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**OUR MISSION**  
is to share  
God's message,  
to grow in our  
faith, to love and  
serve others.

## Christ's Resurrection Remains our Confidence

By Pastor Chris

With so many views on what happens when we die, some have probably questioned your Christian faith directly: "How do you know that you hold true beliefs?" Perhaps you even have wrestled with this question yourself.

Although some may argue that the answer rests entirely on faith, Christianity takes confidence from events in human history. The center of God's activity among mankind rests in what we confess in the Second Article of the Apostle's Creed: That Jesus Christ, the God-man, 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.

Did you get that last part? Rose again?

For all their different views, Moses, Muhammed, Confucius, Buddha, Joseph Smith, L. Ron Hubbard -- along with a host of others who have shaped and formed various belief systems -- share one thing. They died, and they stayed dead. Can they really speak of what awaits us after death? Do they really have true wisdom or power that can be trusted? Are you willing to bet your afterlife on them?

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## Treasured Vacation Bible School

6-8 p.m. Sunday, June 6 to Thursday, June 10

Kids ages four through sixth grade

God's greatest treasure is YOU!

Registration forms available on the church website or in the narthex.

Meals will be offered from 5:15-5:45 p.m. every night for a cost of \$3 per person.

## Christ's Resurrection Remains our Confidence

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The resurrection sets Jesus apart from all other "religious" leaders, figures and founders. The enemies of sin and the grave did their worst to Jesus, but Christ broke their power. The One who had proclaimed Himself as the fulfillment of God's salvation during His public ministry, Jesus appeared alive again after his crucifixion and burial to drive the point home. What Jesus had proclaimed wasn't impossible or unthinkable. Christ had done exactly what He had promised:

"These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled. Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem," (Luke 24:-47).

But how can you know?

Witnesses. Lots and lots of witnesses. The apostle Paul lists some, but not all of them: "For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me," (1 Corinthians 15:3-8).

How can you be sure? When history happens, witnesses can attest to the validity of what happened. Enough of the Christian community experienced what happened, then bore consistent witness about it. This bold and joyous apostolic witness rings forth and remains our confidence by the power of the Holy Spirit: "But, in fact, Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive," (1 Corinthians 15:20-22).




*Pastor Chris*

## Upcoming Bible Studies

**9:30 a.m. Sunday morning Bible study: Seeking God's guidance: How to make wise decisions -** "God, I don't know what to do." We have all said these words and struggled with making God-pleasing decisions. Sin has complicated and compromised our ability to make wise choices that reflect God's perfect and Holy will. Prey to fallen human ideas, opinions and feelings, God's people stray from God's truth! Christians often skip the Divine Service, seeing it as optional rather than God's precious gift. Christians often cohabit and enter sexual relationships outside of marriage against God's will. Gender and sexuality have degenerated into twisted expressions against God's design. Social media has become a fierce battleground for attacking others. Vulgarities abound in today's speech. Respect for authority has declined significantly. In the Holy Spirit's power, we will turn to the Holy Scriptures as our final authority, knowing that God has given us His word to show us our sin, reveal our Savior and empower us to do His will.

**7 p.m. Tuesday evening Bible study: "Genesis: A Book of Beginnings" -** Genesis is a book of beginnings and promises. It explains the beginning of the universe, the beginning of humankind, the beginning of sin, the beginning of God's people, the beginning of God's covenant promises with Abraham and his descendants and the beginning of sacrifice as the substitution of death for life. The rest of the Bible - particularly the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ - only makes sense when we understand these important beginnings.

**9 a.m. Thursday Women's Bible study via Zoom: "Sermon on the Mount" -** What does it mean to "seek first the kingdom of God" in our relationships, values, ambitions, finances and commitments? Jesus' answer to these questions amazed those who first heard the greatest sermon ever preached - the Sermon on the Mount. All women are welcome. Please contact the church office or Shirley Elsner at 388-9521 to sign up.

BSLC Treasurer's Report			Restore His House		
General Operating Fund			Capital Campaign		
Oper. Fund	Mar.	YTD		Pledged	Goal
Contributions	\$48,402	109,206			
Expense	24,419	102,647			
Surplus/ (Shortfall)	23,983	6,559		\$307,650	\$330,000

## Stewardship Chairman Needed

Beautiful Savior still stands in need of a chairman for the board of stewardship.

According to the bylaws of Synod, the Board of Stewardship shall have authority and responsibility for the development of ongoing programs that enlist the time, talents and treasures of the members of the congregation. (Bylaws: Article VII, 9)

The specific duties of the chairperson include:  
Working with the pastor(s) to develop and implement the necessary programs recommended and approved by the church council as it relates to the time, talents and treasures of all members of the congregation.

Working with the pastor(s) to initiate and conduct programs of education and training of church members in the Scriptural principles and practices for sharing of time, talents and treasures.

Attend monthly council meetings to present reports on stewardship programs and initiatives.

Please call the church office and speak with one of the pastors if you could assume this important duty.

## Special VBS Worship Service 8 p.m., June 10

There will be a special worship service from 8 - 8:25 p.m. Thursday, June 10. Our VBS kids will be singing the songs they have learned at this year's vacation Bible school. Come hear some fun music and support the kids.

## Fellowship with Treats to Resume

Fellowship along with coffee and treats will now be served after worship beginning Sunday, May 30! Our group for June consists of the letters T-Z with Kim Ternes as captain. The service groups will begin providing treats in June.



## Voters' Meeting June 6

There will be a voters' meeting at 10:15 a.m. Sunday, June 6. Please plan to attend.

## Encounter Camp at Shepherd's Hill

All Beautiful Savior students who will enter grade seven or above should consider attending Encounter Camp Sunday, July 25, through Friday, July 30, at Shepherd's Hill at the Crossroads. Join us as we encounter God through word, world, worship and recreation encounters. Make new friends. Learn leadership skills and spend time being fed by God's Word in a camp setting! Beautiful Savior also has scholarship money available to help offset the cost. See Pastor Chris for more information.

## Thank You

Thank you for all your prayers, cards, emails and words of encouragement during my recuperation. Your support is very much appreciated. We feel blessed to have all of you in our lives. God's blessings be with you.

Pastor Brian and Dahlia



## Summer Worship Schedule

Sunday at 9 a.m. in person and via YouTube

Adult Bible Study 10:15 a.m. Sunday

Wednesday at 7 p.m. in person  
(sermon corresponds with following Sunday)

## Summer Office Hours

9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday (Kim)

Pastor Chris and Pastor Brian  
available by appointment.





## Clubs and Service Groups



**Service Group** - Fellowship along with coffee and treats will now be served after worship. Our group for June consists of the letters T-Z with Kim Ternes as captain. She will call you asking for treats or help with events. Thanks for your help. Our July group will be the letters A-Bo with captain Andrea Olson.

**Elders** - At least one of our elders are here every Sunday morning. They greet members and visitors, help the pastors with any needs and see that all goes well. If you have any concerns for our church, please talk to head elder Adam Tykwinski or any of the elders.

**Quilting and Fellowship** - We have resumed in-person quilting while practicing social distancing! Join us at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 10. We will only meet the second Thursday in June, July and August. If you have any questions, please call Donna Ceroll at 232-2464.

**BSLC Coffee Club** - BSLC members, men and women of any age, are invited to gather at 9 a.m. on Friday mornings at Randy's, 2130 University Drive S., Fargo.

**Gold Club** - We will not be meeting this month. Stay tuned for further details regarding how and when we will resume.

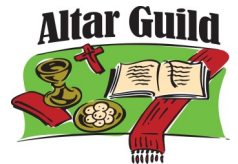
**LWML** - LWML will take the summer off and resume meetings in September. If you have any questions about LWML contact Mary Seiffert or the church office.

Please continue to bring in your cancelled stamps and place them in the drawer marked stamps by the LWML kiosk. The stamps need to have at least 1/4" border around them when cutting them off an envelope. Did you know the LWML received \$100 for 20 pounds of stamps?

**Beautiful Garden** - Beautiful Garden at Beautiful Savior will meet at 5 p.m. on Tuesdays and 10 a.m. on Saturdays. Come if you can. Bring garden gloves, a garden tool and a friend. We look forward to some gardening and fellowship. Contact the church office or Tim Deitemeyer at [tim.deitemeyer@hotmail.com](mailto:tim.deitemeyer@hotmail.com) to be added to the communication list. See you at the garden!

## Consider Joining the Altar Guild

We are in need of altar guild members. Prayerfully consider if you could join the altar guild. Our altar guild sets up communion on Sundays, Wednesdays or holidays when Holy communion is celebrated. If you would like to join the guild, talk to Pastor Chris or Pastor Brian.



## Organist or Pianist Needed

### Organist Needed



We are in need of an organist or pianist at BSLC this summer. We are thankful to have Loretta Rasmusson, Mary Seiffert, Ramsey Dahl and Larry Swingen use their musical skills during the year. One or two additional people would be nice to help out and give our regular musicians a break. If you are interested, talk to Pastor Chris, Pastor Brian, Mary Seiffert or e-mail the church office.

## Please Update Your Information

If you have a cableone.net email address, please let the office know your new email address.

If you go to the lake for the summer, please let the church office know. Newsletters are not forwarded, and the church is charged 63 cents each time one comes back. By letting the office know, a newsletter can be emailed to you each month until you return home.



## Church Mowing

If you are interested in helping mow the church grounds this summer, call Mardi Schlichtmann at 730-0466 to get added to the schedule. You can mow as many or as few times as you want!

## Landscaping Rock Available

The church has some landscaping "river rock" available if anyone is interested. Call Mike Schlichtmann at 552-0380 for more information.

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# Are You Ready to be Judged?

By Pastor Brian

"Because [God] has fixed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom He has appointed; and of this He has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead," (Acts 17:31).

"From thence He will come to Judge the living and the dead." (from the Apostle's Creed).

Have you ever attended a children's art fair? Some of these art fairs have hundreds of pieces representing countless hours of work hung on the walls. The art is judged. White, red, blue and "judges' choice" ribbons are attached to some of the pieces. A majority of the art, though, does not receive a ribbon. I don't know about you, but I would not want my artwork to be judged.

Most people don't like to be judged. They don't look forward to job reviews, physical checkups and relationship quizzes. What will their boss, doctor or people close to them say? How will they be judged?

God forgives you.

One day we will all be judged. In His Word, God says that He has set a day when Jesus will judge the world—every single one of us. Our Judge demands that we be perfect. Our sinful hearts, lying, cursing, hatred and all of our sins testify against us. We are far from perfect.

Why does God tell us this? God does not want us to falsely hope in ourselves. He tells us this "so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God." On our own, we are without excuse or defense. We cannot "try" our way out from under His judgment. "For by works of the law no human being will be justified in His sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin," (Romans 3:19-20).

Is all hope lost? If it were up to us, yes. But thanks be to God. In His grace, God intervened on our behalf and provides what we could not. God gives us His righteousness. For us, Jesus lived a perfect life, died on the cross and rose from the dead. In Christ, God declares us not guilty. Sinners like you and me are forgiven. Jesus has bought our freedom. God smiles on us. By faith in Jesus, He gives us our eternal home in His presence forever.

Through Jesus, you are ready to be judged. Jesus stands at your side. He points to His perfect life, His death in your place and His resurrection. Then He points ahead as He leads you to your eternal home with Him in the new heavens and the new earth.

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## "Main Street Living North" TV Program News

MSLN announces Jay Schaefer as the new executive director starting June 1. Jay has served as a music teacher, youth director and most recently as chaplain for the Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch treatment facility in Fargo. He has been recording and editing episodes for the MSL north market since it began five years ago. Jay is editing all episodes for the MSLN network, which include six episodes per week on ten television stations in a six-state area. He is looking forward to continuing and growing the reach of this ministry starting this summer.

Jay and his wife, ReNae, and two children live in Moorhead. Their youngest son, Adam, will be a Seventh-grader at Park Christian School. Jacob, their oldest, graduated from Park Christian and will be studying electrical technology at Minnesota State Community and Technical College in Moorhead in the fall.

Jay is taking over (and grateful) for Dutch TeSlaa and the team in Sioux Falls, SD, who began this ministry 20 years ago.

### June pastors and sermons:

**June 6:** Rev. Ross Fritz, Grace Lutheran Church, Breckenridge, MN, presents the message "So, What Do You Call a Crazy, Crooked, Kleptomaniac?" based on Mark 3:20-35. This Is The Life: "Some People Need Help."

**June 13:** Rev. Clark Jahnke, St. Andrew Lutheran Church, West Fargo, presents the message: "While in the Body..." based on 2 Corinthians 5:1-17. This Is The Life: "Jeremy."

**June 20:** Rev. Joel Newton, St. John's Lutheran Church, Park Rapids, MN, presents the message: "Peace, for You," based on Mark 4:35-41. This Is The Life: "Flight Plan."

**June 27:** Rev. Matthew Tooman, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Wahpeton, presents the message "Stewardship," based on 2 Corinthians 8:1-9. This Is The Life: "Amazing Grace."

## BSLC High School Seniors

These seniors will graduate this weekend. We ask God to bless each of you and be with you in your new endeavors. Congratulations to you!



**Andrew Barth**, son of Brent and Dawn Barth, will graduate from Fargo South High. He will be attending Minnesota State Community and Technical College for automotive service technology.

**Alexis Doeling**, daughter of Gene and Denise Doeling, will graduate from West Fargo High. She will attend North Dakota State University in the fall. She plans to major in health professions.

**Mollie Gilman**, daughter of Drew and Kym Gilman will graduate from Davies High School. She plans to attend North Dakota State University in the fall. She has been accepted into the nursing program for fall of 2022. Mollie hopes to further her education and become a physician's assistant.

**Ryan Grothman**, son of Mike and Pam Grothman, will graduate from Davies High School. He plans to attend the University of North Dakota. He plans to major in business/finance.

**Matthew Hestdalen**, son of Jason and Bobbi Hestdalen, will graduate from Fargo South High. He will be attending North Dakota State University in the fall. He plans to study engineering.

**Tanner Kainz**, son of Troy and Kim Kainz, will graduate from Moorhead High. His plans for the fall are undecided.

**Benett Persoon**, son of Scott and Kim Persoon, will graduate from Sheyenne High in West Fargo. He will attend the University of Mary in Bismarck in the fall. He is majoring in mechanical engineering and competing on the golf team.

**Logan Triepke**, son of Shane and Tracy Triepke, will graduate from Fargo South High. He will be attending North Dakota State College of Science for powersports technology.

## Congregational Memory Verse Challenge

**June 7: Psalm 100:** Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing! Know that the LORD, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name! For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

**June 14: Colossians 3:23–24:** Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.

**June 21: Psalm 143:8:** Let me hear in the morning of your steadfast love, for in you I trust. Make me know the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul.

**June 28: Isaiah 41:10:** Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

God's Greatest Treasure  
Is YOU!



## Harlan and Esther Wallum Scholarship Fund

Are you thinking about where you or your children may go for college? Consider one of our LCMS universities. Grants are available to assist youth and adults who wish to begin or continue their education from an LCMS university or seminary. Applications are available in the church office.



## Grace Lutheran School News

- Mrs. Susan Jahnke has accepted the call as principal of Grace Lutheran School. We are thankful for Mrs. Jahnke's leadership and dedication to serving our school.
- We thank all our family and friends who joined us for Pasta With a Purpose Spaghetti Dinner. We served approximately 500 people.
- Graduation ceremonies were held on Tuesday, May 25 for five eighth-graders and 20 kindergarten students. The eighth-graders are Anna Kempel, Andrew Grothman, Annalise Steege, William Hankel and Troy Freitag.
- Camp Grace begins June 1. We are excited to invite more than 40 kids into our care for crafts, field trips, devotions and play time.
- GLS's summer landscaping project is underway. A work day will take place at 9 a.m. on Saturday, June 19. We invite the entire association to take part in this project. Details on how you can help and items needed are on the website.
- Enrollment is open year-round at GLS. There is still plenty of time to register for school this fall. We offer a scholarship program and some of our association churches have generous scholarships for their members.

## Higher Things Youth Conference

Dare to be  
Lutheran  
and attend the



**Higher Things**  
DARE TO BE LUTHERAN

Higher Things Youth Conference "Forgiven." The conference will be held June 29-July 2 at North Dakota State University. To register or learn more, login to [www.higherthings.org/2021-forgiven](http://www.higherthings.org/2021-forgiven).

## LCMS Summer Camps

Beautiful Savior will offer \$100 scholarships to those who plan to attend LCMS camps. Please call Pastor Chris or Pastor Brian for more information.

### Shepherd's Hill at the Crossroads:

This year at Shepherd's Hill at the Crossroads, the summer theme is "Be Strong in the Lord." You can register online at [shretreat.org](http://shretreat.org), email Rev. Jon Bonine, executive director, at [director@shretreat.org](mailto:director@shretreat.org), on the church website or pick up an application in the narthex.

**Lutheran Island Camp:** This year at Lutheran Island Camp, the summer theme is "God of Wonder." LIC has hired a new year-round program coordinator, Julia O'Laughlin. You can register online at [www.islandcamp.org](http://www.islandcamp.org).

KIDS IN THE  
DIVINE SERVICE

**What is "Pentecost"?**

The word "Pentecost" (pronounced PEN-tuh-kost) comes from the Greek word *pentekostos* which means "fiftieth." Exactly 50 days after Jesus rose from the dead, the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples in the form of flames of fire.

**Why is Pentecost so important?**

When Jesus died, the disciples were sad because they thought that their friend and Lord was gone forever. But Jesus rose again! Forty days after His resurrection, Jesus did finally ascend into heaven leaving the disciples below. However, before Jesus actually died, rose again and ascended into heaven, He made a promise to His disciples that He would send the Holy Spirit to them. He said that the Holy Spirit would come and guide them "into all the truth" (John 16:13). Jesus doesn't leave us alone to fend for ourselves. Jesus is here with us, and the Holy Spirit guides and leads the Church into the truth of the wonderful Gospel! We celebrate and remember this at Pentecost.

**Parents:**

At home, read the story of Pentecost in Acts 2 to your children. Remind them that the Holy Spirit comes to us through the Word and Sacraments just as our Lord has promised. Encourage them to thank God for the gift of His Holy Spirit in their lives.

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## Office Hours:

9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday

Pastor Chris and Pastor Brian are also available by appointment.

## Worship Schedule:

Sunday at 9 a.m. in-person & via YouTube

Adult Bible Study 10:15 a.m. Sunday

Wednesday at 7 p.m. in-person

**Holy Communion** is celebrated on the first, third and fifth Sundays of each month. Pastors are also available by appointment Monday - Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

## Worship Services available at:

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