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A Service of Thanksgiving

by The Rev. Leah R. Lawson

Christ the King Sunday marks the end of the liturgical year. The very next Sunday, we begin a new liturgical year with Advent! This year, I thought about doing something different. Instead of observing Christ the King, I thought it would be wonderful to have a Thanksgiving service. I ran the idea by Marsha and she was on board! On Sunday, November 24 we will have A Service of Thanksgiving with Holy Communion. The timing for this worship experience is perfect because our Congregational Meeting, to discuss and vote on our budget for 2025, will follow that worship service!

Budget time is always a stressful time for congregations. Many decisions have to be made. What can we cut? How can we increase giving? What ministries can we start? What ministries need to come to a close? Creating a church budget is probably one of the most stressful parts of being a faith community. I wonder though, if by focusing our worship on the abundance of God and giving thanks to God for all that we have been blessed with, might help us go into our Congregational Meeting with joyful and grateful hearts? Perhaps, there may be more joy and less dread? There's only one way to find out! I hope that you will join us for this special service and stay for the Congregational Meeting.

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Worship

Sundays Mornings
9:30 AM with communion



Office Hours -
Monday - Thursday,
9:00AM-12:00PM, 1:00-3:00PM
(closed during the noon hour)
Friday, 9:00AM- 12:00 PM

Staff:

Leah Lawson, Pastor
Cheryl Hall, Office Manager
Marsha Moller, Music Director

Council met on October 21 for a church business meeting.

Members Present: S. Berry, B. Berg, J. Reinschmidt, D. Wisker, D. Rosenthal, Pr. L. Lawson, G. Rohloff

Members Absent: B. Flatt, N. Conley, C. Kuehler, AM. Shadduck

Others Present: C. Hall

Guest: Dorothy Bivens

Old Business:

- Synod Tech Grant – An application has been obtained. We are currently assessing equipment needs and the projected completion of app by the end of the month.
- Nomination Committee has secured nominations for 2025 council openings.
- Potential grants for distribution of food to specific recipients was discussed. These funds will be run through dedicated funds per grant received.
- Revenue figures were discussed and will be reviewed at the November meeting before presenting the final 2025 budget to the congregation.
- Parsonage internet has been changed to Verizon.

New Business:

- Casa – Pastor Lawson gave a report regarding CASA and opportunities our church could support with volunteer time, money, etc. She will follow up with a CASA rep to determine the greatest need.

- Congregation Meeting will be on November 24 with presentation of the 2025 budget and nomination of council members.
- Endowment Committee had its third quarter meeting and showed a gain of \$12k with a balance of \$238,336. All members & officials will remain the same for 2025.

Education: Sunday School and Children's Message resumed on Sept. 15th. Trunk or Treat as Oct. 26th. Thank you to all who participated and came out. The Area Agency on Aging held a class in October called "Ready. Set. Thrive!"

Property: In October the fellowship hall and kitchen and the gym floors were cleaned and buffed. We plan to re wax floors prior to Christmas.

Glass Doctor replaced both narthex door closure mechanisms in October.

Social Concerns: Greg Rohloff completed the High Plains Food Bank food handlers' certification on Sept. 20.

-NOTICE-

November Congregational Meeting
Following the Worship Service
Sunday, November 24, 2024

Church Council:

Biff Flatt, Council President; Spencer Berry, VP, Blair Berg, Treasurer; Chelsea Kuehler, Secretary; Deanna Rosenthal, Education/Youth; Ann Marie Shadduck, Fellowship; Nancy Conley; Evangelism Johnny Reinschmidt, Property; Greg Rohloff, Stewardship/Social Concerns' Diane Wisker, Worship

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

Treasurer's Report September Fiscal Year 2024

Month

INCOME

OFFERINGS

	Actual	Budget
GENERL FUND ENVELOPE	12,234.13	17,850.50
GENERAL FUND LOOSE	57.00	83.33
OTHER RECEIPTS		
BUILDING USE	2555.00	166.67
MISCELLANEOUS	35.00	20.83

Total Income 12,581.13 18,121.33

EXPENSE

17,011.41 19,375.59

General Fund Offering and Attendance

October 6

general fund: 6185; attendance: 70

October 13

general fund: \$3645; attendance: 51

October 20

general fund: \$1725; attendance: 37

October 27

general fund: \$1118; attendance: 52

Meetings & Misc. in November

KEENAGERS- Meet for a pot-luck luncheon on Wednesday, November 6 2 at 12:00 pm.

Hosting: Gene Reneau, Sheryl Habeger

The **Women's Study Group** will meet for brunch at OvrEze at 10 AM on Tuesday, November 12. Please RSVP to Pr. Leah at 402-223-9113. OvrEze is located at 5700 S Georgia Street, across from Starbucks and McDonald's

Wired Word returns on Thursdays, November 7, 14, 21, at 10 am and 7 pm.

Council Meeting—Monday, November, 18 at 7 pm.

Congregation Meeting, Sunday, November 24 following worship.



11/06 Leah Lawson
11/10 Paul Jones
11/22 Beverly Roush
11/23 D'Ann Berry
11/24 Jerry Moller
11/27 Gene Reneau

For our members

Audrey Holman, Sally Lehrmann, Kenneth Huckabee, Sonia Sanchez, Biff Flatt

For our family members and friends

Hattie, Bruce L., Sandy, David, Aiden, Carla, Doug, Elizabeth, Dan, Michael H., Tim, Scott, Danny, John, Dick, Jim, Tony, Billie Jo, Rudy N., Will, the family of Reesa M., Jerry F., Michelle F., and Curtis & Barbara W.

For our homebound members

Beverly Roush, Donna Nuss, Jon Edler, Betty Loomis, and Beatrix Kirkeeng

For those serving in the military - Sergeant Luke Butler

Prayers of Thanks

As Thanksgiving approaches, I am mindful of blessings received. I am very grateful for my loving and supportive Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church family. Thank you for all the cards, calls, visits and most of all for your prayers for my recovery from hip surgery. It has not been without challenges. Just don't fall, especially during vacation out of state. I am thankful for my family, my pastor and all who helped me in Colorado and when I returned to Canyon.

In Gratitude,

Shirley Petersen

Updates Encouraged!

Note: If you have placed someone on the prayer list and there has been a change, please keep the church office updated.

*“Let there be
for every
pulse a
thanksgiving,
and for every
breath a
song.”*



If you need pastoral care of a visit or phone call, contact the church office at 359-9483 (Pastor Leah's office hours are 9 am to 4 pm Monday –Thursday) .

To add prayer requests into the church's prayers in the weekly bulletin and/or the prayer chain call/ email the church. To join the prayer chain by email, contact the church office at beautifulsavioramarillo@gmail.com

Sunday, November 3, 2024

First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-9

Isaiah sees a vision of the end of days, when God will gather all people on God's holy mountain and will prepare for them a rich feast. At this banquet God will wipe the tears from all eyes. And there will be no more sorrow, for God will destroy death itself.

Psalm: Psalm 24

They shall receive blessing from the God of their salvation. (Ps. 24:5)

Second Reading: Revelation 21:1-6a

Here is a vision of the new heaven and new earth in which God resides fully with God's people so that mourning, despair, and pain have been eradicated. These renewing words from the God who spans all of time are trustworthy and true.

Gospel: John 11:32-44

Through the raising of Lazarus, Jesus offers the world a vision of the life to come, when death and weeping will be no more.

Sunday, November 10, 2024

First Reading: 1 Kings 17:8-16

This chapter begins the story of Elijah. God sends a drought on Israel because of the sins of King Ahab. This passage depicts God's saving acts not only on behalf of Elijah, but also on behalf of those who are associated with the prophet, even a foreigner, the widow of Zarephath.

Psalm: Psalm 146

The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down. (Ps. 146:8)

Second Reading: Hebrews 9:24-28

The letter to the Hebrews describes Christ as a high priest who offers himself as a sacrifice for our sin. Christ does not die again and again each year. He died once, is alive with God, and will reveal himself on the last day.

Gospel: Mark 12:38-44

After engaging in a series of public arguments with religious leaders in the temple, Jesus contrasts the proud and oppressive ways of those leaders with the sacrificial humility and poverty of the widow.

Sunday, November 17, 2024

First Reading: Daniel 12:1-3

The book of Daniel is an example of apocalyptic literature, which is full of strange visions and symbolism. Arising during times of great persecution, apocalyptic literature is concerned with God's revelation about the end time and the coming kingdom of God, when God will vindicate the righteous who have been persecuted.

Psalm: Psalm 16

My heart is glad and my spirit rejoices; my body shall rest in hope. (Ps. 16:9)

Second Reading: Hebrews 10:11-14 [15-18] 19-25

Images of worship and sacrifice are used throughout Hebrews to highlight what Christ has uniquely accomplished through his death. Because we have received forgiveness through Christ's death, we live with sincere hearts by trusting in God's promises and encouraging love and good works from each other.

Gospel: Mark 13:1-8

In the last week of his life, Jesus warned his disciples concerning trials that were to come upon them and upon the world. He exhorts the listener: Do not be alarmed.

Sunday, November 24, 2024

First Reading: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

To the community for whom this passage was written, it seemed as though the oppression they were experiencing would never end. Daniel's message is: It shall end. The Ancient One, who is judge, will call all nations to account and will give dominion to "one like a human being," the Messiah.

Psalm: Psalm 93

Ever since the world began, your throne has been established. (Ps. 93:2)

Second Reading: Revelation 1:4b-8

The book of Revelation begins by celebrating the Almighty God, who spans all of time. Similarly, Jesus is celebrated as the firstborn from the dead who rules over the world's rulers. He is the one whose return we eagerly await.

Gospel: John 18:33-37

In John's gospel, the story of Jesus and Pilate presents two different ways of exercising power: through force or with love.

If you are not sure how to pronounce some of the names in the readings, below is a link to help you and also a link to look up readings from the NRSV Bible. <https://biblespeak.org/>
NRSV Bible Online: <https://bible.oremus.org/>

Hungry for Jesus

Many residents of first-world countries avoid true physical hunger, grazing at the slightest stomach rumble. Spiritually, the opposite is common. Many people run on empty, unaware of or rejecting Jesus' free gifts of grace, love and abundant life.

In her Magnificat, Mary proclaims, "He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty" (Luke 1:53, NIV). To be filled with Jesus, first we must empty ourselves and hunger for him. But what does that look like?

At Bible.org, pastor Steven J. Cole writes, "Starving people aren't interested in new smart phones or computers, unless they can somehow sell them to buy food. Hungry people have one focus — where to find food. It consumes their whole existence. ... That's how we should hunger for God!"

Spiritual hunger leads to a feast of God's blessings. He generously gives us gifts that overflow into the lives of others. So let's share Jesus with people who are starving for him!

In awe of everyday joys

Maybe you've heard of making micro-resolutions for the new year. Similarly, health experts recommend becoming aware of — and thankful for — micro-joys we experience and encounter.

In *The Power of Awe*, Jake Eagle and Michael Amster describe the benefits of taking several brief A.W.E. breaks throughout the day:

- **A** is for Attention, as you focus on something that amazes you or seems valuable.
 - **W** is for Waiting, as you pause to take a deep breath.
 - **E** is for Exhaling, as you breathe out and feel joy and gratitude.
- This simple practice reveals how profound the "ordinary" can be, thanks to the generosity of our extraordinary God.



November 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p><i>Gratitude</i> It's not happiness that brings us gratitude. It's gratitude that brings us happiness.</p>			<p>1 Thessalonians 5:16-18. Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.</p>		1	2
3 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship 10:45 Choir	4	5	6 FP-10-12 pm 12 pm Keenagers	7 WW –10 am & 7 pm Evenings in	8	9
10 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship 10:45 Choir	11	12 10 AM Women's Study	13 FP-10-12 pm	14 WW –10 am & 7 pm	15	16
17 9:30 Worship Presentation & German Meal	18 Council Meeting 7 pm	19	20 FP-10-12 pm	21 WW –10 am & 7 pm	22	23
24 9:30 Worship Congregational Meeting	25	26 10 AM Women's Study	27 FP-10-12 pm	28 Thanksgiving 	29 Office Closed	30



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