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Jesus said to him,  
“I am the way,  
and the truth,  
and the life.”

-John 14:6



*Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church is a traditional Lutheran Church, faithful to God's Word and His Sacraments. We equip God's people to serve, love, and encourage one another as we grow in our personal relationship with Christ. We reach out to the community as beacons of light, sharing the love of God in Christ Jesus, our Savior.*

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**May 7, 2023**

***The Lord Jesus Christ Is the Way, the Truth and the Life***

The risen Lord Jesus alone is “*the way, and the truth, and the life,*” and we come “*to the Father*” only through Him (John 14:6). God is thus “*glorified in the Son,*” and those who believe in Him will do the works of Christ because He goes to the Father for us (John 14:12-14). Stephen, “*a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit*” (Acts 6:5) and “*doing great wonders and signs among the people*” (Acts 6:8), did the works of Christ. When he was falsely accused and put to death, he “*gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God*” (Acts 7:55). Fixing his hope there, he commended his spirit to the Lord Jesus and prayed for his murderers. In the same way, all the baptized are called to follow the example of Christ Jesus by faith. Though He was “*rejected by men*” in the sight of God, He is “*chosen and precious*” (1 Peter 2:4). He is the chief cornerstone of the Father’s “*spiritual house,*” and we are built upon Him as “*living stones*” (1 Peter 2:5).

PLEASE NOTE - Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church offers assisted listening devices for our members and guests this morning. If you would like to use one, please speak with an usher.

Guest Book: If you are a visitor, welcome! Please sign our guest book on the cabinet below the tract display in the entryway. Thank you!

**SERVING AMONG US TODAY**

**The Elder: Matt Perkovich**

**The Ushers: Ron & Kramer Foreman, Matt Lueck**

**The Organist: Ruth Holmquist**

**Altar Guild: Sarah & Natasha**

**DIVINE SERVICE – SETTING I**

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*If you are unable to, or have trouble standing, please feel free to remain seated at the times we stand.*

**GREETINGS**

**OPENING HYMN . . . . . “You Are the Way; through You Alone” LSB #526**

**RITE FOR HOLY BAPTISM**

*Today we celebrate the baptisms of Charlotte, Zelda, and David Cohoe.*

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**SERVICE OF THE WORD**

*(Please stand)*

**INTROIT - Ps. 30:1-5; antiphon: Ps. 149:1**



**Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a | new song,\*  
his praise in the assembly of the | godly!  
I will extol you, O LORD, for you have | drawn me up\*  
and have not let my foes rejoice | over me.  
O LORD my God, I cried to | you for help,\*  
and you have | healed me.  
O LORD, you have brought up my soul | from Sheol;\*  
you restored me to life from among those who go down | to the pit.  
Sing praises to the LORD, O | you his saints,\*  
and give thanks to his | holy name.  
For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a | lifetime.\*  
Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the | morning.  
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;  
as it was in the be- | ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.  
Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a | new song,\*  
his praise in the assembly of the | godly!**

*(Please stand)*

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**COLLECT OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray . . . O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

*(Please be seated)*

**FIRST READING: Acts 6:1-9; 7:2, 51-60**

<sup>1</sup>Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. <sup>2</sup>And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, “It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. <sup>3</sup>Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. <sup>4</sup>But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.” <sup>5</sup>And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. <sup>6</sup>These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them.

<sup>7</sup>And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

<sup>8</sup>And Stephen, full of grace and power, was doing great wonders and signs among the people. <sup>9</sup>Then some of those who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called), and of the Cyrenians, and of the Alexandrians, and of those from Cilicia and Asia, rose up and disputed with Stephen.

<sup>2</sup>And Stephen said:

“Brothers and fathers, hear me. The God of glory appeared to our father Abraham when he was in Mesopotamia, before he lived in Haran,

<sup>51</sup>“You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist

the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you. <sup>52</sup>Which of the prophets did not your fathers persecute? And they killed those who announced beforehand the coming of the Righteous One, whom you have now betrayed and murdered, <sup>53</sup>you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it.”

<sup>54</sup>Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth at him. <sup>55</sup>But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. <sup>56</sup>And he said, “Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.” <sup>57</sup>But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. <sup>58</sup>Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. <sup>59</sup>And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” <sup>60</sup>And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

**GRADUAL** - adapt. from Matt. 28:7; Heb. 2:7; Ps. 8:6



Christ has risen | from the dead.\*

[God the Father] has crowned him with glory and | honor,  
He has given him dominion over the works | of his hands;\*  
he has put all things un- | der his feet.

**EPISTLE: 1 Peter 2:2-10**

<sup>2</sup>Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation— <sup>3</sup>if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

<sup>4</sup>As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, <sup>5</sup>you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup>For it stands in Scripture:

“Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone,  
a cornerstone chosen and precious,  
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

<sup>7</sup>So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone,”

<sup>8</sup>and

“A stone of stumbling,  
and a rock of offense.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

<sup>9</sup>But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. <sup>10</sup>Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

*(Please stand)*

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**HOLY GOSPEL: John 14:1-14**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus said:] “Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me.

<sup>2</sup>In my Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.

<sup>4</sup>And you know the way to where I am going.” <sup>5</sup>Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” <sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup>If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

<sup>8</sup>Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.” <sup>9</sup>Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? <sup>10</sup>Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the

Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup>Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup>“Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup>Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup>If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

*(Please be seated)*

### CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN . . . . . “At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing” LSB #633

SERMON . . . . . “I Am the Way” (John 14:1-14)

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*(Please stand)*

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer

*(Please be seated)*

### OFFERING

*(Please stand)*

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### SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

*This morning we celebrate the Sacrament of the Altar, a feast of forgiveness in which we partake of the true body and blood of Christ along with the visible elements of bread and wine. The Bible gives specific instructions about the Lord's Supper. As it can be received to one's spiritual blessing or to one's spiritual harm (1 Corinthians 11:27-29), the Lord's Table must be approached with sincere faith and a Biblical understanding. That's why all who are new to the Lutheran faith are instructed about this sacred meal before attending the Lord's Supper. Moreover, this Sacrament is also a testimony of our oneness in what we believe (1 Corinthians 10:17). All guests who wish to receive the Sacrament are asked to speak with Pastor Schuldheisz or the Elder of the Day before the service.*

*(If unable to kneel, please remain standing. If you take the individual cup please wait for the pastor with the common cup to say, “Take, drink,” before drinking.)*

*(Please stand)*

**ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION . . . . .page 160**

*(Please be seated)*

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS . . . . . LSB #'s 644, 621, 622, 623**

*(Please stand)*

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**CLOSING HYMN . . . . . “Christ Be My Leader” LSB #861**

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<b>THE WEEK OF MAY 7, 2023</b>	
<b>SUNDAY</b>	9:30 a.m. - D.S. I 10:45 a.m. - Adult Bible Study & Children's Sunday School 12:00 p.m. - Lunch at Ranchitos
<b>MONDAY</b>	
<b>TUESDAY</b>	10:00 a.m. - Women's Bible Study 12:30 p.m. - Bell Practice
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	9:30 a.m. - Sewing
<b>THURSDAY</b>	
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>Office Closed</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	
<b>UPCOMING EVENTS</b>	5/17 Sewing @ 9:30am 5/18 Ascension Service @ Grace Lutheran in Tacoma 5/20 Girls Afternoon Out 5/24 Preschool Closing Program

<b>OFFERING AND ATTENDANCE FOR: April 30, 2023</b>	
<b>OFFERING: \$6,609.00</b>	<b>ATTENDANCE CHURCH SERVICE: 119</b>
<b>SPECIAL: \$8.00</b>	<b>ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL:</b>
<b>PRESCHOOL: \$1,248.00</b>	<b>YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL:</b>
<b>SUNDAY SCHOOL: \$5.00</b>	
<b>TOTAL DEPOSIT: \$7,870.00</b>	

<b>ELDER ASSIGNMENTS</b>	
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<b>Ron Schill (253-293-8176)</b>	<b>Allison - Davis</b>
<b>Brien Lindstrom (206-300-8955)</b>	<b>DeLaPaz - Hunsberger</b>
<b>Matt Perkovich (253-840-1863)</b>	<b>Ireland - Lund</b>
<b>John Lee (253-653-0388)</b>	<b>Lundin - Riveness</b>
<b>David Vetter (253-240-7289)</b>	<b>Roland - Young</b>

## EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY - JOIN US!

- **Women's Bible Study** - Join us on Tuesdays at 10:00am!
- **Men's Bible Study** - First Saturday of the month, 8-9am in the fellowship hall. We will be studying Proverbs.
- **Sunday Morning Adult Bible Class** - We are doing a study on God's Word of Law & Gospel.

### CONGREGATIONAL

- **Melina will be out of the office from May 15<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>.** If you have any announcements for the May 14<sup>th</sup> and May 21<sup>st</sup> bulletins, please have them into the office by Wednesday of this week.
- **The May Newsletter has been distributed!** If you do not have a box, but would like a copy of the newsletter, **there are extra copies by the church office. It is also posted on the church website,** and has been sent out via email.
- **Message from Melina:** Thank you all so much for the lovely Admin Appreciation gifts. The hanging basket is beautiful, and the garden nursery gift card will come in handy this spring. A special thank you to Cheryl Diekmann and Lori Schill for coordinating. I feel very blessed.
- **Handbells have started back up, and we would love to have you join us! Practices are on Tuesdays at 12:30pm.** Talk to LeEtta Luce if you have any questions.
- **For anyone that ordered a History Book, they will be available to pick it up on Sunday April 30th after service.** The cost of the book is \$20.00 and if you didn't order one, there will be books available to purchase. (Terry & Linda Howard)
- **VBS 2023 "Rainforest Explorers" will be held the Week of July 10 - 14<sup>th</sup>.** Volunteers are needed in all areas. Please Sign-up over the Drinking Fountain for the area you would like to help in. Questions? Please contact Trina Foremen or Linda Howard.

### PRESCHOOL

- **The preschool has a part-time position available for a teacher in our 3-year-old class for the 2023-24 school year.** If interested, please contact Kathy Heddlesten or Natasha Schuldheisz.

### FELLOWSHIP

- **We will be going to out to lunch at Ranchito Mexican restaurant TODAY. Join us!**
- **Ladies, please mark your calendar for Saturday May 20th at 12:00. All ladies at Beautiful Savior are invited to Cheryl Diekmann's house for lunch.** Quiche will be provided by the Board of Fellowship, **but please sign-up to bring something additional to share.**

### LWML

- **Mite Boxes are a wonderful opportunity for every person to support missions with their change. We will have a Mite Box Sunday on the third Sunday of the month.**

### LUTHERAN RESOURCES

- **TRUTH, GOODNESS & BEAUTY...** Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken.

This week's topics include: The Vocation of Elder; The U.S. Constitution & Natural Law; C.F.W. Walther's Law & Gospel Theses; The Marks of the Church and more. You can listen at your convenience at [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org), the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

- **Thoughts on Witness & Outreach** - John 14:1-14: When Jesus proclaimed Himself as “the Way, the Truth and the Life,” He was telling His disciples and each of us that He came to “orient” us in this upside-down, mixed-up world of ours. The question of Thomas in our Gospel is a commonly asked question, “Lord, we don’t know where You are going; we don’t know where we should go or what we should be doing, so how can we possibly know the way? And it was then that Jesus gave us a reference point to orient us, to give us direction and to be our constant magnetic north, no matter where we are in life. The word “orient” literally means, “to position oneself with respect to one specific reference point.” The specific reference point that our God gave to us was His Son, the Living Word. The reason we need Jesus to orient us in this world is that sin, the world and our flesh, and the working of the devil are seeking with all their might to disorient us. God needs us to be able to share His orienting, Living Word in this disorienting world so that people will know the Way and so they will find their way home to Him. By this Word, you have been made a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God. By this Word, the stormy sea is calmed, the sick healed, the dead are raised, the hungry fed, the leprous made clean, the sinful forgiven. How can we not share this Word, Jesus, who is our HOME, our WAY - and do it today with someone who has just lost their way? There’s NO WAY but YAHWEH!
- **Thoughts on Stewardship** - 1 Peter 2:9 - “But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.” God has called us to be His own. He has chosen us out of love, out of mercy, out of sheer, divine joy. The apostle Peter says that God chose us so that we might share in His glory and “proclaim the excellencies of Him” who has made us His own. And truly, this is our delight! His joy brings joy to our hearts as well.

### IN OUR PRAYERS

#### CANCER

- **Chris Morgan** (L. Schill) - pancreatic cancer
- **Leniece R.** (L. H oward cousin) - cancer has returned after 13 years, now in the spine
- **Shanna Davis** (Young) - battling cancer
- **Brett Nirider** (Schuldheisz) - recently diagnosed with B-cell lymphoma, and will be starting treatment soon
- **Connie P.** (Hunsberger) - radiation completed and awaiting results
- **Doug Pariseau** (Duncan) - battling brain cancer
- **Tim Kachmarek** (D. Tiefel nephew) - radiation appears to be working as he is able to eat more solids; new chemo drugs being administered in slower doses
- **Joe Kelly** (K. Kramp brother-in-law) - recent cancer diagnosis
- **Jim Christensen** (member) - undergoing treatment for bladder cancer

- **Mike Ramsey** (brother of C. Ramsey) - diagnosis of pancreatic cancer, which has spread to other organs
- **Keela** (M. Gulbranson) - recent breast cancer diagnosis
- **David Pittelko** (M. Mantey uncle) - recovering from experimental surgery for pancreatic cancer
- **Angela Firman** (Jannsen) - stage 4 breast cancer
- **Naomi Gratz** (L. Howard cousin) - done with chemo treatment and is in remission
- **Ron Schill** (member) - prostate cancer
- **Chuck Lundin** (member) - melanoma continues to metastasize, but treatments no longer an option
- **Bishop Bielec** (Boyer son-in-law) - is home and continuing treatment for infections and lymphoma leukemia
- **Don Schill** (R. Schill brother) - diagnosed with bladder cancer
- **John Bratek** (M. McNally brother) - diagnosed with liver cancer

#### Sick & Healing

- **Karen Schlaht** (member) - recovering from a medical procedure
- **Char** (I. Feller granddaughter) - in hospice care

#### BEREAVEMENT

- **Family of Cherie Blake** (S. Young Aunt) - as they mourn her passing on 4/1

#### THANKSGIVING & PRAISE

- **Lee Howard** (member) - latest biopsies were all negative of cancer

#### SHUT-IN MEMBERS

Joy Longé  
Carol Myers

Marilyn Bauer  
Judy Rittierodt

Ken Giese

#### MEN & WOMEN SERVING OUR COUNTRY

##### US ARMY

- **Daniel Duncan**
- **Gerad Nelson** (Lee) Special Forces
- **Jimmy Soto** (De La Paz)
- **Ryan Struss**
- **Conor Curry**
- **Sean Sobus** (Smith)
- **Douglas Smith**, SSG
- **Aaron Spratt**

##### US MARINES

- **Chaplain Mario Ancira**, Lt.

##### US AIR FORCE

- **Curtis Sinewe**, Pilot
- **Michael Broch**, Major (Hunsberger)
- **Kirsten Villalpando** (Schill)
- **Alex Villalpando** (Schill)
- **David Brumbaugh**, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt.
- **Robert Paz**, Col. (DeLaPaz)
- **Casi Soto** (DeLaPaz)
- **Sean Wilson**, Captain (member)

##### US NAVY

- **Logan Tiefel** (member)
- **Alex Klein** (Schill)