

# Welcome to Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

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Sunday Worship Schedule  
9:00 – Traditional  
11:15 – Contemporary style  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month at 10:15 -  
Service of the Word for Wholeness

## The Day After “Never”

### *“Life After Death”*

9:00 a.m.—April 5, 2026

God provides life after death through Jesus’s resurrection from the dead. This triumph over death was discovered by the women who went from great fear to overwhelming joy upon seeing Jesus risen from the dead.

### ORDER OF WORSHIP

#### GATHERING WORSHIP MUSIC

We welcome members of the Five Lakes Silver Band.  
Thank you for leading us in worship today.  
Erin Garvey, Brian Gorski, Derek Kolp,  
Dallas Long, and Christopher Ward

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C: Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

P: Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism. Merciful God, you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come. You lead us beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for the waters that nourish us. Blessed are you.

**C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

P: Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys. We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow. Blessed are you.

**C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

P: Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows. Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace. Blessed are you.

**C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

P: Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### **GATHERING HYMN**

*“Jesus Christ is Risen Today”*

**ELW 365**

1 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!

3 But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!  
our salvation have procured; Alleluia!  
now above the sky he's king, Alleluia!  
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!  
unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!  
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!  
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!  
praise him, all you heav'nly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

### **THE GREETING**

#### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray. O Heavenly Father, three days after the unthinkable death of your Son on the cross, his death and resurrection have shown us the depth and breadth of your love, mercy, and faithfulness for us. May your sacrifice fuel our desire to live a new life with you striving to become more like Jesus. Call us according to your purpose. Strengthen our faith and trust in you in any circumstance we encounter. We pray this through your Son, Jesus Christ, who overcame every fear, even giving his life for us, to become our Savior, our Lord, and our Hope.

**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**

*“Sing Joy, Easter People”*

Joseph Martin

#### **MEMORY VERSE**

*Romans 8:28*

Louise Green

A: Together, let us recite the memory verse:

**C: We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.**

## FIRST READING

*Jeremiah 31:1-6*

A: The first reading according to the book of Jeremiah, the thirty-first chapter.

At that time, says the LORD, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people. <sup>2</sup> Thus says the LORD: The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness; when Israel sought for rest, <sup>3</sup> the LORD appeared to him from far away. I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you. <sup>4</sup> Again I will build you, and you shall be built, O virgin Israel! Again you shall adorn yourself with your tambourines and go forth in the dance of the merrymakers. <sup>5</sup> Again you shall plant vineyards on the mountains of Samaria; the planters shall plant and shall enjoy the fruit. <sup>6</sup> For there shall be a day when sentinels will call in the hill country of Ephraim: “Come, let us go up to Zion, to the LORD our God.”

A: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

*Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24*

A: Let us read excerpts from Psalm 118 responsively: O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

**C: Let Israel say, “His steadfast love endures forever.”**

A: The LORD is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.

**C: There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous: “The right hand of the LORD does valiantly;**

A: the right hand of the LORD is exalted; the right hand of the LORD does valiantly.”

**C: I shall not die, but I shall live and recount the deeds of the LORD.**

A: The LORD has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death.

**C: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.**

A: This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.

**C: I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.**

A: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

**C: This is the LORD’s doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

## SECOND READING

*Acts 10:34-43*

A: The second reading according to the book of Acts, the tenth chapter.

<sup>34</sup> Then Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup> but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup> You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup> That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in

Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup> how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup> We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, <sup>40</sup> but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup> not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup> He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup> All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

A: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

VERSE – from “*The Strife is O’er, the Battle Done*”



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

**GOSPEL**

*Matthew 28:1-10*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. <sup>2</sup> And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup> His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. <sup>4</sup> For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup> But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup> He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup> Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” <sup>8</sup> So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup> Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

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

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

- 1 The strife is o'er, the battle done;  
now is the victor's triumph won!  
Now be the song of praise begun.  
Alleluia!
- 5 Lord, by the stripes that wounded you,  
from death's sting free your servants too,  
that we may live and sing to you. Alleluia!
- 3 The three sad days have quickly sped,  
Christ rises glorious from the dead.  
All glory to our risen head! Alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

### NICENE 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: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Louise Green

A: Trusting in the power of Christ’s resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

*A brief silence.*

A: Risen Savior, you have conquered death and opened the gates of everlasting life. Dispel our doubts and fears and renew our faith and hope in you. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: Life-giving God, the created world rejoices in Christ's victory over death. May all the earth be renewed by the light of Jesus's resurrection, and may we be faithful stewards of all you have made. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: Sovereign God, let the nations acknowledge your reign of justice and truth. Where violence, oppression, and corruption hold sway, pour out your holy and life-giving Spirit to transform and redeem. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: Gentle Shepherd, like the women at the empty tomb, many grieve or feel lost and afraid. Draw near to those who are ill or in pain (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). Reveal yourself to them as the Risen One. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: Faithful God, we thank you for the living hope you give us through Christ's resurrection. Bless this community, that we may boldly proclaim Christ's victory over death in word and deed. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: Eternal One, we give thanks for all who have died and now share in the joy of your resurrection (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). Bring us, with them, to the unending feast of your victory. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: Loving Lord, as Pastor Diane faces the challenges of transitioning from one congregation to another, give her peace of heart and clarity of mind. Help ease her grief over changed relationships and give her joy at the promise of new ones. Help us to be welcoming, helpful, and understanding. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

**C: Amen.**

## **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

### **STEWARDSHIP READING**      *2 Corinthians 9:7*

Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

## **OFFERING**

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

P: Let us pray: Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and

thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus,

**C: Amen.**

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

### LORD'S PRAYER

**HOLY COMMUNION** *"Awake, My Heart, with Gladness"* W. Wold/R. Hobby

### POST HOLY COMMUNION BLESSING

### PRAYER AFTER HOLY COMMUNION

P: Together let us pray:

**C: Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus, Amen.**

### BLESSING

**SENDING HYMN** *"Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing"* v. 1, 2, 4, 5 **ELW 389**

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| 1 Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.<br>The cross stands empty to the sky.<br>Let streets and homes with praises ring.<br>Love, drowned in death, shall never die. | 4 Women and men, in age and youth,<br>can feel the Spirit, hear the call,<br>and find the way, the life, the truth,<br>revealed in Jesus, freed for all.    |
| 2 Christ is alive! No longer bound<br>to distant years in Palestine,<br>but saving, healing, here and now,<br>and touching ev'ry place and time.                      | 5 Christ is alive, and comes to bring<br>good news to this and every age,<br>till earth and sky and ocean ring<br>with joy, with justice, love, and praise. |

### DISMISSAL

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P: Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia!

**C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

P: And next time...

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

### POSTLUDE