



**Put Down What You Love;  
Pick Up What You Loathe**

**September 4, 2022  
13th Sunday after Pentecost**

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**BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH**

West Des Moines, IA

Sunday, September 4, 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.

This morning we welcome two families into membership at Beautiful Savior.

Welcome to **Ken and Gloria Gibb**. Ken and Gloria live in Dallas Center and are transferring from Mount Olive, Lincoln, NE

Welcome to **Andrew and Lisa Quist, with their children, Rachel, Josh, and Lizzy**. The Quist family live in Perry, IA and are transferring from St. Peter, St Peter, MN

**THE SERVICE**

**Setting I**

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**Serving Today**

Lay Liturgist	Chris Ragner
Accompanist	Anna Christian
Streaming	Zachary Bacon
Bible Study	No Class (Reception for our new members)

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## 703 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

CW 703



1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;  
2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give  
3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light.



lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."  
the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."  
Look un - to me; your morn shall rise and all your day be bright."



I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad;  
I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;  
I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun;



I found in him a rest - ing place, and he has made me glad.  
my thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.  
and in that light of life I'll walk till trav - 'ling days are done.

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(Stand)

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## Confession

CW 154

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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## Lord, Have Mercy

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

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

Lord, have mer - cy.

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.

Lord, have mer - cy.

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

Lord, have mer - cy.

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

A - men.

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## Glory Be to God

CW 157

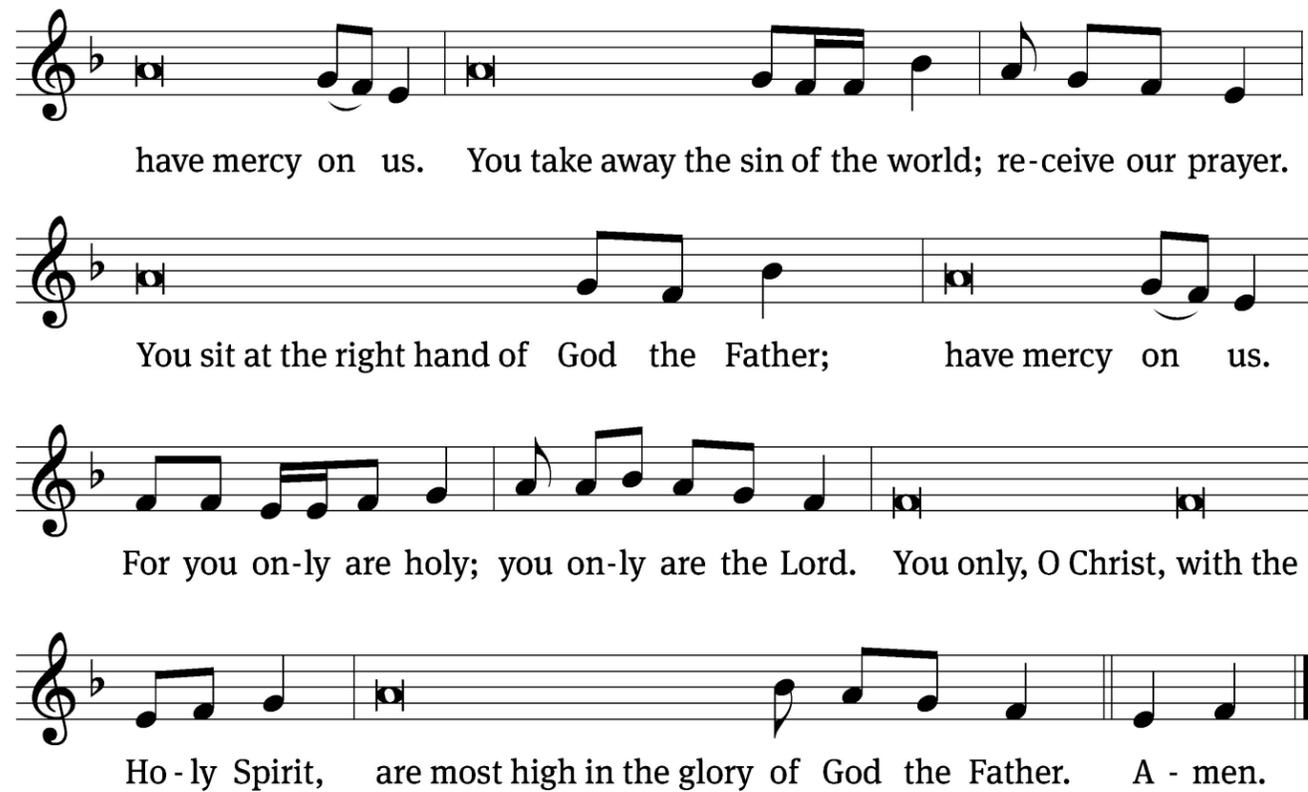
Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

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; receive 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 merciful Lord, you did not spare your only Son but delivered him up for us all. Grant us courage and strength to take up the cross and follow him, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

(Be seated)

## First Reading

Deuteronomy 30:15–20 (EHV)

<sup>15</sup> See now, today I have set before you life and prosperity, death and disaster. <sup>16</sup> This is what I am commanding you today: Love the Lord your God, walk in his ways, and keep his commandments, his statutes, and his ordinances. Then you will live and increase in number, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are going to possess.

<sup>17</sup> But if your heart turns away, and you do not listen, and you are lured away, and you bow down to other gods and serve them, <sup>18</sup> then I declare to you today that you will most certainly perish. You will not live a long life on the land that you are about to enter and possess by crossing over the Jordan.

<sup>19</sup> I call the heavens and the earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, a blessing and a curse. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live <sup>20</sup> by loving the Lord your God, by listening to his voice, and by clinging to him, because that means life for you, and you will live a long life on your land that the Lord swore to give to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

# 1A Blessed Are They

Psalm 1A

## Refrain

Bless - ed are they, bless - ed are they who hope in the LORD.

## Tone

Blessed is the one who / does not walk  
in step with the / wicked  
or stand in the way that / sinners take  
or sit in the company of / mockers,  
but whose delight is in the law / of the LORD,  
and who meditates on his law / day and night.  
That person is like a tree planted by streams of / water,  
which yields its fruit in / season  
and whose leaf does not / wither—  
whatever they do / prospers. *Refrain*  
Not so the / wicked!  
They are like chaff that the wind / blows away.  
Therefore the wicked will not stand in the / judgment,  
nor sinners in the assembly of the / righteous. *Refrain*

For the LORD watches over the way of the / righteous,  
but the way of the wicked leads to de- / struction.

**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

Philemon 1,7–21 (EHV)

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,  
To Philemon, our dear friend and coworker,

<sup>7</sup> For I have received great joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed by you, brother.

<sup>8</sup> For that reason, even though I have plenty of boldness in Christ to order you to do what is proper, <sup>9</sup> I am appealing to you, instead, on the basis of love, just as I, Paul, am an old man and now also a prisoner of Jesus Christ. <sup>10</sup> I am appealing to you on behalf of my child Onesimus. I became his father while I was in chains. <sup>11</sup> There was a time when he was useless to you, but now he is useful both to you and to me. <sup>12</sup> I have sent him (who is my very heart) back to you. Welcome him. <sup>13</sup> I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might serve me in your place while I am in chains for the gospel. <sup>14</sup> But I did not want to do anything without your consent, so that your kindness would not be the result

of compulsion, but of willingness.<sup>15</sup> Perhaps this is why he was separated from you for a while: so that you would have him back forever,<sup>16</sup> no longer as a slave, but as more than a slave, as a dear brother. He certainly is dear to me, but he is even more of a dear brother to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

<sup>17</sup> So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. <sup>18</sup> And if he has wronged you in any way or owes you anything, charge it to me. <sup>19</sup> I, Paul, have written this with my own hand: I will repay it—not to mention that you owe me your very self. <sup>20</sup> Yes, brother, I am asking for a favor from you in the Lord. Refresh my heart in Christ. <sup>21</sup> Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I ask.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

(Stand)

## Gospel Acclamation

CW 161



Refrain



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

Your words are my joy and my heart's delight.

Refrain

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## Gospel

Luke 14:25–35

<sup>25</sup> Large crowds were traveling with Jesus. He turned and said to them,<sup>26</sup> “If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, even his own life, he cannot be my disciple.<sup>27</sup> Whoever does not carry his own cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.<sup>28</sup> For which of you, if he wants to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost to see if he has enough to complete it?<sup>29</sup> Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, everyone who sees it will begin to ridicule him,<sup>30</sup> saying, ‘This fellow began to build, but was not able to finish.’<sup>31</sup> Or what king, as he goes out to confront another king in war, will not first sit down and consider if he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand?<sup>32</sup> And if he is not able, he sends out a delegation and asks for terms of peace while his opponent is still far away.<sup>33</sup> So then, any one of you who does not say farewell to all his own possessions cannot be my disciple.<sup>34</sup> Salt is good, but if the salt has lost its flavor, how will it become salty again?<sup>35</sup> It is not fit for the soil or for the manure pile. It is thrown away. The one who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

(Be seated)



1 Je - sus, I my cross have tak - en, all to leave and  
 2 Let the world de - spise and leave me; they have left my  
 3 Go, then, earth - ly fame and trea - sure! Come, dis - as - ter,  
 4 Haste, my soul, from grace to glo - ry, armed by faith and



fol - low you; des - ti - tute, de - spised, for - sak - en, you on  
 Sav - ior, too. Hu - man hearts and looks de - ceive me; you are  
 scorn, and pain! In your ser - vice pain is plea - sure, with your  
 winged by prayer; all but heav'n is tran - si - to - ry, God's own



earth once suf - fered, too. Per - ish ev - 'ry fond am - bi - tion,  
 not, like them, un - true. And, since you have smiled up - on me,  
 fa - vor loss is gain. I have called you Ab - ba, Fa - ther;  
 hand shall guide you there. Soon shall end this earth - ly sto - ry,



all I've ev - er hoped or known; yet how rich is  
 God of wis - dom, love, and might, foes may hate and  
 you my all in all shall be. Storms may howl, and  
 swift shall pass the pil - grim days, hope soon change to



my con - di - tion, God and heav'n are still my own!  
 friends may shun me; show your face, and all is bright.  
 clouds may gath - er, all must work for good to me.  
 heav'n - ly glo - ry, faith to sight and prayer to praise.

(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

*Brief intercessory prayers may be added in a fitting place.*

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, *[especially . . . here name the person and the cause of the petition]*. 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, *[especially . . . here name the person]*. 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

# 831 Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me

CW 831



1 Why should cross and tri - al grieve me? Christ is near  
 2 When life's trou - bles rise to meet me, though their weight  
 3 God gives me my days of glad - ness, and I will  
 4 From God's joy can noth - ing sev - er, for I am  
 5 Since I know God nev - er fails me, in his voice



with his cheer; nev - er will he leave me.  
 may be great, they will not de - feat me.  
 trust him still when he sends me sad - ness.  
 his dear lamb, he, my Shep - herd ev - er.  
 I'll re - joice when grim death as - sails me.



Who can rob me of the heav - en that God's Son  
 God, my lov - ing Sav - ior, sees them; he who knows  
 God is good; his love at - tends me day by day,  
 I am his be - cause he gave me his own blood  
 Trust - ing in my Sav - ior's mer - it, safe at last,



for me won when his life was giv - en?  
 all my woes knows how best to end them.  
 come what may, guides me and de - fends me.  
 for my good, by his death to save me.  
 trou - bles past, I shall heav'n in - her - it.

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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 T give you peace.

**Amen.**

### 617 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

CW 617

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all  
crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host;  
praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

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“Jesus went through the towns and villages, teaching as he made his way to Jerusalem” (Luke 13:22). Jesus knows that when he gets to Jerusalem, he is going to die. If you expect Jesus to use these final teaching opportunities to share happy thoughts, you don’t know him well. With a sense of extreme urgency, Jesus shares truths we need to hear, even if we do not want to hear them. As Jesus teaches hard truth, he challenges conventional wisdom. He reverses the normal and natural order of things. This should not surprise us, considering this Teacher’s life and work are the opposite of what one would expect.

When the truth is hard to hear, the first temptation is to deny it. We cannot do that with Jesus’ teaching, for he never lies. When the truth is hard to hear, the second temptation is to simply ignore it. To do that with Jesus is to court eternal death. Thus, Jesus’ words contain an urgent warning: Listen! Take to heart what Jesus says! For his Word, though it contains hard truth, gives eternal life.

#### Put Down What You Love; Pick Up What You Loathe

It is an unavoidable hard truth. Our relationship with Jesus will put us in situations where we must decide where love for him ranks compared to love for other people and things. And Jesus is not content to be one of many important things in our life; he wants to be first. He wants us to follow his Word unwaveringly, even when he asks us to do difficult things. As a result, following Jesus will force us to let go of things we love and embrace things we would naturally loathe. Jesus is loving and honest. He doesn’t hide this hard truth! Instead, he tells us up front that we must count the cost of following him. That means calculating what we might have to give up as his followers. He wants us to do that now, ahead of time, rather than waiting until we are in the heat of the moment and emotions are running high. However, our calculations should not only consider what we might give up for Jesus. They also entail calculating what we get through him! When we perceive the infinite blessings we find in Christ, the decisions we must make, while difficult, will be clear. Whatever is lost as we follow Jesus pales in comparison to what we gain.

## THIS WEEK AT BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

September 4—11

Today	9:00 am 10:15 am	Worship w/Communion Fellowship/Reception for New Members
Thursday	4:40 pm 6:30 pm	Catechism Class Bible Class—End Times
Sunday	9:00 am 10:25 am	Worship w/Communion Sunday School Bible Class

### 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:

Hosea 3:1-5, Luke 15:1-10, 2 Corinthians 2:5-11

### 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

Dylan and Ursula Heuer expecting in October

Zach and Rylee Bacon expecting in November

Ken Gibb recovery from lung transplant

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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR UPCOMING EVENTS

**Catechism Class** **September 8**

Thursdays 4:30—5:30

**Thursday Bible Class** **September 8**

6:30 pm

### END TIMES

There are many theories about what is going to happen before and when Jesus returns. Join us to see what the Lord says about the “End Times” in the Scriptures.

**Church Nature Walk** **September 10**

Join us at Brown's Woods

(465 SE Brown's Woods Dr, West Des Moines) for a devotion and nature walk. Good for all ages. Hike a short distance or take the long way (4 miles).

9:00 am on September 10

**Sunday School Rally Day** **September 11**

10:15-11:15 am

Preschool—8th grade

**Sunday Adult/Teen Bible Class** **September 11**

10:15-11:15 am

**New Member Course** **September 17**

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.

**Fall Church Clean Up Day**  
Many hands make light work

**September 24**

**LWMS Fall Meeting**  
**Joint Reformation Service**

**October 29**  
**October 29**

**Good Shepherd Lutheran Church -**  
**Cedar Rapids, IA**

**Wild Rose and Great River Circuits**  
**Fall LWMS Joint Rally**

Date: Saturday, October 29  
Speaker: Mr. Shannon Bohme  
Topic: WELS Mission Journeys  
Registration start: 12:45 pm

Full schedule:

12:45-1:15 registration / sign in  
1:15 Opening devotion  
1:30 Speaker  
2:45 Business Meeting  
3:30 (or earlier) Closing prayer

**Joint Reformation Service**

4:00 pm Worship  
5:15 (or so) Meal