

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

Twelve Common People

“Thomas – The Skeptical”

9:00—July 27, 2025

Jesus called twelve common people to be his first followers who did uncommon things to change the world. This week, we learn about Thomas, a person unreasonably portrayed throughout history as a doubter, though more reasonably seen as one who asked important questions.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Flowers Given in Honor of Marilyn Burrell's 101st Birthday. Happy Birthday!

GATHERING WORSHIP MUSIC

“If You But Trust in God to Guide You”

J. Bert Carlson

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,
for all your saints at rest,
your holy name, O Jesus,
forevermore be blessed!
For you arose victorious
that they might wear the crown
and share the light of glory
reflected from your throne. | 2 All praise to you for Thomas,
whose short-lived doubtings prove
your perfect two-fold nature,
and all your depth of love.
May all who live with questions
have faith in you restored;
grant us the grace to know you,
to say, "My God and Lord." |
| 3 Give praise to God Almighty,
and worship God the Son,
and sing to God the Spirit,
eternal Three in One,
till all the ransomed number
fall down before the throne,
and honor, pow'r, and glory
ascribe to God alone. | |

THE GREETING

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Ever-living God, you strengthened your apostle Thomas with firm and certain faith in the resurrection of your Son. Grant that we too may confess our faith in Jesus Christ, our Lord and our God, 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

Nancy Geik

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

Hebrews 4:14-16

A: The reading according to Hebrews, the fourth chapter.

¹⁴Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL VERSE



GOSPEL

John 11:1-16

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ²Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. ³So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." ⁴But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." ⁵Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, ⁶after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. ⁷Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." ⁸The disciples said to him,

“Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?”⁹ Jesus answered, “Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world.”¹⁰ But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.”¹¹ After saying this, he told them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.”¹² The disciples said to him, “Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.”¹³ Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep.¹⁴ Then Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus is dead.¹⁵ For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.”¹⁶ Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.”

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

“We Walk by Faith” v. 1-4

ELW 635

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| 1 We walk by faith and not by sight;
with gracious words draw near,
O Christ, who spoke as none e’er spoke:
"My peace be with you here." | 2 We may not touch your hands and side,
nor follow where you trod;
but in your promise we rejoice,
and cry, "My Lord and God!" |
| 3 Help then, O Lord, our unbelief;
and may our faith abound
to call on you when you are near
and seek where you are found. | 4 For you, O resurrected Lord,
are found in means divine:
beneath the water and the word,
beneath the bread and wine. |

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

Nancy Geik

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: Loving God, create in your church a desire for union with you in prayer. Raise up leaders to teach Christ's devotion to prayer and model Christ's way of prayer, until all people experience prayerful intimacy with you. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Reveal to humanity the sacredness of all creation. With the breath of your Spirit, realign the balances of nature. Grant persistence in prayer and action for the sake of the earth, our common home. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Teach rulers of the earth to sing of your ways, caring for the lowly and having no preference for the powerful. Direct the heart of every person to seek your will on earth as in heaven. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: To all whose prayers are cries for help, give your good gifts, and satisfy their deepest needs (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). Gather them to your constant, loving presence, that they may rest in the confidence of life with you. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Center the ministries of this assembly on prayer and service. Guide our relationships in the wider community, being ready to assist those who seek help. Strengthen feeding, clothing, and housing ministries and community partnerships. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: We give thanks for all who have gone before us (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). May we trust your steadfast love and continue in hope until we are united with all your saints. 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 *Jeremiah 32:17*

Ah Lord God! It is you who made the heavens and the earth by your great power and by your outstretched arm! Nothing is too hard for you.

OFFERING *"Little Fugue in C"*

G. F. Handel

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 *"This Is My Father's World"*

ELW 824

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| 1 This is my Father's world,
and to my list'ning ears
all nature sings, and round me rings
the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world;
I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;
his hand the wonders wrought. | 2 This is my Father's world;
the birds their carols raise;
the morning light, the lily white,
declare their maker's praise.
This is my Father's world;
he shines in all that's fair.
In the rustling grass I hear him pass;
he speaks to me ev'rywhere. |
| 3 This is my Father's world;
oh, let me not forget
that, though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world;
why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is king, let heaven ring;
God reigns, let earth be glad! | |

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

“Give to Our God Immortal Praise”

ELW 848

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| 1 Give to our God immortal praise!
Mercy and truth are all his ways.
Wonders of grace to God belong;
repeat his mercies in your song. | 2 God sent his Son with pow'r to save
from guilt and darkness and the grave.
Wonders of grace to God belong;
repeat his mercies in your song. |
| 3 Give to the Lord of lords renown;
the King of kings with glory crown.
His mercies ever shall endure
when lords and kings are known no
more! | |

DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE

Presto from “Organ Concert No. 5”

G. F. Handel

FIRST FRUITS SUNDAYS

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**1ST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH.
DROP YOUR DONATIONS IN THE
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*Honor the Lord from your
wealth and from the first
fruits of all your crops.*

PROVERBS 3:9

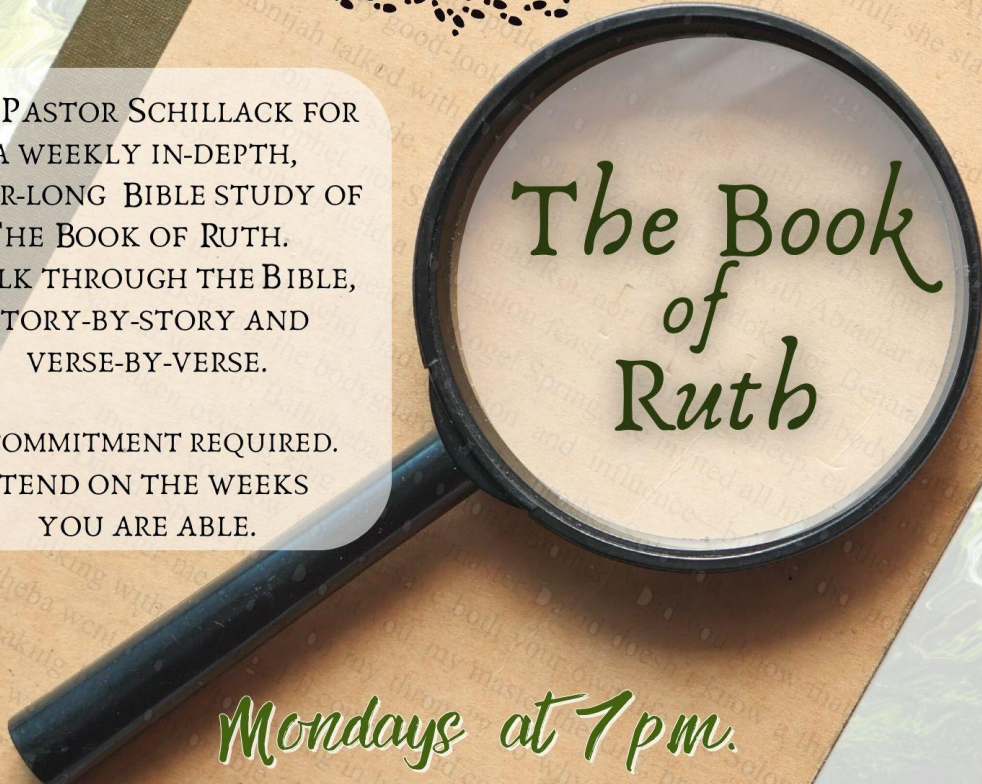


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