



Good News!

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The Romans Sent a Message; God Sent One, Too

The rulers of the Roman Empire wanted everyone under their power to understand clearly that it would be very costly to try to overthrow their government. They conceived the idea of crucifixion as a way of sending an unforgettable message to all people under their control. Death on a cross would be a slow, excruciatingly painful death. The cross would be put in a very public place so as many as possible would get the message: Don't even think of defying Roman rule!



That is why Christ was crucified on Golgotha hill close to a busy road where no passerby could miss the shocking scene. Christ was guilty of nothing. Yet his enemies hated him so much that they told Pilate, Rome's representative in Jerusalem, that Jesus was a danger to Roman rule. Christ's enemies said to Pilate, "If you release this man, you are not Caesar's friend; everyone who makes himself a king sets himself against Caesar" (John 19:12). Pilate caved in to the clamor of the crowd and allowed Jesus to be crucified.

But those who saw to it that Jesus suffered death on the cross did not know that God had a message to send as well. God victoriously raised Christ from the dead! God touched the precious body of his Son and infused it with life, glorious, dynamic life, life in all of its fullness.

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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 February 28 for a business meeting and retreat. Look for a coming email on council news.



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God turned the cross, the executioner's tool of death, into a dramatic symbol of victory. The empty cross and the empty tomb, along with the resurrected body of Christ, reveal God's victory over the worst deed humans might do — the assassination of the Holy.

That is why we put crosses everywhere: boldly, proudly, joyously, triumphantly. It is why we glory in the cross always. It stands eternally "towering o'er the wrecks of time" (John Bowring).

After the Resurrection, Jesus' friend, Peter, explained God's message to all of Christ's enemies with these bold and certain words: "This Jesus, you crucified and killed ... But God raised him up, having loosed the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it ... This Jesus God raised up, and of that we are all witnesses Therefore know assuredly that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified" (Acts 2:23-24; 32, 36). That is what Easter is all about. All praise to the living Lord



There is Something Better Coming

The Easter season is a precious time for Christians to celebrate the source of our hope: Christ is risen, and he invites us to rise with him into new life. Easter reminds us that God is still at work, even in the places where we've felt stuck or discouraged.



Easter is an invitation to try again—with his strength—to break habits we thought were unbreakable. There's something better coming.

Easter is an opportunity to slow down, reach out, and reconnect with those we've unintentionally neglected. There's something better coming.

Easter is an invitation to look at our lack of love and seek God for compassion. There's something better coming.

Easter is a chance for all no-hopers to regain their vision of what can be! There's something better coming.

Easter is an opportunity to renew our faith. There's something better coming.

Church Council:

Spencer Berry, Council President; **Jeff Worley**, VP, **D'Ann Berry**, Treasurer; **Nancy Conley**, Secretary; **Jessica Berg**, Education/Youth; **Mary Jones** Fellowship; **Gene Reneau**, Property; **Mark Newman**, Social Concerns, **Linda Allen**, Worship

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

Treasurer's Report January Fiscal Year 2026

Month

INCOME

OFFERINGS

	Actual	Budget
GENEAL FUND ENVELOPE	45,419.94	19,791.67
GENERAL FUND LOOSE	38.00	83.33
OTHER RECEIPTS		
BUILDING USE	1340.00	583.33
MISCELLANEOUS	20.00	20.83



**PRAYER
LIST**

Total Income 46,817.94 20,479.16

EXPENSE

Total Expense 18,833.04

General Fund Offering and Attendance

February 1

general fund: 5829 attendance: 67

February 8

general fund: \$4275; attendance: 51

February 15

general fund: \$13,691; attendance: 60

February 22

general fund: \$1015; attendance: 48



REMEMBER IN PRAYER



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03/03 Wanda Garcia
03/05 Andrea Schmidt
03/18 Spencer Berry
03/26 Fred Garcia
03/27 Erick Sanchez
03/29 Keagan Rohloff
03/30 Butch Berg
03/30 Brielle Worley

For our members

Jon Edler, Audrey Holman, Kenneth Huckabee, Beatrice Kirkeeng, Donna Nuss, Bill Tietgens, Beverly Roush, Sonia Sanchez, and Chuck Jacobson, and Elizabeth

For our family members and friends

Erin, Allen & Rhonda, Deborah W., Aiden, Lana K., Steve, Nickie, Mark, Donnie, Cynthia, Mike, Sharon, Brant, Wayne, Melissa, Monica, Judy L., Mary L., Hattie, Lauren, Jessica, Josh G., Michael & Whitney, Rodger, The Featherston family, Pr. Mike & Sharon, Ellie Hanes and her family

For those serving in the military – Specialist Noah Moller, Major Erik Lawson

Prayers of Thanks

Updates Encouraged!

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

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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

Meetings & Misc. Calendar

March 4—12:00 pm KEENAGERS POTLUCK

March 4, 11, 18, 25 -
6:15 pm Soup & Sandwich Dinner
7:00 pm Holden Evening Prayer

-The Women's Study Group meets March 10 & 24 at 10 am.

-The Wired Word will meet on Thursdays, March 5, 12, 19, & 26 at 10 am and at 7 pm.

Council meets March 16 at 7:00 pm.

Sunday Scripture Readings

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Sunday, March 1, 2026

First Reading: Genesis 12:1-4a

God's call of Abram and Sarai has a clear purpose—that through them all the families of the earth would gain a blessing. Psalm: Psalm 121 I lift up my eyes to the hills; my help comes from the Lord. (Ps. 121:1, 2)

Second Reading: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

In the person and example of Abraham we discover that a right relationship with God does not involve earning a reward from God but entails trusting God's promises.

Gospel: John 3:1-17

A curious Pharisee visits Jesus by night to learn from the teacher his friends reject. Jesus speaks to him about life in the Spirit and the kingdom of God.

Sunday, March 8, 2026

First Reading: Exodus 17:1-7

Because the thirsty Israelites quarreled with Moses and put God to the test, Moses cried out in desperation to God.

Psalm: Psalm 95

Let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation. (Ps. 95:1)

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-11

Though we often hear that God helps those who help themselves, here Paul tells us that through Jesus' death God helps utterly helpless sinners.

Gospel: John 4:5-42

Jesus defies convention to engage a Samaritan woman in conversation. Her testimony, in turn, leads many others to faith.

Sunday, March 15, 2026

First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

Samuel anointed David even though he was the eighth-oldest son of Jesse and did not match his brothers in height or other physical characteristics. Psalm: Psalm 23

You anoint my head with oil. (Ps. 23:5)

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14

Because we now live in the divine light which is Jesus Christ, we conduct our lives in ways that reflect the light of Christ, so that our activity is truly pleasing to God.

Gospel: John 9:1-41

Jesus heals a man born blind, provoking a hostile reaction that he regards as spiritual blindness to the things of God.

Sunday, March 22, 2026

First Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-14

Psalm: Psalm 130

I wait for you, O Lord; in your word is my hope. (Ps. 130:5)

Second Reading: Romans 8:6-11

For Paul, Christian spirituality entails living in the reality of the Holy Spirit. The driving force behind our actions and values is not our sinful desire for self-satisfaction but the very Spirit by which God raised Jesus from the dead and will also raise us from the dead.

Gospel: John 11:1-45

Jesus is moved to sorrow when his friend Lazarus falls ill and dies. Then, in a dramatic scene, he calls his friend out of the tomb and restores him to life.

Sunday, March 29, 2026 Palm Sunday

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a

The servant of the Lord expresses absolute confidence in his final vindication, despite the fact that he has been struck and spit upon. This characteristic of the servant played an important role in the early church's understanding of the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

Psalm: Psalm 31:9-16

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit. (Ps. 31:5)

Second Reading: Philippians 2:5-11

Paul uses an early Christian hymn to help us comprehend Jesus' obedient selflessness on the cross and how God has made Christ lord over all reality. The perspective of the cross becomes the way we rightly understand God, Christ, our own lives, and fellowship within the community of Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 26:14—27:66

In fulfillment of scripture and obedience to God's will, Jesus goes to the cross so that a new covenant in his blood may bring forgiveness of sins. Even the soldiers who crucify him recognize him to be the Son of God.

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 NRSVUE Bible. <https://biblespeak.org/>
NRSVUE Bible Online: Bible Gateway.com



Faith That Blooms Anew

“Why are you anxious?” asked our Lord. Then He said, *“Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow. They neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.”* (Matthew 6:28–29, NIV)

Jesus’ words remind us that just as God clothes the lilies of the field in beauty and splendor, he also provides faithfully for his people. The same Creator who tends to the flowers of spring cares for every detail of our lives.

People of faith come to see that truth unfold year after year — in the budding trees, the soft blossoms, and the steady return of color after winter’s gray. God’s reliability is woven into creation itself.

As poet Adeline Whitney once wrote:

*God does not send strange flowers every year,
When the Spring wind blows o’er the pleasant places,
The same dear things lift up the same fair faces,
The violet is here.*

Each spring, those familiar blooms whisper the same promise:
God is faithful still.

**You are as young as your faith, as old as
your doubt; as young as your self-
confidence, as old as your fear; as young as
your hope, as old as your despair.
—Samuel Ullman**

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Sun

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Thu

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Sat

<p><i>1</i></p> <p>9:30 Worship</p> <p>10:30 -Fellowship -Choir</p>	<p><i>2</i></p>	<p><i>3</i></p>	<p><i>4</i> FP 10-12 12 pm Keenagers 6:15 pm Lent Supper 7 pm Holden Evening</p>	<p><i>5</i></p> <p>10 am & 7 pm Wired Word</p>	<p><i>6</i></p>	<p><i>7</i></p>
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