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 **Lutheran Women**
in Mission SUNDAY

**Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost
LWML Sunday, Confirmation Sunday**

October 27, 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-- The prophet Jeremiah was alive and witnessed the deportation of God’s people into exile. That is not the end of the story, however. Today’s Old Testament Reading previews a day when God’s mercy and grace would be outpoured upon the remnant of God’s people who returned. The Gospel builds on this, as we see Jesus’ healing those whom Jeremiah foresaw God’s grace and mercy would one day be poured out upon in abundant measure. In the cross, we have the greatest healing of all—the forgiveness (not covering) of sins in the cross of Jesus Christ.

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AS WE GATHER-- In Psalm 12, King David cries out, “Save, O Lord, for the godly one is gone; for the faithful have vanished from among the children of man” (v. 1). The Lord God’s anointed king lives in a troubling world! Many centuries later, Martin Luther paraphrased the words of David, writing in a hymn text in 1523: “O Lord, look down from heav’n, behold and let Thy pity waken; . . . dark times have us o’ertaken” (*TLH* 260:1). Looking at our world today, we can relate to both King David and Martin Luther. Yet both men expressed hope in their written words. In his psalm, David writes, “The words of the Lord are pure words, . . . You, O Lord, will keep them” (vv. 6a, 7a). And Luther confidently writes, “So through God’s Word shall men endure each trial and temptation” (*TLH* 260:5). Reformation Day echoes the call to faithfulness heard by God’s people through the ages. May we listen well!

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WITNESS AND OUTREACH-- Luke 1:26-38: It can be easy for us to fall into the temptation of thinking that God couldn’t possibly use us to share His Good News with others. God responds to our doubts of “I’m not a good enough speaker.” or “I can’t really make a difference.” or “What if I say the wrong thing?” with – “For nothing will be impossible with God!” Our God – with whom nothing is impossible – promises to bless our faithful witness to Him!

WELCOME to GUESTS & VISITORS

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

Stand

LWML League Pledge

In fervent gratitude for the Savior's dying love and His blood-bought gift of redemption we dedicate ourselves to Him with all that we are and have; and in obedience to His call for workers in the harvest fields, we pledge Him our willing service wherever and whenever He

has need of us. We consecrate to our Savior our hands to work for Him, our feet to go on His errands, our voice to sing His praises, our lips to proclaim His redeeming love, our silver and our gold to extend His Kingdom, our will to do His will, and every power of our life to the great task of bringing the lost and the erring into eternal fellowship with Him. Amen.



Hymn of Invocation:

“All Glory Be to God Alone”

LSB 948 vs.1, 5

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.

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

People: Amen.

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

People: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

Pastor: Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Silence is kept for meditation and reflection.

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

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and 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 ✂

OLD TESTAMENT: 1 Samuel 3:1-10 (The Lord Calls Samuel)

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 46

EPISTLE: Philippians 2:5-11 (Becoming obedient)

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 1:26-38 (Birth of Jesus Foretold)


Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the first 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 of the Day:**

“Lord Bid Your Servant Go in Peace”

LSB 937

SERMON

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Almighty God, many times Your people, both then and now, have turned their backs on You. Yet You are always willing to extend to Your people mercy and grace. Thank You for the love You have always shown us, especially at the cross. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer. Thank You for Your great love for us.**

Pastor: Lord Jesus, You are our great High Priest. Thank You for offering the sacrifice for sins that set us free.

People: **Thank You for being that sacrifice and being willing to give Your life for us, that we might be forgiven and spend eternity with You.**

Pastor: Lord Jesus, You brought healing to Bartimaeus, showing him mercy and grace.

- People:** **Lord Jesus, look upon those in need of Your healing hand known to us and to You.**
- Pastor: We lift those up who are sick and in need of Your healing touch. We bring before Your throne all those who are sick, [*especially . . .*].
- People:** **According to Your gracious will, provide healing to these, Your people.**
- Pastor: For those who are hurting, we bring them before You.
- People:** **We remember all the families who have suffered losses and are grieving in this hour. Comfort them with Your Holy Spirit.**
- Pastor: You bid us to remember all in authority. Because we desire quiet and peaceful lives, we lift our leaders up before You.
- People:** **We remember our president, those serving in Congress, all serving at the state level, as well as those who govern us locally. Give them clear minds, vision, and Your Holy Spirit's leading.**
- Pastor: Through Your Holy Word, You also remind us to pray for all who are undergoing persecution.
- People:** **We ask that You keep all strong in their faith and especially those facing death. Grant that they may receive the crown of life.**
- Pastor: For the petitions we have not named here, but are in our hearts,
- People:** **we ask that You hear the prayers of our hearts not spoken today and answer according to Your will.**
- Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,
- People:** **trusting in Your mercy and Your grace to hear and answer them, in Jesus' blessed name. Amen.**
- Leader: 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

People: 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.

OFFERTORY

(in offering plate at entrance to sanctuary)



HYMN

“Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart”

LSB 806

PAX DOMINI

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

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

RITE OF CONFIRMATION

Mason - please rise.

Pastor: Mason has been instructed in the Christian faith and desires to make a public affirmation of his Baptism.

Brother in Christ, in Holy Baptism our Lord Jesus Christ received you and made you a member of His Church. In the community of God’s people, you have learned God’s loving purpose for you and all creation. You have received instruction in the Christian faith as it is taught in God’s Holy Word and summarized in Luther’s Small Catechism.

According to rites of the Lutheran Church and Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, we now ask you to reject sin and to confess your faith in Jesus Christ. Then in professing your faith, do you desire to become a disciple of our Lord Jesus Christ by continuing to be in the Word and Worship and be fed by the Lord’s Supper as well as be a witness to Jesus in your lives.

Confirmand: I do, with the help of God.

Pastor: Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises? Then answer: I Do.

Confirmand: I DO!

Pastor: Do you believe in God, the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit And born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontus Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, And is seated at the right

hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Pastor: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

All: 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!

Congregation rises for the responsive prayer.

Pastor: Let us pray for Mason affirming his Baptism, and for all the baptized everywhere:

That they may be redeemed from all evil and rescued from the way of sin and death, Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Pastor: That the Holy Spirit may open their hearts to your grace and truth: Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Pastor: That they may be kept in the faith and communion of your holy Church: Lord, in your mercy:

All: hear our prayer.

Pastor: That they may be sent into the world in witness to your love: Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Pastor: That they may be brought to the fullness of your peace and glory; Lord, in your mercy:

All: 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.

All: AMEN!

Congregation is seated. Confirmand remains standing.

Pastor: You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism by being a disciple of Jesus and following His commands:

- **PRAY** without ceasing
- **WORSHIP** weekly – to hear His Word and share in His Supper.
- **READ** the Bible

- **SERVE** at and beyond Beautiful Savior as God calls you to serve Him and others
- Be in **RELATIONSHIP** to encourage spiritual growth in others, proclaiming the good news of God in Christ through your words and deeds
- **GIVE** of your time, talents and Resources (*Power Surge by Michael W. Foss*)

Then please answer: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

Confirmand: **I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

Pastor: Gracious Lord, through water and the Spirit You have made Mason Your very own. You forgave him all his sins and brought him to newness of life. Continue to strengthen him with the Holy Spirit, that his mind and heart will be opened to the Scriptures and Your Word. Daily increase in him Your gifts of grace: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in Your presence; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

All: **AMEN!**

(Mason will come forward and kneel with his family as the following prayer of blessing is spoken over him with the laying on of hands. The parents and sponsors (Godparents) may also participate in the laying on of hands and offer a prayer, a blessing, or a song.)

Pastor: Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in Mason the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm his faith, guide his life, empower him in his serving, give him patience in suffering and bring him to everlasting life. Amen!

(After the laying on of hands and blessing, Mason will share this Confirmation verse & project/essay theme.)

Mason Philhower

Baptized: June 26, 2011

Confirmation Verse: Philippians 4:13 – I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.

Art Project:

I chose this verse because I feel blessed with many strengths, and I believe God gave me these strengths. Examples of my strengths are my abilities to be kind, friendly, funny, athletic, helpful, a good friend, a good neighbor and a

good Christian. I also know there are things that God can help me improve on. Some things I would like to turn into strengths with God's help are getting better at sports, remembering to pray more often, and to pray with others.

✠ 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, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:



SANCTUS

“Sanctus”

LSB 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.

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.**

PAX DOMINI

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

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

🎵 **AGNUS DEI** “Lamb of God, Pure and Holy” LSB 434

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**

“O Lord, We Praise Thee” LSB 617

“Alleluia! Let Praises Ring” LSB 822

“Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior” LSB 627

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.**

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray. We give You thanks, almighty God, for refreshing us through this Holy Supper, that we may have pardon and peace.

People: We ask that You continue to shower us with Your blessings, giving us mercy and grace all the days of our lives.

Pastor: This we pray in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who with You and the Holy Spirit abide as one God, now and forevermore.

People: Amen.

LWML DIALOGUE



HYMN

“I Love to Tell the Story” vs. 1, 4

I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and His glory, Of Jesus and His love.
I love to tell the story, Because I know it’s true;
It satisfies my longings As nothing else would do.

Refrain: I love to tell the story; ‘Twill be my theme in glory
To tell the old, old story Of Jesus and His love.

I love to tell the story, Of How, from heav’n above
Our Lord and Savior Jesus Was sent to show God’s love
To ev’ry sinful creature Upon this earthly place
How Christ, the gift from heaven, Is God’s great gift of grace. [Refrain]

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

Leader: 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING

Leader: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God.

NEXT WEEK’S READINGS:

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Revelation 7:9-17

EPISTLE

1 John 3:1-3

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1-12

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.)

September Financial Recap:

September Givings (Thank you!) \$16,371.00

Monthly Need: \$22,050.20

Shortage: - \$ 5,679.20

Parking Lot Project:

Received: \$56,874

Goal: \$100,000

SCRIP Profit

10/7/24 - 10/13/24: \$10.00

Life Quotes: **October 27** “Do not doubt, dear sister, dear brother, in the midst of your piercing grief, that you are not alone. Jesus stands with you and the whole company of His heaven stands with you, God’s gang, you might say. So stand firm with God as your mighty fortress, for you are not alone. But the ‘same kinds of suffering you are experiencing are being experienced by your sisters and brothers throughout the world,’ 1 Peter tells us. Yes, the people who are mourning are blessed because they will be comforted.” *Rev. Dr. John Nunes, guest speaker on “The Lutheran Hour” – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty: **October 27** Martin Luther changed the world as he became a champion for the truth found in the Bible. Today you are invited to be a Champion for Religious Liberty. See www.lcrlfreedom.org/champions.

CALENDAR:

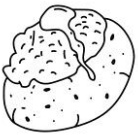
October 27—TODAY--LWML Sunday and Potato Bake

November 10—Pastor Ficken's last Sunday at Beautiful Savior, Noon Appreciation and Farewell Celebration

November 16--Euchre Tournament

Loose Change: Next week's loose change collection will support the LWML Mission Grant focused on LCMS Youth

Ministry: Equipping Young Leaders through regional conferences and new formats for Servant Events that will include leadership training.



OGT Baked Potato Sunday, TODAY at 11am: Stick around after church for a baked potato! All proceeds from the meal will go toward shipping costs for Orphan Grain Train.

Friday morning Bible Study, 10-11:30am beginning this Friday, November 1st: With our congregation at Beautiful Savior soon to begin the calling of a new pastor, what an appropriate time to better understand two great treasures contained in Holy Scriptures: Holy Ministry and the Priesthood of Believers. More simply stated: How pastor and people work together to fulfill the Great Commission. This week: Office of the Public Ministry--A Noble Task.

Operation Christmas Child: Yes, it's time to think of Christmas! Operation Christmas Child gives us a chance to show God's love by filling boxes with Christmas presents for children in need in the U.S. and around the world. Please have your filled boxes to church by **November 17th**, along with a \$10 donation for shipping. A table is set up in the narthex with boxes and more information.



Parking Lot Update: Many thanks to Eric and Shawn for shoveling dirt around most of the edges of the parking lot this week. Thank you also for your donations as we work to pay off the LCEF loan. There are envelopes in the pews for anyone wishing to give an extra offering above and beyond your regular givings. Thank you very much!

Euchre Tournament: November 16, 5:30-9pm. See your mail boxes for a flyer or talk with Werner for more information.

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Prayer List : 10/27/2024 – 11/2/24

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

Loved Ones –

Family of Bob Helmrick; Family of Robert Kowalski (Chad’s father); Family of Elaine Idsvoog; Erin Stroede (mother passed away); family of Art Holford; Heidi Gross at the loss of her aunt, Hildegard Scheske; Angel Schultz (father Bruce Dukette passed away)

Situations: Suicide Attempts, Cancer, Christian Parenting, Caregivers, AODA

Military: Devante; Emily; Nick

Pending Diagnosis & Treatment:

Ken Resch (Father of Julie Barge); Paula; Phil Idsvoog; BSLC friend with cancer; BSLC friend, Sarah, cancer; Kathy recently diagnosed with cancer (Charlene Kawleski’s sister)

Hospitalized/Recovering: Sharon Hughes—Hospice

Circuit 17:

St Luke-Rapids (starting the Call process for a Pastor); Bethlehem-Nekoosa (starting the Call process for a Pastor); Beautiful Savior and Pastor Dave Ficken (accepted a call to St. Philip, Dublin, CA)

Shut-ins:

Mary S., and Anita C.; Rose Janke (Karen Holman’s mother)

Birthdays:

10/27 Eric Anderson
10/29 Marv Hopp
10/29 Leigh Kraemer
10/30 Rod Appel
11/1 Taylor Redd

Baptism Birthdays:

10/28 Emma Koepsell
10/29 Wyatt Lutz
10/30 Kaytlyn Kowalski
10/31 Jack Diekelman

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
Christ Care / Carpenter’s Crew

Anniversaries:

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

Old Testament Reading:

1 Samuel 3:1-10

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord in the presence of Eli. And the word of the Lord was rare in those days; there was no frequent vision. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his own place. The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was.

Then the Lord called Samuel, and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down.

And the Lord called again, "Samuel!" and Samuel arose and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him.

And the Lord called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant hears.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

And the Lord came and stood, calling as at other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant hears."

Epistle: Philippians 2:5-11

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself

by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Holy Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?"

And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.