

# 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

## Jesus's Leadership Style

*"Authoritative Leadership"*

9:00—January 25, 2026

Jesus's leadership is showcased through his authoritative teaching and power over evil spirits. The people are amazed, recognizing he speaks with a unique authority, unlike their official religious leaders. This authority is demonstrated as Jesus commands and casts out an unclean spirit, resulting in the spread of his fame.

### ORDER OF WORSHIP

*Flowers Given in Loving Memory of Don Booth*

GATHERING WORSHIP MUSIC      *"Jesus Shall Reign"*      Joel Raney

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISSION MOMENT      *"Outreach Team"*      Dave Livelsberger

#### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, Wonderful Counselor, Mighty Savior, Prince of Peace.

**C: Amen.**

P: Trusting in God's steadfast love and faithfulness, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: God, our rock and refuge,

**C: we pour out our hearts before you. We have known you but have not always loved you. We have wounded one another and sinned against you. We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit dwelling in each of us. Remember your covenant. Renew your creation. Restore us, that we might proclaim your good news to all. Amen.**

P: God's grace upon grace flows over you ☩ Christ's presence redeems the whole creation. Your sins are forgiven. Let the earth rejoice and be glad!

**C: Amen.**

## GATHERING HYMN “Jesus Shall Reign” v. 1, 3, 4, 5

**ELW 434**

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| 1 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun<br>does its successive journeys run;<br>his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,<br>till moons shall wax and wane no more. | 4 Blessings abound where'er he reigns:<br>the pris'ners leap to lose their chains,<br>the weary find eternal rest,<br>and all who suffer want are blest. |
| 3 People and realms of ev'ry tongue<br>dwell on his love with sweetest song;<br>and infant voices shall proclaim<br>their early blessings on his name.          | 5 Let ev'ry creature rise and bring<br>peculiar honors to our king;<br>angels descend with songs again,<br>and earth repeat the loud amen.               |

## THE GREETING

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, source of all light, we thank you for Jesus's authority over the powers of darkness, revealed throughout his ministry. By the power of the Holy Spirit, embolden us to overcome evil in our world. Grant that we, as disciples, may brilliantly project the light, goodness, and love of our Savior to everyone we encounter. We offer this prayer in the name of the Father who created us, the Son who redeemed us, and the Holy Spirit who sanctifies us.

**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

*“A Jubilant Song”*

Mary Lynn Lightfoot

### MEMORY VERSE

*Proverb 16:3*

Gail Bufalini

A: Together, let us recite the memory verse:

**C: Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established.**

## INTRODUCTION TO THE READING

### READING

*Deuteronomy 18:15-20*

A: The reading according to Deuteronomy, the eighteenth chapter.

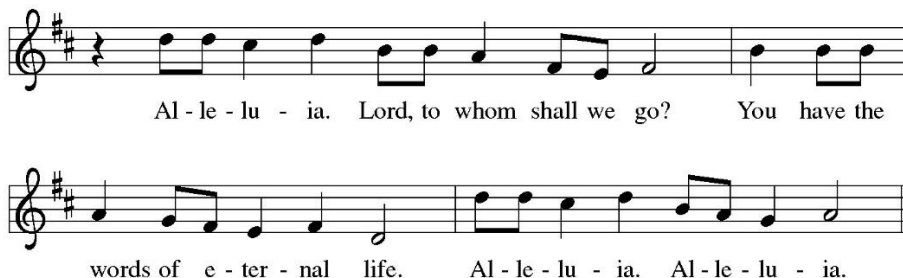
<sup>15</sup>“The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. <sup>16</sup>This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of the Lord my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.’ <sup>17</sup>Then the Lord replied to me, ‘They are right in what they have said. <sup>18</sup>I will raise up for them a prophet like you from

among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. <sup>19</sup> Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. <sup>20</sup> But any prophet who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die.”

A: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL VERSE



## GOSPEL

*Mark 1:21-28*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

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

<sup>21</sup> They went to Capernaum, and when the Sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. <sup>22</sup> They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes. <sup>23</sup> Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, <sup>24</sup> and he cried out, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.” <sup>25</sup> But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be quiet and come out of him!” <sup>26</sup> And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. <sup>27</sup> They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, “What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” <sup>28</sup> At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

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, Whose Love in Humble Service”

**ELW 712**

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| 1 Lord, whose love in humble service<br>bore the weight of human need,<br>who upon the cross, forsaken,<br>worked your mercy's perfect deed:<br>we, your servants, bring the worship<br>not of voice alone, but heart;<br>consecrating to your purpose<br>ev'ry gift which you impart.                | 3 As we worship, grant us vision,<br>till your love's revealing light<br>in its height and depth and greatness<br>dawns upon our quickened sight,<br>making known the needs and burdens<br>your compassion bids us bear,<br>stirring us to ardent service,<br>your abundant life to share.           |
| 2 Still your children wander homeless;<br>still the hungry cry for bread;<br>still the captives long for freedom;<br>still in grief we mourn our dead.<br>As you, Lord, in deep compassion<br>healed the sick and freed the soul,<br>by your Spirit send your power<br>to our world to make it whole. | 4 Called by worship to your service,<br>forth in your dear name we go,<br>to the child, the youth, the aged,<br>love in living deeds to show;<br>hope and health, good will and comfort,<br>counsel, aid and peace we give,<br>that your servants, Lord, in freedom<br>may your mercy know and live. |

## 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

Gail Bufalini

A: As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

*A brief silence.*

A: Holy One, you entrust the message of the cross and the mission of the gospel to the church in every land. Guide the newly baptized and deepen the faith of all who follow Christ. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: Holy Creator, you lavish creation with splendor, and we praise you for the gift of life. Teach us to live as wise stewards, sharing the earth's resources with all inhabitants of this garden planet. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: Holy Judge, your power is love, and you judge the nations by the measure of Christ. Free any who are unjustly accused or wrongly condemned. We pray for those in authority (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: Holy Lover, we ask for your healing power and care for vulnerable young children, frail elders, and any who are sick (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). We pray for all who are affected by natural disasters. Provide for their needs and relieve their suffering. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: Holy Giver, you gather, forgive, and shape us as disciples of Christ. Nurture in us a spirit of patience and respect, that we may love one another as you love us. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: Holy Savior, you free us from the power of death. Thank you for the faithful example of the saints who have gone before us (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). Lead and guide us until we come at last into the communion of all your saints in light. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: Holy God, as the Call Committee continues to recruit and engage with pastoral candidates, we pray for clarity of vision, unity of the Spirit, and a clear pathway to the additional pastor you have chosen for Beautiful Savior. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior.

**C: Amen.**

## **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

### **STEWARDSHIP READING**    *Deuteronomy 8:17-18*

Do not say to yourself, "My power and the might of my own hand have gained me this wealth." But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

## OFFERING

*"Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good"*

David Dahl

## OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray. God of majesty, no eye has seen, no ear has heard what you have prepared for those who love you, yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy. Use what we have gathered to feed us with the reign of God come near, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

## LORD'S PRAYER

## HOLY COMMUNION

*"There Is a Balm in Gilead"*

**ELW 614**

There is a balm in Gilead  
to make the wounded whole;  
there is a balm in Gilead  
to heal the sin-sick soul.

- 1 Sometimes I feel discouraged  
and think my work's in vain,  
but then the Holy Spirit  
revives my soul again.  
There is a balm in Gilead  
to make the wounded whole;  
there is a balm in Gilead  
to heal the sin-sick soul.
- 2 If you cannot preach like Peter,  
if you cannot pray like Paul,  
you can tell the love of Jesus  
and say, "He died for all."  
There is a balm in Gilead  
to make the wounded whole;  
there is a balm in Gilead  
to heal the sin-sick soul.

- 3 Don't ever be discouraged,  
for Jesus is your friend;  
and if you lack for knowledge  
he'll ne'er refuse to lend.  
There is a balm in Gilead  
to make the wounded whole;  
there is a balm in Gilead  
to heal the sin-sick soul.

*"There Is a Balm in Gilead"*

R. J. Powell

## POST HOLY COMMUNION BLESSING

## PRAYER AFTER HOLY COMMUNION

P: Together let us pray:

**C: Radiant God, we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. In the sacrament of his body and blood you have drawn us to your heart. Send us from this table with delight, that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love, and bear witness to all we have seen and heard, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## BLESSING

**SENDING HYMN**     *“Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”*

**ELW 843**

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| 1 Praise the One who breaks the darkness<br>with a liberating light;<br>praise the One who frees the pris'ners,<br>turning blindness into sight.<br>Praise the One who preached the gospel,<br>healing ev'ry dread disease,<br>calming storms and feeding thousands<br>with the very bread of peace.     | 3 Praise the one true love incarnate:<br>Christ, who suffered in our place;<br>Jesus died and rose for many<br>that we may know God by grace.<br>Let us sing for joy and gladness,<br>seeing what our God has done.<br>Praise the one redeeming glory;<br>praise the One who makes us one. |
| 2 Praise the One who blessed the children<br>with a strong yet gentle word;<br>praise the One who drove out demons<br>with a piercing, two-edged sword.<br>Praise the One who brings cool water<br>to the desert's burning sand;<br>from this well comes living water<br>quenching thirst in ev'ry land. |  |

## DISMISSAL

**POSTLUDE**

*“Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”*

Alfred Fedak

A purple rectangular graphic with white and yellow text. The title 'Outreach Team Needs YOU' is at the top, with 'YOU' in large yellow letters. Below it is a bulleted list of three items: 'Samaritas Ambassador', 'Home Building & Remodeling Point Person', and 'Donations to Matthew 25 Fund'. At the bottom, it says 'Contact Dave Livelsberger via the church office to volunteer' followed by the email address 'office@bslcmi.org' in yellow.

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# Refresh, Renew, THRIVE

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church Women's Retreat  
FEBRUARY 7 | 9:30 A.M.—1:30 P.M.

Keynote Speaker, Lori Militello  
Women In Touch Ministries

[bslcmi.org/post/retreat2026](https://bslcmi.org/post/retreat2026)



## MI Train Dominoes *game night*

Join us for a dinner, dominoes and fun!

**February 21, 2026**  
**6 PM Dinner with**  
**game play to follow**

RSVP by Feb. 16 at  
[bslcmi.org/post/dominoes](https://bslcmi.org/post/dominoes)



## Open To Christ

MIDWEEK LENTEN WORSHIP  
*Community Meal & Message*

Wednesdays, February 18–March 25      Dinner begins @ 5:45 p.m.  
Worship @ 7:00 p.m.

Sign up for a dinner team at  
[BSLCMI.org/Lent2026](https://BSLCMI.org/Lent2026)