

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

Christ the King Sunday 9:00—November 23, 2025

Christ the King Sunday is the last day in the church calendar. It is a time for reflecting on the journey of the previous year and for preparing one's heart, mind, soul, and strength for Advent, which begins next week.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING WORSHIP MUSIC *"Come, Thou Almighty King"*

Gilbert M. Martin

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

P: Our God reigns; let the earth be glad. God's word is truth; let all creation sing.

C: **We bow before God's strength and majesty. We come in awe before God's throne.**

P: Be gathered, then, by God's love and truth, to worship and make faithful witness.

C: **God is our righteousness and our peace. God's truth renews us.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days.

C: **Amen.**

P: Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God of mercy and forgiveness,

C: **we confess that sin still has a hold on us. We have harmed your good creation. We have failed to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Turn us in a new direction. Show us the path that leads to life. Be our refuge and strength on the journey, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. Amen.**

P: Beloved of God: your sins are forgiven ✠ and you are made whole. God points the way to new life in Christ, who meets us on the road. Journey now in God's abiding love through the power of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

"Lift High the Cross" v. 1, 3, 4

ELW 660

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.

1 Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod,
our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God.
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.

4 So shall our song of triumph ever be:
praise to the Crucified for victory!
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.

3 O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
as thou hast promised, draw us all to thee.
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.

THE GREETING

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Gracious God, we lift our hearts in praise to you! You have set Jesus Christ above all powers and nations, the ruler of love, justice, and peace. Reign in our hearts, O Lord, that we may serve you faithfully and walk in your truth. Reign in your church, that we may be a lighthouse of hope in the world – all through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

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

“In Thee, Almighty King”

Dan Forrest

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Karyn Parker, Children’s Worship Coordinator

ADVENT - BLUE

ELW 855 v. 1

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;
hark, how the heav’nly anthem drowns all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless king through all eternity.

THE SEASON OF ADVENT

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

ADVENT READING

Isaiah 40:9-11

Laura Hall

Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, “Here is your God!” See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

ADVENT HYMN

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” v. 7

ELW 257

O come, O King of nations, come,
O Cornerstone that binds in one:
refresh the hearts that long for you;
restore the broken, make us new.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.

THE PRAYER FOR ADVENT

L: God of Hope, we share in the hope of the prophets over the centuries who anticipated your coming into this world as our Lord and Savior. Teach us to have the same spirit of anticipation that you will continue to come to us, setting us free from the power of sin, death, and the devil, as you build a royal highway through the wilderness of our pilgrim lives. Comfort us with the knowledge that the Savior has already been born for us, in the name of that same Savior, Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

CHRISTMAS - WHITE

ELW 855 v. 2

Crown him the virgin’s Son, the God incarnate born,
whose arm those crimson trophies won which now his brow adorn;
fruit of the mystic rose, yet of that rose the stem.
The root whence mercy ever flows, the babe of Bethlehem.

THE SEASON OF CHRISTMAS

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

CHRISTMAS READING

Luke 1:26-27, 30-33

Ezra Brown

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin’s name was Mary. The angel said to her, “Do

not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.”

CHRISTMAS CAROL

“Joy to the World” v. 1

ELW 267

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her king;
let ev’ry heart prepare him room
and heav’n and nature sing,
and heav’n and nature sing,
and heav’n, and heav’n
and nature sing.

THE PRAYER FOR CHRISTMAS

L: Blessed Savior, you came to walk in our shoes, beginning as a child placed in a manger, later fleeing a murderous tyrant as a refugee to Egypt, growing in worship and scripture study and prayer, eventually teaching and healing others, giving your life for us on a cross on a garbage dump outside the walls of Jerusalem, and then rising from the dead to win us eternal life. Teach us to understand the richness of this gift, and show us ways that we can make your love known for others in the flesh. In your holy name, Jesus, we ask this of you.

C: Amen.

EPIPHANY – GREEN

Crown him the Lord of peace, whose pow’r a scepter sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end, and round his pierced feet
fair flow’rs of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

THE SEASON OF EPIPHANY

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

EPIPHANY READING

Matthew 28:16-20

Lori Calbeck

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

EPIPHANY HYMN

“Here I Am, Lord” v. 1

ELW 574

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
Here I am Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

THE PRAYER FOR EPIPHANY

L: Lord of Light, you have made your Son brighter than all that tries to hide your truth and identity in this world. Let Jesus’s light bring joy to the hearts of all people who place their faith in him. Help us to remember and support those who boldly proclaim Jesus as Lord and Savior, to hold them in prayer, to stand with them in witness, and to provide tangible help for their physical needs. Shine the light of your love into the parts of this world where those who believe in you are persecuted, tortured, and murdered for proclaiming the truth. We ask this in the name of the One whom they and we proclaim, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

LENT – PURPLE

ELW 855 v. 3

Crown him the Lord of love — behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.
No angels in the sky can fully bear that sight,
but downward bend their burning eyes at mysteries so bright.

THE SEASON OF LENT

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

LENT READING

Philippians 2:5-11

Steve Luck

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

LENT HYMN

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” v. 1

ELW 351

O sacred head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down,
Now scornfully surrounded with thorns, thine only crown;
O sacred head, what glory, what bliss till now was thine!
Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call thee mine.

THE PRAYER FOR LENT

L: Great Teacher, teach us to follow you more closely each and every day as well as in each and every way.
Teach us to accompany you on the journey to your cross and give us strength as we bear our own crosses.
May our lives be testimonies to the ultimate witness of you giving your life to save and heal all of creation.
We ask this in your name, Jesus, believing that you are the way, the truth, and the life.

C: Amen.

EASTER - WHITE

ELW 855 v. 4

Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o’er the grave
and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high,
who died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

THE SEASON OF EASTER

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

EASTER READING

1 Corinthians 15:19-26

Kelly Biebelhausen

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

EASTER HYMN

“Jesus Christ is Risen Today” v. 1

ELW 365

Jesus Christ is ris’n today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross,
Alleluia! Suffer to redeem our loss.
Alleluia!

THE PRAYER FOR EASTER

L: Lord of Life, we join with Mary Magdalene, Peter, and all the witnesses of the Resurrection in rejoicing and receiving your gift of eternal life for us, life that is eternally deep as well as eternally long. Give us courage to be faithful in our witness to this greater truth the world so desperately needs to know, in Jesus’s name.

C: Amen.

Crown him the Lord of years, the potentate of time,
creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;
thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.

THE SEASON OF PENTECOST

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

PENTECOST READING

Acts 2:40-42

Bob Hoffman

And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added. They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

PENTECOST HYMN

God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind" v. 1

ELW 400

God of tempest, God of whirlwind,
as on Pentecost descend!
Drive us out from sheltered comfort;
past these walls your people send!
Sweep us into costly service,
there with Christ to bear the cross,
there with Christ to bear the cross!

THE PRAYER FOR PENTECOST

L: Holy Spirit, fill us with your holy fire. Bless us with gifts that build the church, and enliven us in using those gifts. We seek wisdom and discernment as we strive to live out the extraordinary Gospel during our ordinary lives. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Bob Hoffman

A: Gathered with one voice, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

A: We pray for the church in the world, its leaders, and its mission to share the good news of healing and restoration. Inspire us to embody the beloved community in ways that faithfully witness to the work of your Holy Spirit. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: We pray for the trembling mountains and glad streams of creation. Preserve and renew your coastlines, deep seas, forests, and grasslands. Guide all who tend flocks or care for creatures of all kinds. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: We pray for leaders in government, civic life, and public safety. Support peace and equality across the globe, and heal divisions with accountability and truth. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: We pray for any who are hungry, living in poverty or desperation, weary in body or spirit, or sick (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). Comfort all in need of your tender care. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: We pray for this part of the body of Christ gathered around word and sacrament. Bring us into authentic community where all ages are valued and together experience God's faithfulness. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: We give thanks for all who have died in faith (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). May we remember them faithfully until we are gathered with you in the paradise you promise. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: We pray that deep and persistent prayer permeates our congregation. As the Call Committee continues to recruit and engage with pastoral candidates, we pray for clarity of vision, unity of 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: We offer these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your grace and unyielding love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

STEWARDSHIP READING

Galatians 6:9-10

So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

HANDBELL OFFERING

"Bellsong"

Douglas E. Wagner

Ringers: Shelley Beck, Missy Brinker, Louise Green, Violet Henry,
Laura Hutson, Marilyn Lochner, Mary Reed, Julie Steinmayer

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray. God of healing and hope, you bless those who are hungry, promising to fill them with good things. Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts. Nourish us with the abundance of your feast and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

LORD'S PRAYER

HOLY COMMUNION

"Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"

David N. Johnson

POST HOLY COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER HOLY COMMUNION

P: Together let us pray:

C: God of field and flower, wheat and grape, you have nourished us with the bread of heaven that gives life to the world. Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son, send us out to gather your good gifts for all who hunger and thirst, and embolden us to love and serve in Christ's name. Amen.

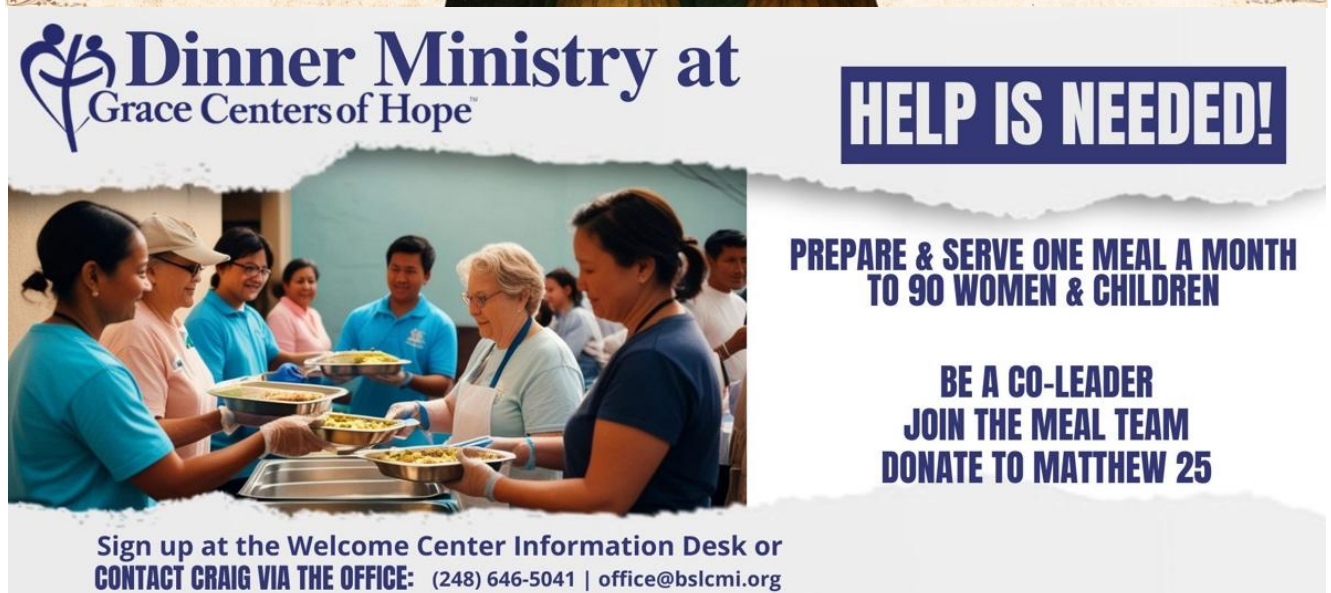
BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

"Rejoice, the Lord is King"

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| 1 | Rejoice, the Lord is King:
Your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks and sing,
And triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart,
Lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice! | 3 | His kingdom cannot fail,
He rules o'er earth and heav'n;
The keys of death and hell
Are to our Jesus giv'n:
Lift up your heart,
Lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice! |
| 2 | Jesus, the Savior, reigns,
The God of truth and love;
When He has purged our stains,
He took his seat above;
Lift up your heart,
Lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice! | | |

DISMISSAL



**FIVE LAKES
SILVER BAND**



**CHRISTMAS
CONCERT**

**THURS.
DEC. 18
7 PM**

**NO TICKET
NECESSARY
FREE WILL
OFFERING**