

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

Twelve Common People

“Thomas – The Skeptical”

11:15—July 27, 2025

Jesus called twelve common people to be his first followers who did uncommon things to change the world. This week, we learn about Thomas, a person unreasonably portrayed throughout history as a doubter, though more reasonably seen as one who asked important questions.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Flowers Given in Honor of Marilyn Burrell's 101st Birthday. Happy Birthday!

GATHERING WORSHIP MUSIC

“Your Great Name”

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

GATHERING SONG

“This I Believe (The Creed)”

“Build My Life”

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Ever-living God, you strengthened your apostle Thomas with firm and certain faith in the resurrection of your Son. Grant that we too may confess our faith in Jesus Christ, our Lord and our God, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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

Proverbs 3:13-14

Brian Rusher

A: Together, let us recite the memory verse:

C: Happy are those who find wisdom, and those who get understanding, for her income is better than silver, and her revenue better than gold.

INTRODUCTION TO THE READING

READING

Hebrews 4:14-16

A: The reading according to Hebrews, the fourth chapter.

¹⁴ Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

John 11:1-16

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ² Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. ³ So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." ⁴ But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." ⁵ Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, ⁶ after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. ⁷ Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." ⁸ The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" ⁹ Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. ¹⁰ But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." ¹¹ After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." ¹² The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." ¹³ Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. ¹⁴ Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. ¹⁵ For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." ¹⁶ Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

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

SONG OF THE DAY

"Son of God"

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Brian Rusher

A: In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world.

A brief silence.

A: Loving God, create in your church a desire for union with you in prayer. Raise up leaders to teach Christ's devotion to prayer and model Christ's way of prayer, until all people experience prayerful intimacy with you. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Reveal to humanity the sacredness of all creation. With the breath of your Spirit, realign the balances of nature. Grant persistence in prayer and action for the sake of the earth, our common home. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Teach rulers of the earth to sing of your ways, caring for the lowly and having no preference for the powerful. Direct the heart of every person to seek your will on earth as in heaven. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: To all whose prayers are cries for help, give your good gifts, and satisfy their deepest needs (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). Gather them to your constant, loving presence, that they may rest in the confidence of life with you. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Center the ministries of this assembly on prayer and service. Guide our relationships in the wider community, being ready to assist those who seek help. Strengthen feeding, clothing, and housing ministries and community partnerships. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: We give thanks for all who have gone before us (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). May we trust your steadfast love and continue in hope until we are united with all your saints. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Faithful Lord, 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: hear our prayer.

A: Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

STEWARDSHIP READING

Jeremiah 32:17

Ah Lord God! It is you who made the heavens and the earth by your great power and by your outstretched arm! Nothing is too hard for you.

OFFERING

"I Need Thee Every Hour"

Vocalists: Marilyn Lochner and Kelly Newell

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray. Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

HOLY COMMUNION

POST HOLY COMMUNION BLESSING

BLESSING

SENDING SONG

"We're Gonna Shine"

DISMISSAL

FIRST FRUITS SUNDAYS

CLOTHES CLOSET & FOOD COLLECTION

**1ST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH.
DROP YOUR DONATIONS IN THE
SHOPPING CART IN THE WELCOME CENTER**



*Honor the Lord from your
wealth and from the first
fruits of all your crops.*
PROVERBS 3:9

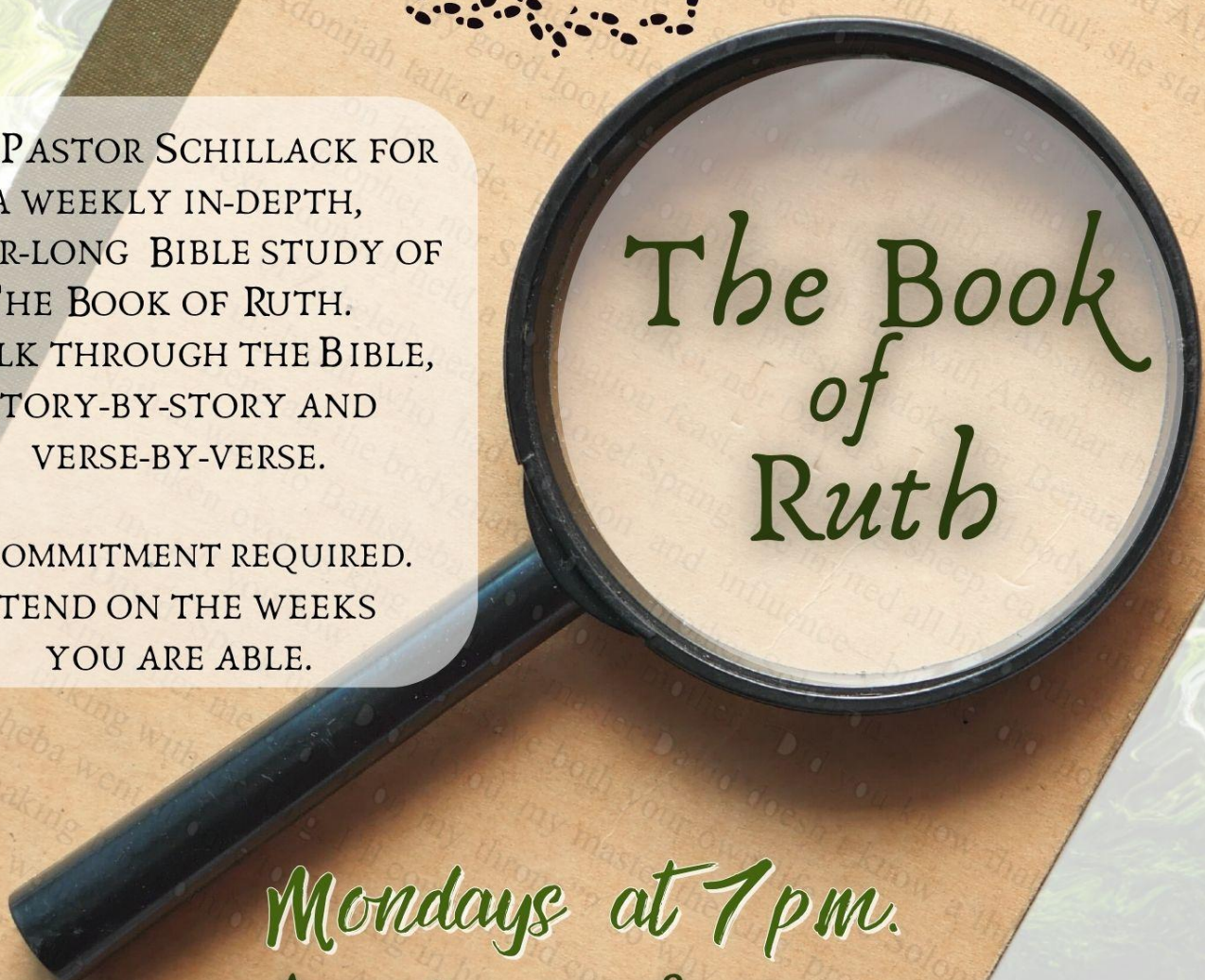


BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

Bible JOURNEY

JOIN PASTOR SCHILLACK FOR
A WEEKLY IN-DEPTH,
HOUR-LONG BIBLE STUDY OF
THE BOOK OF RUTH.
WALK THROUGH THE BIBLE,
STORY-BY-STORY AND
VERSE-BY-VERSE.

NO COMMITMENT REQUIRED.
ATTEND ON THE WEEKS
YOU ARE ABLE.



The Book
of
Ruth

Mondays at 7pm.

August 4, 11, 18, 25

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