



*If any place
... will not listen to you*

MARK 6:11

Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

July 7, 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--Life is not always easy. Life in and of faith is often less easy. In our readings today we encounter a few people who faced difficulty and challenges amid their godly callings. Ezekiel would be sent to speak the Word of God to a rebellious people who wouldn't happily receive the message. The apostle Paul would face his own personal struggles with his "thorn . . . in the flesh" (2 Corinthians 12:7) as he brought the Gospel to many on his mission journeys. Jesus Himself would not be welcomed as Savior when He returned to His hometown of Nazareth. Though things were far from easy, God would bless the work that He called His people and His own Son to do. Even in our times of difficulty and challenges living as His people, we are reminded of the same truth from the Lord: "My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness" (2 Corinthians 12:9).

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AS WE GATHER— What a joy it is to gather as God's people! In this collection of people we know as a congregation, we are called, gathered, and enlightened by the Holy Spirit. In this collection of people we call a church, we are reminded the one holy Christian Church will be and remain forever. This is "the congregation of saints . . . in which the Gospel is purely taught and the Sacraments are correctly administered" (Augsburg Confession, Article VII, paragraph 1). As we remain steadfast in our witness to our neighbors to also gather with us in the truth of God's Word centered on our Savior, Jesus Christ, we are reminded in the Gospel today there will always be those who despise the Word as even Jesus faced rejection in His own hometown. We continue to pray for softened hearts of others in this world, and we remain firm in the foundation of our faith served in both Word and Sacrament within this place.

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WITNESS AND OUTREACH--Mark 6:1-13: Jesus sent the twelve disciples to go two by two with the authority to cast out demons, heal the sick and preach to the people that they should repent. We are blessed to be disciples who follow our Lord's Great Commission to go wherever we can and speak boldly of the Good News of Jesus.

WELCOME to GUESTS & VISITORS
Hymns will be from the Lutheran Service Book (LSB).



HYMN

✠ PREPARATION ✠

“10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)”

Chorus

Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

Verse 1

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes **Chorus**

Verse 2

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find **Chorus**

Verse 3

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore **Chorus**

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of God the Father,
**People: who created us and all things and invites us to worship
Him in this place as His beloved children;**
Pastor: in the name of God the ✠ Son,
People: who gave His life for our forgiveness and salvation;
Pastor: in the name of God the Holy Spirit,
**People: who calls us in faith, gathers us together in His church,
and enlightens our faith through the Word. Amen.**

PSALM

Psalm 123

Pastor: To You I lift up my eyes, O You who are enthroned in the heavens!
People: Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master, as the eyes of a maidservant to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to the Lord our God, till He has mercy upon us.

Pastor: Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us, for we have had more than enough of contempt.

People: **Our soul has had more than enough of the scorn of those who are at ease, of the contempt of the proud. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Psalm 123; 124:8; 32:5; 123:4; Ezekiel 2:5; 2 Corinthians 12:9; Mark 6:12*

Pastor: Echoing the words of the psalmist, we lift our eyes to You, O Lord, enthroned in the heavens. As we do, we seek Your mercy. Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: **who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor: I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,"

People: **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Pastor: Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. Though we lift up our eyes to You, our souls have had more than enough of the scorn of those who are at ease, of the contempt of the proud.

People: **As You claim us as Your own in Baptism through water and the Word, we struggle to live as Your children. As You call us in faith to trust in You, we face the contempt of others in the world around us. As You collect Your people together as Your church, we often fail to prioritize the work of Your kingdom and the mission You have set before us for the sake of others. We flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord, Jesus Christ.**

Pastor: The Lord calls His people and sends them to proclaim His Word, even amid the scorn and contempt of the world. He sent Ezekiel, along with a promise:

People: **"Whether they hear or refuse to hear, . . . they will know that a prophet has been among them."**

Pastor: He sent the apostle Paul, along with a promise:

People: **"My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness."**

Pastor: He sent His own Son into the world, into our flesh, on our

behalf. Though stricken, smitten, afflicted, and even rejected in His own hometown, the message of the Word made flesh continued to be proclaimed by the disciples:

People: **“So they went out and proclaimed that people should repent.”**

Pastor: Gathered together as His church, be affirmed and assured that almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives the power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. All of your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, to us all.

People: **Amen.**

 **HYMN** “Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens” LSB 589 vs.4

☩ WORD ☩

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. O Lord, though we are unworthy, You show mercy. Though we are underserving, You pour out Your grace. Though we fail, You grant us forgiveness.

People: **In our callings in faith and sent as Your people, sustain us through Your Spirit that we together as Your church may serve You in joy and gladness;**

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 *Ezekiel 2:1–5* (Ezekiel’s call)

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE *2 Corinthians 12:1–10* (Paul’s vision and his thorn)

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

HOLY GOSPEL *Mark 6:1–13* (Jesus rejected at Nazareth)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth 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

“O Christ, Our True and Only Light”

LSB 839

SERMON

CATECHISM **Confession**

Pastor: What sins should we confess?

People: **Before God we should plead guilty of all sins, even those we are not aware of, as we do in the Lord’s Prayer; but before the pastor we should confess only those sins which we know and feel in our hearts.**

Pastor: Which are these?

People: **Consider your place in life according to the Ten Commandments: Are you a father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife, or worker? Have you been disobedient, unfaithful, or lazy? Have you been hot-tempered, rude, or quarrelsome? Have you hurt someone by your words or deeds? Have you stolen, been negligent, wasted anything, or done any harm?**

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 for the people of God in Christ Jesus, for His church, and for all people according to their needs. God of continued mercy, Your power is made perfect in weakness and Your grace is sufficient for us. As You called people of the past to proclaim the way of salvation, so also use us as Your instruments to proclaim the Gospel and to live as lights even among scorn and despising from a sinful world. Sustain Your church to remain strong in faith until the day You make all things new. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Sending Father, when Your Son was in this world, He was rejected in His hometown. Though despised, He continued on in the mission for our salvation and forgiveness of sins all the way to the cross. As disciples continued to proclaim a message of repentance, build us up as Your disciples within Your church to proclaim and receive the forgiveness of sins won for us through His death and resurrection. Raise up pastors, missionaries, teachers, and others in a churchly vocation to be sent by You to proclaim Your message of Law and Gospel. Strengthen laity to live as Your church each day among our neighbors, pointing to Your light and Your love. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Compassionate Father, we face daily the trials of this world, the devil, and our own sinful flesh. Often a “thorn in the flesh” is a barrier to our faith and trust in You. Remind us Your grace is sufficient and Your power is made perfect in weakness. For those who are weak in body, mind, and spirit, grant Your continued presence. Heal according to Your will, and use us as Your church to encourage, support, and reflect Your grace to all who are in need, [*especially* . . .]. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Sustaining Father, You gather us together as Your people to hear Your Word and to receive Your means of grace. As Your church, strengthen our fellowship as we receive the true body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Fed, nourished, and strengthened in faith, enable us to faithfully uphold Your calling to us as we are sent by You. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Additional petitions may be added.

Pastor: Into Your hands 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 together unites us as one in Your Body, the church. By His forgiveness we are reconciled, and through His Spirit we are declared Your children, together as a family of faith. 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 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.

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

- “How Firm a Foundation” LSB 728
- “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” LSB 770
- “The Church’s One Foundation” LSB 644

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.
People: **His steadfast love endures forever. Amen.**

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: Go out into the world in peace, have courage, hold to what is good, return no person evil for evil, strengthen the fainthearted, support the weak, help the suffering, honor all people, love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. The almighty God—the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit—bless you.
People: **Amen.**



HYMN “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing” LSB 643

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING

Pastor: Go in peace as you serve our living Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

NEXT WEEK’S READINGS:

OLD TESTAMENT READING Amos 7:7-15
EPISTLE Ephesians 1:3-14
HOLY GOSPEL Mark 6:14-29

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.)

June Financial Recap:

June Givings (Thank you!) \$22,129.99
Monthly Need (5 weeks): \$22,050.20
Overage: \$ 79.79

SCRIP Profit 6/3/24-6/30/24: \$32.00
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Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty: July 7 George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, Alexander Hamilton, John Jay, and James Madison were the Champions of Liberty then, you can be the Champion for Religious Liberty now. See www.lcrlfreedom.org/champions.

Life Quotes: July 7 “Know that you too have been called to serve on behalf of life at such a time as this. God continually equips you, and you will be in awe of what He is able to do in and through you. The best part is He had it planned in the beginning (Jeremiah 1:5; Psalm 139:16; Ephesians 2:10). May you be blessed as you continue to serve life in His image!” *Jordan Killinger is President of Rice for Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

CALENDAR:

July 9—6pm, Brewers Tailgate and Watch Party @ Beautiful Savior

July 14—**Congregational Meeting following church (to discuss parking lot and other Capital Campaign projects and funding)**

July 22—SALT/LWML mtg, 1pm

July 27—Celebrate Plover Days (volunteers needed at the Beautiful Savior booth!)



Facing Your Giants will begin July 12th from 10-11:30am. This is a study of the life of King David. David's story encompasses both a life of incredible victory and of personal tragedy. In **Facing Your Giants**, we will discover what David knew—that God is bigger than any giants we may face in our lives. Focus on giants—you stumble. Focus on God—your giants tumble! Our God, who made a miracle out of David, stands ready to make one out of us.



Family Fellowship: Tuesday, July 9: Brewers tailgate/watch party @ Beautiful Savior, 6pm. Join us in the parking lot for brats, hotdogs, and games! **Bring a dish to share, your lawn chairs, and a favorite yard game** (we'll have games here as well!). We'll even hook up a TV and people can watch the Brewers game (7:10 first pitch).

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY!

We are hosting a booth at **Celebrate Plover on Saturday, July 27, 2024**, to bring awareness of BSLC to the community. We intend to have some giveaways, handouts, and a simple game for people to play. All you'll need to do is to bring your smile and be willing to chat with those that stop by. Sign-up with a family member, friend, even your child! This is a fun opportunity to share the love of Jesus as we work to make Jesus known! Please sign up for a time slot(s) on the sign-up sheet in the narthex. Contact Kristi Philhower with any questions. Thank you!

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Prayer List : 7/7/2024 – 7/13/24

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

Circuit 17:

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

Shut-ins:

Merry Kampmeier, Mary S., and Anita C.

Birthdays:

7/8 Aaron Ehlinger
7/9 Danielle Buelow
7/9 Suzanne Diekelman
7/12 Judy Suchowski
7/13 Elaine Rubel

Baptism Birthdays:

7/10 Ron Thies

Anniversaries:

7/10 Dene & Linda Mueller (53 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
Christ Care / Carpenter's Crew

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

Old Testament Reading:

Ezekiel 2:1–5

¹He said to me, “Son of man, stand on your feet, and I will speak with you.” ²And as he spoke to me, the Spirit entered into me and set me on my feet, and I heard him speaking to me. ³And he said to me, “Son of man, I send you to the people of Israel, to nations of rebels, who have rebelled against me. They and their fathers have transgressed against me to this very day. ⁴The descendants also are impudent and stubborn: I send you to them, and you shall say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord God.’ ⁵And whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house) they will know that a prophet has been among them.”

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 12:1–10

¹I must go on boasting. Though there is nothing to be gained by it, I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. ²I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. ³And I know that this man was caught up into paradise—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows—and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. ⁵On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. ⁶Though if I should wish to boast, I would not be a fool, for I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. ⁷So to keep me from being too elated by the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. ⁸Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. ⁹But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of

my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. ¹⁰For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

Holy Gospel: Mark 6:1–13

¹[Jesus] went away from there and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. ²And on the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished, saying, “Where did this man get these things? What is the wisdom given to him? How are such mighty works done by his hands? ³Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. ⁴And Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor, except in his hometown and among his relatives and in his own household.” ⁵And he could do no mighty work there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and healed them. ⁶And he marveled because of their unbelief.

And he went about among the villages teaching.

⁷And he called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸He charged them to take nothing for their journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in their belts—⁹but to wear sandals and not put on two tunics. ¹⁰And he said to them, “Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you depart from there. ¹¹And if any place will not receive you and they will not listen to you, when you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” ¹²So they went out and proclaimed that people should repent. ¹³And they cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and healed them.



About the Cover: Jesus sent His disciples with His authority to proclaim the kingdom of God. However, for those rejecting the kingdom and insisting on clinging to sin and judgment, Jesus said not even the dust should cling to the disciples' sandals. Christ has already taken the judgment of the whole world's sin, even the sin of those who reject Him, upon Himself on the cross. But by the gift of faith, we cling only to His promises and receive the benefits of what He has done.