



Welcome 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.

Overcoming Temptation ***"Temptations of the Future"*** **February 5, 2023 9:00 a.m.**

While fear can be natural, obsessive worry is never natural. In fact, it can be a helpful signal that one's spiritual life is not on a healthy course. We will look at how we can be tempted to focus so much on the future that we miss living in the here and now and thereby miss the goodness God has ready for us to experience.

P: Pastor

C: Congregation

A: Assistant Minister

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING WORSHIP MUSIC “*Gather Us In*”

Jeffery Honoré

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 makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Trusting in God’s mercy, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Holy One, source of our renewal,

C: we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: Thus says our God: “The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare.” God’s mercy makes us new. We are forgiven in the name of ✠ Christ our Savior.

C: Amen.

(Please stand as you are able.)

GATHERING HYMN

“*God Is Here!*” vv. 1, 2, 4

ELW 526

- 1 God is here! As we your people
meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure
what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us,
all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of the Spirit
into open minds and hearts.

- 2 Here are symbols to remind us
of our lifelong need of grace;
here are table, font, and pulpit;
here the cross has central place.
Here in honesty of preaching,
here in silence, as in speech,
here, in newness and renewal,
God the Spirit comes to each.
- 4 Lord of all, of church and kingdom,
in an age of change and doubt,
keep us faithful to the gospel;
help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication,
all we have to give, receive;
we, who cannot live without you,
we adore you! We believe!

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: Together, let us pray.

C: Almighty God, help us overcome every temptation that comes our way each day. Assist us in persevering in the face of trial to enjoy the blessings of each day. May our lives and actions be an expression of your love and grace. In Jesus's mighty name we pray. 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.

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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

Stephen Ministry

Annette George

CHORAL ANTHEM

“I Will Lift My Eyes”

Mark Hayes

Clarinetist: Marilyn Lochner

*I will lift my eyes to the hills.
From where does my help come?
My help comes from the Lord
who made heaven and earth.
My hope is in the Lord.*

*He will not let you stumble.
He will not let you fall.
The one who watches over you
neither slumbers nor sleeps at all.*

*The sun will not harm you by day,
nor the moon by night.
The Lord will keep you from all harm.
He will guard your life.*

*I will lift my eyes to the hills.
From where does my help come?
My help comes from the Lord
who made heaven and earth.*

*My hope is in the Lord.
The Lord will watch over your coming and going,
both now and forevermore.*

MEMORY VERSE

Proverbs 25:28

Tammy Dukatz

A: Together, let us recite the memory verse:

C: Like a city breached, without walls, is one who lacks self-control.

INTRODUCTION TO THE READING

Tammy Dukatz

READING

Romans 8:31-35, 37-39

A: The reading is from the book of Romans, the eighth chapter.

³¹ What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³² He who did not withhold his own Son but gave him up for all of us, how will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³ Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? It is Christ who died, or rather, who was raised, who is also at the right hand of God,

who also intercedes for us. ³⁵ Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword? ³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than victorious through him who loved us.

Let us read the remainder of the verses together:

C: ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand as you are able.)

VERSE – from “Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”

Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, pre - sent in thy ho - ly word;

grace to im - i - tate thee now and be pure, as pure art thou.

GOSPEL

Matthew 6:25-34

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ²⁵ “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷ And which of you by worrying can add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁸ And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹ yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? ³¹ Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ ³² For it is the gentiles who seek all these things, and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³ But seek first the kingdom of God and

his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. ³⁴ So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

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

(Please be seated.)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Karyn Parker, Children's Ministries Coordinator

(Children are dismissed for Wiggle Worship)

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Niklaus C. Schillack, Senior Pastor
"Temptations of the Future"

(Please stand as you are able.)

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Come, Thou Almighty King" vv. 1-3

ELW 408

- 1 Come, thou almighty King,
help us thy name to sing;
help us to praise;
Father all-glorious,
o'er all victorious,
come and reign over us,
Ancient of Days.
- 2 Come, thou incarnate Word,
merciful, mighty Lord;
our prayer attend.
Come and thy people bless,
and give thy word success,
and let thy righteousness
on us descend.
- 3 Come, holy Comforter,
thy sacred witness bear
in this glad hour!
Thou who almighty art,
rule now in ev'ry heart,
never from us depart,
Spirit of pow'r.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Tammy Dukatz

A: Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

A: Call your people to seek your wisdom in difficult conversations and action. Give the church everywhere courage to repent for the ways we have tolerated and practiced unholiness. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Inspire our wonder at creation, from the light of dawn to the beauty of the dark night. Sustain the unseen depths of the ocean to the plants and animals we know well. Bring healing to lands and communities experiencing natural disasters. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Grant peace to endless quarrels, put an end to hunger, and break every yoke of oppression. Shelter all who flee abuse in their homes or violence in their communities. Satisfy those afflicted in any way (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Shape our congregation to be salt for the earth. Give us delight in your commandments, that we are generous with those in need. Make us steadfast in our trust in you, ready with tangible mercy and compassion for our neighbors. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: The cross and resurrection bring redemption from sin and death. We praise you for all whose unshaken faith in Christ shines forth in their witness (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). Keep them in our remembrance and bring us with them into the kingdom of heaven. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.

C: Amen.

(Please be seated)

STEWARDSHIP READING

Malachi 3:10-11

Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in my house, and thus put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts; see if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing. I will rebuke the locust for you, so that it will not destroy the produce of your soil; and your vine in the field shall not be barren, says the Lord of hosts.

OFFERING

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

David Lasky

(Please stand as you are able.)

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Together, let us pray:

C: Almighty God, receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power. We commit our daily activities to your hands. We ask that you guide our days and inspire our actions. May all that we do be to the glory of your name. We magnify and adore you, through Jesus, our Savior. 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

"I Need Thee Every Hour"

Gordon Young

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: Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table.
Enable us to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Amen.**

BLESSING

P: May the Lord bless you and keep you; may the Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious to you; may the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN

"Arise, Your Light Has Come!"

ELW 314

- 1 Arise, your light has come!
The Spirit's call obey;
show forth the glory of your God
which shines on you today.
- 2 Arise, your light has come!
Fling wide the prison door;
proclaim the captive's liberty,
good tidings to the poor.
- 3 Arise, your light has come!
All you in sorrow born,
bind up the brokenhearted ones
and comfort those who mourn.
- 4 Arise, your light has come!
The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing,
God's pow'r will make us strong.

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

"Prelude and Fugue in F Major"

J. S. Bach

We thank you for worshipping 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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WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

People can worship with us on Sundays in person at 9:00 a.m. with a traditional style or 11:15 a.m. with a contemporary style. Also, the 9:00 and 11:15 a.m. worship services are livestreamed through our website and YouTube pages, and recordings are available once worship concludes.

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

SERVING THIS MONTH

Readers

February 5	Tammy Dukatz
February 12	Ann Hussar
February 19	Simon Stefaniak
February 26	Janet Gehrke

PowerPoint

February 5	Nancy Geik
February 12	Tim Jehowski
February 19	Chuck Biebelhausen
February 26	Gwen Fitzgerald

Ushers

February 5	Bob Shaw/Bob Hoffman
February 12	Steve Gonda/Mike Gonda
February 19	Bryant Wade/Bob Hoffman
February 26	Steve Gonda and Mike Gonda

Communion Assistants

February 5	B. Hoffman/K & M Lewis
February 12	A. Hussar/S. Siems/M. Turowski
February 19	A. Venola/L. Wade/J. Wilson
February 26	S. Beck/K & C Biebelhausen

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