Welcome to Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

5631 N Adams Road Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304 Phone: 248.646.5041 Website: www.bslcmi.org Sunday Worship Schedule 9:00 - Traditional 11:15 - Contemporary style 3rd Sunday of the month at 10:15— Service of the Word for Wholeness

Sermon on the Mount

"The Beatitudes" 9:00—September 28, 2025

The beatitudes are a series of statements Jesus made at the beginning of the Sermon on the Mount, describing the blessings associated with specific character qualities and actions. These aren't conditions for salvation, but rather characteristics demonstrating life under God's reign and are empowered by God's grace. The beatitudes invite people to respond to Jesus's message about the arrival of God's reign and offer hope in the present and future.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING WORSHIP MUSIC

"How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place"

Douglas Wagner

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISSION MOMENT

"Fellowship Events"

Shelley Beck

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, \(\psi\) one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P: God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of 中 Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!" v. 1, 5, 6 **ELW 634**

- 1 All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall; bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all. Bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all.
- 5 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe on this terrestrial ball to him all majesty ascribe and crown him Lord of all. To him all majesty ascribe and crown him Lord of all.

6 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song and crown him Lord of all.
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THE GREETING

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. God of eternal truth, you bless those whose strength is in you. Bless your people as we dwell in your house and give you praise. Help us demonstrate characteristics in our lives which reflect the teachings of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Help us experience the blessing of living lives under your grace and with your power. We ask this in Jesus's name.

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.

CHORAL ANTHEM

"Lead Me. Lord"

Mark Hayes

MEMORY VERSE

Matthew 5:14

Bob Hoffman

A: Together, let us recite the memory verse:

C: Jesus said, "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid."

INTRODUCTION TO THE READING

READING Jeremiah 17:7-8

A: The reading according to Jeremiah, the seventeenth chapter.

⁷Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. ⁸ They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM *Psalm 84:1-4*

A: Let us read Psalm 84 responsively: How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!

C: My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.

A: Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

C: Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise.

GOSPEL VERSE



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Matthew 5:1-11

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ² Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: ³ "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴ Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. ⁵ Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. ⁶ Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. ⁷ Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. ⁸ Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. ⁹ Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. ¹⁰ Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹ Blessed are you

when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Karyn Parker, Children's Ministries Coordinator

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

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Blest Are They" v. 1-3

ELW 728

1 Blest are they, the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of God. Blest are they, full of sorrow; they shall be consoled. Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you, holy are you. Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!

mercy shall be theirs.

Blest are they, the pure of heart; they shall see God.

Rejoice and be glad!

Blessed are you, holy are you.

Rejoice and be glad!

Yours is the kingdom of God!

3 Blest are they who show mercy;

Blest are they, the lowly ones;
they shall inherit the earth.
Blest are they who hunger and thirst;
they shall have their fill.
Rejoice and be glad!
Blessed are you, holy are you.
Rejoice and be glad!
Yours is the kingdom of God!

APOSTLES' CREED

- P: God has made us God's own people through our baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:
- C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Bob Hoffman

A: Gracious God, we come to you in prayer for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

A: We pray for the church, that it would remain faithful to the gospel, always striving to serve the needs of those who are often forgotten. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

A: We pray for creation, that the nations work together to protect and restore the earth, preserving the beauty of the planet for future generations and honoring the gift of your creation. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

A: We pray for those in positions of authority, that they govern with justice and compassion, recognizing the dignity of all people and working to promote peace and prosperity for all. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

A: We pray for people in any need (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). Give them your assurance and courage when the path forward is not clear. Liberate us from all that binds us, lift us up when we are bowed down, and show us your love. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

A: We pray for this congregation, that we would be strengthened to build a world where all can thrive. Guide us in building a community of mutual support. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

A: We remember in thanksgiving the faithful departed (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). Inspire us by their example to love and serve our neighbors, and bring us to eternal life. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Bless all families who have welcomed and adopted a child of yours into their family. Help each family member care for and truly love each other. Give each family member a generous supply of patience, wisdom, kindness and cooperation. Love them as only you can. Nudge more families to open their hearts and homes to children waiting for their forever family. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

A: We pray that deep and persistent prayer permeates our congregation, not only as we seek your will for an associate pastor, but also as we seek your vision for our Beautiful Savior community. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

A: We entrust these prayers to you, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.

C: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

STEWARDSHIP READING *Hebrews 13:5*

Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you."

OFFERING "Allegro" Henry Purcell

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray. Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

LORD'S PRAYER

HOLY COMMUNION "As the Deer Runs to the River" M. Biery/C. Uehlein

POST HOLY COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER HOLY COMMUNION

P: Together let us pray:

C: O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus's name. Amen.

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN "Jesus Shall Reign" v. 1, 3, 4 ELW 434

- 1 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does its successive journeys run; his kingdom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
- 3 People and realms of ev'ry tongue dwell on his love with sweetest song; and infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on his name.
- 4 Blessings abound where'er he reigns: the pris'ners leap to lose their chains, the weary find eternal rest, and all who suffer want are blest.



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