spring Cleaning yesterday! You are a blessing.**

**Lawnmowers Needed:** We will need volunteers to mow the lawn throughout the summer. Please sign up on the board in the narthex. We have a super nice “new-to-us” riding mower!





## **Beautiful Savior Lutheran Prayer List : 5/18/2025 – 5/24/2025**

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

Family of Art Holford; Schultz Family; Family of Sharon Hughes; Family of Lynda Helmrick

### **Situations:**

Suicide Attempts, Cancer, Christian Parenting, Caregivers, AODA (those struggling with alcohol and other substance abuse), those struggling with mental health

**Military:** Devante; Emily; Nick

### **Pending Diagnosis & Treatment:**

Ken Resch (Father of Julie Barge); BSLC friend, Sarah, cancer; Sandy Wagoner

### **Hospitalized/Recovering:**

#### **Circuit 17:**

St Luke-Rapids (continuing the Call process for a Pastor); Bethlehem-Nekoosa (continuing the Call process for a Pastor); **Prayers of thanksgiving as Pastor Joseph Leech has accepted our call to serve at Beautiful Savior**

**Shut-ins:** Mary S.; Anita C.

### **Birthdays:**

5/18 Kristin Ehlinger  
5/20 Shayna Kowalski  
5/24 Julie Barge  
5/24 Lisa Viegut

### **Baptism Birthdays:**

5/19 Ember Cummings  
5/19 Ashley Pawlowicz  
5/23 Tim Lipke

### **Anniversaries:**

### **Missions:**

First Choice Resource Center  
Camp Luther  
Peace Campus Center & Pastor Andy Weden  
St. Paul Lutheran Elementary School  
Immanuel Lutheran School  
Future Lutheran High School  
Wycliffe & Lutheran Bible Translators & Linda Jordan  
J.P. & Aimee Cima & Family  
Orphan Grain Train Center  
Christ Care / Carpenter's Crew

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



May 18-24, 2025

**Week 21 “Bible in a Year” Questions:**



**Numbers 27-33:**

1. Who was Zelophehad and why did his daughters approach Moses (ch.27)?
2. In chapter 31, why did the Lord tell Moses to take vengeance on the Midianites? How would you describe a “holy war”?
3. What special request did the tribes of Reuben and Gad make in ch. 32? Was their request granted?
4. In 33:51-56, what instruction does God give to the Israelites? Why was this so important?

**Isaiah 17-25:**

1. Chapters 17-21 contain prophecies against several nations. What might Isaiah be warning these people?
2. Chapter 22 is a prophecy about Jerusalem. Isaiah wrote this long after King David and the “glory years” in Jerusalem for the Israelites. The Babylonians eventually take the Israelites captive and destroy Jerusalem. Why did God allow that to happen?
3. In 25:9, who is praising the Lord and celebrating because God saved them?

**Psalms 70-78:37:**

1. Psalms 73-83 say they are a “psalm of Asaph.” Who was Asaph?
2. Psalm 78 is a historical Psalm. What can you learn about the history of the Israelites from this one?

**General Questions to consider:**

1. What did you learn from this week’s readings?
2. Is there something in these readings that surprised you?
3. What is one passage that encourages or challenges you? How?



**First Reading: Acts 2:42-47**

And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

**Epistle: 1 Peter 2:19-25**

For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. He himself bore

our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

**Holy Gospel: John 10:1-10**

"Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers." This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So Jesus again said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly."