Welcome to Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

5631 N Adams Road Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304 Phone: 248.646.5041 Website: www.bslcmi.org Sunday Worship Schedule 9:00 - Traditional 11:15 - Contemporary style 3rd Sunday of the month at 10:15— Service of the Word for Wholeness

Plug Into the Power of God

"Spiritual Gifts - Plug into God's Power" 9:00—September 7, 2025

Spiritual gifts are given by the Holy Spirit to each believer for the common good and to build up the church, not for individual boasting or division. Each Christian receives gifts to serve others and contribute to the believing community's health and growth, like different body parts working in unison. The purpose is ultimately to glorify God through the manifestation of the Spirit's presence and power within the community of believers.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING WORSHIP MUSIC "Ge

"Gather Us In"

Jeffery Honoré

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISSION MOMENT

"WINGS Yearly Calendar/Welcome"

Karen Ingrem

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 confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P: God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of 中 Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" v. 1-3

ELW 631

- 1 Love divine, all loves excelling,
 Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!
 Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
 all thy faithful mercies crown.
 Jesus, thou art all compassion,
 pure, unbounded love thou art;
 visit us with thy salvation,
 enter ev'ry trembling heart.
- 2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy loving Spirit into ev'ry troubled breast; let us all in thee inherit; let us find thy promised rest. Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be; end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.
- 3 Come, Almighty, to deliver; let us all thy life receive; suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.

 Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above, pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

THE GREETING

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Holy Spirit, we are blessed you reside in every person in our church community. You brought us together and equipped us with specific gifts to strengthen the mission of this church. Please help each of us discern which gift or gifts we have been given, and encourage and empower us to use these spiritual gifts to share your word and love throughout our congregation, neighborhoods, and the wider world. We ask this in Jesus's name.

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

MEMORY VERSE

1 Corinthians 12:4-6

Lisa Wade

A: Together, let us recite the memory verse:

C: Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone.

INTRODUCTION TO THE READING

READING

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

A: The reading according to first Corinthians, the twelfth chapter.

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. ² You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. ³ Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. ⁴ Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵ and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶ and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷ To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸ To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰ to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL VERSE



With the Spir-it's gifts em-pow'r us for the work of min-is-try.

GOSPEL

John 7:37-39

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁷ On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, ³⁸ and let the one who believes in me drink. As the

scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" ³⁹ Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

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 "Lord, You Give the Great Commission" v. 1, 2, 5 **ELW 579**

- 1 Lord, you give the great commission:
 "Heal the sick and preach the word."
 Lest the church neglect its mission,
 and the gospel go unheard,
 help us witness to your purpose
 with renewed integrity:
 With the Spirit's gifts empow'r us
 for the work of ministry.
- 2 Lord, you call us to your service: "In my name baptize and teach." That the world may trust your promise, life abundant meant for each, give us all new fervor, draw us closer in community: With the Spirit's gifts empow'r us for the work of ministry.
- 5 Lord, you bless with words assuring:
 "I am with you to the end."
 Faith and hope and love restoring,
 may we serve as you intend
 and, amid the cares that claim us,
 hold in mind eternity:
 With the Spirit's gifts empow'r us
 for the work of ministry.

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: Gracious God, we come to you in prayer for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

A: We pray for the church to follow in your ways, that it may be a witness to your love for all people. Help us choose all that is life-giving and confront the forces of death. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

A: We pray for creation, that it may be cherished and nurtured. Sustain farmlands, animals, and waters; restore places affected by calamities; and shield coastlands from tempestuous seas. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

A: We pray for those in authority. Grant them wisdom to govern justly and compassion to care for the marginalized. Equip them for actions that further the common good. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

A: We pray for those who are sick, hungry, unhoused, or lonely (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). May they find healing through your love and the care of those around them. Lead us to be your hands and feet in the world. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

A: We pray for this congregation, that we may be united in love and faith. Refresh our hearts in Christ, and deepen our support of one another. We pray that our sharing of faith may transform lives. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

A: We thank you for those who have died and now dwell with the saints (especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts). Surround them with your divine mercy, that they find peace and rest in your loving embrace. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

A: We thank you for the gift of prayer. 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: receive our prayer.

A: We entrust these prayers to you, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.

C: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

STEWARDSHIP READING Deuteronomy 16:17

...all shall give as they are able, according to the blessing of the Lord your God that he has given you.

OFFERING "Bachiana" Gordon Young

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

LORD'S PRAYER

HOLY COMMUNION "Come Down, O Love Divine"

Kristina Langlois

POST HOLY COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER HOLY COMMUNION

P: Together let us pray:

C: Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN "God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind" v. 1, 3, 4

ELW 400

- 1 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!
- 3 God of earthquake, God of thunder, shake us loose from lethargy!
 Break the chains of sin asunder, for earth's healing set us free!
 Crumble walls that still divide us; make us one in Christ our Lord, make us one in Christ our Lord!
- 4 God of passion, God unsleeping, stir in us love's restlessness!
 Where the people cry in anguish, may we share your heart's distress.
 Rouse us from content with evil; claim us for your kingdom's work, claim us for your kingdom's work!



SMALL GROUPS MEET WEEKLY SEPTEMBER 28— NOVEMBER 1

Choose the day of week and time that works best for you.

Meet with your leader and other group members to study the Sermon on the Mount.

Book & study guide by Dr. Amy-Jill Levine.





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