



## **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.**

### **Acts: The Early Church Story** ***"Two Masters: When Faith Is Bad for Business"*** **August 21, 2022 9:00 a.m.**

The tradespeople of Ephesus became enraged with Paul since he was teaching how idols/gods made with human hands, often out of silver and gold, were not really divine. They started a riot that ended with Paul being brought before the proconsul (which is a type of governor). The proconsul was more afraid of the rioting than Paul, and so he persuaded the crowd to disperse peacefully. This story is yet another reminder of the importance of being bold in our proclamation of our faith in Jesus Christ.

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P: Pastor

C: Congregation

A: Assistant Minister

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

*Altar Flowers in loving memory Sue Hoffman*

### GATHERING WORSHIP MUSIC

*“Sonata in B-flat Major”*                      Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart  
*“Christians, We Have Met to Worship”*                      Mark Hayes

### 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.**

### 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.**

*(Please stand as you are able.)*

- 1 God of grace and God of glory,  
on your people pour your pow'r;  
crown your ancient church's story;  
bring its bud to glorious flow'r.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
for the facing of this hour,  
for the facing of this hour.
- 2 Lo! the hosts of evil round us  
scorn the Christ, assail his ways!  
From the fears that long have bound us  
free our hearts to faith and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
for the living of these days,  
for the living of these days,
- 4 Save us from weak resignation  
to the evils we deplore;  
let the gift of your salvation  
be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
serving you whom we adore,  
serving you whom we adore.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray. O God, mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through 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”*

Shelley Beck

**MEMORY VERSE**

*John 16:13a*

Tammy Dukatz

A: Together, let us recite the memory verse:

**C: When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own but will speak whatever he hears.**

## **INTRODUCTION TO THE READING**

**READING**

*Acts 19:23-41*

A: The reading is from the book of Acts, the nineteenth chapter.

<sup>23</sup> About that time no little disturbance broke out concerning the Way. <sup>24</sup> A man named Demetrius, a silversmith who made silver shrines of Artemis, brought no little business to the artisans. <sup>25</sup> These he gathered together, with the workers of the same trade, and said, “Men, you know that we get our wealth from this business. <sup>26</sup> You also see and hear that not only in Ephesus but in almost the whole of Asia this Paul has persuaded and drawn away a considerable number of people by saying that gods made with hands are not gods. <sup>27</sup> And there is danger not only that this trade of ours may come into disrepute but also that the temple of the great goddess Artemis will be scorned, and she will be deprived of her majesty that brought all Asia and the world to worship her.” <sup>28</sup> When they heard this, they were enraged and shouted, “Great is Artemis of the Ephesians!” <sup>29</sup> The city was filled with the confusion, and people rushed together to the theater, dragging with them Gaius and Aristarchus, Macedonians who were Paul’s travel companions. <sup>30</sup> Paul wished to go into the crowd, but the disciples would not let him; <sup>31</sup> even some officials of the province of Asia who were friendly to him sent him a message urging him not to venture into the theater. <sup>32</sup> Meanwhile, some were shouting one thing, some another, for the assembly was in confusion, and most of them did not know why they had come together. <sup>33</sup> Some of the crowd gave instructions to Alexander, whom the Jews had pushed forward. And Alexander motioned for silence and tried to make a defense before the people. <sup>34</sup> But when they recognized that he was a Jew, for about two hours all of them shouted in unison, “Great is Artemis of the Ephesians!” <sup>35</sup> But when the town clerk had quieted the crowd, he said, “Citizens of Ephesus, who is there who does not know that the city of the Ephesians is the temple keeper of the great Artemis and of the statue that fell from heaven? <sup>36</sup> Since these things cannot be denied, you ought to be quiet and do nothing rash. <sup>37</sup> You have brought these men here who are neither temple robbers nor blasphemers of our goddess. <sup>38</sup> If therefore Demetrius and the artisans with him have a complaint against anyone, the courts are open, and there are proconsuls; let them bring charges there against one another. <sup>39</sup> If there is anything further you want to know, it must be settled in the regular assembly. <sup>40</sup> For we are in danger of being charged with rioting today, since there is no cause that we can give to justify this commotion.” <sup>41</sup> When he had said this, he dismissed the assembly.



- 1 Lord, whose love in humble service  
bore the weight of human need,  
who upon the cross, forsaken,  
worked your mercy's perfect deed:  
we, your servants, bring the worship  
not of voice alone, but heart;  
consecrating to your purpose  
ev'ry gift which you impart.
- 3 As we worship, grant us vision,  
till your love's revealing light  
in its height and depth and greatness  
dawns upon our quickened sight,  
making known the needs and burdens  
your compassion bids us bear,  
stirring us to ardent service,  
your abundant life to share.
- 4 Called by worship to your service,  
forth in your dear name we go,  
to the child, the youth, the aged,  
love in living deeds to show;  
hope and health, good will and comfort,  
counsel, aid and peace we give,  
that your servants, Lord, in freedom  
may your mercy know and live.

### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A: Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.

*A brief silence.*

A: You crown your church with steadfast love and mercy. Guide us continually in our baptismal covenant to strive for justice and peace in all the earth. Use our diverse gifts in service to the whole people of God. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: You satisfy the needs of all creatures. Protect the habitats of fish and birds. Repair ecosystems damaged by misuse, neglect, or natural disaster, that all creation may thrive. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: You make your ways known to all people. Inspire the rulers and leaders of nations with your compassion and mercy. Raise up compassionate people to restore places affected by violence, poverty, and inequality. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: You provide justice for all who are oppressed and relief to all who are afflicted. Heal those who are bent over by addiction, depression, and anxiety. Set free all who cry out under the weight of mental, emotional, or physical distress (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: You call us to delight in the sabbath. Renew our bodies, minds, and spirits in this worshipping assembly. Give rest to all who lead our congregation in worship, study, and service. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: Generations bless your holy name. We give you thanks for the communion of saints who have gathered in prayer and praise in this place (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). Support us in your love until we rest forever in you. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom.

**C: Amen.**

*(Please be seated.)*

## **STEWARDSHIP READING**

*Isaiah 58:10*

If you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday.

## **OFFERING**

*“Hungarian Dance in F Major”*

Johannes Brahms

*(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

*"My Jesus, I Love Thee"*

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.**

**SENDING HYMN**

*“In Christ Called to Baptize”*

**ELW 575**

- 1 In Christ called to baptize,  
we witness to grace  
and gather a people  
from each land and race.  
In deep, flowing waters,  
we share in Christ's death,  
then, rising to new life,  
give thanks with each breath.
- 2 In Christ called to witness,  
by grace we will preach  
the life-giving gospel;  
God's love we will teach.  
By grace may our living  
give proof to our praise  
in costly compassion  
reflecting Christ's ways.
- 3 Unite us, anoint us,  
O Spirit of love,  
for you are within us,  
around us, above.  
Equip us for service  
with gifts you bestow.  
In Christ is our calling.  
In Christ may we grow.

**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**

*“Slavonic Dance in G Major”*

Antonin Dvořák

*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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## **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**

August 7     Shelley Beck  
August 14    Simon Stefaniak  
August 21    Tammy Dukatz  
August 28    Laura Hall

#### **Ushers**

August 7     Tim Jehowski & Gino Saliccioli  
August 14    Luke Hall & Chuck Benson  
August 21    Luke Hall & Chuck Benson  
August 28    Tim Jehowski & Cheryl Jehowski

#### **PowerPoint**

August 7     Chuck Biebelhausen  
August 14    Nancy Geik  
August 21    Gwen Fitzgerald  
August 28    Karen Brant

#### **Communion Assistants**

August 7     S. Siems/L. Wade/S. Beck  
August 14    D. Eurich/K. Eurich/B. Barbour  
August 21    W. Geik/A. Venola/B. Hoffman  
August 28    C/K Beibelhausen/K. Barrett

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