



**Selfless Love Marches Victorious over
Self-Glorification**

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 15, 2022

BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

West Des Moines, IA

Sunday, May 15, 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 Setting ONE

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This morning we are celebrating the Lord's Supper. It is a supper established by Jesus for his disciples. St. Paul further states that the supper is an expression of a oneness of belief and faith. If you are not a member of the WELS or ELS, we ask that you please speak with the pastor before coming to the altar. Thank you.

SERVING TODAY

Lay Liturgist	Chris Ragner
Accompanists	Anna Christian
Streaming	Justin Christian
Ushers	
Bible Study	Chris Ragner

SERIES THEME: VICTORIOUS

To the world, he seemed like a defeated man: opposed and killed by his enemies, his followers scattered in fear. Yet, three days after Jesus' death, he rose victorious from the dead. Nothing would ever be the same. The rest of eternity is now a victory march for the risen Christ. During Easter, we should not think of ourselves as passive observers in Christ's victory. We are more than fans cheering for our favorite athlete! Rather, we are active participants in Christ's triumph. Just as his death was our death, so also his life is our life. Buried with Christ in baptism, our life is now hidden with him on high. The victory is ours, now and forever. Easter is more than a day. It is an entire joyful season. The six solemn weeks of Lent are eclipsed by seven weeks of unbridled joy. These seven weeks correspond to the period of fifty days on the Jewish calendar between Passover and Pentecost. The Church reserves its highest praise for the Easter season. We do not merely watch from the sidelines as Christ marches in victory over sin, death, Satan, and hell. We join in the festal procession!

THEME OF THE DAY:

Selfless Love Marches Victorious over Self-Glorification

The disciples argued among themselves about who was "greatest" (Luke 22:24). We are not immune from such hubris. Sinful man is entirely self-focused. We often try and prove our goodness by comparing ourselves to others. You see this sense of superiority in the way we prioritize life, typically putting our wants ahead of others'. Easter ends this focus on self. Right now, we know we have value, not because of the greatness of our actions, but because of the great things Christ did to save us. We also know a resurrection to glory is in our future. Easter helps us avoid the trap of self-glorification and opens our eyes to a more excellent way: selfless love. Christ did not glorify himself, but selflessly did everything for the benefit of others. This week, he promises to be our inexhaustible power supply that we might also put selfless love into practice.

469 Welcome, Happy Morning

CW 469



1 "Wel - come, hap - py morn - ing!" age to age shall say;
2 Mak - er and Re - deem - er, life and health of all,
3 Source of all things liv - ing, you came down to die,
4 Free the souls long pris - oned, bound with Sa - tan's chain;



"Hell to - day is van - quished; heav'n is won to - day!"
God from heav'n be - hold - ing hu - man na - ture's fall,
plumbed the depths of hell to raise us up on high.
all that now is fall - en raise to life a - gain.

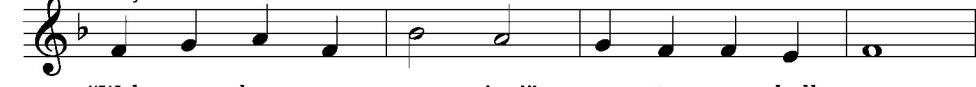


Lo, the dead is liv - ing, God for - ev - er - more!
of the Fa - ther's God - head you, the on - ly Son,
Come, then, true and faith - ful, come, ful - fill your word;
Show your face in bright - ness; shine in ev - 'ry land



Him, their true Cre - a - tor, all his works a - dore.
man - kind to de - liv - er man - hood did put on.
this is your third morn - ing— rise, O bur - ied Lord.
as in E - den's gar - den when the world be - gan.

Refrain



"Wel - come, hap - py morn - ing!" age to age shall say;



"Hell to - day is van - quished; heav'n is won to - day!"

Text: tr. John Ellerton, 1826–1893, alt.; Venantius Fortunatus, c. 530–609, abr. Tune: Enchiridion Geistlike Lede und Psalmen, Lübeck, 1545

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Stand

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Confession

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Holy God, gracious Father,
I am sinful by nature
and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.
I have not loved you with my whole heart;
I have not loved others as I should.
I deserve your punishment both now and forever.
But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins
with his innocent suffering and death.
Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

Silence for meditation and reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

In peace let us pray to the Lord.



For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



Glory Be to God

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Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glorify you,



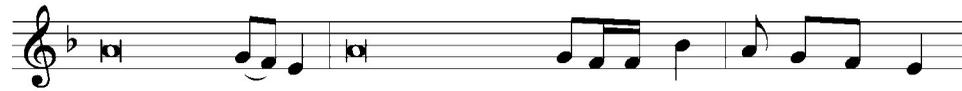
we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



God the Fa-ther Al-mighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sin of the world;



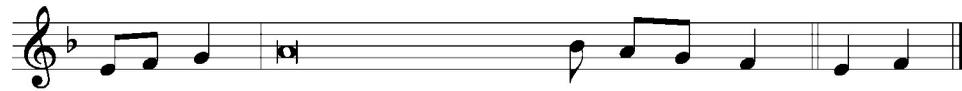
have mercy on us. You take away the sin of the world; re-ceive our prayer.



You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us.



For you on-ly are holy; you on-ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the



Ho-ly Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. A-men.

THE WORD

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O God, you form the minds of your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that among the many changes of this world, our hearts may ever yearn for the lasting joys of heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

Acts 11:1–18

The apostles and brothers throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles had also received the word of God. ² When Peter went up to Jerusalem, those who insisted on circumcision criticized him, ³ saying, “You went to visit men who were uncircumcised and ate with them!”

⁴ So Peter began to explain everything to them, point by point. He said, ⁵ “I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision in which an object like a large sheet was let down from heaven by its four corners. It came right to me. ⁶ When I inspected it very carefully, I saw four-footed animals of the earth, wild beasts, reptiles, and birds of the air. ⁷ I also heard a voice telling me, ‘Get up, Peter! Kill and eat!’

⁸ “But I replied, ‘Certainly not, Lord, for nothing impure or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’

⁹ “A voice spoke from heaven a second time: ‘What God has made clean, you must not continue to call unclean.’ ¹⁰ This happened three times, and then everything was pulled up into heaven again.

11 “At that very moment, three men who had been sent to me from Caesarea arrived at the house where we were. 12 The Spirit told me to go with them without any hesitation. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. 13 He told us how he saw an angel standing in his house and saying, ‘Send to Joppa and call for Simon, the one called Peter. 14 He will speak words to you by which you and all your household will be saved.’

15 “As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit came down on them, just as he came down on us at the beginning. 16 Then I remembered how the Lord had said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’[a] 17 So if God gave them the same gift as he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I to try to stand in God’s way?”

18 When they heard these things, they had no further objections, and they praised God, saying, “So then, God has granted repentance that results in life also to the Gentiles!”
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

145B I Will Praise Your Name Forever

Psalm 145B

Refrain



I will praise your name for - ev - er, my King and my God.

Tone



Great is the LORD and most wor- / thy of praise;
his greatness no one can / fathom.
One generation commends your works to an- / other;
they tell of your / mighty acts.

The LORD upholds / all who fall
and lifts up all who are / bowed down. *Refrain*

The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food at the / proper time.
You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every / living thing.

The LORD is near to all who / call on him,
to all who call on / him in truth.

He fulfills the desires of those who / fear him;
he hears their cry and / saves them.

**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. *Refrain***

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Second Reading

1 Corinthians 13

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels but do not have love, I have become a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. 2 If I have the gift of prophecy and know all the mysteries and have all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. 3 If I give away everything I own, and if I give up my body that I may be burned but do not have love, I gain nothing.

4 Love is patient. Love is kind. Love does not envy. It does not brag. It is not arrogant. 5 It does not behave indecently. It is not selfish. It is not irritable. It does not keep a record of wrongs. 6 It does not rejoice over unrighteousness but rejoices with the truth. 7 It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

8 Love never comes to an end. But if there are prophetic gifts, they will be done away with; if tongues, they will cease; if knowledge, it will be done away with. 9 For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part, 10 but when that which is complete has come, that which is partial will be done away with. 11 When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put away childish things. 12 Now we see indirectly using a mirror, but then we will see face to face. Now I know in part, but then I will know fully, just as I was fully known.

13 So now these three remain: faith, hope, and love—and the greatest of these is love.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

CW 161



Refrain



Tone



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Gospel

John 13:31-35

31 After Judas left, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man is glorified, and God is glorified in him. 32 If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify the Son in himself and will glorify him at once.”

33 “Dear children, I am going to be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come.

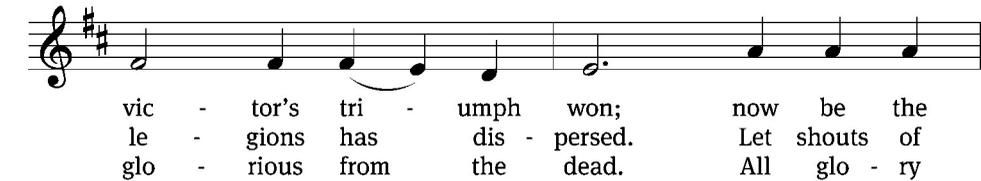
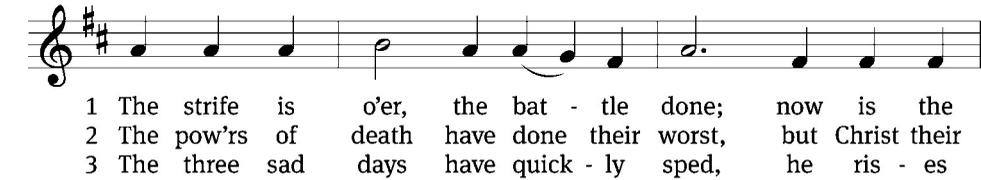
34 “A new commandment I give you: Love one another. Just as I have loved you, so also you are to love one another. 35 By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

452 The Strife Is O’er, the Battle Done

CW 452 sts. Ref-5



4 He closed the yawning gates of hell;
the bars from heav’n’s high portals fell.
Let hymns of praise his triumph tell:
Alleluia!

5 By your deep wounds, O risen King,
come set us free from death’s sharp sting,
that we may live and ever sing:
Alleluia! (Refrain)

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Sermon

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Victorious Over Self Glorification

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

Prayer of the Church

Almighty God and Father, we thank you for all your mercies, especially for the gift of your Son, through whom you have revealed your gracious will. We praise you for the Holy Spirit and his working through the means of grace.

Plant your Word in our hearts and cause it to produce fruit in our lives.

Strengthen and defend your Church, that by your Word and sacraments faith may grow and love toward all may increase.

Support all who spread the light of your truth throughout the world.

Keep our children in the grace of their baptisms. Enable their parents to train them in lives of faith.

Raise up Christians to serve you in the ministry of the Word and in all godly walks of life.

Preserve our nation in justice and honor. Guide and bless all who make, administer, and judge our laws.

Give them wisdom that they may promote justice and hinder evil.

Let your blessing rest on planting and harvest, commerce and industry, medicine and science, the arts and culture. Protect all who travel, and care for those whose work is difficult or dangerous.

Be with all who devote themselves to any useful task.

Comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity. Remember those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on those for whom death draws near.

Grant them your love and take them into your tender care.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served you, who now rest from their labors. Console those who are mourning or living with sadness.

Keep us in the true faith and bring us at last to the joys of heaven.

Grant us these things, Father, for the sake of Jesus, who died and rose again.

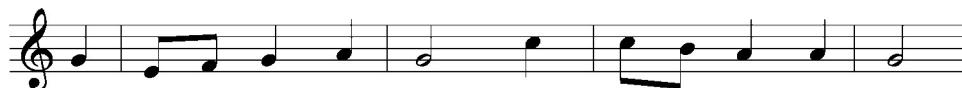
Amen.

Good News for Kids

Offering

730 Blest Be the Tie That Binds

CW 730



- 1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris - tian love;
- 2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our ar - dent prayers;
- 3 We share our mu - tual woes, our mu - tual bur - dens bear,
- 4 When here our path - ways part, we suf - fer bit - ter pain;
- 5 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free



the fel - low - ship of kin - dred minds is like to that a - bove.
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
and of - ten for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
yet, one in Christ and one in heart, we hope to meet a - gain.
and per - fect love and friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: John Fawcett, 1740–1817

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Stand

Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

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.**

Blessing

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.

Amen.

441 I Know That My Redeemer Lives

CW 441 sts. 1, 5–8



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort
 5 He lives to si - lence all my fears; he lives to
 6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'n - ly friend; he lives and
 7 He lives and grants me dai - ly breath; he lives, and
 8 He lives, all glo - ry to his name! He lives, my



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who
 wipe a - way my tears; he lives to calm my
 loves me to the end; he lives, and while he
 I shall con - quer death; he lives my man - sion
 Je - sus, still the same. Oh, the sweet joy this



once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!
 trou - bled heart; he lives all bless - ings to im - part.
 lives, I'll sing; he lives, my Proph - et, Priest, and King.
 to pre - pare; he lives to bring me safe - ly there.
 sen - tence gives: I know that my Re - deem - er lives!

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Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary
 Mequon, WI

11:00–4:30

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<https://tasteofmissions.com/>

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[University of Tennessee](https://www.utk.edu/)
 Knoxville, TN

\$395 May 1–31

[International Youth Rally – WELS](https://www.lwms.org/international-youth-rally)



We will dig into Ephesians and learn about the richness of God's grace.

[Women's Ministry Conference – Won to be One – WELS](https://www.lwms.org/womens-ministry-conference)



WELS Women's Ministry Conference
 July 21-23, 2022

Luther Preparatory School
 Watertown, WI



Historical Institute Bus Tour

August 5, 2022

Day-long tour of WELS sites in Jefferson County, WI

THIS WEEK AT BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

Today	May 15	9:00 AM	Worship
		10:15 AM	Sunday School
		10:15 AM	Voters Meeting
			Adult Bible Class
Thursday	May 19	6:30 PM	Church Council Meeting
Sunday	May 22	9:00 AM	Worship
		10:15 AM	Sunday School
		10:15 AM	Adult Bible Class

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:

Acts 14:8-22 John 16:16-24 Revelation 21:21-27

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Thursday, May 26 6:30pm K-Group Out to Dinner



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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