

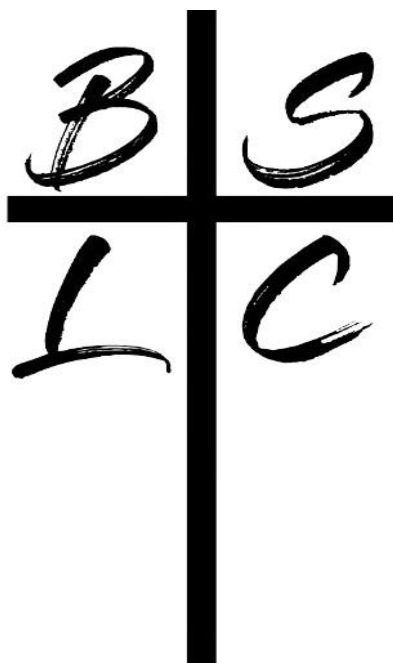
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Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Communion Divine 4

July 12, 2026

Pastor Kevin Hahn

Church Office hours – M-F 8:00am – 12pm

WELCOME & GREETINGS

FELLOWSHIP FORMS

OPENING HYMN *Blessed Jesus, at Your Word*

LSB # 904

(please stand for the last stanza)

**Blessèd Jesus, at Your Word
We are gathered all to hear You.
Let our hearts and souls be stirred
Now to seek and love and fear You,
By Your teachings, sweet and holy,
Drawn from earth to love You solely.**

**All our knowledge, sense, and sight
Lie in deepest darkness shrouded
Till Your Spirit breaks our night
With the beams of truth unclouded.
You alone to God can win us;
You must work all good within us.**

**Gracious Savior, good and kind,
Light of Light, from God proceeding,
Open now our heart and mind;
Help us by Your Spirit's pleading.
Hear the cry Your Church now raises;
Hear and bless our prayers and praises.**

**Father, Son, and Spirit, Lord,
Praise to You and adoration!
Grant that we may trust Your Word,
Confident of our salvation,
While we here below must wander,
Till we sing Your praises yonder.**

INVOCATION

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: who made heaven and earth.

P: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P: Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

LSB page 204

**C: To God on high be glory
And peace to all the earth;
Goodwill from God in heaven
Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
We praise and bless You, Father;
Your holy name, we sing—
Our thanks for Your great glory,
Lord God, our heav'nly King.**

**To You, O sole-begotten,
The Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior,
You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus;
Receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in pow'r are seated
At God's right hand on high—**

**For You alone are holy;
You only are the Lord.**

**Forever and forever,
Be worshiped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit
Alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father's glory.
"Amen!" our glad reply.**

SALUTATION

LSB page 205

P: The Lord be with you.
C: **And also with you.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.
Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 55:10-13^(NIV)

As the rain and the snow
come down from heaven,
and do not return to it
without watering the earth
and making it bud and flourish,
so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater,

so is my word that goes out from my mouth:

It will not return to me empty,
but will accomplish what I desire
and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

You will go out in joy
and be led forth in peace;
the mountains and hills
will burst into song before you,
and all the trees of the field
will clap their hands.

Instead of the thornbush will grow the juniper,
and instead of briars the myrtle will grow.

This will be for the LORD's renown,
for an everlasting sign,
that will endure forever."

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING

Romans 8:12-17^(NIV)

Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation—but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it. For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, "*Abba*, Father." The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand)

Alleluia and Verse

C: **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

C: **These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.**

C: **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL READING

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 ^(NIV)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the thirteenth chapter

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. Then he told them many things

in parables, saying: "A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. ⁸Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. Whoever has ears, let them hear."

"Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown along the path. The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful. But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

NICENE CREED

LSB page 206

C: I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.

**And the third day He rose again according to the
Scriptures and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living
and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and
glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY Thy Word Is a Lamp

LSB # 973

ref Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path.
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path.

1 When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way,
Still You're there right beside me.
And nothing will I fear as long as You are near.
Please be near me to the end. Refrain

2 I will not forget Your love for me, and yet
My heart forever is wandering.
Jesus, be my guide and hold me to Your side;
And I will love You to the end. Refrain

SERMON

“Word”

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LSB page 207

P: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for
all people according to their needs.

P: Holy Lord, Your Word does not return to You empty but accomplishes Your purpose. By Your Spirit, make our hearts good soil for Your Word, that by such faith we may bring forth in our lives the good works to which You have called us. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Lord of life, continue to sow Your Word through the fields of the earth. Bless pastors and missionaries as they proclaim Your truth. Prepare the hearts of all who hear to believe and yield abundant fruit. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Heavenly Father, bless parents with faithfulness as they plant Your Word into their children, that they may grow steadfast among the cares and troubles of this world. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Almighty God, all the nations of the earth are Yours, and besides You there is no other God. Give our leaders the desire for peace and stability and the ability to govern wisely. Let them plead the cause of widows and orphans and serve the needs of the least among us. Bring an end to war and strife, and allow all to live in peace and safety. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: O Lord, look with mercy upon those who suffer from illness of body or mind. [*Be especially with _____.*] Give them healing. Comfort them with Your presence. Grant them patience to endure suffering, and assure them at all times that they are Your dear children and that the glory of Christ awaits them. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Holy God, You provide bread for the eater and Your Word for our salvation. By Your grace, give us this day Your Son's body and blood, that we may have joy and peace in God's loving care. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Merciful Lord, we give You thanks for the many blessings You pour out upon us. Preserve us by Your Word, that our faith might not be choked by the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches, but that we may use all Your gifts in faithful service to You and our neighbors. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

OFFERING

PREFACE

LSB page 208

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

LSB page 208

C: **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored,
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of your
name.**

**Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

LORD'S PRAYER

LSB page 209

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.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

LSB page # 209

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI

LSB page # 209

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **Amen.**

AGNUS DEI

LSB page # 210

C: **O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.**

**O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.**

DISTRIBUTION

Word of God, Come Down on Earth LSB #545

**Word of God, come down on earth,
Living rain from heav'n descending;
Touch our hearts and bring to birth**

Faith and hope and love unending.
Word almighty, we revere You;
Word made flesh, we long to hear You.

Word eternal, throned on high,
Word that brought to life creation,
Word that came from heav'n to die,
Crucified for our salvation,
Saving Word, the world restoring,
Speak to us, Your love outpouring.

Word that caused blind eyes to see,
Speak and heal our mortal blindness;
Deaf we are: our healer be;
Loose our tongues to tell Your kindness.
Be our Word in pity spoken,
Heal the world, by sin now broken.

Word that speaks God's tender love,
One with God beyond all telling,
Word that sends us from above,
God the Spirit, with us dwelling,
Word of truth, to all truth lead us;
Word of life, with one bread feed us.

Jesus Loves Me LSB #588

- 1** Jesus loves me! This I know,
For the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to Him belong;
They are weak, but He is strong. Refrain

ref Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
The Bible tells me so.

- 2** Jesus loves me! He who died
Heaven's gates to open wide.
He has washed away my sin,
Let's His little child come in. Refrain

Hark, the voice of Jesus calling,
 “Who will go and work today?
Fields are white and harvests waiting—
 Who will bear the sheaves away?”
Loud and long the Master calleth;
 Rich reward He offers thee.
Who will answer, gladly saying,
 “Here am I, send me, send me”?

Some take up His task in morning,
 To their Lord responding soon;
Some are called in heat of midday,
 Others late in afternoon;
Even as the sun is setting,
 Some are sent into the fields,
There to gather in the bounty
 That God’s Word so richly yields.

For as rain and snow from heaven
 Water seeds in dusty soil,
Causing them to bud and flower,
 Giving bread to those who toil;
So the Lord sends forth His promise,
 Words of life and joy and peace—
Never void to Him returning,
 Bearing fruit with great increase.

Hearken to the Lord whose coming
 Marks the time when grace shall end,
When with His angelic reapers
 He in glory shall descend.
Soon the night, the final harvest;
 Soon the time for work shall cease.
Then the souls His grace has garnered
 Shall enjoy His Sabbath peace.

The infant Priest was holy born
For us unholy and forlorn;
From fleshly temple forth came He,
Anointed from eternity.

**This great High Priest in human flesh
Was icon of God's righteousness.
His hallowed touch brought sanctity;
His hand removed impurity.**

**The holy Lamb undaunted came
To God's own altar lit with flame;
While weeping angels hid their eyes,
This Priest became a sacrifice.**

**But death would not the victor be
Of Him who hung upon the tree.
He leads us to the Holy Place
Within the veil, before God's face.**

**The veil is torn, our Priest we see,
As at the rail on bended knee
Our hungry mouths from Him receive
The bread of immortality.**

**The body of God's Lamb we eat,
A priestly food and priestly meat;
On sin-parched lips the chalice pours
His quenching blood that life restores.**

**With cherubim and seraphim
Our voices join the endless hymn,
And "Holy, holy, holy" sing
To Christ, God's Lamb, our Priest and King.**

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

LSB page 212

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

LSB page 212

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.
C Amen.

HYMN TO DEPART *On What Has Now Been Sown*

LSB# 921

On what has now been sown
Thy blessing, Lord, bestow;
The pow'r is Thine alone
To make it sprout and grow.
Do Thou in grace the harvest raise,
And Thou alone shalt have the praise!

To Thee our wants are known,
From Thee are all our pow'rs;
Accept what is Thine own
And pardon what is ours.
Our praises, Lord, and prayers receive,
And to Thy Word a blessing give.

O grant that each of us,
Now met before Thee here,
May meet together thus
When Thou and Thine appear
And follow Thee to heav'n, our home.
E'en so, amen, Lord Jesus, come!

**Names will be kept on this list for three weeks, unless we receive updates. If you would like them to be put back on, we would love to continue to pray. Please let the office know.*

WE GIVE THANKS & PRAISE TO GOD FOR HIS BLESSINGS: We ask for beneficial rains and the safety of all travelers.

ANNIVERSARIES: Josh & Nicole Bruck (20 yrs) & Michael & Donna Tighe (40 yrs)

***WE PRAY FOR GOD'S HEALING TOUCH FOR THOSE WHO STRUGGLE WITH CHRONIC CONDITIONS OR EFFECTS OF AGING:**

Joyce Woodman, Chandra Boeka's mother

Joseph Olivas, advanced dementia, cousin of Raegan Anderson

Art Little, father of Vicki Goforth

Jean Niedan

Paul Wathen, brother-in-law of David & Shirley Steele

Don Richert

Brian Mahler

***WE PRAY for those who battle cancer:**

Pete Johnson

Mike DeBolt, father-in-law of Bonnie Van Cura's granddaughter

Marilyn Luebke, Loren Babcock's cousin

Shirley Covey

Alexander Golter, daughter-in-law of Elizabeth & Randy Golter

Judy Ketcham, mother of Nancy Peartree

Ben Schomp, longtime friend of Nancy Peartree

Matt Moorhead, friend of the Huebner's

Lori Potter, Lisa Parish's sister

Holly, Janelle Ouderkirk's sister-in law

Kate Mohr, daughter of Chris & Bruce Reinboth

Holly Roesser, friend of Kerrin Tallmon

Jeff Crymble, friend of the Parish's

***WE PRAY for those with a variety of health concerns:**

Don Staroska, recovering from knee replacement surgery

Lavonne Fleer (aunt of Raegan Anderson) ALS, is now receiving hospice care

Cheryl Price (sister of Pastor Hahn) surgery was successful and is now recovering

DeWayne Livingston, will have heart surgery on July 13th

Sara Dreher, daughter of Ted & Jodi Reehl

Leroy Kettering, has suffered a stroke, currently hospitalized

Jordan and Stetson (great-grandchildren of Don Staroska), both have gotten to go home. Jordan has a hospital grade breathing monitor/apparatus

***WE PRAY FOR MISSIONS NEAR AND FAR:**

Deborah's Legacy

***WE PRAY for the LCMS**, Synod President Harrison, and District President Snow & other officers of our Synod as well as delegates to the LCMS Convention in July – especially Glen Van Velson & Rev. Dan Ramsey

***WE PRAY** for our nation and its leaders and the men and women serving in our military: **Jordan Harris**, US Army in Colorado Springs; **Bailey Hutton**, US Army in Fort Hood, Tx; **Mitchell Parish**, US Army; **Matthew Russell**, US Marine Corp.; **Benjamin Reehl**, US Army; **D. Logan Miles**, US Marines, MSAU, Quantico, VA.; **Nicholas Sydo**, Air Force, deployed.

Happening this month:

July 12 th	8:45 am Bible Study 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship Service w/ Communion
July 13 th	Natalie out of office 4:00 pm LWML Board Meeting 7:00 pm LWML Evening Circle, Fellowship 7:00 pm Elder's board Mtg
July 14 th	8:00 Men's Bible Study
July 15 th	6:15 pm Worship Service
July 19 th	8:45 am Bible Study 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship Service 2:00 pm Church Council
July 20 th	5:30 pm BOOM Mtg 7:00 pm Trustee Mtg
July 21 st	8:00 am Men's Bible Study 3:00 pm Linden Ct Service
July 22 nd	6:15 pm Worship Service
July 25 th	2-4 pm Gosnell 60 th Anniversary Party
July 26 th	8:45 am Bible Study 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship Service w/ Communion
July 27 th	7:00 pm Ladies Book Club
July 28 th	8:00 am Men's Bible Study
July 29 th	6:15 pm Worship Service



LWML Evening Circle will be meeting on July 13th at 7:00 pm in the fellowship hall. Guests welcome!



All Ladies Are Invited

Join us for a rootbeer float social on Tuesday, July 14th at 1:30 pm in the fellowship hall. This is an ideal time to reconnect over the summer or meet new friends. Sponsored by Ladies Bible Study.

*If you have any questions, please contact Cathy Christmann at 308-530-6031



Alton & Marsha Gosnell invite you to attend the celebration of their 60th Wedding Anniversary!

Celebration will be held at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church on July 25th from 2 – 4pm.

Cards may be sent to: 3119 Birchwood Rd
North Platte, NE 69101



Snakes flying through the air, children eating frogs, a sloth finding a hiding place in a rainforest, children using an anteater to help memorize a Bible verse, children hiding in caves, children trying to put applesauce back in a pouch...all of these things and more happened at Vacation Bible School this week—along with lots of time hearing and learning God's Word. The children

learned about God our Creator, God our safe place, Jesus' great love for us when He suffered and died on the cross and rose again, and that Jesus has promised eternal life to all believers. Thanks to all of our wonderful volunteers and to Pastor Hahn for a great week of VBS!



LWML MISSION OUTREACH You are so incredibly, unconditionally, indescribably loved that you are not even capable of understanding how big that love is. God's love for you is so big that it moved Him to pay the debt for your sin. His love is so deep that He took action and gave His most precious beloved Son as the propitiation for your sins. So, when stresses

and burdens weigh you down, let the magnitude of His great love rise in your heart and move you to trust God more deeply and humbly every day.



"Knight, Death, and the Devil"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: [Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler](#)

Jesus has triumphed over all the powers of death and hell and He has pledged Himself to be your protector and the armor that you wear.

Ephesians 6:12

ORLS YARD SIGN: Would you be interested in placing a yard sign for Our Redeemer Lutheran School?



You can pick up a form in the back of the Church or contact:

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In Service to the Lord

Organist: Sue Johnson

Reader: David Steele

Elders: Brent Sinsel & Jim Parish

Ushers: Brent Sinsel, Don Roehrs, Holden Brunkhardt, Zach Parish

Attendance

Sunday

Last Week

136

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160

Offering

General Fund	\$ 6,461.00	\$ 7,923.00
Synodical Mission	\$ 00.00	\$.00
Sunday School	\$ 00.00	\$ 5.00
Dedicated Others	\$ 225.00	\$ 554.00

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Budgeted Expense Needed Monthly for 2026	\$ 39,115.22
Year to Date Income ending June 2026	\$ 125,382.42
Year to Date Expenses ending June 2026	\$ 134,386.14

Bible Lesson for Sunday July 12, 2026

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 44:6-8 Romans 8:18-27 Matthew 13:24-30,36-43

**Each Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church (BSLC) Member is:
Beautifully Saved to Lead to Christ**

Welcome

In the name of Jesus Christ we take immense joy in welcoming you to our worship service today!

If you are a visitor, please complete the attendance form in your pew or fill out a Welcome Card in the pew and place it in the offering plate. We are glad the Lord led you here today!

We ask all attending members to complete the attendance form as it helps us track attendance for our computer records. There is an opportunity on the Welcome Card to make us aware of your prayer request.

*Assisted listening devices are available for those who need them.

** A nursery is available for small children.

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