



## **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.**

### **Commitment Sunday**

#### ***"Offering is Worship"***

**November 13, 2022 9:00 a.m.**

G. K. Beale wrote a book entitled: "We Become What We Worship." In this work, he argued that "what people revere, they resemble, either for ruin or restoration." Today's gospel reading about the widow giving all she had as an offering is an example of deep reverence and devotion to the Living God. Offerings have the power to transform a person. That is a major reason we have an offering during worship. Offering our financial resources simultaneously frees us from idolizing money while also focusing our devotion on, and making us more like, the Living God who gives us life.

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P: Pastor

C: Congregation

A: Assistant Minister

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

*Altar flowers in loving memory of Henry Horemans  
Altar flowers in honor of Elizabeth, Paul & Matilda Luck*

### GATHERING WORSHIP MUSIC

*“Listen, God is Calling”*

Anne Organ Krentz

### 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, who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days.

**C: Amen.**

P: Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: God of mercy and forgiveness,

**C: we confess that sin still has a hold on us. We have harmed your good creation. We have failed to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Turn us in a new direction. Show us the path that leads to life. Be our refuge and strength on the journey, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. Amen.**

P: Beloved of God: your sins are forgiven ✝ and you are made whole. God points the way to new life in Christ, who meets us on the road. Journey now in God’s abiding love through the power of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

*(Please stand as you are able.)*

### GATHERING HYMN

*“Lord of Light” vv. 1 & 4*

**ELW 688**

1. Lord of light, your name outshining all the stars and suns of space,  
use our talents in your kingdom as the servants of your grace;  
use us to fulfill your purpose in the gift of Christ your Son:  
Father, as in highest heaven, so on earth your will be done.

4. By the prayers of faithful watchers, never silent day or night;  
by the cross of Jesus, bringing peace to all and healing light;  
by the love that passes knowledge, making all your children one:  
Father, as in highest heaven, so on earth your will be done.

## **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, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through 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.**

## **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

*Matilda Christine Luck*

*Elizabeth Ann Luck*

*Paul Case Luck*

*Matilda, Elizabeth, and Paul Luck's parents, Steven and Michelle Luck,  
bring their children forward for the sacrament of baptism.*

*Matilda, Elizabeth, and Paul Luck's sponsors are Thomas Strasz and Kathleen Luck.*

## **PRESENTATION**

P: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Thomas and Kathleen: We present Matilda Christine, Elizabeth Ann, and Paul Case for baptism.

P: Matilda Christine ... Elizabeth Ann ... Paul Case, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to be baptized into Christ?

Matilda Christine ... Elizabeth Ann ... Paul Case: I do.

P: Steven and Michelle, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your children baptized into Christ?

Steven and Michelle: We do.

P: As you bring your children to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with them among God's faithful people, bring them to the word of God and the holy supper, teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in their hands the holy scriptures, and nurture them in faith and prayer, so that they may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace. Do you promise to help them grow in the Christian faith and life?

Steven and Michelle: We do.

P: Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Matilda Christine, Elizabeth Ann, and Paul Case in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help them live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Thomas and Kathleen: We do.

P: People of God, do you promise to support Matilda Christine, Elizabeth Ann, and Paul Case and pray for them in their new life in Christ?

**C: We do.**

## **PROFESSION OF FAITH**

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**C: I renounce them.**

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

**C: 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.**

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C: 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.**

## **THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

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

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters, and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus's death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that these children who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## **BAPTISM**

P: Matilda Christine ... Elizabeth Ann ... Paul Case, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## **LAYING ON OF HANDS**

P: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your children new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Matilda Christine ... Elizabeth Ann ... Paul Case with the gift of your Holy Spirit: 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, both now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## **ANOINTING**

P: Matilda Christine ... Elizabeth Ann ... Paul Case, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

**C: Amen.**

## WELCOME

*A lighted candle is given to Matilda, Elizabeth, and Paul:*

P: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us welcome our newly baptized sisters and brother.

**C: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

*(Please be seated.)*

## MISSION MOMENT

*“WINGS: Women in God's Service”*

Barb Barbour

## CHORAL ANTHEM

*“Consecrated, Lord, to Thee”*

Lloyd Larson

*Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord to Thee.  
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.  
Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of Thy love.  
Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee.*

*Take my voice and let me sing always, only for my King.  
Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from Thee.  
Take my silver and my gold: not a mite would I withhold.  
Take my intellect and use every power as Thou shall choose.  
  
Use my heart, my mind and will. Through my life Thy plans fulfill.  
Use my life: my talents, time, my all. May I hear Thy holy sovereign call.*

*Lord, take my will, and make it Thine; it shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is Thine own; it shall be Thy royal throne.  
Take my love, my Lord, I pour at Thy feet its treasure store.  
Take myself and I will be ever, only, all for Thee.  
Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee.*

## READING

*Deuteronomy 24:17-22*

A: The reading is from the book of Deuteronomy, the twenty-fourth chapter.

<sup>17</sup>“You shall not deprive a resident alien or an orphan of justice; you shall not take a widow's garment in pledge. <sup>18</sup>Remember that you were a slave in Egypt and the Lord your God redeemed you from there; therefore I command you to do this. <sup>19</sup>“When you reap your harvest in your field

and forget a sheaf in the field, you shall not go back to get it; it shall be left for the alien, the orphan, and the widow, so that the Lord your God may bless you in all your undertakings. <sup>20</sup> When you beat your olive trees, do not strip what is left; it shall be for the alien, the orphan, and the widow. <sup>21</sup> “When you gather the grapes of your vineyard, do not glean what is left; it shall be for the alien, the orphan, and the widow. <sup>22</sup> Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt; therefore I am commanding you to do this.

A: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*(Please stand as you are able.)*

## VERSE



## GOSPEL

*Mark 12:41-44*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the twelfth chapter.

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

<sup>41</sup> He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. <sup>42</sup> A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. <sup>43</sup> Then he called his disciples and said to them, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. <sup>44</sup> For all of them have contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

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  
*“Offering is Worship”*

*(Please stand as you are able.)*

## DEDICATION PRAYER FOR GIFTS

P: Creator of all, the earth is yours, the world and all who live in it.

**C: You have entrusted us with gifts—time, talent, energy, money—and asked us to use them to build your kingdom.**

P: With thanks and praise we respond to your call.

**C: We bring these gifts you have given, returning your generosity, paying it forward. We offer ourselves, our lives, our hopes and fears, our dollars and our hours. We commit ourselves to work for your world, to love and serve wherever you call.**

P: We ask your blessing on this, your church, as we seek to follow you with heart, mind, and soul.

**C: Bless also these gifts, our investment in your future, that they may multiply in faith, hope, and love. Amen.**

*(The congregation is invited, as people are able, to bring Commitment Cards forward as an act of worship during the hymn. You may place them on the table at the base of the steps to the altar. People may also place them in the offering place later in the worship service. Commitment Cards can also be mailed to the church office or submitted online at [bslcmi.org/expand](http://bslcmi.org/expand).)*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*“As Saints of Old”*

**ELW 695**

1. As saints of old their firstfruits brought of orchard, flock, and field  
to God, the giver of all good, the source of bounteous yield;  
so we today firstfruits would bring, the wealth of this good land,  
of farm and market, shop and home, of mind and heart and hand.
2. A world in need now summons us to labor, love, and give;  
to make our life an offering to God, that all may live.  
The church of Christ is calling us to make the dream come true:  
a world redeemed by Christ-like love; all life in Christ made new.
3. In gratitude and humble trust we bring our best today  
to serve your cause and share your love with all along life's way.  
O God, who gave yourself to us in Jesus Christ your Son,  
teach us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done.

*(Please be seated.)*

## STEWARDSHIP READING

*Proverbs 3:9-10*

Honor the Lord with your substance and with the first fruits of all your produce; then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine.

## OFFERING

*“Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring”*

David Cherwien



*(Please stand as you are able.)*

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

P: Together, let us pray:

**C: Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all. 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**

*“The Call”*

Michael Burkhardt

## **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: God of the abundant table, you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

## BLESSING

P: God, who gives life to all things and frees us from despair, bless you with truth and peace. And may the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, guide you always in faith, hope, and love.

C: Amen.

## SENDING HYMN

*“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”*

**ELW 674**

1. Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy:  
bread is broken, the wine is poured, Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

*Refrain*

Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loaves abound!  
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2. Christ is able to make us one, at the table he sets the tone,  
teaching people to live to bless, love in word and in deed express. *Refrain*
3. Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt,  
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Immanuel) everywhere! *Refrain*

## 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

*“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”*

David Lasky

***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**

November 6	Simon Stefaniak
November 13	Shelley Beck
November 20	Laura Hall
November 27	Nancy Geik

### **PowerPoint**

November 6	Tim Jehowski
November 13	Gwen Fitzgerald
November 20	Nancy Geik
November 27	Karen Brant

### **Ushers**

November 6	Ann Hussar & Dennis Eurich
November 13	Dennis Eurich & Jay Herbst
November 20	Jay Herbst & Ray Green
November 27	Ann Hussar & Ray Green

### **Communion Assistants**

November 6	R. Green/L. Green/S. Siems
November 13	S. Beck/ C & K Biebelhausen
November 20	A. Venola/K. Barrett/B. Hoffman
November 27	N. Geik/A. Bazil/M. Turowski

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