Welcome to Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

5631 N Adams Road Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304 Phone: 248.646.5041 Website: www.bslcmi.org 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

"James - The Passionate" 11:15—June 29, 2025

Jesus called twelve common people to be his first followers who did uncommon things to change the world. This week, we learn about James, a man filled with fire and passion, and also the first of the original twelve apostles to be killed for believing in Jesus.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING WORSHIP MUSIC

"We Are"

Kari Jobe

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

GATHERING SONG

"Holy Forever"

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Gracious God, we remember before you today your servant and apostle James, the first among the twelve to be martyred for the name of Jesus Christ. Pour out on the leaders of your church that spirit of self-denying service which is the true mark of authority among your people, through Jesus Christ our servant, 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 Patti Tieman

- 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.

READING Acts 12:1-5

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

About that time King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. ² He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword. ³ After he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. (This was during the festival of Unleavened Bread.) ⁴ When he had seized him, he put him in prison and handed him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending to bring him out to the people after the Passover. ⁵ While Peter was kept in prison, the church prayed fervently to God for him.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL Luke 9:51-56

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵¹ When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. ⁵² And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; ⁵³ but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. ⁵⁴ When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" ⁵⁵ But he turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶ Then they went on to another village.

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

SONG OF THE DAY

"Your Grace is Enough"

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Patti Tieman

A: Drawn into the embrace of the holy Trinity, we lift our prayers for the wholeness of the church, the world, and all creation.

A brief silence.

A: Guide your church, O God. Anoint us for service and make us messengers of your peace. Emboldened by the witness of your apostles Peter and Paul and Christians throughout history, send us to proclaim your reign come near. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Protect this world, O God. Watch over fields and fruit trees, foxes and birds, the pleasant land beneath us and the sun and moon above. Keep us mindful of the rich inheritance you have given us in the natural world. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Counsel our leaders, O God. Make them steadfast and unshakeable as they pursue peace. Lead them by your Spirit to listen and respond to the people they govern. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Uphold all who suffer, O God. Give refuge to those who know rejection, and shelter to those who have nowhere to lay their heads. Bring any who are sick into your healing presence (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). Give all your fullness of joy. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Set free this assembly, O God. Grow your Spirit's fruit within us and within our congregation's ministries. Set our faces always on you, that we might live in the freedom to which you have called us. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Embrace all your saints, O God. We thank you for the faithful departed (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). Let us rejoice that you do not abandon us to the grave but lead us on the path of life. 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: Gather all our prayers in your mercy, O God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

STEWARDSHIP READING

Proverbs 22:16

Oppressing the poor in order to enrich oneself, and giving to the rich, will lead only to loss.

OFFERING

"King of Kings"

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

HOLY COMMUNION

POST HOLY COMMUNION BLESSING

BLESSING

SENDING SONG

"Lord, Reign in Me"

DISMISSAL



Jesus didn't come for a group of people whom the world considered special, extraordinary, and the most important. Jesus came for ordinary people, people whom the world considered unimportant, inconvenient, and even hated. The lives of these people whom Jesus called as his twelve apostles, and how their lives were transformed by being in his presence, have a lot to say to us as we live out our lives.

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