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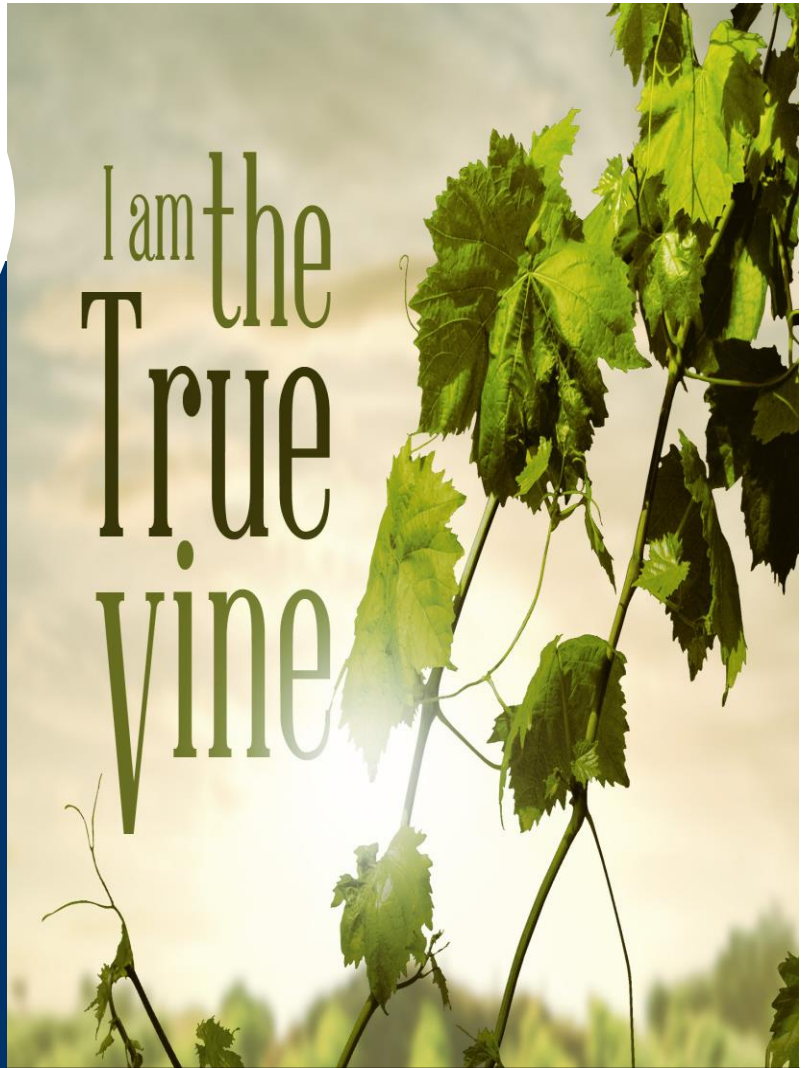
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Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church is a traditional Lutheran Church, faithful to God's Word and His Sacraments. We equip God's people to serve, love, and encourage one another as we grow in our personal relationship with Christ. We reach out to the community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

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 28, 2024

Jesus Christ Is the True Vine Who Bears Much Fruit in Us

“God is love,” and He has manifested Himself to us by sending “his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him” (1 John 4:9, 16). By the ministry of the Gospel, “he has given us of his Spirit,” so that we also believe and confess “that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh.” In this way, we “abide in him and he in us,” and we “love one another” (1 John 4:2, 7, 13). Such divine love is exemplified in Philip’s preaching of “the good news about Jesus” to the Ethiopian eunuch. And when “they came to some water,” the eunuch was baptized into the very Gospel that Philip had preached (Acts 8:35-38). That Ethiopian was thereby grafted into “the true vine,” Jesus Christ (John 15:1), just as we are. Already we are clean because of the Word that Christ has spoken to us and by the washing of water with His Word. We now abide in Him by faith in His forgiveness. As He abides in us, both body and soul, with His own body and His blood, He “bears much fruit” in us (John 15:3-5).

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 Foreman & Terry Young

The Organist: LeEtta Luce

The Acolyte: Zoe Schuldheisz

The Counters: John & Todd

Guests: Concordia Christian Academy, Marimba Band

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 “Make Songs of Joy” LSB #484

(Please stand)

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SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT - Psalm 145:1-2, 8, 10, 21; antiphon: John 16:16



A little while, and you will see me no | longer;*
and again a little while, and you will | see me.
I will extol you, my | God and King,*
and bless your name forever and | ever.
Every day I will | bless you*
and praise your name forever and | ever.
The Lord is gracious and | merciful,*
slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.
All your works shall give thanks to you, | O Lord,*
and all your saints shall | bless you!
My mouth will speak the praise | of the Lord,*
and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and | ever.
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.
A little while, and you will see me no | longer;*
and again a little while, and you will | see me.

KYRIE + GLORIA IN EXCELSIS page 186-189

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.

(Please be seated)

OLD TESTAMENT READING - ACTS 8:26-40

²⁶An angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” This is a desert place. ²⁷And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹And the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over and join this chariot.” ³⁰So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” ³¹And he said, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. ³²Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this:

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter
and like a lamb before its shearer is silent,
so he opens not his mouth.

³³In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth.”

³⁴And the eunuch said to Philip, “About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” ³⁵Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?” ³⁸And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water,

Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. ³⁹And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL - *adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 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 READING - 1 John 4:1-11

¹Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. ²By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, ³and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. ⁴Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. ⁵They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. ⁶We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live

through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

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HOLY GOSPEL - John 15:1-8

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 15th Chapter.

C: Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

¹[Jesus said:] “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. ²Every branch of mine that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

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HYMN. ”I Am Jesus’ Little Lamb” LSB # 740 vs. 1

(Please be seated)

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN “At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing” LSB #633
SERMON “I Am The Vine”

(Please stand)

OFFERTORY page 192-193

DOXOLOGY LSB #805

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

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 617, 595, 618, 620

(Please stand)

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CLOSING HYMN“Christ, the Word of God Incarnate” LSB #540
ANNOUNCEMENTS

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THE WEEK OF April 28, 2024	
SUNDAY	9:30 a.m. - D.S. III 10:45 a.m. - Adult Bible Study & Children’s Sunday School Noon - Voter’s Meeting
MONDAY	
TUESDAY	10:00 a.m. - Women’s Bible Study
WEDNESDAY	
THURSDAY	
FRIDAY	Office Closed
SATURDAY	
UPCOMING EVENTS	5/5 Ranchito’s for Lunch

OFFERING AND ATTENDANCE FOR: April 21, 2024	
OFFERING: \$5,123.25	ATTENDANCE CHURCH SERVICE: 114
SPECIAL: 13.00	ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: 37
PRESCHOOL: \$	YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL: 12
SUNDAY SCHOOL: \$ 6.00	
TOTAL DEPOSIT: \$5,142.25	

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Brien Lindstrom (206-300-8955)	DeLaPaz - Hunsberger
Matt Perkovich (253-840-1863)	Ireland - Lund
John Lee (253-653-0388)	Lundin - Riveness
David Vetter (253-240-7289)	Roland - Young

EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY - JOIN US!

- **Sunday Morning Adult Bible Class - *Bible in an Hour***
- **Women's Bible Study** - We have a new study entitled "Be Still and Know" by Deb Burman. This is a study of rest and refuge. You are welcome to join us on Tuesdays at 10:00am.
- **Men's Bible Study** - Second Saturday of the month, 8-9 a.m., in the fellowship hall. We will be studying Proverbs.

CONGREGATIONAL

- **The Flower Sign Up sheet** is looking bare for, May & June. Please take a look and pick your Sunday to bring flowers for church.
- **Books!** There is a small library across from the church office...come and check it out if you're looking for something to read. If you like to do puzzles, we have those too!

SENIOR SAINTS

- **The Senior Saints will not meet in May**, or during the summer months. Our next get-together will resume in the fall.

FELLOWSHIP:

- **Mark your calendar for May 5th**, following the Sunday School hour, we will all gather at Ranchito's restaurant in Milton to celebrate Cinco de Mayo and enjoy fellowship with our brothers and sister in Christ. Everyone is invited.

YOUTH

- **During the month of April**, the Youth will once again be collecting baby items for CareNet and Step by Step. Diaper sizes that are needed are: Sizes 3, 4, & 5, baby food, wipes and onesies sizes 3/6 months and 6/9 months are in the most need. Any other basic baby needs are also welcomed. We ask that you wait until April to bring items in. A box in the narthex will be available to put items in. Thank you!

PRESCHOOL

- **The preschool is in need of a Teaching Assistant** for the 2024-25 school year in the 3s class. Hours are Mondays and Wednesdays from 8:30am-12noon. If interested, please contact Kathy Heddlesten for more information.
- **The Preschool is now enrolling for the 2024-25 school year.** Registration forms are available in the preschool, the church office, or can be downloaded from the church website at: www.mybslc.com. If you have questions, please contact Kathy Heddlesten at 253-218-4918 / preschool@mybslc.com

LWML

- **Mite change can be brought anytime and put into the Big Mite Box in the Narthex.**
- **Kudos to our wonderful congregation** and your support of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League/Lutheran Women in Mission, Mite missions. For April we collected \$122.71 for the NW District and National Mission Grants. Thank you so very much for your help in contributing your change and bills for this wonderful mission.
- **Beautiful Savior hosted the LWML Rainier Zone Spring Rally** with 30 ladies in attendance. This rally included a prayer service, lunch and a Joy Shop activity to gather bags for CareNet's Puyallup location. We were able to fill 50 bags of care items for new moms, dads and infants, along with a \$40 cash donation. Quilts, diapers and some full-size bath items were too big to fit in the bags but CareNet was grateful to receive all that was heartily given. Special thanks to Cheryl Diekman, Pastor Sam and the Fellowship Committee for making this rally a memorable day for everyone. The next rally will be in the fall at Good Shepherd, Tacoma.

LUTHERAN RESOURCES

- **Thoughts on Stewardship - John 15:2** - "Every branch of mine that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit." God is interested in the fruit that we bear in good works, and He even prunes us so that we may bring forth more fruit. Trusting in our Lord's work for us, being grafted by grace into His vine, we desire to be more like Him, to grow into His image. That's growth in fruit bearing – and it always comes with some pruning.

- **Issues, Etc.** - EDUCATING A NEW GENERATION OF LUTHERANS... 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: Taylor Swift's Latest Album, Men Competing in Women's Sports, The Benefits of Liturgical Worship, "I Have Overcome the World," "Love One Another" and more. You can listen at your convenience at issuesetc.org, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

IN OUR PRAYERS

CANCER

- **Warren** (Schliebe) - thyroid cancer has returned
- **Marion** (De La Paz) - breast cancer
- **Dorthe-Lind Thornton** (Schill) - breast cancer
- **Jon Dotson** (L. Miller) - Terminal cancer
- **Rhea Miles** (Pat Allison) - diagnosed with pancreatic cancer
- **Jeff Horne** (K. Kramp) - cancer has returned
- **Joe Kelly** (K. Kramp brother-in-law) - cancer has returned
- **Kyra** (L. Lindstrom) - diagnosed with brain tumor
- **John Porter** (B. Nettnin brother) - recently diagnosed with cancer of the ear
- **Veronica** (Mendes) - 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
- **John** (Westmark) - diagnosed with acute leukemia
- **Leniece R.** (L. Howard cousin) - cancer has returned after 13 years, now in the spine
- **Shanna Davis** (Young) - battling 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) - continuing treatment for pancreatic cancer
- **Angela Firman** (Jannsen) - stage 4 breast cancer
- **Ron Schill** (member) - prostate cancer
- **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 AND HEALING

- **Mary Burkhart** (C. Jolly) health concern
- **Winger Family; Ruth & Douglas** (Walta) - various health concerns
- **Irene Feller** (member) prayers for healing from an eye infection
- **Becky Batdorf** (M. Byarlay) recovering at home following an apparent brain seizure
- **Benjamin & Riley Jacob** (M. Remick grandsons) - prayers for recovery from illness

THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE

- **K. Gulbranson** (member) - Tammy Wyatt has finished treatment for cancer and tests are normal.

SHUT-IN MEMBERS

Ken Giese

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**, 1st Lt.
- **Robert Paz**, Col. (DeLaPaz)
- **Casi Soto** (DeLaPaz)
- **Sean Wilson**, Captain (member)
- **Kirsten Bibel** (Schill)
- **Braden Bibel** (Schill)

US NAVY

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

For prayer requests, please contact Linda Howard (253.927.9602) or Kathy Heddlesten (253.691.8292), and the BSLC Prayer Chain will be activated.