

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

Deep Roots, New Life – Fall Kickoff

9:00—September 13, 2026

Every fall offers a new beginning as familiar routines return and life settles into a new rhythm. As we begin a new ministry year, we remember that lasting growth begins with deep roots. Grounded in God’s faithfulness, united as one body, and following the way of Jesus, we discover new life growing among us.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING WORSHIP MUSIC

“This Is My Father’s World”

Michael Burkhardt

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Niklaus

MISSION MOMENT

“Youth and Family”

Margie Turowski

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor Diane

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth.

C: Amen.

P: Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Compassionate God,

C: we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.

P: Hear this good news: We have peace with God through + Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

“Rise Up, O Saints of God!”

ELW 669

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| 1 Rise up, O saints of God!
From vain ambitions turn;
Christ rose triumphant that your hearts
with nobler zeal might burn. | 4 Give heed, O saints of God!
Creation cries in pain;
stretch forth your hand of healing now,
with love the weak sustain. |
| 2 Speak out, O saints of God!
Despair engulfs earth's frame;
as heirs of God's baptismal grace,
the word of hope proclaim. | 5 Commit your hearts to seek
the paths which Christ has trod;
and, quickened by the Spirit's pow'r,
rise up, O saints of God! |
| 3 Rise up, O saints of God!
The kingdom's task embrace;
redress sin's cruel consequence;
give justice larger place. | |

THE GREETING

Pastor Diane

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through 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: Beautiful Savior is a biblically grounded community who unites to follow and share the way of Jesus.

CHORAL ANTHEM

“I Am Bound for the Kingdom”

Lloyd Larson

INTRODUCTION TO THE READINGS

Doug Beck

FIRST READING

Joshua 24:14–17

A: The first reading according to Joshua, the twenty-fourth chapter.

¹⁴“Now, therefore, revere the LORD and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt and serve the LORD. ¹⁵Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living, but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.” ¹⁶Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods, ¹⁷for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our

ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went and among all the peoples through whom we passed.”

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Ephesians 4:1–6

A: The second reading according to Ephesians, the fourth chapter.

I, therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ² with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³ making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace: ⁴ there is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL VERSE



GOSPEL

Mark 1:16–20

Pastor Niklaus

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁶ As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea, for they were fishers. ¹⁷ And Jesus said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people.” ¹⁸ And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹ As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰ Immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS AND CAR KEYS

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Karyn Parker, Children's Ministries Coordinator

SERMON

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

HYMN OF THE DAY *"Jesus Calls Us, O'er the Tumult"*

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| 1 Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult
of our life's wild, restless sea,
day by day his clear voice sounding,
saying, "Christian, follow me." | 4 In our joys and in our sorrows,
days of toil and hours of ease,
still he calls, in cares and pleasures,
"Christian, love me more than these." |
| 2 As of old Saint Andrew heard it
by the Galilean lake,
turned from home and toil and kindred,
leaving all for Jesus' sake. | 5 Jesus calls us! By your mercy,
Savior, may we hear your call,
give our hearts to your obedience,
serve and love you best of all. |
| 3 Jesus calls us from the worship
of the vain world's golden store,
from each idol that would keep us,
saying, "Christian, love me more." | |

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

Doug Beck

A: Reminded of God's gracious and abundant love, we offer our prayers, confident that God hears us.

A brief silence.

A: Move your church throughout the world away from judging and despising others. Lead us to embody the forgiveness you have given us in Jesus. Hear us, O God. |

C: Your mercy is great.

A: The endless beauty of your creation reminds us of your mercy. Protect those who care for farms and ranches. Guide those who lead us to be in wonder of your creation. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Raise up leaders to hold all in authority accountable for any misuse of the power entrusted to them. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Calm the fears of all in need with your promises. Compassionately free the lives of any who feel bound by their failures. Remember your children in need, including those in need of healing, (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Ground this congregation in the welcome you show us in forgiving our sin. Inspire each of us to welcome others for your honor and glory. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: With you is found the joy and promise of eternal life. Keep us in that joy as we remember all those who have gone before us (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Grant the prayers we have offered, what we have forgotten to ask, and whatever else you see that we need. We ask this in Jesus's name.

C: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

Pastor Niklaus

STEWARDSHIP READING *Romans 11:16*

If the part of the dough offered as first fruits is holy, then the whole batch is holy; and if the root is holy, then the branches also are holy.

OFFERING *"O Had I Jubal's Lyre"*

G. F. Handel

OFFERING PRAYER

Pastor Diane

P: Let us pray. God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always.

C: Amen.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

LORD'S PRAYER

HOLY COMMUNION *“Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart”*

Walther & Miller

POST HOLY COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER HOLY COMMUNION

P: Together let us pray:

C: Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

“Let All Things Now Living”

ELW 881

- 1 Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
to God the creator triumphantly raise,
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
who still guides us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us, God's light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,
as forward we travel from light into light.
- 2 God rules all the forces: the stars in their courses
and sun in its orbit obediently shine;
the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
the deeps of the ocean proclaim God divine.
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing;
with glad adoration a song let us raise
till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:
"To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!"

DISMISSAL

Pastor Niklaus

POSTLUDE

“To Be Your Presence”

David Cherwien



JOIN THE BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

Altar Guild

HELP PREPARE THE ALTAR &
SANCTUARY FOR WORSHIP

Training & Support Provided

contact Judy via the church office (248) 646-5041 or office@bslcmi.org



Questions Jesus ASKED

SEPTEMBER 20—OCTOBER 25

REGISTER NOW

*in the Welcome Center or
online at bslcmi.org/small-groups*



First Day of Sunday School & Catechism

God's BIG Plan

Sunday, Sept. 20th 10:10—11 a.m.

RUN TO BENEFIT LEGACY ADOPTION SERVICES

FOREVER HOME RUN



**SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 3**

**5K Run/Walk
1K Dress-Up Dash**



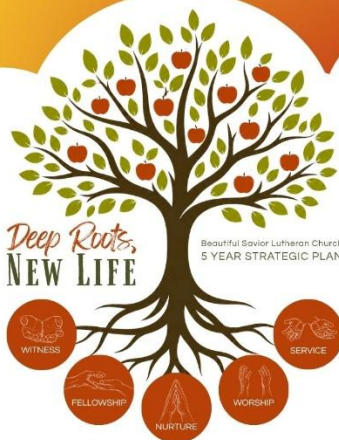
EVENT SCHEDULE

- 9:00 a.m.** 5K Run/Walk
Family Activities Begin
- 10:30 a.m.** Dress-Up Dash

REGISTER NOW

ForeverHomeRun.com

Early Bird Ends 9/6/26



Strategic Planning Visionary Meals

SUNDAY, OCT. 11 @ 12:30 P.M.

SUNDAY, OCT. 18. @ 12:30 P.M.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 21 @ 11:30 A.M.

MONDAY, OCT. 26 @ 6:00 P.M.

RSVP at the Welcome Center Desk or
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