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**"Therefore  
whoever  
humbles  
himself as  
this little  
child is the  
greatest in  
the kingdom  
of heaven."**

Matthew 18:4

*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.*

**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
SEPTEMBER 10, 2023**

***Living as Humble Little Children of the Father***

True greatness is not self-sufficient strength, but humility like that of a little child. The greatness of childlike faith receives all good things as gracious gifts from our Father in heaven. Apart from such faith, “*you will never enter the kingdom of heaven,*” but whoever is humbled like a little child will be “*the greatest in the kingdom of heaven*” (Matt. 18:3-4). Though in our sin we deserve to be “*drowned in the depth of the sea*” (Matt. 18:6), we have instead been drowned (“buried”) with Christ in Baptism and then raised to the new, humble life of a child of God. The Lord sends His watchman to warn us with a word from His mouth, in order that we may not die in our iniquity but be turned from our pride and selfishness to live (Ezek. 33:7-9). Thus, we live in humility and faith before God as well as in love for our neighbor, which “*is the fulfilling of the law*” (Rom. 13:10). In the reverent fear of God, we do no harm to our neighbor, but we “*pay to all what is owed to them*” (Rom. 13:7) and we “*owe no one anything, except to love each other*” (Rom. 13:8).

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!

*Flowers are placed this morning to the Glory of God by Rev. Arnold & Natalie Walta in celebration of their 64<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.*

**SERVING AMONG US TODAY**

**The Elder: John Lee**

**The Ushers: Ron Schill, Ben Breum**

**The Organist: LeEtta Luce**

**The Acolyte: Jacob Duncan**

**Altar Guild: Bonnie & Lana**

**DIVINE SERVICE – SETTING III**

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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 . . . . . “The Law of God Is Good and Wise” LSB #579**

*(Please stand)*

**CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION . . . . .page 184-185**

**SERVICE OF THE WORD**

**INTROIT - Ps. 92:1-4; antiphon: Ps. 92:5**



How great are your works, | O LORD!\*  
Your thoughts are | very deep!  
It is good to give thanks | to the LORD,\*  
to sing praises to your name, | O Most High;  
to declare your steadfast love in the | morning,\*  
and your faithful- | ness by night,  
to the music of the lute | and the harp,\*  
to the melody | of the lyre.  
For you, O LORD, have made me glad | by your work;\*  
at the works of your hands I | sing for joy.  
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.  
How great are your works, | O LORD!\*  
Your thoughts are | very deep!

**KYRIE + GLORIA IN EXCELSIS . . . . . page 186-189**

**SALUTATION . . . . .page 189**

**COLLECT OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray . . . O God, from whom all good proceeds, grant to us, Your humble servants, Your holy inspiration, that we may set our minds on the



very thing. <sup>7</sup>Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.

<sup>8</sup>Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup>The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>10</sup>Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

**P:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

*(Please stand)*

**ALLELUIA AND VERSE . . . . .page 190**

**HOLY GOSPEL - Matthew 18:1-20**

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 18<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

**C:** Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” <sup>2</sup>And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them <sup>3</sup>and said, “Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup>Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>5</sup>“Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, <sup>6</sup>but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.

<sup>7</sup>“Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes! <sup>8</sup>And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. <sup>9</sup>And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire.

<sup>10</sup>“See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven. <sup>12</sup>What

do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? <sup>13</sup>And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. <sup>14</sup>So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

<sup>15</sup>“If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. <sup>16</sup>But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. <sup>17</sup>If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. <sup>18</sup>Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. <sup>19</sup>Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup>For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

**APOSTLES’ CREED . . . . .page 192**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

*(Please be seated)*

**SERMON HYMN . . . . .“My Soul, Now Praise Your Maker” LSB #820**

**SERMON . . . . .“Least is Greatest” (Matthew 18:1-20)**

*(Please stand)*

**OFFERTORY . . . . . page 192-193**

**INSTALLATION OF PRESCHOOL & SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

P: Let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

## 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.)*

**ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION . . . . . page 194ff**

*(Please be seated)*

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS . . . . . LSB #'s 626, 627, 628**

*(Please stand)*

**NUNC DIMITTIS . . . . . page 199-200**

**THANKSGIVING . . . . .page 200**

**SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS . . . . .pages 201-202**

**BENEDICTION . . . . .page 202**

**CLOSING HYMN . . . . . "The Gospel Shows the Father's Grace" LSB #580**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**RETIREMENT OF CHURCH DEBT** *(please join us outside the front doors of the sanctuary)*

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<b>THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 10, 2023</b>	
<b>SUNDAY</b>	9:30 a.m. - D.S. III 10:45 a.m. - Adult Bible Study & Children's Sunday School 12:00 p.m. - Rally Day Fellowship
<b>MONDAY</b>	6:30 p.m. - Confirmation
<b>TUESDAY</b>	
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	
<b>THURSDAY</b>	
<b>FRIDAY</b>	Office Closed
<b>SATURDAY</b>	1:00 p.m. - Joy Longé Memorial Service
<b>UPCOMING EVENTS</b>	9/30 Apple Cider Squeeze 10/8 Pumpkin Pie Fest 10/11 Senior Saints @ 12pm

<b>OFFERING AND ATTENDANCE FOR: September 3, 2023</b>	
<b>OFFERING: \$10,429.00</b>	<b>ATTENDANCE CHURCH SERVICE: 112</b>
<b>SPECIAL: \$57.00</b>	<b>ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: 40</b>
<b>PRESCHOOL: \$1,295.00</b>	<b>YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9</b>
<b>SUNDAY SCHOOL: \$0.00</b>	
<b>TOTAL DEPOSIT: \$11,781.00</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** - Will resume in September, God-willing.
- **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 St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians.

### CONGREGATIONAL

- **Senior Saints Revival!** Retirees and semi-retirees are invited to attend the first of planned monthly potlucks on **Wednesday, October 11th at noon**. Look for sign-up sheets in the hall. Guests are welcome.
- **The September 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.

### FELLOWSHIP

- **Right around the corner is our Pumpkin Pie Fest!** On **October 8<sup>th</sup>** we will be celebrating all things pumpkin. A sign-up sheet has been posted by the drinking fountain for those who would like to contribute to the festivities.
- **Rally Day is TODAY!** We hope you will come join us after Bible Study as we kickstart our Sunday School season!

### PRESCHOOL

- **UPDATE:** We have a preschool teacher for our 3's class! Kimi Jansen has shown interest in the position, but she needs a sitter for Henry (1 year) on Wednesday mornings. It can be done either at Kimi's home in Bonney Lake, or at the church nursery from 8:30am until early afternoon. If anyone is interested, she can be reached at (949) 514-9721. Thank you!

### LWML

- The August Mite total was \$25.00. Mite change can be brought anytime and put into the Big Mite Box in the Narthex. It will be collected on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month. Thank you for your continued support of the LWML Mite Missions.
- Coming up on **September 29<sup>th</sup> - October 1<sup>st</sup>** we will have the LWML Washington-Alaska District Retreat at the Clover Island Inn in Kennewick, WA. You do not need to be a member of an active LWML society to attend. These Retreats are a wonderful way to meet and form friendships with fellow Christian women and grow in knowledge and faith in Christ Jesus. **Registration sheets can be found in the Narthex.**

### LUTHERAN RESOURCES

- **KIDS HAVE QUESTIONS SERIES...** Have your children or grandchildren ever asked you questions about Science & Faith; The Problem of Evil & Suffering; Sexuality & Identity; Heaven, Death & Dying; Relationships, Life Issues and Mental Health? Issues, Etc., a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL, has a series that can help you answer those questions. You can listen to the entire series on-demand at [issuesetc.org/kidshavequestions](http://issuesetc.org/kidshavequestions).

- **Thoughts on Witness & Outreach** - Matthew 18:1-20: How would you describe your “church” community? The very name, “church,” tells people that we are a “fellowship of the forgiven” and the Body of Christ (Matthew 16:18). The Church serves to build a community that helps each other with our imperfections, our unhealthy patterns, and the way we sin against each other and ourselves. We are indeed very unfortunate if we have no one to help us with our sinfulness and imperfections, with our deficits in character, with the pieces of our personalities which are not so healthy. We ALL have these imperfections, these flaws, these deficits, and that includes everyone we come into contact with in the world today. There is no exception. So, we have something to reach out to with them - HOPE. We are fortunate because we have church, we have a community, and a fellowship where brothers and sisters in the faith will speak honestly with you about your weaknesses in order to help you mature and grow into wholeness. The church is your family who loves you with honesty about both your strengths and your weaknesses. Christ’s blood on the Cross gives us the privilege and the responsibility to take the first step to confront sin in one another so sin doesn’t rule the day, grace does. What a joy to be a part of the fellowship of the forgiven and to know the grace that wins the day so peace can comfort the soul.
- **Thoughts on Stewardship** - Matthew 18:4 - “Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.” What does it mean to have childlike faith? Certainly Jesus does not want us to have a faith that is childish – we are not called to ignorance or silliness. Rather, we are called to trust the way a child trusts: with complete confidence in the Father. We show that confidence in our lives when we follow His directives for our life. Father knows best, so we’ll take His advice!

### IN OUR PRAYERS

#### CANCER

- **Phil** (K.Heddlesten brother-in-law) - cancer has returned and is inoperable; being given 1-6 months to live
- **Veronica** (Mendes) - newly diagnosed with breast cancer
- **Doug Pittelko** (M. Mantey uncle) - running out of treatment options after a 16-year battle with prostate cancer; prayers also for his two young kids as he is the only reliable parent
- **Amanda N.** (L. Howard cousin) - diagnosed with Leukemia
- **John** (Westmark) - diagnosed with acute leukemia
- **Cindy Linnemann** (wife of Pres. Paul Linnemann) - recent cancer diagnosis
- **Leniece R.** (L. Howard 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
- **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) - continuing treatment for pancreatic cancer

- **Angela Firman** (Jannsen) - stage 4 breast cancer
- **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**

- **John S.** (Hunsberger) - having heart and kidney issues, more upcoming tests
- **Sarah Hepola** (member) - hospitalized with pancreatitis
- **Paulette Kuiper** (B. De La Paz aunt) - has a mass in her lungs and is undergoing further tests and awaiting results
- **LeEtta Luce** (member) - recovering from surgery on 8/15

#### **STRENGTH & GUIDANCE**

- **Students, pastors and teachers at CCA** - as they start a new school year on 9/5
- **College students returning to school** - prayers for safe travels, for following God's plan/path for their life, resisting worldly ways, etc.

#### **BEREAVEMENT**

- **Family of Nancy Bellack** (former member) - as they mourn her passing on 8/27
- **Family of Joy Longé** (member) - as they mourn her passing on 8/11

#### **THANKSGIVING & PRAISE**

- **Chelsea & Kevin** (Waetzig) - thanksgiving for birth of healthy baby girl, Cora Dawn

#### **WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

- **Michael & Kelly Gulbranson** - September 12<sup>th</sup>
- **Rev. Arnold & Natalie Walta** - September 13<sup>th</sup>

#### **SHUT-IN MEMBERS**

**Ken Giese**  
**Carol Myers**

**Marilyn Bauer**

**Judy Rittierodt**

#### **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)
- **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)

# Pumpkin Pie Fest

## October 8th

ANY AND ALL PUMPKIN DESSERTS ARE WELCOME, SO  
BE CREATIVE. IF YOU PLAN ON CONTRIBUTING  
SOMETHING TASTY, DON'T FORGET TO JOT YOUR  
NAME DOWN ON THE SIGN-UP SHEET!

