



Welcome to Beautiful Savior!

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**What on Earth Are We Here For? *"What Matters Most"*
February 27, 2022 9:00 a.m.**

Love is a natural expression of the purpose God has for us. Therefore, our highest calling is to love God and love our neighbors. It takes more than one being in order for there to be love. Life is not meant to be lived alone, because love cannot exist alone.

P: Pastor

C: Congregation

A: Assistant Minister

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING WORSHIP MUSIC

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

David Lasky

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please stand as you are able.)

THE GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

P: We are called to love the Lord our God.

C: We are called to love with all our heart and soul.

P: We are called to love the Lord our God.

C: We are called to love with all our mind and strength.

P: We are called to love the Lord our God.

C: And we are called to love our neighbor as ourselves.

GATHERING HYMN

“All Are Welcome”

ELW 641

- 1 Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

Refrain

All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

- 3 Let us build a house where love is found
in water, wine and wheat:
a banquet hall on holy ground
where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus,
is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us: *Refrain*
- 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger: *Refrain*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Dear Heavenly Father, you are the supreme source of perfect love, giving up your life for us, your children! We realize we have often failed to follow your command to love our brothers and sisters in this world, instead seeking to serve self-interest, not caring about others' needs. We are so thankful that by your love and mercy, you have promised us the full reward of eternal life. Please guide and help us to love others, and, in so doing, to better love you.

C: Amen.

BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR MISSION STATEMENT

P: Although as individuals we are unique in many and various ways, we gather as a congregation for a common mission.

C: In Jesus's name, we:

**Bring Glory to God through fulfilling worship,
Serve God's people, both within our congregation and without,
Learn about the Lord's will for us through sharing and teaching, and
Connect within our membership and reach out to connect with others.**

(Please be seated.)

MISSION MOMENT

"Small Groups"

Bryant Wade

CHORAL ANTHEM

“Tapestry of Love”

Pepper Choplin

As a tapestry's woven, thread by thread,
patiently working, the needle is led.
So deeds of kindness and words that are said form a tapestry of love.
Loving and faithful, we follow the line,
living and giving one day at a time.
Only years later, we see the design
of a tapestry of love.

If we live every moment and craft every part,
if we serve with devotion and joy in our hearts,
life will become a great sacred work of art.
From the heart, comes a beautiful tapestry of love.

As the years change us, the picture comes clear:
gestures of kindness will not disappear.
Loved ones who follow will know that we were here
through our tapestry of love.

MEMORY VERSE

Wayne Geik

A: Our memory verse, Galatians 5:14, says: For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment,

C: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

VIDEO

“Love Changes Everything”

READING

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

A: The reading is from the first book of Corinthians, the thirteenth chapter.

¹If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ²And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. ⁴Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant ⁵or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. ⁷It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. ⁸Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. ⁹For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; ¹⁰but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. ¹¹When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. ¹²For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know

only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. ¹³ And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand as you are able.)

GOSPEL VERSE



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

GOSPEL

John 13:31-35

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the thirteenth chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

³¹ When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³² If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³ Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ ³⁴ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

(Please be seated.)

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Karyn Parker, Interim Children’s Ministries Coordinator

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Niklaus C. Schillack, Senior Pastor
“*What Matters Most*”

(Please stand as you are able.)

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Will You Let Me Be Your Servant”

ELW 659

- 1 Will you let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant, too.
- 2 We are pilgrims on a journey,
we are trav'lers on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.
- 3 I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the nighttime of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.
- 4 I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow
till we've seen this journey through.
- 5 Will you let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant, too.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P: Drawn close to the heart of God, we offer these prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

PRAISE TO GOD

A: Come, let us sing to the Lord! Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come to him with thanksgiving. Let us sing psalms of praise to him. And God's people say:

C: Praise the Lord.

CONFESS AND FORGIVE

A: O LORD, rebuke me not in your anger, nor discipline me in your wrath! Your arrows have sunk into me, and your hand has come down on me.

C: There is no soundness in my flesh because of your indignation; there is no health in my bones because of my sin. My iniquities have gone over my head; like a heavy burden, they are too heavy for me.

A: O Lord, all my longing is before you; my sighing is not hidden from you. But for you, O Lord, do I wait; it is you, O Lord my God, who will answer.

C: I confess my iniquity; I am sorry for my sin. Do not forsake me, O Lord! My God, be not far from me! Make haste to help me, O Lord, my salvation!

P: Are you sorry you have sinned?

C: Yes, I am!

P: Do you trust Jesus for his forgiveness?

C: Yes, we do!

P: As a called servant of God, in the name of Jesus the Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

THANK

A: Lord, I thank you for an infinite number of things. Now help me to take this time and to give you thanks for your many gifts I take for granted. (*Silence for reflection.*) Let thankfulness begin to transform all my attitudes, toward you, myself, others, and life.

C: Amen.

PRAY FOR OTHERS

A: Father God, I know you care deeply about the people in my life. Right now, this person is struggling with this issue (*silence to uplift the person by name and need*). By your grace let them know you love them and are ready to help them through this time.

C: Lord, use me as an instrument of your grace.

PRAY FOR SELF

A: Lord, thank you for your grace and mercy to us. The work of Jesus on the cross is a game changer. Fill us with strength to overcome our doubt and despair. Empower us to see past ourselves to others. Use our small group to grow our faith in you and our relationship with others. And God's people say:

C: Amen, Amen, Amen.

(Please be seated.)

STEWARDSHIP READING

Proverbs 22:9

Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor.

OFFERING

"Let There Be Peace on Earth"

Jill Jackson/Sy Miller

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God as our father, brothers all are we.
Let me walk with my brother, in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

(Please stand as you are able.)

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Together, let us pray:

C: Extravagant God, you have blessed us with the fullness of creation. Now we gather at your feast where you offer us the food that satisfies. Take and use what we offer here, come among us, and feed us with the body and blood of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

C: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray...

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.

(Please be seated.)

What is Holy Communion?

Holy Communion is a meal instituted by Jesus Christ that involves the receiving of God's forgiveness in a tangible form – we receive Jesus's life-giving body and blood in the presence of bread and wine (or grape juice). The meal is a time of remembrance and celebration.

Who can take part?

Holy Communion is something that not one of us has earned, so we receive it as God's free gift of life. The Church traditionally recommends that people be baptized before taking part, but all that is required is simply a heart that believes in Jesus Christ. If a person of any age wishes to be baptized, please let us know.

How does Holy Communion take place?

If you wish to take part, come forward as directed by the ushers. You will receive the wafer from the Pastor and the wine/grape juice from the communion assistant. If you wish to come forward for a blessing only, please cross your arms across your chest. You may also remain seated if you so wish.

HOLY COMMUNION *“Although I Speak with Angel's Tongue”*

Emma Lou Diemer

POST HOLY COMMUNION BLESSING

P: May the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

(Please stand as you are able.)

PRAYER AFTER HOLY COMMUNION

P: Together let us pray:

C: Blessed Jesus, in this rich meal of grace, you have fed us with your body, the bread of life. Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope to a world in need. Amen.

BLESSING

P: Hear this: the Lord our God is the one and only Lord. Therefore, go out into the world and love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength, and love your neighbor as you love yourself. May God give you justice and freedom; may Christ Jesus set you free for love; and may the Holy Spirit fill you and guide you on your way.

C: Amen.

BURYING THE ALLELUIAS

P: We are an Easter people.

C: And Alleluia is our song.

P: Alleluia! Alleluia!

C: Alleluia! Alleluia!

P: The author of Ecclesiastes writes: For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven. A time to be born and a time to die.

C: A time to plant and a time to pluck up what is planted.

P: A time to break down and a time to build up.

C: A time to weep and a time to laugh.

P: A time to mourn and a time to dance.

C: A time to keep silence and a time to speak.

P: As a sign of our repentance, we now say Farewell to the Alleluia until our rejoicing at the resurrection of our Lord.

SENDING HYMN

“Alleluia, Song of Gladness”

ELW 318

- 1 Alleluia, song of gladness,
voice of joy that cannot die;
alleluia is the anthem
ever dear to choirs on high;
in the house of God abiding
thus they sing eternally.
- 3 Alleluia cannot always
be our song while here below;
alleluia our transgressions
make us for a while forgo;
for the solemn time is coming
when our tears for sin shall flow.
- 4 In our hymns we pray with longing:
Grant us, blessed Trinity,
at the last to keep glad Easter
with the faithful saints on high;
there to you forever singing
alleluia joyfully.

DISMISSAL

P: How good it is for us to be here.

C: Amen! Alleluia!

P: Go in peace and do not be afraid. Christ is with you. Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

P: And next time ...

C: ... we'll invite a friend!

POSTLUDE

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

Jason D. Payne

We thank you for worshiping with us today.

We hope to worship with you again in the near future!

*Many thanks to all those on our tech team
for making this livestream service possible.*

HELPFUL INFORMATION

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES – The 9:00 & 11:15 a.m. worship services will be livestreamed through our website and YouTube pages. People can gather with us in the Sanctuary at 9 a.m. to worship in a more traditional style in person. We offer a more contemporary style worship service at 11:15 a.m. People can also worship in their homes with the livestream at 9 or 11:15 a.m., as well as access the recording of either service any time after worship concludes.

SERVING NEXT MONTH

Readers

March 2	TBD/Louise Green
March 6	Tammy Dukatz
March 13	Lori Calbeck
March 20	Shelley Beck
March 27	Laura Hall

Ushers – TEAM D

March 6	TBD
March 13	TBD
March 20	TBD
March 27	TBD

PowerPoint

March 6	Tim Jehowski
March 13	Gwen Fitzgerald
March 20	Chuck Biebelhausen
March 27	Tim Jehowski

Readers for Prayers of the Church

March 6	Rick DeVore
March 13	Lori Calbeck
March 20	Ezra Brown
March 27	Lisa Wade

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