

# 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

## Twelve Common People

*“Simon – The Zealous”*

9:00—July 20, 2025

Jesus called twelve common people to be his first followers who did uncommon things to change the world. This week, we learn about another apostle named Simon, who was a patriot and religious zealot. He originally belonged to a political party focused on assassinating Roman occupiers. His encounter with Jesus transformed him and showed him how to transform the world with love, not with violence.

### ORDER OF WORSHIP

*Flowers given In Loving Memory of Sue Hoffman*

GATHERING WORSHIP MUSIC    *“Oh Love, How Deep”*    Kristina Langlois

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

**C: We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P: In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## **GATHERING HYMN**

*“By All Your Saints”*

**ELW 421**

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| 1 By all your saints still striving,<br>for all your saints at rest,<br>your holy name, O Jesus,<br>forevermore be blessed!<br>For you arose victorious<br>that they might wear the crown<br>and share the light of glory<br>reflected from your throne. | 2 All praise for Jude and Simon,<br>who sealed their faith today;<br>one love, one hope impelled them<br>to tread the sacred way.<br>May we with zeal as earnest<br>the faith of Christ maintain,<br>and foll'wing these our brothers,<br>at length your rest attain. |
| 3 Give praise to God Almighty,<br>and worship God the Son,<br>and sing to God the Spirit,<br>eternal Three in One,<br>till all the ransomed number<br>fall down before the throne,<br>and honor, pow'r, and glory<br>ascribe to God alone.               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

## **THE GREETING**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray. O God, we thank you for the glorious company of the apostles, and especially on this day for Simon. We pray that, as he was faithful and zealous in your mission, so we may with ardent devotion make known the love and mercy of our Savior Jesus Christ, 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.**

## MEMORY VERSE

*Proverbs 3:13-14*

Bob Hoffman

A: Together, let us recite the memory verse:

**C: Happy are those who find wisdom, and those who get understanding, for her income is better than silver, and her revenue better than gold.**

## INTRODUCTION TO THE READING

### READING

*Acts 5:27-42*

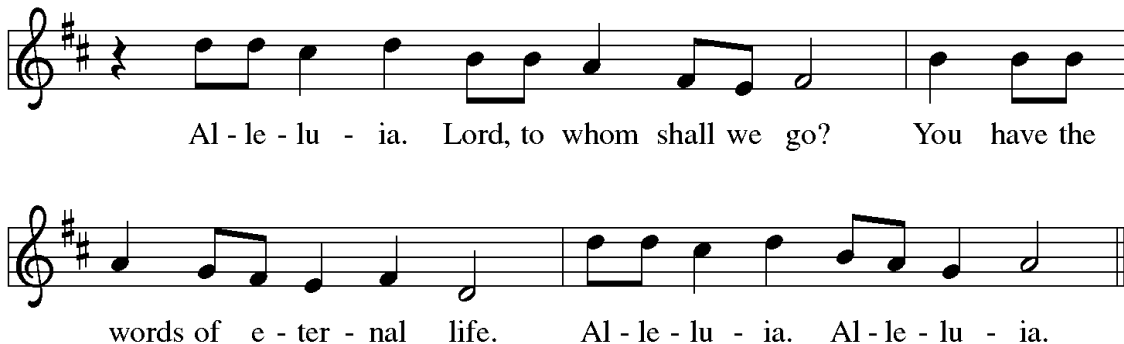
A: The reading according to Acts, the fifth chapter.

<sup>27</sup> When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, <sup>28</sup> saying, “We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man’s blood on us.” <sup>29</sup> But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than any human authority. <sup>30</sup> The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. <sup>31</sup> God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. <sup>32</sup> And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.” <sup>33</sup> When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them. <sup>34</sup> But a Pharisee in the council named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law, respected by all the people, stood up and ordered the men to be put outside for a short time. <sup>35</sup> Then he said to them, “Fellow Israelites, consider carefully what you propose to do to these men. <sup>36</sup> For some time ago Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody, and a number of men, about four hundred, joined him; but he was killed, and all who followed him were dispersed and disappeared. <sup>37</sup> After him Judas the Galilean rose up at the time of the census and got people to follow him; he also perished, and all who followed him were scattered. <sup>38</sup> So in the present case, I tell you, keep away from these men and let them alone; because if this plan or this undertaking is of human origin, it will fail; <sup>39</sup> but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them in that case you may even be found fighting against God!” They were convinced by him, <sup>40</sup> and when they had called in the apostles, they had them flogged. Then they ordered them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. <sup>41</sup> As they left the council, they rejoiced that they were considered worthy to suffer dishonor for the sake of the name. <sup>42</sup> And every day in the temple and at home they did not cease to teach and proclaim Jesus as the Messiah.

A: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL VERSE



## GOSPEL

*Luke 6:12-16*

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

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

<sup>12</sup>Now during those days he went out to the mountain to pray; and he spent the night in prayer to God. <sup>13</sup>And when day came, he called his disciples and chose twelve of them, whom he also named apostles: <sup>14</sup>Simon, whom he named Peter, and his brother Andrew, and James, and John, and Philip, and Bartholomew, <sup>15</sup>and Matthew, and Thomas, and James son of Alphaeus, and Simon, who was called the Zealot, <sup>16</sup>and Judas son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor.

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

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

**ELW 631**

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| 1 Love divine, all loves excelling,<br>Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!<br>Fix in us thy humble dwelling,<br>all thy faithful mercies crown.<br>Jesus, thou art all compassion,<br>pure, unbounded love thou art;<br>visit us with thy salvation,<br>enter ev'ry trembling heart. | 2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy loving Spirit<br>into ev'ry troubled breast;<br>let us all in thee inherit;<br>let us find thy promised rest.<br>Take away the love of sinning;<br>Alpha and Omega be;<br>end of faith, as its beginning,<br>set our hearts at liberty. |
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- 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.

## **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**

Bob Hoffman

A: In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world.

*A brief silence.*

A: Inspire your church to listen with eager longing for your words of life. Equip biblical interpreters and teachers with faithful discernment, that your word may be more fully known. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: Every creature under heaven has been promised the hope of the gospel. From that promise, generate in humankind an eagerness to protect and care for creation. Bring healing to the earth with your words of life. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: Peel away the distractions, worries, and fears of all who govern the nations of the world. May your word of love and life dispel all other voices. Provide gracious hospitality in places where hostile forces hold sway. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: Speak your word of comfort to any who suffer pain, illness, grief, depression, or despair (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). Bring honor to any who experience slander and evil intent or are discredited by others. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: Enliven and uphold all siblings in Christ who strive to provide hospitality and safe spaces where everyone, without exception, can receive and be transformed by your word of life. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: We give thanks for Abraham, Sarah, Hagar, Mary, Martha, and all the saints who attended to your word (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). Open our ears to your voice until that day when we realize the promise of the gospel with all creation. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: Faithful Lord, 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: hear our prayer.**

A: Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ.

**C: Amen.**

## **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

### **STEWARDSHIP READING** *Luke 19:8*

Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, “Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much.”

**OFFERING** *“Love Has Come”*

Kenneth Kosche

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

P: Let us pray. Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**C: Amen.**

## **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

### **LORD’S PRAYER**

**HOLY COMMUNION** *“My God, How Wonderful Thou Art”*

Stephen Gabrielsen

## POST HOLY COMMUNION BLESSING

### PRAYER AFTER HOLY COMMUNION

P: Together let us pray:

**C: Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world. Amen.**

### BLESSING

#### SENDING HYMN

*“Rise Up, O Saints of God”*

**ELW 669**

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

### DISMISSAL

#### POSTLUDE

*“Love Divine, All Love Excelling”*

Joel Raney

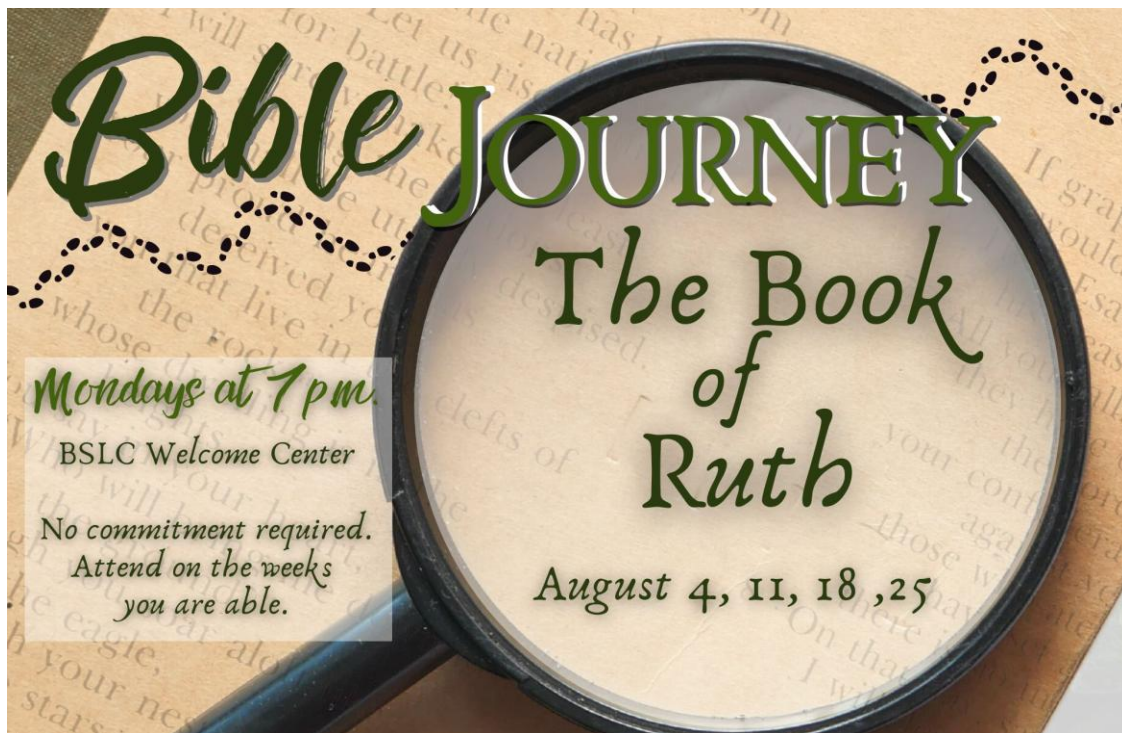


***The Service<sup>of the</sup>***  
***Word for Wholeness***

**SUNDAY, JULY 20 & AUG. 17**  
10:15 – 10:35 a.m.  
Beautiful Savior Chapel

*Scripture | Individual prayer*  
*Anointing with oil | Laying on of hands*

**Every third Sunday of the month**



**Bible JOURNEY**  
*The Book of Ruth*  
August 4, 11, 18, 25

*Mondays at 7 pm.*  
BSLC Welcome Center  
No commitment required.  
Attend on the weeks  
you are able.

# FIRST FRUITS SUNDAYS

CLOTHES CLOSET & FOOD COLLECTION

1ST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH.  
DROP YOUR DONATIONS IN THE  
SHOPPING CART IN THE WELCOME CENTER



*Honor the Lord from your  
wealth and from the first  
fruits of all your crops.*

**PROVERBS 3:9**

