



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.

Forty Days in the Word

"Probe It"

October 2, 2022 9:00 a.m.

The Bible invites us to dip deeply into its contents. We cannot hurt the Bible or God by asking difficult questions. In fact, our faith can grow stronger through probing curiosity.

P: Pastor

C: Congregation

A: Assistant Minister

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING WORSHIP MUSIC

“Blessed Assurance”

J. Bert Carlson

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

“Dearest Jesus, at Your Word”

ELW 520

- 1 Dearest Jesus, at your word
we have come again to hear you;
let our thoughts and hearts be stirred
and in glowing faith be near you
as the promises here given
draw us wholly up to heaven.

- 2 All our knowledge, sense, and sight
lie in deepest darkness shrouded
till your Spirit breaks the night,
filling us with light unclouded.
All good thoughts and all good living
come but by your gracious giving.
- 3 Radiance of God's glory bright,
Light of light from God proceeding,
Jesus, send your blessed light;
help our hearing, speaking, heeding,
that our prayers and songs may please you,
as with grateful hearts we praise you.

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. Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of 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:

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

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(Please be seated.)

MISSION MOMENT

"Forever Home Run Video"

CHORAL ANTHEM

“A Home of Grace”

Joseph M. Martin

*O, thank you, Lord, for family, how precious your design.
That through the gift of parents we know your love divine.
They lead us and they teach us. They help us find our place.
And working all together, we build a home of grace.*

*O, thank you, Lord, for family, no two of them the same.
For all who care for children though never share their name.
O, teach us, Lord, compassion and help us grow our faith,
'til every home is cherished and built upon your grace.*

*O, thank you, Lord, for family. This is our earnest prayer
for mothers and for fathers, for the hearts of all who care.
And though sometimes imperfect and though we lose our way,
today we pledge and promise to build a home of grace.*

MEMORY VERSE

Matthew 4:4

Gwen Fitzgerald

A: Together, let us recite the memory verse:

C: But Jesus answered, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”

INTRODUCTION TO THE PSALM

PSALM

Psalm 119:59-68

⁵⁹ When I think of your ways, I turn my feet to your decrees; ⁶⁰ I hurry and do not delay to keep your commandments. ⁶¹ Though the cords of the wicked ensnare me, I do not forget your law. ⁶² At midnight I rise to praise you, because of your righteous ordinances. ⁶³ I am a companion of all who fear you, of those who keep your precepts. ⁶⁴ The earth, O Lord, is full of your steadfast love; teach me your statutes. ⁶⁵ You have dealt well with your servant, O Lord, according to your word. ⁶⁶ Teach me good judgment and knowledge, for I believe in your commandments. ⁶⁷ Before I was humbled I went astray, but now I keep your word. ⁶⁸ You are good and do good; teach me your statutes.

(Please stand as you are able.)

VERSE



God's word is our great her - i - tage and shall be ours for - ev - er;

GOSPEL

Luke 24:13-35

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³ Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” ¹⁹He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²²Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him.” ²⁵Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” ²⁷Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. ²⁸As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” ³³That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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
“Probe It”

(Please stand as you are able.)

HYMN OF THE DAY

“O Word of God Incarnate”

ELW 514

- 1 O Word of God incarnate, O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky:
we praise you for the radiance that from the hallowed page,
a lantern to our footsteps, shines on from age to age.
- 2 The church from you, dear Master, received the gift divine;
and still that light is lifted o'er all the earth to shine.
It is the chart and compass that, all life's voyage through,
mid mists and rocks and quicksands still guides, O Christ, to you.
- 3 Oh, make your church, dear Savior, a lamp of burnished gold
to bear before the nations your true light, as of old;
oh, teach your wand'ring pilgrims by this their path to trace,
till, clouds and darkness ended, they see you face to face.

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: We pray for your holy church in every place and for those who serve following the example of Christ. Help them to live by faith and walk by the light of your gospel. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: For parts of the world ravaged by natural disaster; relieve those affected by floods, wildfires, droughts, earthquakes, tornadoes, and hurricanes. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: For every nation and for those entrusted with authority: grant our leaders self-discipline in all things, and inspire them with love for your people. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: For victims of violence, abuse, and neglect: heal those who have been harmed and protect those who are vulnerable. For all who are sick (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: For this and every congregation: rekindle your gifts within your people, and inspire councils, committees, and individuals to plan and work together that all may know your love. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: In thanksgiving that you have abolished death, and for the saints who have died (*especially*). Bring us all to eternal life with you. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Bless the Forever Home Run. Allow this event to open eyes and hearts to the needs of children waiting for their Forever Families, and nudge more families to open their hearts and homes to those children who need them. 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

Ecclesiastes 5:10

The lover of money will not be satisfied with money; nor the lover of wealth, with gain. This also is vanity.

OFFERING

"Christ is Made the Sure Foundation"

David Lasky

(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

“Now Thank We All Our God”

J. C. H. Rinck

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

“Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”

ELW 545

- 1 Lord, dismiss us with your blessing,
fill our hearts with joy and peace;
let us each, your love possessing,
triumph in redeeming grace.
Oh, refresh us; oh, refresh us,
trav'ling through this wilderness.
- 2 Thanks we give and adoration
for your gospel's joyful sound.
May the fruits of your salvation
in our hearts and lives abound.
Ever faithful, ever faithful
to your truth may we be found.
- 3 Savior, when your love shall call us
from our struggling pilgrim way,
let no fear of death appall us,
glad your summons to obey.
May we ever, may we ever
reign with you in endless day.

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

“Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”

Michael Burkhardt

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

October 2 Gwen Fitzgerald
October 9 Tammy Dukatz
October 16 Janet Gehrke
October 23 Jay Herbst
October 30 Ann Hussar

PowerPoint

October 2 Chuck Biebelhausen
October 9 Tim Jehowski
October 16 Nancy Geik
October 23 Chuck Biebelhausen
October 30 Karen Brant

Ushers

October 2 Bob Hoffman & Bob Shaw
October 9 Bob Hoffman & Bob Shaw
October 16 Bob Hoffman & Bob Shaw
October 23 Steve & Mike Gonda
October 30 Steve & Mike Gonda

Communion Assistants

October 2 G. Fitzgerald/K. Barrett/S. Siems
October 9 T. Dukatz/M. Turowski/J. Wilson
October 16 M. Lewis/K. Lewis/S. Beck
October 23 J. Herbst/A. Venola/L. Wade
October 30 A. Hussar/W. Geik/T. Dukatz

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