

Welcome to Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

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

Summer in the Psalms “*Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God*” 9:00—August 2, 2026

Psalms 51 gives voice to the deep need for mercy, cleansing, and renewal before God. In John 3, Nicodemus came to Jesus by night and learned that new life comes by being born from above, through the work of the Spirit. Together, these readings point beyond surface-level change toward the creating and renewing work only God can do. God does not merely improve what is old; God creates clean hearts, renews weary spirits, and brings new life.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING WORSHIP MUSIC

Variations on “*Amazing Grace*”

Denis Bédard

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Niklaus

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor Diane

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, whose compassion endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Compassionate God,

C: we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ’s name we pray, Amen.

P: Jesus says, “Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.” In the name of God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God’s love.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN *"Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty"* v. 1, 3, 4

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1 "Come to me, all pilgrims thirsty;
drink the water I will give.
If you knew what gift I offer,
you would come to me and live."
Jesus, ever flowing fountain,
give us water from your well.
In the gracious gift you offer
there is joy no tongue can tell.

4 "Come to me, repentant sinners;
leave behind your guilt and shame.
Come and know divine compassion,
turn to me, I call your name."
Jesus, ever flowing fountain,
give us water from your well.
In the gracious gift you offer
there is joy no tongue can tell.

3 "Come to me, believers burdened;
find refreshment in this place.
Come, receive the gift I offer,
turn to me and seek my face."
Jesus, ever flowing fountain,
give us water from your well.
In the gracious gift you offer
there is joy no tongue can tell.

THE GREETING

Pastor Diane

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Heavenly Father, thank you for your unfailing love and boundless forgiveness. We humbly ask that you create a clean heart in us and renew our spirit. Wash away our sins, guide us in your truth, and empower us to reflect your grace to the world. 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.

MEMORY VERSE

Colossians 3:16

Lisa Wade

A: Together, let us recite the memory verse:

C: Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.

PSALM

Psalm 51

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. ² Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. ³ For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. ⁴ Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment. ⁵ Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me. ⁶ You desire truth in the inward being; therefore, teach me wisdom in my secret heart. ⁷ Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. ⁸ Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice. ⁹ Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. ¹⁰ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. ¹¹ Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me. ¹² Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit. ¹³ Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you. ¹⁴ Deliver me from bloodshed, O God, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance. ¹⁵ O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise. ¹⁶ For you have no delight in sacrifice; if I were to give a burnt offering, you would not be pleased. ¹⁷ The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. ¹⁸ Do good to Zion in your good pleasure; rebuild the walls of Jerusalem, ¹⁹ then you will delight in right sacrifices, in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings; then bulls will be offered on your altar.

GOSPEL VERSE



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

GOSPEL

John 3:1-8

Pastor Niklaus

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ² He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person.” ³ Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” ⁴ Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” ⁵ Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶ What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ ⁸ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Pastor Diane Greble, Associate Pastor

SERMON

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

HYMN OF THE DAY “*We Come to You for Healing, Lord*” v. 1, 2, 5

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| 1 We come to you for healing, Lord,
of body, mind, and soul,
and pray that by your Spirit's touch
we may again be whole. | 5 We come to you, O loving Lord,
in our distress and pain,
in trust that through our nights and days
your grace will heal, sustain. |
| 2 As once you walked through ancient streets
and reached toward those in pain,
come, risen Christ, among us still
with pow'r to heal again. | |

APOSTLES’ CREED

Pastor Diane

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

Lisa Wade

A: With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

A: We pray for the servants of your gospel in every place, that your word may be heard. Where your voice is scorned and your people persecuted, strengthen the church in its faithful witness. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: For this world you have created, that all life may flourish. Preserve biodiversity in all its variety and help ecosystems to survive the extremes of weather. Move our hearts with compassion to join in this work. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: For leaders of towns, states, nations, and organizations, and all who are in positions of authority, that they lead with justice and integrity. Teach us to respond with Christlike mercy to all who are afraid or in danger. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: For all who struggle amid the storms of life, that they find peace and hope in your loving presence. Comfort any who are lonely, grieving, and suffering (*especially those we name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: For this congregation and its ministries, that we reflect your love and life amid a turbulent world. Guide council members, elders, and other church leaders with your still, calm voice. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: We give thanks for the faithful who have gone before us (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). Guide us in our earthly journey, that we may one day join them in your eternal kingdom. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

Pastor Niklaus

STEWARDSHIP READING *Numbers 31:50*

Pastor Niklaus

(The officers said to Moses,) “And we have brought the Lord’s offering, what each of us found, articles of gold, armlets and bracelets, signet rings, earrings, and pendants, to make atonement for ourselves before the Lord.”

OFFERING *“Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive”*

David Lasky

OFFERING PRAYER

Pastor Diane

P: Let us pray. Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance.

C: Amen.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

LORD’S PRAYER

HOLY COMMUNION *“As the Deer Runs to the River”*

M. Corl/C. Uehlein

POST HOLY COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER HOLY COMMUNION

P: Together let us pray:

C: Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. Amen.

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN *“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”*

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- 1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear now to his temple draw near,
joining in glad adoration!
- 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning
and, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.
Have you not seen all that is needful has been
sent by his gracious ordaining?
- 3 Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do
if with his love he befriend you.

DISMISSAL

Pastor Niklaus

POSTLUDE

"Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer"

J. Bert Carlson



BSLC HIKERS

**August 8—Meet at trailhead
2nd Saturday of the Month**

no commitment,
join the hikes
you're able

Contact Mary via
the church office
with questions

Sign up for hike notifications
bslcmi.org/post/hikers

Adults, 18+ only
no pets please



**Thurs. August 20
12:30 p.m.**

**MEN'S
Luncheon**

Lukich Family Dining
3900 Rochester Rd.
Troy, MI

**No need to RSVP – just come!
No agenda, just time to chat**



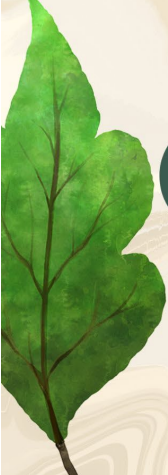
BIANNUAL CHURCH *Meeting*

Budget review & passage

Sunday, August 23

10:10—11:00 a.m.

all voting members should attend



GriefShare®

NEXT SESSION BEGINS SEPTEMBER 1

SESSIONS ON TUESDAY NIGHTS AT 6:30 P.M.

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JOIN THE BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR



Altar Guild



HELP PREPARE THE ALTAR &
SANCTUARY FOR WORSHIP

Training & Support Provided

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