

Welcome to Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

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Sunday Worship Schedule
9:00 – Traditional
11:15 – Contemporary style
3rd Sunday of the month at 10:15—
Service of the Word for Wholeness

Healthy Relationships “Relationships with Neighbors” 9:00—June 9, 2024

How do we develop healthy relationships with our neighbors? Our neighbors can be people who live next door, people we encounter on a regular basis, or people across the planet. This Sunday, we will learn what the Scriptures teach us about developing healthy relationships with people we encounter frequently or less frequently, and we will see how God calls us to love them as we would love ourselves.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

*Altar flowers in honor of Pastor Hemke & Joan Hemke for many years of service
Altar flowers in loving memory of Holly Beeby*

GATHERING WORSHIP MUSIC “*Be Thou My Vision*”

Alice Jordan

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

C: Amen.

P: Drawn to Christ and seeking God’s abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God, our provider,

C: help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.

P: Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through

Jesus, † the bread of life, you are shown God’s mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN “*O Christ, Your Heart Compassionate*” v. 1, 3 **ELW 722**

1 O Christ, your heart, compassionate, bore ev'ry human pain. Its beating was the pulse of God; its breadth, God's vast domain. The heart of God, the heart of Christ combined in perfect rhyme to write God's love in human deeds, eternity in time.	3 O Christ, create new hearts in us that beat in time with yours, that, joined by faith with your great heart, become love's open doors. We are your body, risen Christ; our hearts, our hands we yield that through our life and ministry your love may be revealed.
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THE GREETING

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Loving God, we learn today about developing healthier relationships with our neighbors. Teach us to be good neighbors ourselves, and give us patience when relating to challenging neighbors, that our ways would be a witness drawing people closer to you. We ask this in the name of Jesus, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Robert Stephen Folk

*Robert Stephen's parents, Lisa Marie and Christopher David Folk
bring their son forward for the sacrament of baptism.*

Robert Stephen's sponsors are Jason Kong and Tiffany Folk

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.

Jason and Tiffany: We present Robert Stephen for baptism.

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

Lisa and Christopher: We do.

P: As you bring your child to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with him among God's faithful people, bring him to the word of God and the holy supper, teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer, so that he 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 him grow in the Christian faith and life?

Lisa and Christopher: We do.

P: Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Robert Stephen in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Jason and Tiffany: We do.

P: People of God, do you promise to support Robert Stephen and pray for him in his 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 this child who is 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: Robert Stephen, 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 child new birth, cleanse him from sin, and raise him to eternal life. Sustain Robert Stephen 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: Robert Stephen, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

C: Amen.

WELCOME

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 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.

BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR MISSION STATEMENT

MISSION MOMENT “*Community Art Father’s Day Event*” Helen Blicharz video

MEMORY VERSE *Proverbs 27:17* Gail Bufalini

A: Together, let us recite the memory verse:

C: “Iron sharpens iron, and one person sharpens the wits of another.”

FIRST READING *Deuteronomy 15:7-11*

A: The first reading according to Deuteronomy, the fifteenth chapter.

⁷ If there is among you anyone in need, a member of your community in any of your towns within the land that the Lord your God is giving you, do not be hard-hearted or tight-fisted towards your needy neighbor. ⁸ You should rather open your hand, willingly lending enough to meet the need, whatever it may be. ⁹ Be careful that you do not entertain a mean thought, thinking, “The seventh year, the year of remission, is near”, and therefore view your needy neighbor with hostility and give nothing; your neighbor might cry to the Lord against you, and you would incur guilt. ¹⁰ Give liberally and be ungrudging when you do so, for on this account the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in all that you undertake. ¹¹ Since there will never cease to be some in need on the earth, I therefore command you, “Open your hand to the poor and needy neighbor in your land.”

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING *Ephesians 4:25-5:2*

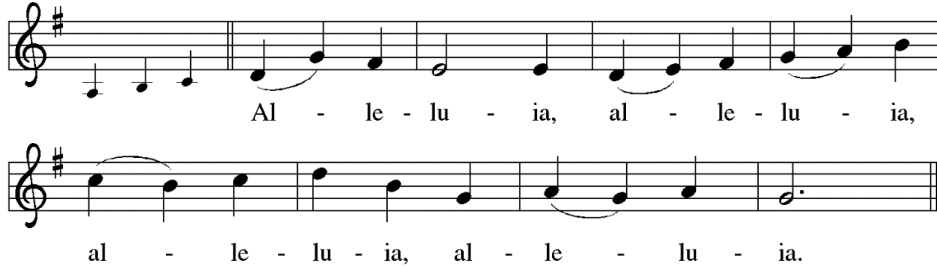
A: The second reading according to Ephesians, the fourth and fifth chapters.

²⁵ So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. ²⁶ Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷ and do not make room for the devil. ²⁸ Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. ²⁹ Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. ³⁰ And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. ³¹ Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, ³² and be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. ¹ Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, ² and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL VERSE



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
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GOSPEL

Matthew 18:1-7

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁵ “If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. ¹⁶ But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷ If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector. ¹⁸ Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹ Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Karyn Parker, Children’s Worship Coordinator

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Niklaus C. Schillack, Senior Pastor

HYMN OF THE DAY “As We Gather at Your Table” v. 1, 2

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| <p>1 As we gather at your table,
as we listen to your word,
help us know, O God, your presence;
let our hearts and minds be stirred.
Nourish us with sacred story
till we claim it as our own;
teach us through this holy banquet
how to make Love's vict'ry known.</p> | <p>2 Turn our worship into witness
in the sacrament of life;
send us forth to love and serve you,
bringing peace where there is strife.
Give us, Christ, your great compassion
to forgive as you forgave;
may we still behold your image
in the world you died to save.</p> |
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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Gail Bufalini

A: We come before the triune God to pray for our communities, ourselves, and our world.

A brief silence.

A: You reawaken our hearts to your mercy. We give you thanks for renewers of the church in every age. Enliven the creativity and persistence of all seeking to transform the church into a closer vision of your beloved community. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Your presence and gift of life are revealed in the shade of trees, the growth of seeds into flowers, and in the blessing of plants granting food in their seasons. Heal lands scarred by deforestation, pollution, or infestation. Teach us to cultivate the earth with respect and reverence. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Our nations and communities are divided, O God. Teach us again to listen with curiosity and mercy, even in disagreement. Grant us the humility to acknowledge our hardness of heart and make us bold in modeling cooperation for the sake of the common good. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Hear the prayers of all who cry out to you from the depths of illness, fear, despair, or hopelessness (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). With haste, rescue victims of slavery, trafficking, exploitation, and abuse, and bless organizations and individuals who work on their behalf. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Grant wisdom and clarity to all who are in seasons of discernment and transition: high school graduates preparing for first jobs or new educational journeys, those who are shifting careers, and those who are navigating changes in their relationships. Accompany them with your peace. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Praise to you for our ancestors in faith who believed, spoke, and lived in you (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). Give us confidence that as Jesus was raised, so we too will be raised, with all the saints, into your everlasting presence. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Receive our prayers, O God, and come quickly to our aid, through the power of the Spirit and the love of Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

STEWARDSHIP READING *Proverbs 22:22-23*

Do not rob the poor because they are poor, or crush the afflicted at the gate; for the Lord pleads their cause and despoils of life those who despoil them.

OFFERING *"All Are Welcome"* David Lasky

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray. Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world.

C: Amen.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

LORD'S PRAYER

HOLY COMMUNION *"Let Us Break Bread Together"* Franklin Ashdown

POST HOLY COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER HOLY COMMUNION

P: Together let us pray:

C: Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN *"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"* v. 1, 3 **ELW 836**

1	Joyful, joyful we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love! Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee, praising thee, their sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the gloom of doubt away. Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.	3	Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest, wellspring of the joy of living, ocean-depth of happy rest! Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine; teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine!
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DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE *"Prelude and Fugue in C"* J. S. Bach