

# Welcome to Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

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Sunday Worship Schedule  
9:00 – Traditional  
11:15 – Contemporary style  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month at 10:15—  
Service of the Word for Wholeness

## Epiphany Sunday *“Sharing Our Faith Stories”* 9:00—January 4, 2026

Epiphany is about revelation and God making things known to us and to all of creation. This is a special day in the church year when we remember God is the source of truth, and God blesses us with an ever-growing knowledge of God’s will for humanity. On this particular Sunday, we hear from a selection of our Beautiful Savior friends on how their lives have been positively affected by their walks with Jesus Christ.

### ORDER OF WORSHIP

#### GATHERING WORSHIP MUSIC

*“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”*

Michael Burkhardt

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### MISSION MOMENT

*“Meal Ministry”*

Craig Fitzgerald

#### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, Wonderful Counselor, Mighty Savior, Prince of Peace.

**C: Amen.**

P: Trusting in God’s steadfast love and faithfulness, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: God, our rock and refuge,

**C: we pour out our hearts before you. We have known you but have not always loved you. We have wounded one another and sinned against you. We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit dwelling in each of us. Remember your covenant. Renew your creation. Restore us, that we might proclaim your good news to all. Amen.**

P: God's grace upon grace flows over you ✠ Christ's presence redeems the whole creation. Your sins are forgiven. Let the earth rejoice and be glad!

**C: Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN**     *"As with Gladness Men of Old"* v. 1, 2, 4

**ELW 302**

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| 1 As with gladness men of old<br>did the guiding star behold;<br>as with joy they hailed its light,<br>leading onward, beaming bright;<br>so, most gracious Lord, may we<br>evermore be led by thee. | 4 Holy Jesus, ev'ry day<br>keep us in the narrow way;<br>and when earthly things are past,<br>bring our ransomed souls at last<br>where they need no star to guide,<br>where no clouds thy glory hide. |
| 2 As with joyful steps they sped,<br>Savior, to thy lowly bed,<br>there to bend the knee before<br>thee, whom heav'n and earth adore;<br>so may we with willing feet<br>ever seek thy mercy seat.    |  |

## **THE GREETING**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY** - *Written by Patty Thoms*

P: Let us pray. Heavenly Father, we thank you for the revelation of yourself as you bless us with the truth of your love. Help us to grow in awareness of your presence and acceptance of your will, as we seek deeper relationship. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## **BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR MISSION STATEMENT**

P: Although as individuals we are unique in many and various ways, we gather as a congregation for a common mission.

**C: Beautiful Savior is a biblically grounded community who unites to follow and share the way of Jesus.**

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Karyn Parker, Children's Worship Coordinator

## **READING**

*Romans 10:9-17*

<sup>9</sup> Because if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup> For one believes with the heart, leading to righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, leading to salvation. <sup>11</sup> The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." <sup>12</sup> For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on

him. <sup>13</sup> For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.” <sup>14</sup> But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? <sup>15</sup> And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!” <sup>16</sup> But not all have obeyed the good news, for Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed our message?” <sup>17</sup> So faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the word of Christ.

A: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **FAITH STORY**

*Numbers 6:24-26*

Jan Haefner

<sup>24</sup> The LORD bless you and keep you; <sup>25</sup> the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; <sup>26</sup> the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

## **VIDEO**

*“The Lord Bless You and Keep You”*

Peter Lutkin

## **FAITH STORY**

*1 Corinthians 6:19-20*

Mike Cunningham

<sup>19</sup> Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? <sup>20</sup> For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

## **HYMN**

*“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”*

**ELW 807**

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| <p>1 Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,<br/>tune my heart to sing thy grace;<br/>streams of mercy, never ceasing,<br/>call for songs of loudest praise.<br/>While the hope of endless glory<br/>fills my heart with joy and love,<br/>teach me ever to adore thee;<br/>may I still thy goodness prove.</p> <p>2 Here I raise my Ebenezer:<br/>"Hither by thy help I've come";<br/>and I hope, by thy good pleasure,<br/>safely to arrive at home.<br/>Jesus sought me when a stranger,<br/>wand'ring from the fold of God;<br/>he, to rescue me from danger,<br/>interposed his precious blood.</p> | <p>3 Oh, to grace how great a debtor<br/>daily I'm constrained to be;<br/>let that grace now like a fetter<br/>bind my wand'ring heart to thee.<br/>Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it;<br/>prone to leave the God I love.<br/>Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it;<br/>seal it for thy courts above.</p> |
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## FAITH STORY

Isaiah 41:10

Debbie Yadon

<sup>10</sup> Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be afraid, for I am your God; I will strengthen you; I will help you; I will uphold you with my victorious right hand.

## HYMN

*“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”* v. 1 & 3

**ELW 597**

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| 1 My hope is built on nothing less<br>than Jesus' blood and righteousness;<br>no merit of my own I claim,<br>but wholly lean on Jesus' name.<br>On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;<br>all other ground is sinking sand. | 3 His oath, his covenant, his blood<br>sustain me in the raging flood;<br>when all supports are washed away,<br>he then is all my hope and stay.<br>On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;<br>all other ground is sinking sand. |
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## MEDITATION

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

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Lisa Wade

A: Empowered by the news of Christ's birth, let us pray boldly for the church, creation, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

A: O God, you reveal yourself wherever two or three are gathered in your name. Be with us now, not only in the infant Jesus and resurrected Christ, but in the beloved people of this assembly. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: God of abundance, the sun and moon praise you and the shining stars sing of your love. Where we have damaged your creation, make us into a healing balm for what we have broken. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: You reveal yourself in the waters of the womb; in brooks, ponds, and oceans; and in the waters of baptism. Grant us wisdom to tenderly care for the earth as a garden watered by your grace. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: You reveal yourself in blessed diversity. Help us to look for you in people near and far, in bodies of all kinds, and in kindred young and old. Let us seek you in many places, praising you in many tongues. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: You reveal yourself in new life. Support those beginning a new job, a new relationship, or a new living situation, especially those displaced because of tragedy or loss. Be with all others who need your life-giving touch this day (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: You reveal yourself in holy communion. Sustain all who provide food and fellowship in this congregation and in the wider community. Make our tables signs of your welcoming presence among us. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: You promise to turn mourning into joy and to comfort those who weep. We remember those who have died and look to being united with them in your glory (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: You promise your guidance. As the Call Committee continues to recruit and engage with pastoral candidates, we pray for clarity of vision, unity of the Spirit, and a clear pathway to the additional pastor you have chosen for Beautiful Savior. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: With the joy of Christ's birth in our hearts, we commend our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your boundless mercy and eternal love; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**C: Amen.**

## **STEWARDSHIP READING**                      *Romans 12:2*

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

## **OFFERING**                      *"We Three Kings" v. 1, 2, 5*

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| 1 We three kings of Orient are;<br>bearing gifts we traverse afar,<br>field and fountain, moor and mountain,<br>following yonder star.<br>Oh, star of wonder, star of night,<br>star with royal beauty bright;<br>westward leading, still proceeding,<br>guide us to thy perfect light! | 5 Glorious now behold him arise,<br>King and God and Sacrifice;<br>heav'n sings alleluia:<br>alleluia the earth replies.<br>Oh, star of wonder, star of night,<br>star with royal beauty bright;<br>westward leading, still proceeding,<br>guide us to thy perfect light! |
| 2 Born a king on Bethlehem's plain,<br>gold I bring to crown him again;<br>king forever, ceasing never,<br>over us all to reign.<br>Oh, star of wonder, star of night,<br>star with royal beauty bright;<br>westward leading, still proceeding,<br>guide us to thy perfect light!       |   |

## OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray. God of majesty, no eye has seen, no ear has heard what you have prepared for those who love you, yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy. Use what we have gathered to feed us with the reign of God come near, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

### LORD'S PRAYER

#### HOLY COMMUNION

*"The First Noel"* v. 1, 2, 3, 5

**ELW 300**

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| 1 The first Noel the angel did say<br>was to certain poor shepherds<br>in fields as they lay;<br>in fields where they lay,<br>keeping their sheep,<br>on a cold winter's night<br>that was so deep.<br>Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel!<br>Born is the King of Israel. | 3 And by the light of that same star<br>three wise men came<br>from country far;<br>to seek for a king<br>was their intent,<br>and to follow the star<br>wherever it went.<br>Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel!<br>Born is the King of Israel. |
| 2 They looked up and saw a star<br>shining in the east beyond them far;<br>and to the earth it gave great light,<br>and so it continued<br>both day and night.<br>Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel!<br>Born is the King of Israel.                                      | 5 Then entered in those wise men three,<br>full rev'rently upon their knee,<br>and offered there in his presence<br>their gold, and myrrh, and<br>frankincense.<br>Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel!<br>Born is the King of Israel.            |

#### POST HOLY COMMUNION BLESSING

#### PRAYER AFTER HOLY COMMUNION

P: Together let us pray:

**C: Radiant God, we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. In the sacrament of his body and blood you have drawn us to your heart. Send us from this table with delight, that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love, and bear witness to all we have seen and heard, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**SENDING BLESSING** – Navy Chaplain Ken Fouty

#### BLESSING

**SENDING HYMN***“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”***ELW 815**

- 1 I want to walk as a child of the light.  
I want to follow Jesus.  
God set the stars  
to give light to the world.  
The star of my life is Jesus.  
In him there is no darkness at all.  
The night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light  
of the city of God.  
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.
- 2 I want to see the brightness of God.  
I want to look at Jesus.  
Clear Sun of righteousness,  
shine on my path,  
and show me the way to the Father. In  
him there is no darkness at all.  
The night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light  
of the city of God.  
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.
- 3 I'm looking for the coming of Christ.  
I want to be with Jesus.  
When we have run with patience the race,  
we shall know the joy of Jesus.  
In him there is no darkness at all.  
The night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light  
of the city of God.  
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

**DISMISSAL****POSTLUDE***“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”*

David Lasky

**SUNDAY  
JAN. 4  
NOON****BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR  
SKI SUNDAY**  
AT PINE KNOB[bslcmi.org/post/SkiSunday](https://bslcmi.org/post/SkiSunday)

Just let us know you're coming, meet up with Mike Cunningham in the lodge and simply pay Pine Knob for your lift ticket, any rentals and lessons you'd like.

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# Discover BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

January 6  
@6:30

Learn About  
BSLC Membership  
BSLC Ministries  
BSLC Mission & Vision  
Fellowship Opportunities

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## Fitness LINE DANCING

Wanting to get fit in 2026?  
Keep those resolutions  
going by dancing to some  
rockin' tunes while burning  
some calories with friends!  
NO CHARGE! Class taught  
by Jeanne Coleman.

SATURDAY  
**JAN. 10**  
7 P.M.

RSVP at [bslcmi.org/post/FitnessDance](https://bslcmi.org/post/FitnessDance)



## Refresh, Renew, THRIVE

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church Women's Retreat

FEBRUARY 7 9:30 A.M.—1 P.M.

Keynote Speaker, Lori Militello  
Women In Touch Ministries

[bslcmi.org/post/retreat2026](https://bslcmi.org/post/retreat2026)

