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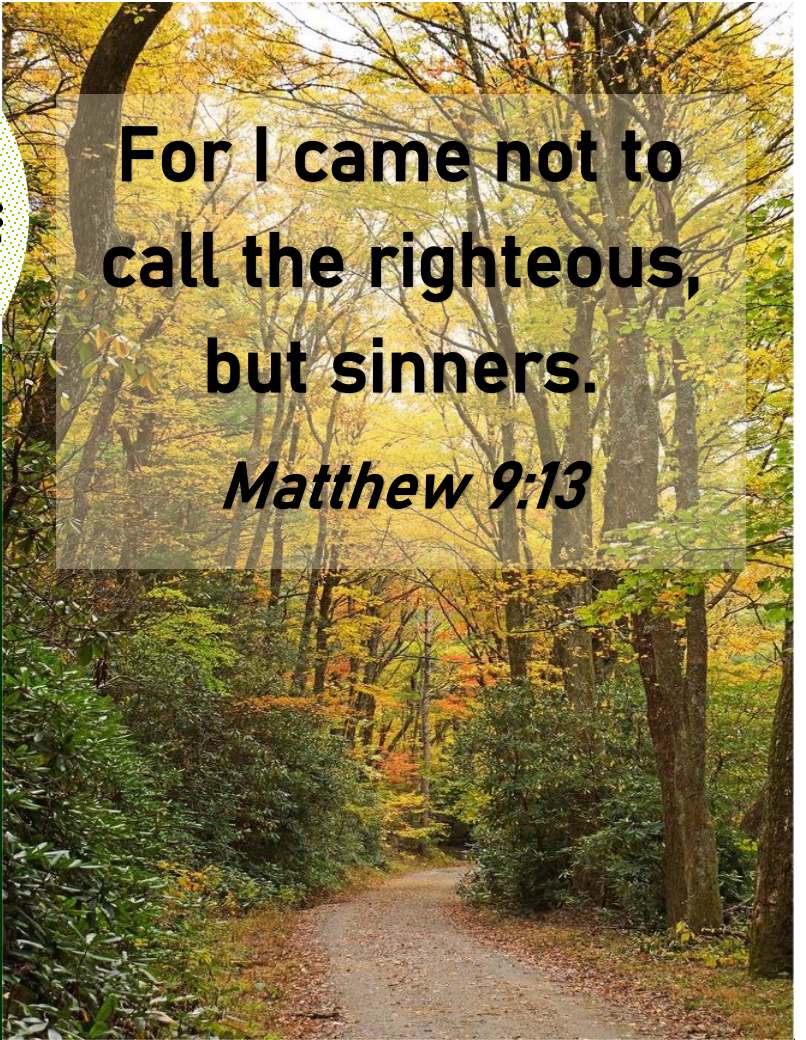
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**For I came not to
call the righteous,
but sinners.**

Matthew 9:13

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.

ST. MATTHEW, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST

SEPTEMBER 21, 2025

St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

Our ascended Lord gives “gifts” to His Church. In particular, He gave apostles and evangelists like St. Matthew, prophets like Ezekiel, and still gives pastors and teachers (Eph. 4:8, 11). All are “for the common good ... empowered by one and the same Spirit” (1 Cor. 12:7, 11). They speak Christ’s “truth in love” to wind- and wave-tossed children so that the saints may be equipped, served and built up as the Body of Christ (Eph. 4:12-15). Christ is not only the head of this body, He is her Good Physician (Matt. 9:9-13). He has come not for the well but for the sick, not for “the righteous, but sinners” (Matt. 9:13) – even notorious tax collectors like Matthew. Christ’s team of spiritual physicians must serve faithfully. Their instrument is “thus says the Lord GOD,” to be spoken “whether they hear or refuse to hear” (Ezek. 3:11). To those stubborn, rebellious patients who believe they need no physician, the word “of lamentation and mourning and woe” must be fearlessly spoken: God’s Law calls to repentance (Ezek. 2:10). To those who recognize their trouble and sickness, the salve of the Gospel is to be applied. So Christ works to save us, as Matthew’s Gospel records.

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: David Vetter

The Organist: Carl Kishline

The Ushers: Mark Reetz, Andrew Lund

The Acolyte: Zoe Schuldheisz

The Counters: Todd & Steve

Flowers are placed to the Glory of God by Michael and Janna Fogt in celebration of their daughter and granddaughter’s birthdays

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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 Church’s One Foundation” LSB #644

(Please stand)

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SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT - Psalm 92:1-5; antiphon: Matthew 9:13b, c



I desire mercy, and not | sacrifice.*
For I came not to call the righteous, but | sinners.
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.
How great are your works, | O LORD!*
Your thoughts are | very deep!
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.
I desire mercy, and not | sacrifice.*
For I came not to call the righteous, but | sinners.

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THIS IS THE FEASTpage 155

COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray . . . O Son of God, our blessed Savior Jesus Christ, You called Matthew the tax collector to be an apostle and evangelist. Through his faithful and inspired witness, grant that we also may follow You, leaving behind all covetous desires and love of riches; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

(Please be seated)

THE OLD TESTAMENT - Ezekiel 2:8 - 3:11

⁸“But you, son of man, hear what I say to you. Be not rebellious like that rebellious house; open your mouth and eat what I give you.” ⁹And when I looked, behold, a hand was stretched out to me, and behold, a scroll of a book was in it. ¹⁰And he spread it before me. And it had writing on the front and on the back, and there were written on it words of lamentation and mourning and woe.

¹And he said to me, “Son of man, eat whatever you find here. Eat this scroll, and go, speak to the house of Israel.” ²So I opened my mouth, and he gave me this scroll to eat. ³And he said to me, “Son of man, feed your belly with this scroll that I give you and fill your stomach with it.” Then I ate it, and it was in my mouth as sweet as honey.

⁴And he said to me, “Son of man, go to the house of Israel and speak with my words to them. ⁵For you are not sent to a people of foreign speech and a hard language, but to the house of Israel— ⁶not to many peoples of foreign speech and a hard language, whose words you cannot understand. Surely, if I sent you to such, they would listen to you. ⁷But the house of Israel will not be willing to listen to you, for they are not willing to listen to me. Because all the house of Israel have a hard forehead and a stubborn heart. ⁸Behold, I have made your face as hard as their faces, and your forehead as hard as their foreheads. ⁹Like emery harder than flint have I made your forehead. Fear them not, nor be dismayed at their looks, for they are a rebellious house.” ¹⁰Moreover, he said to me, “Son of man, all my words that I shall speak to you receive in your heart, and hear with your ears. ¹¹And go to the exiles, to your people, and speak to them and say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD,’ whether they hear or refuse to hear.”

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL - Psalm 119: 105, 103; 45:1a,c



Your word is a lamp | to my feet*
and a light | to my path.
How sweet are your words | to my taste,*
sweeter than honey | to my mouth!
My heart overflows with a | pleasing theme;*
my tongue is like the pen of a | ready scribe.

EPISTLE - Ephesians 4:7-16

⁷But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ’s gift. ⁸Therefore it says,

“When he ascended on high he led a host of captives,
and he gave gifts to men.”

⁹(In saying, “He ascended,” what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) ¹¹And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, ¹²to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, ¹⁴so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. ¹⁵Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

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

(Please stand)

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HOLY GOSPEL - Matthew 9:9-13

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 9th chapter.
C: Glory to You, O Lord.

⁹As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he rose and followed him.
¹⁰And as Jesus reclined at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and his disciples. ¹¹And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” ¹²But when he heard it, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.’ For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.”

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

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(Please be seated)

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN “O Christ, Who Called the Twelve” LSB # 856

SERMON “Riches to Rags to Riches” (Matthew 9:9-13)

(Please stand)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Lord, in Your Mercy:
C: Hear our Prayer.

(Please be seated)

OFFERING

(Please stand)

OFFERTORY page 159

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 160-164

(Please be seated)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS LSB #'s 617, 618, 837, 643

(Please stand)

THANK THE LORD. page 164

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CLOSING HYMN "By All Your Saints in Warfare" LSB # 518 vs. 1, 25, 3

(Please be seated)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 21, 2025	
SUNDAY	9:30 a.m. - D.S. I 11:00 a.m. - Adult Bible Study & Children's Sunday School
MONDAY	
TUESDAY	10:00 a.m. - Women's Bible Study
WEDNESDAY	
THURSDAY	6:30 p.m. - Stewardship Meeting
FRIDAY	Office Closed
SATURDAY	11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Apple Cider Squeeze
UPCOMING EVENTS	10/5 - Pumpkin Pie Fest 10/15 - Church Council Meeting 10/19 - October Fest 10/19 - Stewardship Sunday 10/26 - Quarterly Voter's Meeting

OFFERING AND ATTENDANCE FOR: September 14, 2025	
OFFERING: \$	ATTENDANCE CHURCH SERVICE: 96
SPECIAL: \$0	ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: 25
PRESCHOOL: \$0	YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL: 15
SUNDAY SCHOOL: \$2.10	
TOTAL DEPOSIT: \$	

ELDER ASSIGNMENTS	
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Ron Schill (253-293-8176)	Adams - Crady
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)	Roemer - Young

EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY - JOIN US!

- **Sunday Morning Adult Bible Class** - Our Bible Study is on the Prophet Jonah, which began on July 20th.
- **The Women's Bible Class** meets at 10:00 AM on Tuesday mornings September through May in the conference room. Please join our group as we study the Book of Ephesians.
- **Men's Bible Study** - Second Saturday of the month, 8-9 a.m., in the fellowship hall. We are studying the book of Ephesians. We will meet on September 13th.

CONGREGATION

- **Celebration of St. Michael & All Angels and a Dedication of Zion's New Organ:**
Tuesday, September 30th - 7pm (Dessert Reception to Follow)
Featuring *Kyle Haugen*: Son of Zion and professional organist and music director who assisted us with choosing and customizing this instrument
with Zion's Principal Organist, *Louise Allen*, and organist in training, *Kaleb Ries*, contributing their respective talents
Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 3410 Sixth Avenue, Tacoma, WA 98407

- **Portals of Prayer** - (October - December) booklets have been distributed to your church mailboxes. If you did not get one, we have more in the church office and on the table just outside the office.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

- Widespread sin and corruption filled the earth, but “Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD” (Genesis 6:8). In today’s lesson, “A New Beginning,” students will learn how, following God’s command, Noah and his family begin constructing a massive ark, with provisions for an extended journey. At the Lord’s direction, each animal kind boards the ark, along with Noah and his family. The fountains of the deep open and rain falls for forty days, swallowing up every living thing. Through the flood, God keeps Noah’s family safe and lands them on a mountain. Discuss the sign of the promise God gives us: the rainbow.
- **Reminder to Sunday School students and parents:** The preschool recently had their carpets cleaned, and we are starting a new policy of no food/drink (besides water) in the preschool room. Please finish all snacks/drinks in the fellowship hall before heading to the preschool room for Sunday School hour. Thank you for helping us to be good stewards of the preschool space we “borrow” on Sunday mornings.

PRESCHOOL

- **Prayer Partners** - Look for the bulletin board located in the Narthex and choose a preschool student to pray for. There are pictures of the children along with a sign up sheet for listing the student you choose. See Kathy Heddlesten if you have questions.
- **Beautiful Savior Preschool continues with open enrollment.** Questions can be directed to Kathy Heddlesten, Director. Registration forms for the 2025-2026 school year are available from Kathy Heddlesten and the church office.

CONCORDIA CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

- **Friends of Concordia** is an upstart service organization that seeks to support the ministry of Concordia Christian Academy (CCA) through a variety of volunteer efforts to assist teachers in or out of their classrooms, help with special events (i.e.: Grandparents/special Friends Day, Vision Builders, Auction, Concordia in Bloom, Athletics, L.E.S.T., Teacher Appreciation Week, etc.) **YOU DO NOT HAVE TO HAVE A STUDENT AT CCA TO BE A MEMBER OF THIS GROUP!** A Zoom meeting will be held in late September 2025. If you are interested please email - mary.schuldheisz@ccatacoma.org - to receive more information.

FELLOWSHIP

- **It's Fall y'all! Time for the annual BSLC Apple Cider Squeeze!** Please join us for this fun fall event at church on Saturday, September 27th from 11am - 1pm. We'll have two cider presses again this year and some apples will be harvested ahead of time from Mary McNally's house. She doesn't have a robust harvest this year, though, so additional

apple donations will be appreciated. We also ask that folks drop off at church any empty milk or juice jugs they might have at home. We'll start pressing apples at 11am, then take a break for a simple hot dog lunch (provided), and then keep pressing until the apples are gone. Everyone is welcome! Please sign up on the sheet on the drinking fountain bulletin board to RSVP to make sure we have enough food. Any questions? Contact Lisa or Brien Lindstrom.

- **Pumpkin Pie Fest** time is here: Mark your calendar for Sunday October 5th. Please bake up your favorite pumpkin pie or pumpkin dessert to share. There is a sign-up sheet by the drinking fountain. ***We will welcome in our new members on this Sunday.*** We hope you'll join us as we welcome our new members.
- On October 19th we will celebrate **October Fest** with brats and root beer. Please see the sign-up sheet by the drinking fountain to help us out with salads, fruit, and veggie trays. fellowship will provide the brats and root beer. Everyone is welcome to join us.

STEWARDSHIP

- The Stewardship committee is collecting non-perishable food items (particularly peanut butter) for the next six weeks or so. Items may be left in the boxes in the Narthex and the entryway outside the offices.
- **October 19th is Stewardship Sunday.** During the Sunday School hour the Stewardship Committee will share information about the Missions we support throughout the year.

LWML

Mite change can be brought anytime and put into the Big Mite Box in the Narthex.

- **2024-2026 WA-AK LWML District Grant** --Saving Lives Spiritually and Physically -- Jacmel, Haiti --\$2,000 - Our grant will assist Ministry in Mission in subsidizing the operation of Concordia International Radio in Jacmel, Haiti, a station that helps deliver the Good News Gospel to the hurting people of Haiti during a time of great upheaval. Ministry in Mission is a Recognized Service Organization of the LCMS with 15 years of experience in Haiti. Extreme weather conditions caused Concordia International Radio's older equipment to age more quickly. To ensure a continuous, quality radio broadcast, funds are needed to assist in the purchase of three laptops, three multidirectional microphones, a 16-channel mixer, three hard drives, three fans, two tape recorders, six solar panels, and a power inverter. These radio equipment upgrades will enable the continued broadcast of Concordia International Radio to the people of Haiti.

LUTHERAN RESOURCES

- **NICENE CREED SERIES...** Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. You can listen to a series of interviews with Pastor Timothy Winterstein, author of the new book "Worshipped & Glorified: A Study of the Nicene Creed" at issuesetc.org/nicenecreed.

IN OUR PRAYERS

CANCER

- **Jim Stilley** (Heddelsten) - lung cancer
- **Michael Fogt** (member) morpheaform skin cancer, will start treatment soon
- **Adeline Henning** (Hunsberger) - undergoing cancer treatment
- **Mike Schliebe** (member) - esophageal cancer
- **Christina** (DeLaPaz) -cancer diagnosis
- **Marylin** - (LaMonte) breast cancer
- **Kristi Ancira** - (former member) breast cancer, melanoma
- **Michael Roach** (Hunsberger) undergoing cancer treatment
- **Marie Byarlay** (member) will start maintenance chemotherapy in November
- **Steve Ostrom** (Miller) - terminal cancer
- **Karen Kramp** (member) - prayers for healing after cancer surgery
- **Joe Kelly** (Kramp) - prayers for continued healing after cancer treatment
- **Warren** (Schliebe) - thyroid cancer has returned
- **Dorthe-Lind Thornton** (Schill) - breast cancer
- **Veronica** (Mendes) - diagnosed with breast cancer
- **John** (Westmark) - diagnosed with acute leukemia
- **Angela Firman** (Jannsen) - stage 4 breast cancer
- **Ron Schill** (member) - prostate cancer
- **Don Schill** (R. Schill brother) - diagnosed with bladder cancer
- **John Bratek** (M. McNally brother) - diagnosed with liver cancer

SICK AND HEALING

- **Addie Howard** (Terry & Linda's granddaughter) - September 22nd tonsillectomy and scope of lungs.
- **Lee Howard** (Terry & Linda's son) - September 26th surgery on for esophagus and hernia repair
- **Jeff Billingsley** (Schiebe) - upcoming heart valve replacement
- **Tom Mayfield** (Clemans) - severe sciatic pain
- **Aaron** (T. Hall) - praying for the medical team to properly diagnose him and for healing
- **Cyndy Schliebe** (member) - recovering from back surgery
- **Carol Raphael** (member) - fell and cracked her pelvis, also head and ear injury

STRENGTH & GUIDANCE

- **Jan Whittig** (member) - prayers for upcoming surgery this week
- **George Height, Master Gunnery Sgt.** (Clemans) several ongoing ailments, caring for his wife Donna
- **Donna Height** (Clemans) serious heart and liver problems. Heart stopped once, prayers also for the physicians who care for her

- **Nanette** (LaMonte) - liver problems
- **Jolecia** (LaMonte) - liver problems
- **John Kritsonas** (LaMonte) massive heart attack
- **Leonna** (LaMonte) release from addiction
- **Matt Bonney** (Carlington's son-in-law) - he and his crew have been sent to California to fight the wildfires. Prayers for the family, especially his wife Melanie and 9 year old son Thomas while he is away.
- **Braden Bibel** (Schill) - USAF, deployed to the Middle East. Prayers for protection
- **The Leighton family** (Blinsmon) prayers for healing and strength for Miles after being in a serious car accident. Good News, Miles is now officially on the liver transplant list. He no longer has the NG tube and is able to eat on this own. Prayers for his wife Aki, children Vincent and Remilia, while they care for him and adjust to his hospitalization
- **Louise Dunn** (member) - guidance while in Zambia

BEREAVEMENT

- **The Vetter Family** (members) - at the loss of Nodira's father

SHUT-IN MEMBERS - Ken Giese Judy Rittierodt

MEN & WOMEN SERVING OUR COUNTRY

ARMY

Gerad Nelson, Special Forces (Lee)
Jimmy Soto (DeLaPaz)
Anna Grace Adams (member)

MARINES

Chaplain Mario Ancira, Lt.

NAVY

Logan Tiefel (member)
Alex Klein (Shill)
Bre Carey (member)

AIR FORCE

Robert Paz, Col. (DeLaPaz)
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Jacob Goucher (Blinsmon)
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Sean Wilson, Captain (member)
Kirsten Bibel (Shill)
Braden Bibel (Shill)

Prayer Chain requests can be made by contacting Linda Howard (253-927-9602) or, Kathy Heddelsten (253-691-8292).

Prayer requests for the Sunday bulletin can be sent to the church office via email (bboyd@mybslc.com) or phone (253-922-6977); and, to Pastor Schuldheisz. Requests need to be submitted no later than 10:00 a.m. on Thursdays.