



## **W**elcome to Beautiful Savior!

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**IN JESUS'S NAME, WE:**

**Bring** Glory to God through fulfilling  
worship.

**Serve** God's people, both within our  
congregation and without.

**Learn** about the Lord's will for us through  
sharing and teaching.

**Connect** within our membership and reach  
out to connect with others.

**Rally Day**

***"The Bible Is a Gift"***

**September 11, 2022 9:00 a.m.**

The Bible is a gift of God. Let's dive into the gift and unearth the treasures waiting for us.

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P: Pastor

C: Congregation

A: Assistant Minister

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### GATHERING WORSHIP MUSIC

*“When Morning Gilds the Sky”*

Dale Wood

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*(Please kneel as you are able during a time of silence for reflection and self-examination.)*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, whose steadfast love endures forever.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Merciful God,

**C: we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.**

P: Hear the good news! God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy. In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love as God loves.

**C: Amen.**

*(Please stand as you are able.)*

### GATHERING HYMN

*“Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”*

**ELW 886**

- 1 Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing  
my great Redeemer's praise,  
the glories of my God and King,  
the triumphs of his grace!

- 2 My gracious Master and my God,  
assist me to proclaim,  
to spread through all the earth abroad  
the honors of your name.
  
- 6 To God all glory, praise, and love  
be now and ever giv'n  
by saints below and saints above,  
the church in earth and heav'n.

## THE GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. O God, overflowing with mercy and compassion, you lead back to yourself all those who go astray. Preserve your people in your loving care, that we may reject whatever is contrary to you and may follow all things that sustain our life in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR MISSION STATEMENT

P: Although as individuals we are unique in many and various ways, we gather as a congregation for a common mission.

**C: In Jesus's name, we:**

**Bring Glory to God through fulfilling worship,  
Serve God's people, both within our congregation and without,  
Learn about the Lord's will for us through sharing and teaching, and  
Connect within our membership and reach out to connect with others.**

*(Please be seated.)*

## MISSION MOMENT

*"Small Group Sign Up"*

Tim Jehowski

## CHORAL ANTHEM

*"I Am Bound for the Kingdom"*

Lloyd Larson

*Sing the wondrous love of Jesus, sing his mercy and his grace;  
in the mansions bright and blessed he'll prepare for us a place.  
I am bound for the kingdom, will you go to glory with me?  
Hallelujah, praise the Lord!*

*While we walk the pilgrim pathway, clouds will overspread the sky,  
but when trav'ling days are over, not a shadow, not a sigh.  
I am bound for the kingdom, will you go to glory with me?  
Hallelujah, praise the Lord!*

*Let us then be true and faithful, trusting, serving every day;  
just one glimpse of him in glory will the toils of life repay.  
I am bound for the kingdom, will you go to glory with me?  
Hallelujah, praise the Lord!*

*Onward to the prize before us! Soon his beauty we'll behold;  
soon the pearly gates will open, we shall tread the streets of gold.  
I am bound for the kingdom, will you go to glory with me?  
Hallelujah, praise the Lord!*

## FIRST READING

*Hebrews 4:12-16*

Wayne Geik

A: The first reading is from the book of Hebrews, the fourth chapter.

<sup>12</sup> Indeed, the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. <sup>13</sup> And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account. <sup>14</sup> Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. <sup>15</sup> For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup> Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

A: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*(Please stand as you are able.)*

## VERSE

*Refrain*



With the Spir-it's gifts em-pow'r us for the work of min-is-try.

## GOSPEL

*Matthew 5:13-18*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>13</sup>“You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot. <sup>14</sup>You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. <sup>15</sup>People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup>In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. <sup>17</sup>Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. <sup>18</sup>For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

*(Please be seated.)*

## CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Karyn Parker, Children’s Ministries Coordinator

## SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Niklaus C. Schillack, Senior Pastor  
*“The Bible Is a Gift”*

*(Please stand as you are able.)*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*“God’s Word Is Our Great Heritage”*

**ELW 509**

God's word is our great heritage  
and shall be ours forever;  
to spread its light from age to age  
shall be our chief endeavor.  
Through life it guides our way;  
in death it is our stay.  
Lord, grant while time shall last  
your church may hold it fast  
throughout all generations.

## APOSTLES’ CREED

P: God has made us God’s own people through our baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. 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 Pontius 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. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic\* Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

\*The word “catholic” means universal. By saying that we believe in the “holy catholic Church,” we state that we believe the Christian church is one and undivided. This does not refer to any individual denominations.

## **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

A: As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God’s good creation.

*A brief silence.*

A: Your people receive mercy and your grace overflows in our lives. Fill your church with faith and love, and give understanding hearts to those who work to strengthen our ecumenical and interreligious partnerships. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: Your creation groans as it suffers the impacts of pollution and lack of care. As the seasons change, renew in us the will to protect plants, animals, and habitats. Bless us with bountiful harvests that all may share. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: Your world is shattered and the nations rage. Remember us in your mercy. Teach wisdom to our elected leaders so that we know peace in our world, peace in our homes, and peace in our hearts. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: Your children wander homeless and the hungry cry for bread. Seek out those who are lost or lonely, anxious or depressed, or struggling with addiction or illness. Provide for those in any need (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: Your work is done in this congregation with our hands, feet, voices, minds, and hearts. Build up the ministries of this community, that we serve our neighbors and welcome the stranger in your name. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: Your blessed saints who have died now rest in your presence. Give us thankful hearts for those who have been examples of faith in our lives (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). Receive us with joy when we come to share eternal life with you. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**C: Amen.**

### **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

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

**C: And also with you.**

#### **What is the Sharing of the Peace?**

The sharing of the peace is more than a time to say, "Hello." It is an ancient tradition, dating back to the time of Jesus. Its purpose is to provide us with a chance to be at peace with one another before sharing Holy Communion. Also, it reminds us that Jesus brings us closer together in Holy Communion, and that the unity he gives is stronger than anything that can divide us.

#### **How Do We Share the Peace?**

At their own discretion, people greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you" or "God's peace." Afterwards, we are seated for the offering.

*(Please be seated.)*

### **STEWARDSHIP READING**

*Deuteronomy 16:17*

...all shall give as they are able, according to the blessing of the Lord your God that he has given you.

### **OFFERING**

*"Sonata in D Major"*

Domenico Scarlatti (1685-1757)

*(Please stand as you are able.)*

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

P: Together, let us pray:

**C: God of abundance: you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

**C: Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray ...

**C: 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.**

*(Please be seated.)*

## HOLY COMMUNION

*"His Eye is On the Sparrow"*

Mark Hayes

## POST HOLY COMMUNION BLESSING

P: May the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C: Amen.**

*(Please stand as you are able.)*

## PRAYER AFTER HOLY COMMUNION

P: Together, let us pray:

**C: Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

## BLESSING

P: The God of peace, Father, ✚ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always.

**C: Amen.**

- 1 The church's one foundation  
is Jesus Christ, her Lord;  
she is his new creation  
by water and the word.  
From heav'n he came and sought her  
to be his holy bride;  
with his own blood he bought her,  
and for her life he died.
- 2 Elect from ev'ry nation,  
yet one o'er all the earth,  
her charter of salvation  
one Lord, one faith, one birth:  
one holy name she blesses,  
partakes one holy food,  
and to one hope she presses,  
with ev'ry grace endued.
- 5 Yet she on earth has union  
with God, the Three in One,  
and mystic sweet communion  
with those whose rest is won.  
Oh, blessed heav'nly chorus!  
Lord, save us by your grace,  
that we, like saints before us,  
may see you face to face.

**DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

**C: We will! Thanks be to God!**

P: And next time ...

**C: ... we'll invite a friend!**

**POSTLUDE**

*“Rejoicing”*

G. F. Handel

*We thank you for worshiping with us today.*

*We hope to worship with you again in the near future!*

*Many thanks to all those on our tech team  
for making this livestream service possible.*

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## **HELPFUL INFORMATION**

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES – The 9:00 & 11:15 a.m. worship services will be livestreamed through our website and YouTube pages. People can gather with us in the Sanctuary at 9 a.m. to worship in a more traditional style in person. We offer a more contemporary style worship service at 11:15 a.m. People can also worship in their homes with the livestream at 9 or 11:15 a.m., as well as access the recording of either service any time after worship concludes.

On the third Sundays of the month, we will offer a Service of the Word for Wholeness at 10:15 in our Chapel. This twenty-minute service gives you an opportunity to receive and give support for wholeness and strength. The Word will be spoken with laying on of hands and anointing with oil. We will pray for those in need by name, receive personal prayer, and share in the fellowship of others in need.

### **SERVING THIS MONTH**

#### **Readers**

September 4     Louise Green  
September 11    Wayne Geik  
September 18    Lisa Wade  
September 25    Lori Calbeck

#### **Ushers**

September 4     John Wenskay & Les Deyer  
September 11    John Wenskay & Jay Herbst  
September 18    John Wenskay & Les Deyer  
September 25    John Wenskay & Jay Herbst

#### **PowerPoint**

September 4     Tim Jehowski  
September 11    Nancy Geik  
September 18    Karen Brant  
September 25    Gwen Fitzgerald

#### **Communion Assistants**

September 4     L. Green/R. Green/B. Hoffman  
September 11    W. Geik/C & K Biebelhausen  
September 18    L. Wade/T. Dukatz/A. Hussar  
September 25    L. Calbeck/A. Venola/B. Hoffman

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