



Welcome to Beautiful Savior!

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IN JESUS'S NAME, WE:

Bring Glory to God through fulfilling worship.

Serve God's people, both within our congregation and without.

Learn about the Lord's will for us through sharing and teaching.

Connect within our membership and reach out to connect with others.

Acts: The Early Church Story **"Angelic Freedom: When the Church Prays"** **July 17, 2022 11:15 a.m.**

Herod, a descendent of the King Herod who met the magi and tried to killed Jesus as a young boy, began his own persecution of the Church. He had James the Apostle killed and arrested the Apostle Peter. However, the Church prayed fervently for Peter, and an angel broke him out of prison. This story teaches us that a praying church is a powerful force for good.

P: Pastor

C: Congregation

A: Assistant Minister

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Altar Flowers in loving memory of Sue Hoffman

GATHERING WORSHIP MUSIC

"I Will Wait for You"

Shane & Shane

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please kneel or stand as you are able.)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

GATHERING SONG

"Ancient of Days"

Sadler & Harvill

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Eternal God, you draw near to us in Christ, and you make yourself our guest. Amid the cares of our lives, make us attentive to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR MISSION STATEMENT

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(Please be seated.)

MISSION MOMENT

"Stephen Ministry"

Annette George

MEMORY VERSE

John 16:13a

Barb Barbour

A: Together, let us recite the memory verse:

C: When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own but will speak whatever he hears.

INTRODUCTION TO THE READING

FIRST READING

Acts 12:1-17

A: The first reading is from the book of Acts, the twelfth chapter.

About that time King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. ²He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword. ³After he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. (This was during the Festival of Unleavened Bread.) ⁴When he had seized him, he put him in prison and handed him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending to bring him out to the people after the Passover. ⁵While Peter was kept in prison, the church prayed fervently to God for him. ⁶The very night before Herod was going to bring him out, Peter, bound with two chains, was sleeping between two soldiers, while guards in front of the door were keeping watch over the prison. ⁷Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared, and a light shone in the cell. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him, saying, "Get up quickly." And the chains fell off his wrists. ⁸The angel said to him, "Fasten your belt and put on your sandals." He did so. Then he said to him, "Wrap your cloak around you and follow me." ⁹Peter went out and followed him; he did not realize that what was happening with the angel's help was real; he thought he was seeing a vision. ¹⁰After they had passed the first and the second guard, they came before the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own accord, and they went outside and walked along a lane, when suddenly the angel left him. ¹¹Then Peter came to himself and said, "Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hands of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting." ¹²As soon as he realized this, he went to the house of Mary, the mother of John whose other name was Mark, where many had gathered and were praying. ¹³When he knocked at the outer gate, a maid named Rhoda came to answer. ¹⁴On recognizing Peter's voice, she was so overjoyed that, instead of opening the gate, she ran in and announced that Peter was standing at the gate. ¹⁵They said to her, "You are out of your mind!" But she insisted that it was so. They said, "It is his angel." ¹⁶Meanwhile Peter continued knocking, and when they opened the gate they saw him and were amazed. ¹⁷He motioned to them with his hand to be silent and described for them how the Lord had brought him out of the prison. And he added, "Tell this to James and to the brothers and sisters." Then he left and went to another place.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand as you are able.)

GOSPEL

Luke 11: 1-8

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eleventh chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.”² So he said to them, “When you pray, say: Father, may your name be revered as holy. May your kingdom come.³ Give us each day our daily bread.⁴ And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial.”⁵ And he said to them, “Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread,’⁶ for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.’⁷ And he answers from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.’⁸ I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything out of friendship, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated.)

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Niklaus C. Schillack, Senior Pastor

“Angelic Freedom: When the Church Prays”

(Please stand as you are able.)

SONG OF THE DAY

“Everlasting God”

Brown & Riley

THE CREED

P: God has made us God’s own people through our baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we sing our faith:

“This I Believe”

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A: United in Christ and guided by the Spirit, we pray for the church, the creation, and all in need.

A brief silence.

A: Ever-present God, in Christ you fill all things. As your church gathers to hear your word, share your meal, and receive your blessing, teach us to welcome strangers as we have been welcomed by you. In your mercy,

C: Lord, hear our prayer.

A: Through Christ you created all things, visible and invisible. Teach humankind to honor and protect all creation, including living things that remain hidden from our eyes such as air, atmosphere, molecules, and microscopic creatures. In your mercy,

C: Lord, hear our prayer.

A: Through Christ you reconcile all things. Motivate those in power to end enslavement, dehumanization, or brutality of any kind and to protect and improve the lives of all peoples. In your mercy,

C: Lord, hear our prayer.

A: Through Christ you bring peace. Assure all who are worried and distracted by many things of your constant presence. Soothe those suffering in mind, body, or spirit. Sustain all who are afflicted and those who serve as caregivers (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). In your mercy,

C: Lord, hear our prayer.

A: In Christ you make your word fully known. Inspire this worshiping community to abide fully in your word as we sit at the feet of Jesus. Bless the ministry of teachers and Bible study leaders. In your mercy,

C: Lord, hear our prayer.

A: In Christ you brought forth the firstborn from the dead. We give thanks for the saints you have gathered at your table (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). Gather us with them in your eternal glory. In your mercy,

C: Lord, hear our prayer.

A: God of every time and place, in Jesus's name and filled with your Holy Spirit, we entrust these spoken prayers and those in our hearts into your holy keeping.

C: Amen.

(Please be seated.)

STEWARDSHIP READING

Luke 11:41

(Jesus said,) "So give for alms those things that are within; and see, everything will be clean for you."

OFFERING

"Breathe"

Marie Barnett

(Please stand as you are able.)

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Together, let us pray:

C: God of abundance: you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray ...

C: 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.

(Please be seated.)

HOLY COMMUNION

POST HOLY COMMUNION BLESSING

P: May the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

SUMMARY OF WORSHIP

(Please be stand as you are able.)

SENDING SONG

“My First Love”

Jeremy Horn

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

C: **We will! Thanks be to God!**

P: And next time ...

C: **... we'll invite a friend!**

We thank you for worshiping with us today.

We hope to worship with you again in the near future!

*Many thanks to all those on our tech team
for making this livestream service possible.*

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HELPFUL INFORMATION

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES – The 9:00 & 11:15 a.m. worship services will be livestreamed through our website and YouTube pages. People can gather with us in the Sanctuary at 9 a.m. to worship in a more traditional style in person. We offer a more contemporary style worship service at 11:15 a.m. People can also worship in their homes with the livestream at 9 or 11:15 a.m., as well as access the recording of either service any time after worship concludes.

On the third Sundays of the month, we will offer a Service of the Word for Wholeness at 10:15 in our Chapel. This twenty-minute service gives you an opportunity to receive and give support for wholeness and strength. The Word will be spoken with laying on of hands and anointing with oil. We will pray for those in need by name, receive personal prayer, and share in the fellowship of others in need.

SERVING THIS MONTH

Readers

July 3	Brian Rusher
July 10	David Lochner
July 17	Barb Barbour
July 24	Annette George
July 31	David Lochner

PowerPoint

July 3	Alexandra/Whitney Schillack
July 10	Tom Barlow
July 17	Jeanine Rusher
July 24	Ted George
July 31	Patti Tieman

Ushers

July 3	Brian Rusher & Christian Arnold
July 10	Jim Kershner & Ken Fouty
July 17	Brian Rusher & Jim Kershner
July 24	Tom Ingram & Christian Arnold
July 31	Jim Kershner & Ken Fouty

Communion Assistants

July 3	Nancy Kriewall
July 10	Jim Kershner
July 17	Barb Barbour
July 24	Brian Rusher
July 31	Brian Tognetti

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