

Beautiful Savior  
Lutheran Church



From him the whole  
body, joined and held  
together by every  
supporting ligament,  
grows and builds  
itself up in love, as  
each part does its  
work.

**Ephesians 4:16**

It Takes a Body to Do the Work  
Jesus Has Given us to Do

Sunday Worship  
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### **Good Morning and Welcome!**

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church is a group of people who believe that Jesus is our one and only Savior from sin. We believe that we are sinners who cannot save ourselves. Instead, we need a Savior to save us. We believe that our Savior, Jesus, lived and died to save us from our sin. He proclaimed his victory in his resurrection.

Every Sunday we join together at the feet of our Beautiful Savior, Jesus, to properly repent of our sins and to hear the good news of sins forgiven and eternal life in Jesus.

We are delighted to have you worship with us today. It is our prayer that you will also find peace and joy in the good news of God's forgiving love for you in Jesus. If you are visiting, please sign our guest book in the entry before you leave. If you have no church home, we invite you to worship with us regularly.

Wouldn't it be nice if we could just follow Jesus around and he would do all the work for us? Sometimes we get that impression of the disciples after reading the Bible's accounts of Jesus's three ministry. Yet, during that 3 years Jesus was getting them ready for something. He was preparing them for the time that they would go out and be the preachers and teachers themselves.

Through the Word, the Holy Spirit has prepared you for the work that Jesus wants you to do. During his Ascension he placed the work of the church into the hands of his people: his followers and disciples like you and me. This work is so much more than one person can do alone. This is why Jesus gave this work to all of us to do together.

Today, we will see that it takes a body to do the work that Jesus gives us to do: the body of believers and your body.

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**Restrooms** are located to the left as you exit the back of the sanctuary.  
**A Mother's Room** is located inside the women's restroom, also to the left.  
**Questions?** Be sure to ask an usher or contact Pastor with a call.



## Pastor's Welcome and Opening Prayer

### Opening Hymn: 546 Lord Jesus You Have Come



1 Lord Je - sus, you have come A teach - er sent from  
 2 O bless - ed min - is - try Of rec - on - cil - i -  
 3 Pre - serve this min - is - try While har - vest days are  
 4 The ser - vants you have called And to your Church are  
 5 Bring those in - to your fold Who still to you are



heav - en And by both word and deed God's  
 a - tion, That shows the way to God And  
 keep - ing; And since the fields are ripe And  
 giv - ing Pre - serve in doc - trine pure And  
 stran - gers; Guard those who are with - in A -



truth to us have giv - en. You wise - ly have or -  
 brings to us sal - va - tion! Lord, by your gos - pel  
 hands are few for reap - ing, Send work - ers forth, O  
 ho - li - ness of liv - ing. Your Spir - it fill their  
 gainst of - fense and dan - gers. Press on - ward with your



dained The ho - ly min - is - try That we, your  
 pure, You bless and keep your fold; You call, en -  
 Lord, The sheaves to gath - er in That not a  
 hearts And charge their words with pow'r; What they should  
 Word Till pas - tor and his fold Through faith in



flock, may know The truth that sets us free.  
 light - en, keep; You com - fort and up - hold.  
 soul be lost Which you have come to win.  
 bold - ly speak, Oh, give them in that hour!  
 you, O Christ, Your glo - ry shall be - hold.

## Invocation

*(The name of the Triune God focuses our hearts and minds on the many things that God has done for us and the proper worship and thanks he deserves.)*

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

## Confession of Sins

*We confess our sins before each other and the Lord. The Bible tells us that repentance (confessing our sins) is one of the marks of a heart that truly believes in what Jesus has done.*

P: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

C: **Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature, dead in sin.**

**For faithless worrying and selfish pride,**

**For sins of habit and sins of choice,**

**For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,**

**You should cast me away from your presence forever.**

**O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.**

*We have a moment of silent confession of our personal sins.*

## Absolution of Sins

*The use of the keys is that special power and right which Christ gave to his church on earth: to forgive the sins of penitent sinners. See John 20:21-23.*

P: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

## Lord, Have Mercy

*It is good and right that we not only ask the Lord to bless us, but to extend that blessing, especially his Word to others.*

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: **Christ, have mercy.**

P: For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

C: **Amen.**

### **Song of Thanksgiving:**

*The Lord has blessed us with earthly gifts and heavenly forgiveness. We thank him for his blessings to us and to many others. (CW 233)*

1 All people that on earth do dwell, Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.  
Him serve with fear; his praise forthtell; Come ye before him and rejoice.

2 Know that the Lord is God indeed; Without our aid he did us make.  
We are his folk; he doth us feed, And for his sheep he doth us take.

3 Oh, enter then his gates with praise; Approach with joy his courts unto.  
Praise, laud, and bless his name always, For it is seemly so to do.

5 To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, The God whom heav'n and earth adore,  
From us and from the angel host Be praise and glory evermore.

### **Prayer of the Day**

P: Let us pray.

C: Lord Jesus, King of glory, you ascended far above the heavens and sit at God's right hand to you rule over all nations. Do not leave us alone, but grant us the Spirit of truth that at your command and by your power we may be your witnesses in all the world; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## The Word

*Worship focuses on what our Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit has done to save us. We use God's Word as the center of our worship, praise and thanks.*

### **First Reading: Acts 1:1-11**

*Luke faithfully researched and recorded all that had taken place in the life of Christ. This included the facts of his Ascension recorded here.*

<sup>1</sup>In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach <sup>2</sup>until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. <sup>3</sup>After his suffering, he showed himself to these men and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. <sup>4</sup>On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. <sup>5</sup>For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

<sup>6</sup>So when they met together, they asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"

<sup>7</sup>He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

<sup>9</sup>After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

<sup>10</sup>They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. <sup>11</sup>"Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."

### **Second Lesson: Ephesians 4:7-16**

*Jesus' ascension gives us the work we are to do.*

<sup>7</sup>But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. <sup>8</sup>This is why it says: "When he ascended on high, he led captives in his train and gave gifts to men."

<sup>9</sup>(What does "he ascended" mean except that he also descended to the lower, earthly regions? <sup>10</sup>He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.) <sup>11</sup>It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be

prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup> to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up <sup>13</sup> until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

<sup>14</sup> Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming. <sup>15</sup> Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ. <sup>16</sup> From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

### Verse of the Day

P: Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. Surely I will be with you always, to the very end of the age. Alleluia. (Matthew 28:20b cf. NIV)

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

*Please rise for the Gospel, the words and works of our Savior, Jesus.*

## Gospel: Luke 24:44-53

Jesus did not leave his disciples helpless in their new work to spread the Gospel. He gave them the special gift of Scriptural understanding and the promise of God the Holy Spirit. The disciples no longer hid, but rejoiced in what the Lord had done through Jesus.

<sup>44</sup> He said to them, “This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.”

<sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. <sup>46</sup> He told them, “This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup> and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup> I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

<sup>50</sup> When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. <sup>51</sup> While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. <sup>52</sup> Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. <sup>53</sup> And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.

## Sermon Hymn: 557 On Galilee's High Mountain



1 On Gal - i - lee's high moun - tain Christ  
2 The Lord, who, born of Mar - y, Came  
3 His strength with - in my weak - ness Will  
4 And not a - lone to na - tions In  
5 Lord, gath - er all your chil - dren, Wher -



gave the great com - mand In words of strength and  
down as man and died, Who preached to all who  
make me bold to say How his re - deem - ing  
far - a - way re - treats, But ev - 'ry - where I  
ev - er they may be, And lead them on to



prom - ise Which all can un - der - stand: “All  
lis - tened, For us was cru - ci - fied. This  
pow - er Trans - forms my stub - born clay. His  
broad - cast His love through crowd - ed streets. The  
heav - en To live e - ter - nal - ly With





pow'r to me is giv - en To do what  
 Lord, our liv - ing broth - er, In pow'r at  
 touch of fire ig - nites me; With cour - age  
 lives that my life touch - es, How - ev - er  
 you, our lov - ing Fa - ther, And Christ, our  
  
 I shall choose. There - fore I send my  
 God's right hand Has cho - sen us to  
 I am sent, My tongue - tied si - lence  
 great or small— Let them through me see  
 broth - er dear, Whose Spir - it guards and  
  
 chil - dren; Their wit - ness I will use."  
 car - ry His truth to ev - 'ry land.  
 bro - ken, With grace made el - o - quent.  
 Je - sus, Who served and saved us all.  
 gives us The joy to per - se - vere.

## The Sermon

God gives us his Word to show us the path to heaven, to build our faith, and to prepare us to live in this world. We focus on a portion of God's Word every week as God tells us it is good and right to do.

**Sermon Text:** Ephesians 4:7-16

**Sermon Theme:** It takes a body to do the work Jesus gave us

<sup>14</sup>Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming. <sup>15</sup>Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ. <sup>16</sup>From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

After the sermon is completed, we respond to God's Word by singing hymn 562.

1 I love to tell the story Of unseen things above,  
Of Jesus and his glory, Of Jesus and his love.  
I love to tell the story Because I know it's true;  
It satisfies my longings As nothing else can do.

*Refrain:*

I love to tell the story; 'Twill be my theme in glory  
To tell the old, old story Of Jesus and his love.

2 I love to tell the story, For those who know it best  
Seem hungering and thirsting To hear it like the rest.  
And when in scenes of glory I sing the new, new song,  
'Twill be the old, old story That I have loved so long. *Refrain:*

We Give  
Thee But Ourselves  
Ourselves

*Offering:* Although we are not passing the offering plate, we see the blessing of giving our offerings of thanks to the Lord. This is part of living our life of faith and thanks to God. Please place your offerings in the plate near the entrance upon entering or leaving.

### Prayer & Lord's Prayer

**C:** Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.



### Blessing

**P:** Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
 The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
 The Lord look on you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

Closing Hymn: 173 On Christ's Ascension I Now Build

1 On Christ's as - cen - sion I now build The hope of  
 2 Since Christ re - turned to claim his throne, Great gifts for  
 3 Oh, grant, dear Lord, this grace to me, Re - call - ing

my as - cen - sion. This hope a - lone has al - ways stilled  
 me ob - tain - ing, My heart shall rest in him a - lone,  
 your as - cen - sion, That I may serve you faith - ful - ly,

All doubt and ap - pre - hen - sion; For where the  
 No oth - er rest re - main - ing, For where my  
 A - dorn - ing your re - demp - tion; And then, when

head is, there as well I know his mem - bers  
 trea - sure went be - fore, There all my thoughts shall  
 all my days will cease, Let me de - part in

are to dwell When Christ shall come and call them.  
 ev - er soar To still their deep - est yearn - ing.  
 joy and peace In an - swer to my plead - ing.



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