

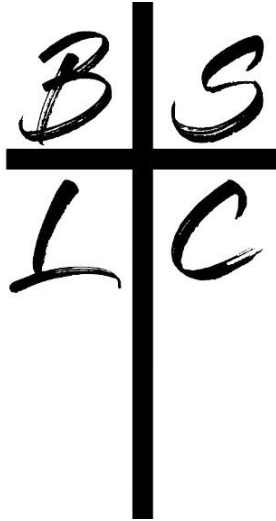
# *Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church*

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*August 31, 2025*

*Eleventh Sunday after Trinity*

*Divine Service One*

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Church Office hours – M-T-TH-F 7:30am – 12pm ; 9am Wednesday

## WELCOME & GREETINGS

### FELLOWSHIP FORMS

#### OPENING HYMN

*Oh, How Great Is Your Compassion*

LSB # 559



1 Oh, how great is Your com - pas - sion, Faith - ful Fa - ther,  
2 Your great love for this has striv - en That we may, from  
3 Firm - ly to our soul's sal - va - tion Wit - ness - es Your  
4 Lord, Your mer - cy will not leave me; Ev - er will Your  
5 I will praise Your great com - pas - sion, Faith - ful Fa - ther,



God of grace, That with all our fall - en race  
sin made free, Live with You e - ter - nal - ly.  
Spir - it, Lord, In Your Sac - ra - ments and Word.  
truth a - bide. Then in You I will con - fide.  
God of grace, That with all our fall - en race



In our depth of deg - ra - da - tion You had mer - cy  
Your dear Son Him - self has giv - en And ex - tends His  
There He sends true con - so - la - tion, Giv - ing us the  
Since Your Word can - not de - ceive me, My sal - va - tion  
In our depth of deg - ra - da - tion You had mer - cy



so that we Might be saved e - ter - nal - ly!  
gra - cious call, To His sup - per leads us all.  
gift of faith That we fear not hell nor death.  
is to me Safe and sure e - ter - nal - ly.  
so that we Might be saved e - ter - nal - ly.

#### INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

- C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

- C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As an ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

- C **Amen.**

## INTROIT

Psalms 68:1, 3, 7a, 10b, 19

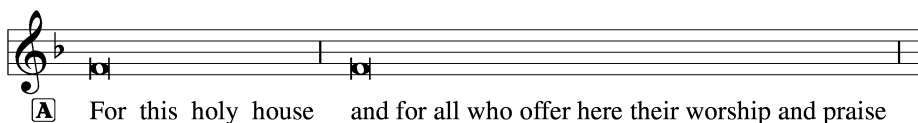
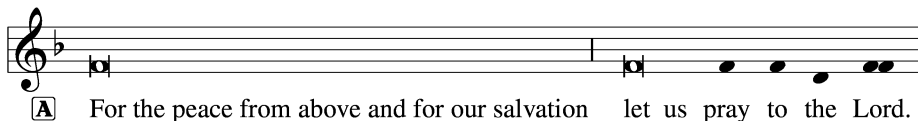
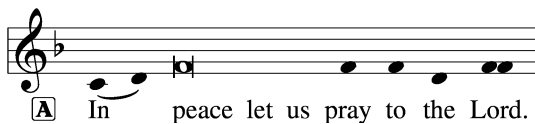
- P: God is in his holy habitation;  
C: **[he] settles the solitary in a home.**  
P: The God of Israel—he is the one  
C: **who gives power and strength to his people.**  
P: God shall arise, his enemies shall be scattered;  
C: **and those who hate him shall flee before him!**  
P: But the righteous shall be glad; they shall exult before God;  
C: **they shall be jubilant with joy!**  
P: O God, when you went out before your people,  
C: **in your goodness, O God, you provided for the needy.**  
P: Blessed be the Lord, who daily bears us up;  
C: **God is our salvation.**  
ALL: **Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**  
P: God is in his holy habitation;

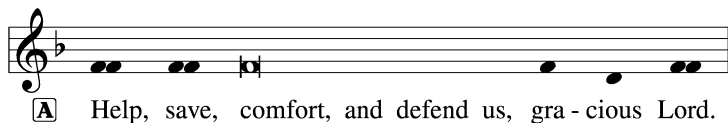
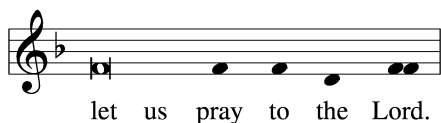
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**P:** The God of Israel—he is the one  
**C:** who gives power and strength to his people.

## Service of the Word

### Kyrie

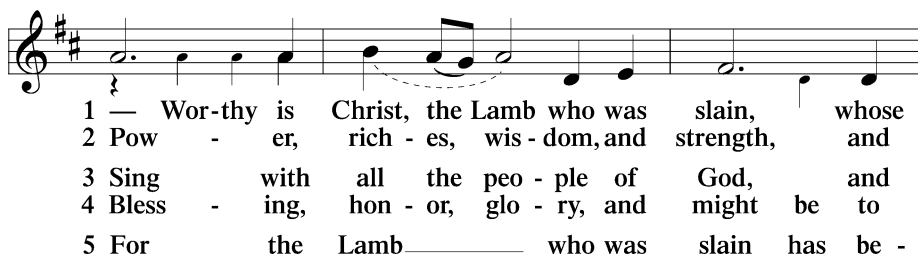
**LSB 152**





# This Is the Feast

LSB 155





blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*  
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*  
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*  
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*  
gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*



*Final Refrain*

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than we either desire or deserve, pour down upon us the abundance of Your mercy, forgiving those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things that we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

## Old Testament Reading

**Genesis 4:1–15**

<sup>1</sup>Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, "I have gotten a man with the help of the LORD." <sup>2</sup>And again, she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep,

and Cain a worker of the ground. <sup>3</sup>In the course of time Cain brought to the LORD an offering of the fruit of the ground, <sup>4</sup>and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the LORD had regard for Abel and his offering, <sup>5</sup>but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell. <sup>6</sup>The LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen? <sup>7</sup>If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is for you, but you must rule over it."

<sup>8</sup>Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him. <sup>9</sup>Then the LORD said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" He said, "I do not know; am I my brother's keeper?" <sup>10</sup>And the LORD said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood is crying to me from the ground. <sup>11</sup>And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. <sup>12</sup>When you work the ground, it shall no longer yield to you its strength. You shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth." <sup>13</sup>Cain said to the LORD, "My punishment is greater than I can bear. <sup>14</sup>Behold, you have driven me today away from the ground, and from your face I shall be hidden. I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me." <sup>15</sup>Then the LORD said to him, "Not so! If anyone kills Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold." And the LORD put a mark on Cain, lest any who found him should attack him.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle

## 1 Corinthians 15:1–10

<sup>1</sup>Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, <sup>2</sup>and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

<sup>3</sup>For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup>that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, <sup>5</sup>and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup>Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. <sup>7</sup>Then he appeared to James, then to all

the apostles. <sup>8</sup>Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. <sup>9</sup>For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup>But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## **Holy Gospel**

***Luke 18:9–14***

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eighteenth chapter.

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

<sup>9</sup>[Jesus] also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: <sup>10</sup>“Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. <sup>11</sup>The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. <sup>12</sup>I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.’ <sup>13</sup>But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ <sup>14</sup>I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **Nicene Creed**

C **I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,**



very God of very God,  
 begotten, not made,  
 being of one substance with the Father,  
 by whom all things were made;  
 who for us men and for our salvation came down from  
 heaven  
 and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
 and was made man;  
 and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
 He suffered and was buried.  
 And the third day He rose again according to the  
 Scriptures  
 and ascended into heaven  
 and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
 And He will come again with glory to judge both the living  
 and the dead,  
 whose kingdom will have no end.

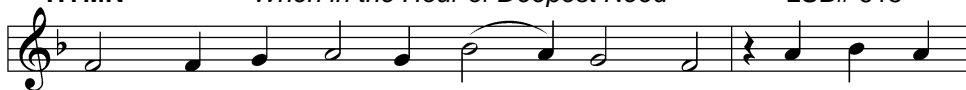
And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
 the Lord and giver of life,  
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
 who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped  
 and glorified,  
 who spoke by the prophets.  
 And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
 I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
 and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
 and the life T of the world to come. Amen.

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

### HYMN

*When in the Hour of Deepest Need*

LSB# 615



1	When	in	the	hour	of	deep	-	est	need	We	know	not
2	Then	is	our	com -	fort	this		a -	lone	That	we	may
3	For	You	have	prom -	ised,	Lord,		to	heed	Your	chil -	dren's
4	And	so	we	come,	O	God,		to -	day	And	all	our



where to look for aid; When days and nights of  
meet be - fore Your throne; To You, O faith - ful  
cries in time of need Through Him whose name a -  
woes be - fore You lay; For sore - ly tried, cast



anx - ious thought No help or coun - sel yet have brought,  
God, we cry For res - cue in our mis - er - y.  
lone is great, Our Sav - ior and our ad - vo - cate.  
down, we stand, Per - plexed by fears on ev - 'ry hand.

5 O from our sins, Lord, turn Your face;  
Absolve us through Your boundless grace.  
Be with us in our anguish still;  
Free us at last from ev'ry ill.

6 So we with all our hearts each day  
To You our glad thanksgiving pay,  
Then walk obedient to Your Word,  
And now and ever praise You, Lord.

## SERMON

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep  
your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

C Amen.

## OFFERING

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for  
all people according to their needs.

Almighty God, You entrust to Your people the abundant wealth  
of Christ's salvation in Your Word and Sacraments. Bless  
pastors, that they may be faithful stewards of these mysteries,  
and grant that Your people would make proper use of Your  
Means of Grace and rejoice in Your salvation. Lord, in Your  
mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord God, by Your Holy Spirit help us always to be good and  
faithful stewards of all that You so graciously provide. Especially

grant that we may generously speak of the salvation that You provide for all through Your Son. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P God of justice, deliver our common life from all cheating, swindling and robbery. May integrity and uprightness preserve us, that each would seek not his own advantage, but the good of others. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P O Lord, You save a humble people, but Your eyes are on the haughty to bring them down. Give true wisdom to the people of our nation and humility to those who act and decide for our governance, and let the lamp of Your perfect Word and way enlighten their faith and deeds. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P Faithful God, preserve those who are suffering temptation and any affliction. Make clear to them the way of escape, that they may be able to endure it and stand firm through faith in Christ Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P Heavenly Father, give us patience in tribulation and restore to us the joy of Your salvation. Comfort the weeping with Your lovingkindness, console the grieving with the hope of the resurrection, and help us to live in harmony with one another. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P We give thanks to You, O Lord, for You have forgiven our debt of sin for the sake of Jesus. Preserve us in His grace and life until that day when You gather us with Your saints in glory around Your throne; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**C Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth  
as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For Thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## **BENEDICTION**

**P:** Let us bless the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God**

**P:** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

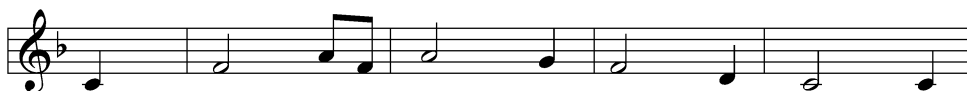
**C: Amen.**

## **HYMN**

*Amazing Grace*

LSB # 744

sts. 1-5



1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound— That  
2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His  
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I  
4 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail And  
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, Bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but  
Word my hope se - cures; He will my shield and  
have al - read - y come; His grace has brought me  
mor - tal life shall cease, A - maz - ing grace shall  
shin - ing as the sun, We've no less days to



now am found, Was blind but now I see!  
por - tion be As long as life en - dures.  
safe thus far, His grace will lead me home.  
then pre - vail In heav - en's joy and peace.  
sing God's praise Than when we'd first be - gun.

## **POSTLUDE**

**WE GIVE THANKS & PRAISE TO GOD FOR HIS BLESSINGS:** We ask for beneficial rains and the safety of all travelers.

ANNIVERSARIES: Derrick & Suzi Knolles (8yrs.)

**\*WE PRAY FOR GOD'S HEALING TOUCH:** *\*WE PRAY for those who struggle with chronic conditions or effects of aging; Jean Niedan; Paul Wathen, Brother-in-Law of David & Shirley Steele; Rose McNulty; Don Richert; Mildred Gurkin.*

**\*WE PRAY for those who battle cancer:**  
*Erin, Mark Cullinan's sister; Mike Voris, friend of David & Shirley Steele; Lori Potter, Lisa Parish's sister; Richard Smith, friend of Bonnie Van Cura; Holly, Janelle Ouderkirk's sister in law; Bruce Tiedeman; Tracy Miller, friend of Diane Huebner; Carol Beggs, friend of Thelma Miles; Kate Mohr, daughter of Chris & Bruce Reinboth; Holly Roesser, friend of Kerrin Tallmon; Barb Kelsey, friend of Bonnie Van Cura; Jeff Crymble, friend of the Parish's; Gail Warren; Keary Ryan; Rachelle Kowalski; Deb Murdock; Beth Janecek; John Browers; Pat Hoagland; Lana Gibbs; Vickie Kauffold.*

**\*WE PRAY for those with a variety of health concerns:** *Alfie Moore, broken knee cap; Pastor Stubenrouch, carpal tunnel surgery; Kassie, struggling with MS, Jim Parish's niece; Byron Fritz; Angela Richards, friend of Gena and Mark Cullinan; Bret Skiles, Son of Denise and Duane Skiles; Lily, friend of the Babcock's; Carol Mahnken; Shirley Nielson; Dennis Young; Jeanne Brott; Lavonne Flee, Aunt of Raegan Anderson; Harlan Grunden, Uncle of Raegan Anderson; Robert Reigan; Tom P; Shelley Kleewein; Mike DeBolt, family of Bonnie Van Cura; ; Edna Hardisty, mother of Charlotte House; Max Wallace; Brian Mahler, Hayden & Landon, friends of the Babcock's; Kylar Smith; Marie Gordon; Rick Volker; Randy Miles; Connie Langhofer; Brian McFarland; Rick Heglin; Mike Waggener; Mary DeRiese.*

**\*WE PRAY** for our expectant mothers and the children they carry.

**\*WE PRAY FOR OUR MISSIONARIES OR MISSION PROJECTS:**

**\*WE PRAY** for our Mission Child, Tsion Gizaw Kefylew, from Ethiopia, supported by our Sunday school.

**\*WE PRAY** that we would be deliberate sharers of Jesus' word, grace, and love.

**WE PRAY FOR THESE SPECIAL PETITIONS:**

**\*WE PRAY** for the LCMS, Synod President Harrison, and District President Snow & other officers of our Synod.

**\*WE PRAY** for our nation and its leaders and the men and women serving in our military: **Jordan Harris**, US Army in Colorado Springs; **Bailey Hutton**, US Army in Fort Hood, Tx; **Jed Wiley**, US Army; **Colton Hughes**, US Navy; **Mitchell Parish**, US Army; **Matthew Russell**, US Marine Corp.; **Benjamin Reehl**, US Army; **D. Logan Miles**, US Marines, MSAU, Quantico, VA.

## ***Happening this month:***

- August 31<sup>st</sup> 9:30am Coffee & Conversation  
9:45am Bible Study  
11am Worship Service – **Communion**
- September 1<sup>st</sup> Church Office Closed – Labor Day  
No Preschool
- September 2<sup>nd</sup> 8am Men's Bible Study  
1:30pm Ladies Bible Study  
5:30 pm Dinner - Potluck  
6:30pm Worship Service
- September 7<sup>th</sup> 9:30am Coffee & Conversation  
9:45am Bible Study  
10am Sunday School  
**11am Worship Service**  
2pm LWML Quarterly Meeting
- September 8<sup>th</sup> 4pm LWML Board Meeting  
7pm LWML Evening Circle  
7pm Board of Elders Meeting
- September 9<sup>th</sup> 8am Men's Bible Study  
10am Book Club  
1:30pm Ladies Bible Study  
5:30pm Dinner  
6:30pm Worship Service
- September 11<sup>th</sup> 1pm LWML Afternoon Circle – Twila Conells' home  
Church Office Closed
- September 12<sup>th</sup> Church Office Closed  
Ne. South Retreat, Covenant Cedars Bible Camp,  
Hordville, Ne.
- September 14<sup>th</sup> 9:30am Coffee & Conversation  
9:45am Bible Study  
10am Board of Ed. meeting  
**11am Worship Service**
- September 15<sup>th</sup> 5:30pm BOOM Meeting  
7pm Trustee Meeting
- September 16<sup>th</sup> **LWML MISSION POSSIBLE DAY**  
8am Men's Bible Study  
1:30pm Ladies Bible Study  
5pm Gift of Hope Dinner  
5:30pm Dinner  
6:30pm Worship Service

The Ladies Bible Study will start up again on **September 2<sup>nd</sup>**. We will continue with our Parable Study.

**September 16<sup>th</sup>**, 5pm Gift of Hope Cancer Foundation 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Fundraiser dinner. \$30 per person. Visit with Sharon Lantis for additional information

**September 18<sup>th</sup>**, 6pm Women's Resource Banquet. Guest speaker, Jennifer Gutierrez, CEO & Co-founder of Nebraska Pregnancy Care Alliance. Contact Lisa Parish to reserve your seat.

**The LWML 3<sup>RD</sup> quarter Human Care Project** will be collecting money to donate to Orphan Grain Train, so that they can ship supplies to Texas for the flood victims. We will do this through the month of August. There are envelopes and a donation box on the LWML table by the mailboxes. Thank you, in advance, for your donation. Jean Huff

We are still looking for someone to fill the **open position on the Board of Directors for Our Redeemer Lutheran School**, typically filled by a member of Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church (BSLC). Anyone interested in this position should pass their name to the BSLC Board of Education, who will forward it to Our Redeemer Lutheran School Board of Directors

**LWML MITE Sunday:** The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month is LWML MITE Sunday. The Mite box will be in the back of the church for anyone that would like to donate their loose change to missions.



"Life Narrows Down"

Guest Speaker: [Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer](#)

"Life narrows down and crisis comes. There, in the narrow place stands Jesus." (John 1:6-8, 19-28)



**LWML MISSION OUTREACH** Before and After – The Bible says we—all of us--were born into sin. Before Baptism, before Spirit-given faith in Jesus Christ, we were dead in our sins with no hope of change. After Baptism, after Spirit-given faith in Jesus Christ, we became alive in Him. After Him and in Him, we've changed. We know God

loves us. We know Jesus won our salvation. We know He continues to nurture faith in us through the gift of the Holy Spirit. What a difference!

# *In Service to the Lord*

Organist Marica Colvin

Elders John Flynn, Allen Huff, Rod Christmann & Larry Wallace

Reader

Ushers Don Colvin, Mark Goforth, Alton Gosnell & Charles Boettcher

## Attendance

## Last Week

## 1 Yr. Ago

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## Offering

General Fund	\$ 2,098.00	\$ 4,966.96
Synodical Mission	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Sunday School	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00
Dedicated Others	\$ 0.00	\$ 65.00

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Budgeted Expense Needed Monthly for 2025	\$ 32,893.00
Year to Date Incoming ending August 2025	\$ 224,194.61
Year to Date Expenses ending August 2025	\$ 226,231.93

## Bible Lesson for Next Sunday September 7th

Isaiah 29:17-24	Psalms 146	2 Cor. 3:4-11	Romans 10:9-17
			Mark 7:31-37

Each Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church (BSLC) Member  
is: **Beautifully Saved to Lead to Christ**

## **Welcome**

In the name of Jesus Christ we take great joy in welcoming you to our worship service today!

If you are a **visitor**, please complete the attendance form in your pew or fill out a Welcome Card in the pew and place it in the offering plate. **We're glad the Lord led you here today!**

We ask all attending **members** to complete the attendance form as it helps us track attendance for our computer records. There is an opportunity on the Welcome card to make us aware of your prayer request.

**\*Assisted listening devices are available for those who need them.**

**\*\* A nursery is available for small children**