

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

Sermon on the Mount

“Practicing Piety”

11:15—October 12, 2025

Jesus teaches how practicing piety, like giving to the needy and praying, should be done with a genuine and heartfelt motive to please God, not to gain the praise and admiration of others. He warns against hypocrisy and performing acts of goodness for public display, as that earthly recognition becomes the only reward received. True piety is practiced in secret, where our heavenly Father sees and rewards accordingly.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING WORSHIP MUSIC

“Abide”

Aaron Williams

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISSION MOMENT VIDEO

“Operation Christmas Child”

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

GATHERING SONG

“Rising”
“10,000 Reasons”

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Righteous God, strengthen our devotion to you as we live our lives in reverent obedience to your Word. As Jesus perfectly loved you and showed compassion to others, use this church to demonstrate love for you by reaching out to those in need. May caring acts, monetary gifts, prayers, and encouraging words to the needy be motivated by desire to please you and to give you praise. In the name of Jesus,

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

Matthew 5:14

David Lochner

A: Together, let us recite the memory verse:

C: Jesus said, “You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid.”

INTRODUCTION TO THE READING

PSALM

Psalms 119:9-16

A: Let us read Psalm 119:9-16 responsively: How can young people keep their way pure?

C: By guarding it according to your word.

A: With my whole heart I seek you; do not let me stray from your commandments.

C: I treasure your word in my heart, so that I may not sin against you.

A: Blessed are you, O Lord; teach me your statutes.

C: With my lips I declare all the ordinances of your mouth. I delight in the way of your decrees as much as in all riches.

A: I will meditate on your precepts, and fix my eyes on your ways.

C: I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word.

GOSPEL

Matthew 6:1-6

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

“Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven. ² So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ³ But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, ⁴ so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. ⁵ And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ⁶ But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

The Rev. Dr. Philip Hemke, Pastor Emeritus

SERMON

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SONG OF THE DAY

“The Potter’s Hand”

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

David Lochner

A: Renewed in God’s everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation.

A brief silence.

A: Gracious God, you lead your people to faith. Remind the church that your word flows into the world. By your Spirit, teach the church to share your word for the sake of the world. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Creating God, you provide cleansing and healing waters. Water the earth’s lands in parched places. Restore clean water to all communities, and guide the work of all who strive for safe and abundant water supplies. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Righteous One, you bring justice and wholeness throughout the world, and your righteousness endures forever. By your spirit, guide leaders of all nations and lands to right relationship with you and with one another. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Merciful God, you know the needs of your people. Show mercy to those suffering in the world. Comfort those in need of your healing (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Life-giving God, you free us by your word. Help us, by your Spirit, to be transformed to live your word of freedom honestly and uprightly in our teaching, preaching, and serving. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Holy God, thank you for the witness of those who have died in faith (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). Guide us to trust in the baptismal promise of resurrection in Christ. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Faithful God, 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 offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

STEWARDSHIP READING

Matthew 6:2-4

So when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by people. I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full. But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

OFFERING

“Wonderful, Merciful Savior”

OFFERING PRAYER

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER

HOLY COMMUNION

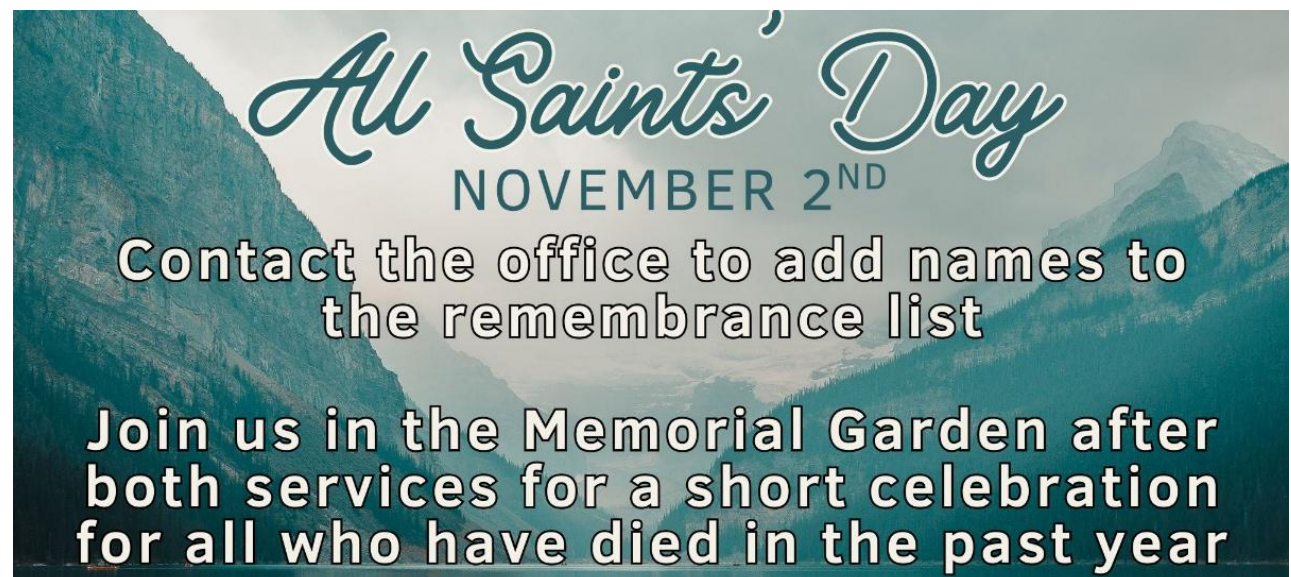
POST HOLY COMMUNION BLESSING

BLESSING

SENDING SONG

“My First Love”

DISMISSAL



bslcmi.org/mops

MOMCO

formerly known as MOPS

9:30—11:30 a.m.
 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of each month
Next Meetings Oct. 8 & 22





Outreach Team Needs **YOU**

- Samaritas Ambassador
- Home Building & Remodeling Point Person
- Donations to Matthew 25 Fund

Contact **Pastor Hemke** to volunteer
pehemke@gmail.com

Great Thanksgiving Food Drive

We are blessed to be able continue our Thanksgiving program for families in need.
 We hope to serve even more families this year than ever before by partnering with
 Lighthouse AND Spirit of Grace Church.

Between October 26th and November 16th, bring your food donations to the
 Outreach collection area in the BSLC Welcome by the pastors' portraits.

• Macaroni and Cheese • Gravy (Packets Preferred) • Boxed Stuffing • Boxed Potatoes	• Cereal • Dessert Mixes: Brownies, Cookies, Cake • Canned Vegetables • Pasta Sauce/Noodles
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