



CRUSHED

HUMAN REJECTION IS CRUSHED
BY DIVINE EXALTATION

5th Sunday in Lent

April 3, 2022

BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

*West Des Moines, IA
Sunday, April 3, 2022*

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Welcome and thank you for joining us for worship today! Please sign in so we may have a record of your worship.

We pray that this hour of worship fills you with the peace of God that transcends all understanding through our Lord Jesus Christ.

If you are a visitor and have any questions, please speak to an usher, pastor, or any of our members. Thank you, and we hope you enjoy your time here at Beautiful Savior! We invite you to worship with us again soon!

ORDER OF WORSHIP SERVICE OF THE WORD (p. 38)

SERVING TODAY

Pre Service Music	Dora Liu
Lay Liturgist	Chris Ragner
Accompanist	Teresa Ennen
Streaming	Justin Christian
Ushers	
Bible Study	Andrew Wagner / Chris Ragner

**SERIES THEME
CRUSHED**

When someone is devastated or defeated or despondent we speak of him being "crushed." It could be due to some agonizing loss or unrealized dreams. It could be due to carrying a crushingly heavy load of guilt over some past mistake. In a broken world, it is simply a matter of time before we feel crushed. This is why we need Lent. The word Lent comes from an Old English word for Spring: "lengten," when the days grow longer. For 1400 years the Church has set aside the 40 days between Ash Wednesday and Easter as a time of repentance and renewal. Believers humbly acknowledge that sin is the ultimate source of all the crushing moments in life. Our sin even crushed Christ. Yet, on Easter Sunday, Jesus took up his life again. Our Savior crushed both death and the serpent's head. Yes, Lent is a solemn season. But it is also a season of great hope. With the psalmist we say, "The Lord saves those who are crushed in spirit."

THEME OF THE DAY

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People often look to the judgment of experts. The opinion of experts can greatly influence the general population. That poses a problem when it comes to Christ. The world's experts and culturally elite generally see little value in Christ and his Word. Thankfully, Christ tells us to expect this. He also reminds us that when it comes to judgments about him and his kingdom, only one opinion matters. God the Father would render the final verdict about Christ and his work when he raised his Son from the dead. This week, we learn to evaluate the world's experts properly. They might see heaven's greatest treasure as trash. Fine. That treasure remains ours for the taking!

AS I PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

"I rejoiced with those who said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'" Give me joy, dear Jesus, as I prepare to worship you today. Make me understand what my life would be like without you so that I long to hear about your grace and compassion. Help me participate in a way that honors you and builds up all who worship with me, and let their worship strengthen and encourage my faith.

OPENING HYMN

Christ Is Our Cornerstone

1 Christ is our cor - ner - stone; On him a - lone we
 2 Oh, then, with hymns of praise These hal - lowed courts shall
 3 Here, gra - cious God, do now And ev - er - more draw
 4 Here may we gain from heav'n The grace which we im -

build. With his true saints a - lone The courts of
 ring! Our voic - es we will raise The Three in
 near; Ac - cept each faith - ful vow And all your
 plore, And may that grace, once giv'n, Be with us

heav'n are filled. On his great love Our hopes we
 One to sing And thus pro - claim In joy - ful
 chil - dren hear, And more and more On those who
 ev - er - more Un - til that day When all the

place Of pres - ent grace And joys a - bove.
 song, Both loud and long, That glo - rious name.
 pray Each ho - ly day Your bless - ing pour.
 blest To end - less rest Are called a - way!

Text: Latin hymn, c. 8th century, abr.; tr. John Chandler, 1806-76, alt.
 Tune: John Darwall, 1731-89

DARWALL'S 148TH
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Alternate setting: 322

STAND

M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin and take away my guilt.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: **Amen.**

PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

OH, TASTE AND SEE

C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues forever. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Eternal God and Father, help us to remember Jesus, who obeyed your will and bore the cross for our salvation that through his anguish, pain, and death we may receive forgiveness of sins and inherit eternal life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 43:16-21 (NIV84)

This is what the Lord says— he who made a way through the sea, a path through the mighty waters, 17 who drew out the chariots and horses, the army and reinforcements together, and they lay there, never to rise again, extinguished, snuffed out like a wick: 18 “Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. 19 See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland. 20 The wild animals honor me, the jackals and the owls, because I provide water in the desert and streams in the wasteland, to give drink to my people, my chosen, 21 the people I formed for myself that they may proclaim my praise.

PSALM 73

Refrain

Sure - ly, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and
 not be a - fraid. For the Lord is my strong-hold and my
 sure de - fense, and he will be my Sav - ior.

Psalm tone *

SECOND LESSON

Philippians 3:4b-14 (NIV84)

If anyone else thinks he has reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for legalistic righteousness, faultless. ⁷ But whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸ What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God and is by faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead. ¹² Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. ¹³ Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

VERSE OF THE DAY

The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. (Psalm 118:22)

STAND

GOSPEL

Luke 20:9-19 (NIV84)

He went on to tell the people this parable: “A man planted a vineyard, rented it to some farmers and went away for a long time. ¹⁰ At harvest time he sent a servant to the tenants so they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed. ¹¹ He sent another servant, but that one also they beat and treated shamefully and sent away empty-handed. ¹² He sent still a third, and they wounded him and threw him out. ¹³ “Then the owner of the vineyard said, ‘What shall I do? I will send my son, whom I love; perhaps they will respect him.’ ¹⁴ “But when the tenants saw him, they talked the matter over. ‘This is the heir,’ they said. ‘Let’s kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.’ ¹⁵ So they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. “What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? ¹⁶ He will come and kill those tenants and give the vineyard to others.” When the people heard this, they said, “May this never be!” ¹⁷ Jesus looked directly at them and asked, “Then what is the meaning of that which is written: “ ‘The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone’? ¹⁸ Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, but he on whom it falls will be crushed.” ¹⁹ The teachers of the law and the chief priests looked for a way to arrest him immediately, because they knew he had spoken this parable against them. But they were afraid of the people.

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



BE SEATED

1 Praise the one who breaks the dark - ness With a lib - er -
 2 Praise the one who blessed the chil - dren With a strong, yet
 3 Let us praise the Word in - car - nate, Christ, who suf - fered

a - ting light; Praise the one who frees the pris - 'ners, Turn - ing
 gen - tle, word; Praise the one who drove out de - mons With the
 in our place; Je - sus died and rose vic - to - rious That we

blind - ness in - to sight. Praise the one who preached the gos - pel,
 pierc - ing, two - edged sword. Praise the one who brings cool wa - ter
 may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and glad - ness,

Heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, Calm - ing storms and
 To the des - ert's burn - ing sand; From this well comes
 See - ing what our God has done; Let us praise the

feed - ing thou - sands With the Fa - ther's word of peace.
 liv - ing wa - ter, Quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
 true Re - deem - er, Praise the one who makes us one.

Text: Rusty Edwards, b. 1955, alt.
 Tune: attr. Benjamin F. White, 1800-79
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BEACH SPRING
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**SERMON Our Temptation is Crushed by Christ's Obedience
 Philippians 3:4b-14**

STAND

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God the Father almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 born of the virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy Christian church, the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting. Amen.**

BE SEATED

GOOD NEWS FOR KIDS

OFFERING

STAND

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Heavenly Father, you loved the world and gave your Son to liberate us from sin and death by his obedient death on the cross.

C: We confess that without your love we are lost.

M: Lord of the Church, we thank you for the treasure of the gospel. By your Spirit, keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.

C: Strengthen our determination to do what pleases you, no matter what the danger or the cost.

M: Let us pray for those who carry a cross in the name of Christ and face ridicule and persecution for the sake of the kingdom: missionaries and chaplains, young people who stand up for what is right in the face of pressure to do what is wrong, and all who pay a high price for their faith and their values as Christians.

C: By your Spirit, O Lord, grant them patience and endurance.

M: Let us pray for those who carry heavy burdens in life: the sick and the chronically ill, the depressed and the lonely, those torn by conflict in personal relationships, those victimized by war and injustice, and all who face the terrors of life with a heavy heart.

C: Grant them peace, O Lord, and in your mercy, be their guardian and friend, their comfort and hope.

M: Let us pray for those who care for others: pastors and counselors; physicians and nurses; social workers and caring friends; all who feed the hungry, comfort the hurting, and stand beside the dying.

C: Strengthen them in their work, O Lord, and do not let them become weary in doing good.

(Special prayers and intercessions may follow.)

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

(Silent prayer.)

M: Help us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Keep us faithful even to the point of death, that we may receive the crown of life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

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LORD'S PRAYER

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.

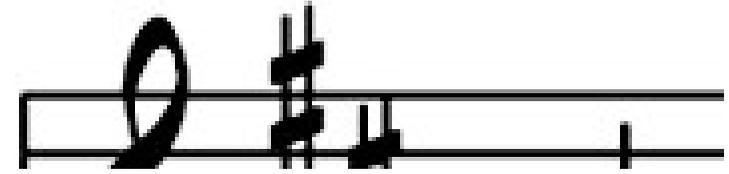
BE SEATED

1 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Church's head, You are her one foun-
 2 O Lord, let this your lit - tle flock, Your name a - lone con-
 3 Help us to serve you ev - er - more With hearts both pure and
 4 And for your gos - pel let us dare To sac - ri - fice all

da - tion. In you she trusts, be - fore you bows, And waits for
 fess - ing, Con - tin - ue in your lov - ing care, True u - ni-
 low - ly. And may your Word, that light di - vine, Shine on in
 trea - sure; Teach us to bear your bless - ed cross, To find in

your sal - va - tion. Built on this rock se - cure, Your Church
 ty pos - sess - ing. Your sac - ra - ments, O Lord, And your
 splen - dor ho - ly That we re - pent - ance show, In faith
 you all plea - sure. Oh, grant us stead - fast - ness In joy

shall en - dure Though all the world de - cay And all things
 sav - ing Word To us e'er pure re - tain. Grant that they
 ev - er grow. The pow'r of sin de - stroy And e - vils
 and dis - tress. Lord, for your mer - cy's sake, Let us by



Text: Johann Mentzer, 1658-1734, abr.; tr. William J. Schaefer, 1891-1976, alt.
 Tune: Friedrich O. Reuter, 1863-1924

REUTER
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Alternate setting: 293

STAND

M: Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people.
 Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation,
 and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and
 reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.

M: 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.

1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me stand;
 2 When my way grows drear, Pre - cious Lord, lin - ger near,
 3 When the dark - ness ap - pears And the night draws near

I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
 When my life is al - most gone,
 And the day is al - most gone,

Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the light.
 Hear my cry, hear my call; Hold my hand lest I fall.
 At the riv - er I stand; Guide my feet, hold my hand,

Take my hand, pre - cious Lord; Lead me home.
 Take my hand, pre - cious Lord; Lead me home.
 Take my hand, pre - cious Lord; Lead me home.

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 Tune: Thomas A. Dorsey, 1899-1993

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PRECIOUS LORD
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EVENING PRAYER

6:30 PM

arch 2	Rev. Lucas Callies Good Shepherd Lutheran North Liberty, IA	Luke 23:13-16	The Crucial Hours: A Part for the Whole?
March 9	Rev. Roger Neumann Grace Lutheran Oskaloosa, IA	Luke 22:31-32	The Crucial Hours: Satan Has Asked to Sift All Of You
March 16	Rev. Christian Walz Good Shepherd Lutheran Indianola, IA	John 18:12	The Crucial Hours: They Bound Him
March 23	Rev. William King Good Shepherd Lutheran Cedar Rapids, IA	Matthew 27:3-4	The Crucial Hours: What to Remember When You are Seized With Remorse
March 30	Rev. Michael Smith Bethany Lutheran Ames, IA	Matthew 26:18	The Crucial Hours: I Will Keep the Passover
April 6	Rev. Matt Pfeifer Lincoln Heights Lutheran Des Moines, IA	Luke 22:66	The Crucial Hours: The Semblance of Legality

Join us for a light supper at 5:30 pm.

Signup is available to provide the supper each week.
 Link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0945AEAE29A3FE3-lenten>
 or contact Anna Christian at annaox505@gmail.com

A Holy Week

“Holiday” is simply short for “holy day.” Throughout the course of a year, there are certain days we set apart as special: to commemorate extraordinary events, to celebrate influential individuals. While there are many holy days, there is but one holy week. The final week of Lent marks the most pivotal week in human history. In the four gospels—biographies of Jesus Christ’s 33-year life—this single week consumes nearly a third of the ink. The Holy Spirit considered the events of this week that important.

On a holy day, the relentless march of time slows down. We set aside our usual routines to call attention to whatever or whoever makes that day special. Likewise, believers slow down this entire week to ponder all that Christ did for them,

from his humble entrance into Jerusalem . . .
to his sacrificial death on the cross . . .
to the victory of Easter morning.



W E E K

Sunday, April 10 9:00 AM	Palm Sunday: His Humility, Our Hope	Palm Sunday perfectly illustrates how Jesus came to be the kind of king this world will never understand: one who conquers his enemies by surrendering to them, who crushes his opposition by himself being crushed, whose path to kingly exaltation begins with humiliation. This is the kind of King we have marching into battle as one of us and for all of us this week. This humble King is our only hope.
Thursday, April 14 6:30 PM	Maundy Thursday: His Food, Our Fill	Holy Thursday marked the end of something old and the start of something new. The Old Covenant, which God established through Moses, only exposed the people’s flaws. The New Covenant, however, listed all the blessings God promised his people. No matter who you are or what you have done, the blessings of the New Covenant are “for you.” Eat the food Christ offers, and all your spiritual and eternal needs are satisfied.
Friday, April 15 6:30 PM	Good Friday: His Punishment, Our Peace	Good Friday is very different than a funeral. At a funeral, while we celebrate the blessings of someone’s earthly life, we mourn their death. In the case of Jesus, his death is the very thing we gather to celebrate and remember. For we know why Jesus willingly endured the agony of the cross. Jesus suffered this punishment vicariously. He was pierced for our transgressions and crushed for our iniquities. Because he was, we are now right with our holy God. Jesus’ punishment is our peace

Compelled by Christ’s love, the members of Beautiful Savior glorify God by
***Growing in the faith, Gathering together as believers,
and Going to our neighbors with the gospel***

If you are new to the area or looking for a church to call your own, please accept our invitation to meet our pastor (after the service, or by appointment at your convenience). Please come and worship with us again.

Beautiful Savior is part of a group of more than 1300 churches congregations united by a common faith in Christ’s saving love, called the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod or WELS. The WELS is a world-wide church with congregations serving in all fifty of the United States, as well as in Mexico & Canada. The WELS also serves over 26 foreign countries through world mission work.

We are united in faith and teaching with the other churches of the Wisconsin Synod as well as the churches of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS), and the broader Confessional Evangelical Lutheran Conference (CELC).

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*Unless otherwise noted, Scripture readings are from the
[Evangelical Heritage Version EHV](#)*

THIS WEEK AT BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

Today	April 3	9:00 AM	Worship <i>(also Zoom, YouTube)</i>
		10:15 AM	Sunday School
		10:15 AM	Adult Bible Class
Wednesday	April 6	5:30 PM	Light Supper
		6:30 PM	Evening Prayer
Thursday	April 7	4:35 PM	Catechism Class
Sunday	April 10	9:00 AM	Worship w/Communion <i>(also Zoom, YouTube)</i>
		10:15 AM	Sunday School
		10:15 AM	Adult Bible Class
		11:30 AM	Spring Clean Up

Online worship link @ BeautifulSavior.org/live-stream

Prepare for Next Sunday

For a simple devotional reading plan, review the reading for this week on Monday through Wednesday. Then read the Scripture for next Sunday on Thursday through Saturday.

The Word for next Sunday:

Isaiah 42:1-4 *Luke 19:28-40* *Philippians 2:5-11*

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<https://wels.net/subscribe/subscribe-to-daily-devotions/>

Saturday April 9 Hymnal practice at Lincoln Heights

Saturday April 23 LWMS Wild Rose Circuit
Spring Rally

Mark your
Calendar



January, 2019 ...

For most of us, that is the time frame of your family picture hanging on our picture board!

If you have a recent family photo you'd like to share for the board (4x6 horizontal), please drop off with Joyce. If you need a new one taken, we will schedule a few dates for you to gather and smile.

If you have a good camera and are willing to snap photos, please contact Joyce.



Our Beautiful Savior Family



Kathy Peterson ordered 10 lilies for Easter Sunday.
If you would like to help with the cost,
please sign up on the bulletin board.
Cost is \$8.00 per lily



Join us Easter Morning
for breakfast before the service

Sunday, April 17 starting at 8:00am

Here is the link to the Easter Breakfast sign up Genius.
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0945AEAE29A3FE3-easter>

or check the bulletin board

We will begin using the Lutheran Worship—Hymnal on May 1st. For the first few weeks, we will use

**The Service
Setting One**

It is found on page 154



**New Hymnal Practice
for Both Congregations**

All musicians, singers and members are invited to practice the new hymnal liturgy and psalms. We will meet on two dates, one at each congregation. **We encourage members of both congregations to attend both**, or pick the one that works best with your schedule.

5:45 pm on Thursday, March 31 at Beautiful Savior
10:00 am on Saturday, April 9 at Lincoln Heights

New Sunday Bible Class Series— starting TODAY



Our next 10-part study is
TEN LIES ABOUT GOD

*Copies are available on the tables
Bring your Bible or grab one from the bookshelf*

**LWMS SPRING RALLY 2022
Wild Rose Circuit**

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church
West Des Moines, IA

Saturday, APRIL 23, 2022

- 8:45—9:30 Registration
- 9:30—10:00 Opening Devotion/
Bible Study
- 10:00—11:30 Speaker—Pastor Billy King
Home Mission—North Liberty
- 11:30—12:30 Lunch and Displays
- 12:30—1:30 Business Meeting
- 1:45 Closing Devotion

Please RSVP to Kathy Peterson (515-669-7277
or kpdsm@aol.com) by April 19th
with number attending.

