

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

Risky Faith “Risking Emotions” 9:00—March 1, 2026

Jesus demonstrated righteous anger when he cleansed the Temple, challenging corrupt practices and prioritizing prayer. This bold action, despite the risks involved, teaches us a risky faith may involve expressing emotions like anger for the sake of justice and restoration. Jesus’s actions show how a passionate faith is rooted ultimately in love and aims to restore people to God.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING WORSHIP MUSIC “Restore in Us, O God” Kristina Langlois

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin before God, who removes our guilt and blots out all offenses.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

P: For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

P: For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

P: For failing to recognize your coming reign, and for hindering the work of the Spirit: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

P: For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition, and for disdaining the living water Christ offers: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

P: For disregarding voices from the margin, and for distrusting signs of your healing and hope in the world: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

P: For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent, and for disregarding Christ's call to come forth to life: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

P: God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound. Through faith, the free gift of God, you have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. The Spirit of the One who raised Christ from the dead dwells in you, pours God's love into your hearts, and gives you life and peace.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN *"Eternal Lord of Love Behold Your Church"*

ELW 321

- 1 Eternal Lord of love, behold your church
walking once more the pilgrim way of Lent,
led by your cloud by day, by night your fire,
moved by your love and toward your presence bent:
far off yet here—the goal of all desire.
- 2 So daily dying to the way of self,
so daily living to your way of love,
we walk the road, Lord Jesus, that you trod,
knowing ourselves baptized into your death:
so we are dead and live with you in God.
- 3 If dead in you, so in you we arise,
you the firstborn of all the faithful dead;
and as through stony ground the green shoots break,
glorious in springtime dress of leaf and flow'r,
so into life and glory shall we wake.

THE GREETING

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Lord God of comfort and might, thank you for always being with us, in times of celebration and laughter and in times of frustration and outrage. Show us how to resolve problems without resorting to anger. Be with us when we face situations that we know are wrong, and give us patience to allow you to use us for the greater good of all. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

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

“O King of Love!”

Lloyd Larson

MEMORY VERSE

Proverbs 14:23

Doug Beck

A: Together, let us recite the memory verse:

C: In all toil there is profit, but mere talk leads only to poverty.

INTRODUCTION TO THE READING

READING

Isaiah 56:6-8

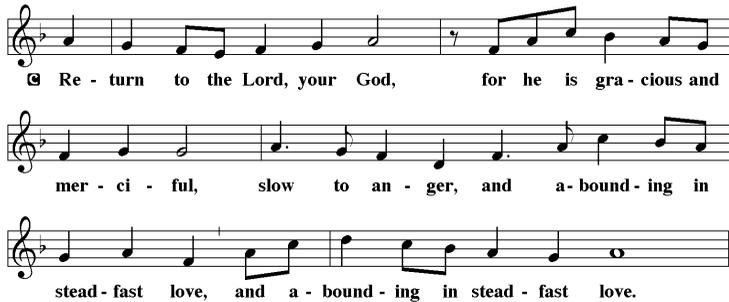
A: The reading according to Isaiah, the fifty-sixth chapter.

⁶ And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, all who keep the Sabbath and do not profane it and hold fast my covenant ⁷ these I will bring to my holy mountain and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. ⁸ Thus says the Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel: I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL VERSE



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

GOSPEL

Matthew 21:12-17

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹² Then Jesus entered the temple and drove out all who were selling and buying in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves. ¹³ He said to them, "It is written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer,' but you are making it a den of robbers." ¹⁴ The blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he cured them. ¹⁵ But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the amazing things that he did and heard¹ the children crying out in the temple and saying, "Hosanna to the Son of David," they became angry ¹⁶ and said to him, "Do you hear what these are saying?" Jesus said to them, "Yes; have you never read, 'Out of the mouths of infants and nursing babies you have prepared praise for yourself?'" ¹⁷ He left them, went out of the city to Bethany, and spent the night there.

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 *"How Firm a Foundation"* v. 1-3

ELW 796

- 1 How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in Christ Jesus, the Word!
What more can he say than to you he has said
who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?
- 2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dismayed,
for I am your God and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand."

- 3 "When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply.
The flames shall not hurt you; I only design
your dross to consume and your gold to refine."

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

Doug Beck

A: Reconciled by God's mercy and sustained by God's presence, let us pray for the world and its needs.

A brief silence.

A: Faithful One, you renew us by grace. As you have inspired faith through the work of church artists and hymnwriters throughout the ages, give your church the means to praise your beauty today. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Living One, you delight in this world. The sun and moon, the wind and the water declare your goodness. Preserve this earth, and protect conservationists, scientists, and all who labor in the care of creation. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Ruling One, you bless us to be a blessing. Open the hearts of all leaders to seek the flourishing of every person and lend your help to all who wait for justice, deliverance, and peace. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Compassionate One, you send your Son to save. Declare your word of welcome to any who feel condemned and lift up any brought low by hatred and exclusion. Tend to all who are struggling with illness or loss (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Guiding One, you watch over our going out and coming in. Bless newcomers and new members in this congregation and accompany those who have recently moved to journey elsewhere. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Eternal One, you neither slumber nor sleep. Be our keeper in life and in death. Thank you for our beloved who have died (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). We give thanks for your promise which saves this whole world by your love. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Heavenly Father, We come before you with hearts full of gratitude for hearing our prayers and leading us to an associate pastor candidate. We thank you for blessing the call committee with unity, wisdom and patience throughout the process.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation.

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.

HANDBELL OFFERING *“He Leadeth Me”*

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray. O God, maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus’s name.

C: Amen.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

LORD’S PRAYER

FIRST COMMUNION

This morning is extra special for several of our young members – they will receive their first communion after having received formal instruction. Please allow our young members, along with their families, to commune first. Receiving their first communion this morning are:

*Charlotte Emily Dukatz
Magnolia Rose Henry*

HOLY COMMUNION “*Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart*”
“*Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service*”

Aaron D. Miller
Wayne Wold

POST HOLY COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER HOLY COMMUNION

P: Together let us pray:

C: God of our salvation, we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ’s body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN “*The Church of Christ, in Every Age*” v. 1, 3, 5

ELW 729

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| 1 The church of Christ, in ev'ry age
beset by change, but Spirit-led,
must claim and test its heritage
and keep on rising from the dead. | 5 We have no mission but to serve
in full obedience to our Lord;
to care for all, without reserve,
and spread his liberating word. |
| 3 Then let the servant church arise,
a caring church that longs to be
a partner in Christ's sacrifice,
and clothed in Christ's humanity. | |

DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE

“*O Day of Peace*”

Charles Callahan



Grief Share®

NEXT SESSION BEGINS MARCH 10
SESSIONS ON TUESDAY NIGHTS AT 6:30 P.M.
BSLCMI.ORG/POST/GRIEF2026SPRING

meet & greet

Associate Pastoral Candidate

Sunday, March 8

between worship services
10:10—11:15 a.m.



Pull up a chair and meet the candidate for our next Associate Pastor.

Take this opportunity to get to know the person before the call process continues.

More info to come!

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



Finvarra's Wren Spring Concert

Fri.
March 20
7 pm

NO Ticket Necessary
FREE WILL OFFERING

