

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

Journeying to Jesus's Cross

"Jesus's Sorrow"

9:00—March 16, 2025

Jesus is the one who "comes in the name of the Lord" to lay down his life for the sin of the world. Today, we hear his lament that Jerusalem killed God's prophets sent to it, foreshadowing his own murder by those in the city. This earthly Jerusalem will not embrace Jesus's visitation, though the sacrifice of his life will be the cornerstone of the new Jerusalem in which God graciously gathers us "as a hen gathers her brood under her wings."

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Flowers given in loving memory of Sue Hoffman

GATHERING WORSHIP MUSIC

"Blessed Assurance"

J. Bert Carlson

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISSION MOMENT

"Evangelism"

Bob Beardslee

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

C: Amen.

P: Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Compassionate One,

C: you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, but our lives do not always reflect you and your love for the world. We do not show others the tender compassion you have shown to us. We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality you grant to all people. We oppress others, even though you have set

us free again and again. We squander the abundant gifts of the earth. Transform our lives and guide us again in the way of the cross. Amen.

P: Beloved in Christ, God's arms are always stretched open wide to welcome the wandering ones home. In ✠ Christ your sins are forgiven. You have a place in God's house forever.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

"Blessed Assurance"

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| <p>1 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.
This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior, all the day long:
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.</p> <p>3 Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love.
This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior, all the day long:
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.</p> | <p>2 Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.
This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior, all the day long:
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.</p> |
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THE GREETING

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, 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.

CHORAL ANTHEM

“The Cross”

Craig Courtney

MEMORY VERSE

Luke 9:23

Lisa Wade

A: Together, let us recite the memory verse:

C: Then (Jesus) said to them all, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.”

FIRST READING

Genesis 15:1-12,17-18

A: The first reading according to Genesis, the fifteenth chapter.

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” ² But Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” ³ And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” ⁴ But the word of the LORD came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.” ⁵ He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” ⁶ And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness. ⁷ Then he said to him, “I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.” ⁸ But he said, “O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?” ⁹ He said to him, “Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon.” ¹⁰ He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. ¹¹ And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. ¹² As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Philippians 3:17 - 4:1

A: The second reading according to the book of the Philippians, the third and fourth chapters.

¹⁷ Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸ For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. ¹⁹ Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. ²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. ²¹ He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to

himself. ¹ Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL VERSE



GOSPEL

Luke 13:31-35

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹ At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” ³² He said to them, “Go and tell that fox for me, ‘Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. ³³ Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.’ ³⁴ Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵ See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, ‘Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

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 “O Savior, Precious Savior” v. 1-3

ELW 820

1 O Savior, precious Savior,
whom yet unseen we love;
O name of might and favor,
all other names above:
we worship thee; we bless thee;
to thee alone we sing;
we praise thee and confess thee,
our holy Lord and King.

2 O bringer of salvation,
who wondrously hast wrought,
thyself the revelation
of love beyond our thought:
we worship thee; we bless thee;
to thee alone we sing;
we praise thee and confess thee,
our gracious Lord and King.

3 In thee all fullness dwelleth,
all grace and pow'r divine;
the glory that excelleth,
O Son of God, is thine.
We worship thee; we bless thee;
to thee alone we sing;
we praise thee and confess thee,
our glorious Lord and King.

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

Lisa Wade

A: Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

A: Holy God, you long to gather your church under your wings. Bless the churches of Jerusalem, and all persecuted churches, that your people may take heart and stand firm as they witness and minister in your name. God, in your mercy,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Holy God, you give shelter to living things as numerous as the stars. Strengthen the voice of those who call humanity to faithfully care for the planet, that they would not be silenced but heeded as your messengers. God, in your mercy,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Holy God, you raised up leaders like Abram, Sarai, and Paul to show your people what it means to rely on your promises. Guide today's leaders to work for peace and justice, and to safeguard the world for future generations. God, in your mercy,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Holy God, you are the stronghold of our life. Care tenderly for those who are ill in body or mind, and for people living in fear or need (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). May all know they are not alone. God, in your mercy,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Holy God, you offer us citizenship in heaven. Unite communities of faith who are divided over earthly things, that following the way of your Son, they may set aside grudges and serve their neighbors with generosity and love. God, in your mercy,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Holy God, you are our light and our salvation. We give thanks for the saints who have gone before us (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). Help us to trust in you as they did and to live according to their example. God, in your mercy,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Living Lord, as we travel this Lenten season together we ask for your mercy and steadfast love. We ask for your guidance for our call committee. Help us journey on together with hope and expectation. God, in your mercy,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.

C: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

STEWARDSHIP READING *2 Samuel 24:24*

But the king said to Araunah, "No, but I will buy them from you for a price; I will not offer burnt offerings to the LORD my God that cost me nothing." So David bought the threshing floor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver.

OFFERING *"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"*

Jason Krug

Handbells: Mary Reed Flute: Lisa Wade Piano: Julie Steinmayer

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray. Gracious Provider, you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

LORD'S PRAYER

HOLY COMMUNION *"God Loved the World So That He Gave"* Burkhardt/Hobby

POST HOLY COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER HOLY COMMUNION

P: Together let us pray:

C: Generous Host, you have shared your feast with us and made us new. Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities, that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom, in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN *"My Life Flows on in Endless Song"* v. 1, 3, 4

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| 1. My life flows on in endless song;
above earth's lamentation,
I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn
that hails a new creation.
No storm can shake my inmost calm
while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,
how can I keep from singing? | 3 What though my joys and comforts die?
The Lord my Savior liveth.
What though the darkness gather round?
Songs in the night he giveth.
No storm can shake my inmost calm
while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,
how can I keep from singing? |
| 4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,
a fountain ever springing!
All things are mine since I am his!
How can I keep from singing?
No storm can shake my inmost calm
while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,
how can I keep from singing? | |

DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE

“Christ is Made the Sure Foundation”

David Cherwien

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

MID-WEEK LENTEN WORSHIP



On Ash Wednesday we are invited to enter the Lenten season together with the whole church. Our liturgy states that we are created **for communion with God, to love one another, and to live in harmony with creation.** Lenten practices rightly invite us to individual acts of repentance, prayer and fasting, sacrificial giving and works of love, but Lent is also a time to **deepen our community.**

Community Meal & Message

March 5	Ash Wednesday Chicken Crepes, home-cooked by Karen & Tom Ingram's dinner team
March 12	In Community with Creation Pulled Pork & Mac 'n Cheese, home-cooked by the BSLC Youth
March 19	In Community with All the Saints Parmesan Chicken, home-cooked by the Kathy & Mike Lewis' dinner team
March 26	In Community with Our Neighbors Baked Potato Bar, home-cooked by Jovita & Mike Cunningham's dinner team
April 2	In Community with Those on the Margins Italian Feast, home-cooked by Michelle & Steve Luck's dinner team
April 9	In Community with Christ Chili Cook-off, home-cooked by Shelley & Doug Beck's dinner team

DINNER BEGINS AT 5:45 PM. WORSHIP AT 7 PM

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