



**Focused Worship Seeks Service from Jesus
More than Service for Jesus**

**July 17, 2022
6th Sunday after Pentecost**

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.

THE SERVICE

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Opening Hymn Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

CW 919

First Reading Genesis 18:1-14 (EHV)

The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he was sitting by the door to his tent during the heat of the day. ²Abraham looked up, and he saw three men standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them, and he bowed down to the ground. ³He said, “My lord, if I have now found favor in your sight, please do not pass your servant by. ⁴Now let me get a little water so that all of you can wash your feet and rest under the tree. ⁵Let me get some bread so that you can refresh yourselves. After that you may go your way. That is why you have come to your servant.” They said, “Yes, do as you have said.”

⁶Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah and said, “Quickly prepare twenty quarts of fine flour, knead it, and make some loaves of bread.” ⁷Abraham ran to the herd, brought a good, tender calf, and gave it to the servant. He hurried to prepare it. ⁸He took cheese curds, milk, and the calf that he had prepared and set it before them. He stood beside them under the tree while they ate.

⁹They asked him, “Where is Sarah, your wife?” He said, “She is over there in the tent.”

¹⁰One of the men said, “I will certainly return to you when this season comes around next year. Then Sarah your wife will have a son.” Sarah was listening to this from the tent door, which was behind him. ¹¹Now Abraham and Sarah were old, well into old age. Sarah was past the age for childbearing. ¹²Sarah laughed to herself, saying, “After I am worn out, will I have pleasure, since my lord is also old?”

¹³The LORD said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh and say, ‘Will I really give birth to a child though I am old?’ ¹⁴Is anything impossible for the LORD? At the set time next year I will return to you, and Sarah will have a son.”

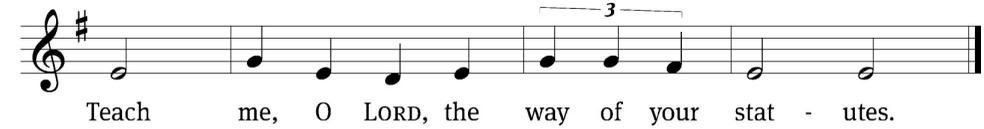
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

119B Teach Me, O LORD

Psalm 119B

Refrain



Tone



Teach me, LORD, the way of / your decrees,
that I may follow it / to the end.
Give me understanding, so that I may / keep your law
and obey it with / all my heart.
Direct me in the path of / your commands,
for there I / find delight. *Refrain*

Turn my eyes away from / worthless things;
preserve my life according / to your word.
Fulfill your promise to your / servant,
so that you / may be feared.
How I long for your / precepts!
In your righteousness pre- / serve my life.

**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 Colossians 1:1-14 (EHV)

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

²To the holy and faithful brothers in Christ at Colossae:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

³We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, ⁴because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and the love that you have for all the saints ⁵because of the hope that is stored up for you in heaven. You have already heard about this in the word of truth, the gospel ⁶that is present with you now. The gospel is bearing fruit and growing in the entire world, just as it also has been doing among you from the day you heard it and came to know the grace of God in truth. ⁷You learned this from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf. ⁸He is the one who told us about your love in the Spirit.

⁹For this reason, from the day we heard about your love, we also have not stopped praying for you. We keep asking that you would be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding, ¹⁰so that you might live in a way that is worthy of the Lord. Our goal is that you please him by bearing fruit in every kind of good work and by growing in the knowledge of God, ¹¹as you are being strengthened with all power because of his glorious might working in you. Then you will have complete endurance and patience, joyfully ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light.

¹³The Father rescued us from the domain of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

CW 161



Refrain



Tone



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Gospel Luke 10:38-42 (EHV)

As they went on their way, Jesus came into a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. ³⁹She had a sister named Mary, who was sitting at the Lord's feet and was listening to his word. ⁴⁰But Martha was distracted with all her serving. She came over and said, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her to help me." ⁴¹The Lord answered and told her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and upset about many things, ⁴²but one thing is needed. In fact, Mary has chosen that better part, which will not be taken away from her."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

645 One Thing's Needful

CW 645

Sermon

Focused Worship

Luke 10:38-42

Good News for Kids

Offering

633 Speak, O Lord

CW 633

925 On What Has Now Been Sown

CW 925

Prepare for Next Sunday

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

Genesis 18:20-32, 1 Timothy 2:1-7, Luke 11:1-13



A unique feature of Luke's Gospel is the section in the middle often called "the travel narrative." This lengthy section began in chapter 9 when Luke told us that Jesus "resolutely set out for Jerusalem" (v. 51). While there are many events and side trips that occur during this travel narrative, Luke regularly stresses that nothing is going to dissuade Jesus from going to Jerusalem, where he will fulfill his life's mission. Jesus was very focused. Jesus' mission and the purpose of this journey was not to gain an earthly crown. Throughout this travel narrative, Jesus makes clear that this world was not his real home. He teaches that this world is not our real home either. Jesus is focused on heaven. His mission is to get us there by going to Jerusalem and making the ultimate sacrifice to pay for our sin. Nothing would stop him. "He set his face like flint," Isaiah tells us (50:7). Jesus was focused. As we watch the focused actions of our Savior . . . as we focus carefully on his words . . . something wonderful happens. Jesus gives focus to our lives. We finally see things clearly: how to love our neighbor, the true purpose of worship, the blessing of prayer, what is treasure (and what is not). In this series, as Christ speaks to us through his Word, may he make us properly focused.

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We call worship a "service." Which raises the question: Who is serving whom? In answering that question, it is easy to focus on what we do in worship. "I set aside time in my week to come to church. I am singing praise to God. I brought him an offering. Clearly, I am serving him." True enough. However, as God speaks this week, he clarifies our focus, letting us see that worship is primarily about him serving us. Through Word and sacrament, he delivers every spiritual gift he wants us to receive. Our service to God is good. His service for us is perfect. Our service to God is important. His service for us is essential. God loves our service to him. But we desperately need his service for us. Receiving his service is actually the highest form of worship. "God wants to be worshipped through faith so that we receive from him those things he promises and offers" (Apology of the Augsburg Confession, Article IV).

THIS WEEK AT BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

July 17—July 24

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| Today | 9:00 am 10:10 am 10:25 am | Worship Voters Meeting Sunday School Bible Class |
| Sunday | 10:30 am Noon-3pm | OUTDOOR WORSHIP @Legion Park PICNIC |

In Our Prayers

The Lord is eager to hear the prayers of thanks and petitions for help from his people. Please keep these members and families in your prayers. Contact Pastor to add someone to this list.

- Ukraine
- Rylie Bacon expecting in November
- Ursula Heuer expecting in October
- Ken Gibb recovery from lung transplant

Outdoor Worship and Picnic—July 24

8:00 am Worship at Lincoln Heights Lutheran
10:30 am Worship at American Legion Park
Noon-3 pm Picnic

American Legion Park ([301 Vine St, West Des Moines](#)) This park has lots to do for the kids and a large covered shelter to avoid the sun. It even has a splash pad for the kids (and adults) to cool off in the spray.

SIGNUP SHEET IS ON THE BULLETIN BOARD.

Members of Beautiful Savior and Lincoln Heights are joining in this event. Members of the other WELS & ELS congregations have been invited as well. **There is no worship at Beautiful Savior on July 24.**

Road Trip Vacation Bible School —Thursday, August 4th.

VBS for Preschool - 6th Grade
Adult and Teen Bible Study also

Meal at 5:30 pm
Program 6 - 8 pm

No cost
Same day registration



New Member Course

Third Saturdays, 9 am—Noon

July 16, August 20, September 17, October 15

The lessons from “Basic Bible Christianity” go through the basic teachings of the Bible. Completion of the courses prepares someone to become a member of our congregation. It is also a great refresher for current members. Invite a friend to join you on these four Saturdays. Meet at Beautiful Savior Lutheran.

Take Me Out to the Ballgame!

Sunday, August 28, Iowa Cubs vs. St. Paul Saints at 1:08 pm. Go to the late worship service in your baseball attire and then go to the game. \$8 per person. Age 3 and younger don't need a ticket. Money will be collected closer to the date of the game. Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board.