



Welcome to Beautiful Savior!

Address: 5631 North Adams Road,
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304

Phone: 248.646.5041

Web Site: www.bsclmi.org

IN JESUS'S NAME, WE:

Bring Glory to God through fulfilling worship.

Serve God's people, both within our congregation and without.

Learn about the Lord's will for us through sharing and teaching.

Connect within our membership and reach out to connect with others.

Acts: The Early Church Story

"Mistaken Identities: Ministers Confused for gods"

July 24, 2022 9:00 a.m.

When Barnabas and Saul preformed healing miracles in the city of Lystra, the crowds mistook them for the Greek gods Zeus and Hermes. Despite the objection of the two, people offered sacrifices to them. This story is a reminder that servants of God should always be on guard not to let people confuse the messenger of the God with God.

P: Pastor

C: Congregation

A: Assistant Minister

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING WORSHIP MUSIC

As part of our 2022 Beautiful Savior Concert Series, sponsored by Bob Hoffman,
we welcome our Guest Artists: The Riverside Woodwind Trio

Clarinet: Kristen Moreno

Flute: Robyn Myers

Oboe: Steven Landino

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

(Please kneel as you are able during a time of silence for reflection and self-examination.)

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

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Merciful God,

C: we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.

P: Hear the good news! God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy. In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love as God loves.

C: Amen.

THE GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

(Please stand as you are able.)

GATHERING HYMN

“All People That on Earth Do Dwell”

ELW 883

All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell;
come ye before him and rejoice.

Know that the Lord is God indeed;
without our aid he did us make.
We are his folk, he doth us feed,
and for his sheep he doth us take.

Oh, enter then his gates with praise;
approach with joy his courts unto;
praise, laud, and bless his name always,
for it is seemly so to do.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior, and Lord.

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: In Jesus’s name, we:

Bring Glory to God through fulfilling worship,

Serve God’s people, both within our congregation and without,

Learn about the Lord’s will for us through sharing and teaching, and

Connect within our membership and reach out to connect with others.

(Please be seated.)

MEMORY VERSE

John 16:13a

Lori Calbeck

A: Together, let us recite the memory verse:

C: When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own but will speak whatever he hears.

INTRODUCTION TO THE READING

FIRST READING

Acts 14:8-20

A: The first reading is from the book of Acts, the fourteenth chapter.

⁸ In Lystra there was a man sitting who could not use his feet and had never walked, for he had been lame from birth. ⁹ He listened to Paul as he was speaking. And Paul, looking at him intently and seeing that he had faith to be healed, ¹⁰ said in a loud voice, “Stand upright on your feet.” And the man sprang up and began to walk. ¹¹ When the crowds saw what Paul had done, they shouted in the Lycaonian language, “The gods have come down to us in human form!” ¹² Barnabas they called Zeus, and Paul they called Hermes, because he was the chief speaker. ¹³ The priest of Zeus, whose temple was just outside the city, brought oxen and garlands to the gates; he and the crowds wanted to offer sacrifice. ¹⁴ When the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard of it, they tore their clothes and rushed out into the crowd, shouting, ¹⁵ “People, [\[e\]](#) why are you doing this? We are mortals just like you, and we bring you good news, that you should turn from these worthless things to the living God, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and all that is in them. ¹⁶ In past generations he allowed all peoples to follow their own ways, ¹⁷ yet he has not left himself without a witness in doing good, giving you rains from heaven and fruitful seasons and filling you with food and your hearts with joy.” ¹⁸ Even with these words, they scarcely restrained the crowds from offering sacrifice to them. ¹⁹ But Jews came there from Antioch and Iconium and won over the crowds. Then they stoned Paul and dragged him out of the city, supposing that he was dead. ²⁰ But when the disciples surrounded him, he got up and went into the city. The next day he went on with Barnabas to Derbe.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand as you are able.)

VERSE



GOSPEL

Luke 6:6-11

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

⁶ On another Sabbath he entered the synagogue and taught, and there was a man there whose right hand was withered. ⁷ The scribes and the Pharisees were watching him to see whether he would cure on the Sabbath, so that they might find grounds to bring an accusation against him. ⁸ But he knew what they were thinking, and he said to the man who had the withered hand, "Come and stand in the middle." He got up and stood there. ⁹ Then Jesus said to them, "I ask you, is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the Sabbath, to save life or to destroy it?" ¹⁰ After looking around at all of them, he said to him, "Stretch out your hand." He did so, and his hand was restored. ¹¹ But they were filled with fury and began discussing with one another what they might do to Jesus.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated.)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Karyn Parker, Children's Ministries Coordinator

SERMON

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

"Mistaken Identities: Ministers Confused for gods"

(Please stand as you are able.)

HYMN OF THE DAY

"How Great Thou Art"

ELW 856

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;

Refrain

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,
how great thou art! How great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,
how great thou art! How great thou art!

But when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
that on the cross my burden gladly bearing
he bled and died to take away my sin; *Refrain*

(Please stand as you are able.)

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.

*The word "catholic" means universal. By saying that we believe in the "holy catholic Church," we state that we believe the Christian church is one and undivided. This does not refer to any individual denominations.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A: Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.

A brief silence.

A: Rooted and built up in Christ, we pray for the church. Embolden church leaders to take risks for the sake of the gospel, and equip the baptized to proclaim your extravagant love for the whole world. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Rejoicing in the works of your hands, we pray for the natural world. Make rivers and lakes, oceans and all waterways, sparkle with your radiance. Protect water sources and strengthen those who defend them. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Interceding on behalf of the vulnerable, we pray for the peoples of the world. Inspire all rulers and governing authorities with your justice. Guide the work of legislators and public officials, that they advocate for the well-being of those they serve. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Persistent in prayer, we pray for our neighbors in need. To all who have hunger, give daily bread. To all who have bread, give hunger for justice. Open us to the cries of those who suffer (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Abounding in thanksgiving, we pray for this congregation. Bless the prayer and fellowship ministries in this place. Call us together in times of praise and blessing, trouble and sorrow, in your holy name. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Buried with Christ in baptism and raised with him to new life, we give thanks for your saints who rest in your eternal presence (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). Join our voices with theirs as we sing of your great glory. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom.

C: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

What is the Sharing of the Peace?

The sharing of the peace is more than a time to say, "Hello." It is an ancient tradition, dating back to the time of Jesus. Its purpose is to provide us with a chance to be at peace with one another before sharing Holy Communion. Also, it reminds us that Jesus brings us closer together in Holy Communion, and that the unity he gives is stronger than anything that can divide us.

How Do We Share the Peace?

At their own discretion, people greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you" or "God's peace." Afterwards, we are seated for the offering.

(Please be seated.)

STEWARDSHIP READING

Deuteronomy 5:29

(The Lord said to Moses,) “If only they had such a mind as this, to fear me and to keep all my commandments always, so that it might go well with them and with their children forever!”

OFFERING

(Please stand as you are able.)

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Together, let us pray:

C: God of abundance: you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

C: Amen.

LORD’S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray ...

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

(Please be seated.)

HOLY COMMUNION

POST HOLY COMMUNION BLESSING

P: May the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

(Please stand as you are able.)

PRAYER AFTER HOLY COMMUNION

P: Together, let us pray:

C: Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

BLESSING

P: The God of peace, Father, ✙ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

ELW 858

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!

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?

Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again.
Gladly forever adore him!

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

C: We will! Thanks be to God!

P: And next time ...

C: ... we'll invite a friend!

POSTLUDE

We thank you for worshiping with us today.

We hope to worship with you again in the near future!

***Many thanks to all those on our tech team
for making this livestream service possible.***

Liturgy from Sundays and Seasons.com. Copyright © 2022 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved. Reprinted by permission under Augsburg Fortress Liturgies Annual License #SAS021097.

New Revised Standard Version Bible, copyright 1989, Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America. Used by permission. All rights reserved.

HELPFUL INFORMATION

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES – The 9:00 & 11:15 a.m. worship services will be livestreamed through our website and YouTube pages. People can gather with us in the Sanctuary at 9 a.m. to worship in a more traditional style in person. We offer a more contemporary style worship service at 11:15 a.m. People can also worship in their homes with the livestream at 9 or 11:15 a.m., as well as access the recording of either service any time after worship concludes.

On the third Sundays of the month, we will offer a Service of the Word for Wholeness at 10:15 in our Chapel. This twenty-minute service gives you an opportunity to receive and give support for wholeness and strength. The Word will be spoken with laying on of hands and anointing with oil. We will pray for those in need by name, receive personal prayer, and share in the fellowship of others in need.

SERVING THIS MONTH

Readers

July 3	Laura Hall
July 10	Bob Hoffman
July 17	Dennis Eurich
July 24	Lori Calbeck
July 31	Lisa Wade

PowerPoint

July 3	Gwen Fitzgerald
July 10	Nancy Geik
July 17	Tim Jehowski
July 24	Chuck Biebelhausen
July 31	Karen Brant

Ushers

July 3	Ann Hussar & Ray Green
July 10	Ann Hussar & Ray Green
July 17	Jay Herbst & Kelly Biebelhausen
July 24	Dennis Eurich & K. Biebelhausen
July 31	Ray Green & Jay Herbst

Communion Assistants

July 3	D. Eurich/K. Eurich/S. Siems
July 10	B. Hoffman & K/C Biebelhausen
July 17	A.Venola/D. Eurich/K. Eurich
July 24	Lori Calbeck & Ann Hussar
July 31	W. Geik/L. Wade/T. Dukatz

STAFF MEMBERS

The Rev. Dr. Niklaus C. Schillack
Senior Pastor
prnik@bslcmi.org

Helen Blicharz
Office Manager
office@bslcmi.org

Wade Jehowski
Student Ministries Coordinator
Beautifulyouth@bslcmi.org

Beth Jamieson
Bookkeeper
bookkeeper@bslcmi.org

Dave Eicher
Worship Technology Coordinator
worshiptech@bslcmi.org

John Wenskay
Property Caretaker

The Rev. Dr. Philip Hemke, Pastor Emeritus
Pastor for Care Ministries
care@bslcmi.org

Julie Steinmayer
Minister of Music
jsteinmayer@bslcmi.org

Karyn Parker
Children's Ministries Coordinator
Beautifulkids@bslcmi.org

Chris Ford
Sound Technician
cford@bslcmi.org

Alan Sidock
Custodian

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Kristin Albani, President
kristinalbani@gmail.com

Stephanie Siems
pssiems@gmail.com

Bob Hoffman
bobbysue@sbcglobal.net

Tom Barlow, Vice President
tebarlow@comcast.net

Shelley Beck
Beckfab4@yahoo.com

Cheryl Jehowski
cmjehowski@gmail.com

Mike Cunningham, Secretary
Vumike_21@yahoo.com

Cheryl Gonda
Ce.gonda@gmail.com

Kathy Moede
kjmoede@sbcglobal.net