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The Garden of Golgotha

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Welcome to Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church! We are glad that you have come to God's house to worship him and hear the beautiful message he wants to share with you.

We are a La Porte County family founded on, and growing in, the truth of God's Word; sharing the love of our Beautiful Savior.



Although we come from different backgrounds, diversified by age, ethnicity, and social circles, we find common ground in our Beautiful Savior, Jesus. Each one of us understands that once we were lost and separated from our gracious God. Yet God himself has brought us close to him through our Savior Jesus Christ. In Christ we have been adopted into the family of God, and we now see each other as brothers and sisters, not by our blood, but by the blood of Christ. Therefore, we function as a family united in faith, love, and service.

Every family holds to certain values. The family of Beautiful Savior holds to the core values of Biblical Instruction, Fellowship, Outreach, and Prayer.



OUR FACILITIES... Restrooms are located on the sides of the fellowship area in the back of the facility. A baby changing table can be located in both the men's and women's restrooms. Supplies for small children are available in the hallway outside the sanctuary.

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THE OPENING

Minister: O Lord, open my lips.

Church: And my mouth shall declare your praise.

M: Hasten to save me, O God.

C: O Lord, come quickly to help me.

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Lord God, you have brought us safely to this hour of evening prayer. We thank you for providing all that we need for body and life. Bless us who have gathered in your name. Forgive our sins. Speak to our hearts. Dispel our sorrows with the comfort of your Word, and receive our hymns of thanks and praise, through Jesus Christ, our living Savior, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 31

The assembly is invited read responsively the selected verses of the Psalm.

M: Into your hands I commit my spirit;

C: redeem me, O Lord, the God of truth.

M: Be merciful to me, O Lord, for I am in distress;

C: My eyes grow weak with sorrow; my soul and my body with grief.

M: My life is consumed by anguish

C: and my years by groaning.

M: For I hear the slander of many; there is terror on every side;

C: they conspire against me and plot to take my life.

M: Let your face shine on your servant;

C: save me in your unfailing love.

M: In my alarm I said, "I am cut off from your sight!"

C: Yet you heard my cry for mercy when I called to you for help.

M: Love the Lord, all his saints!

C: Be strong and take heart, all you who hope in the Lord.

PSALM PRAYER

M: Father, when your Son hung on the cross, he cried out to you in agony and grief. You gave him the strength to endure so that death might be destroyed and life restored. Have mercy on us all our days and preserve us in true faith unto life everlasting; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

²⁷ Then the governor's soldiers took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole company of soldiers around him. ²⁸ They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, ²⁹ and then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on his head. They put a staff in his right hand and knelt in front of him and mocked him. "Hail, king of the Jews!" they said. ³⁰ They spit on him, and took the staff and struck him on the head again and again. ³¹ After they had mocked him, they took off the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

³² As they were going out, they met a man from Cyrene, named Simon, and they forced him to carry the cross. ³³ They came to a place called Golgotha (which means The Place of the Skull). ³⁴ There they offered Jesus wine to drink, mixed with gall; but after tasting it, he refused to drink it. ³⁵ When they had crucified him, they divided up his clothes by casting lots. ³⁶ And sitting down, they kept watch over him there. ³⁷ Above his head they placed the written charge against him: THIS IS JESUS, THE KING OF THE JEWS.

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Getting a Picture: What does a king look like?

1. What was the charge for which Pilate condemned Jesus?

John 18:33-34 –

2. What do we know about Pilate's view of Jesus?

John 19:4 –

Matthew 27:24 –

3. List the details of the soldiers' mockery of Jesus' as a king:

4. What was Pilate's reason for this mockery?

5. What was the real reason for this mockery?

Isaiah 53:3-4

Getting a Picture: Places with frightening names.

6. What does the very name of the place of crucifixion lead us to think about?

7. Scripture fulfilled on Golgotha:

Psalm 22:18 –

Psalm 69:19-21 –

Isaiah 52:7 –

8. What incredible event happened on Golgotha?

1 Corinthians 2:7-8 –

Galatians 3:13 –

Time for silent meditation and personal prayer.

EVENING HYMN: “Chief of Sinners” and “Go To Dark Gethsemane”

- 1) Chief of sinners though I be, Jesus shed his blood for me,
Died that I might live on high, Lives that I might never die.
As the branch is to the vine, I am his and he is mine!

- 2) Calv’ry’s mournful mountain climb; There, adoring at his feet,
Mark that miracle of time, God’s own sacrifice complete.
“It is finished!” hear him cry, Learn of Jesus Christ to die.

- 3) Oh, the height of Jesus’ love, Higher than the heav’ns above,
Deeper than the depths of sea, Lasting as eternity,
Love that found me – wondrous thought!
Found me when I sought him not.

THE 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

M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: Amen.

