

# 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

## Twelve Common People

*“James – The Little”*

11:15—August 3, 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, different from the one whose brother was John. He was an original apostle about whom we know very little. He carries the title “the lesser” due to his being younger or shorter in height than James, the Son of Zebedee. Today, we will remember how those who are obscure or overlooked can have just as much impact for the good as those the world most notices.

### ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING WORSHIP MUSIC

*“Abide”*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISSION MOMENT

*“GriefShare”*

Jan Haefner

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

GATHERING SONG

*“Rising”*  
*“His Mercy is More”*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, you gave to your apostles Philip and James grace and strength to bear witness to your Son. Grant that we, remembering their victory of faith, may glorify in life and death the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns and 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*

Anne Oliver

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

*1 Corinthians 1:26-31*

A: The reading according to First Corinthians, the first chapter.

<sup>26</sup> Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup> But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; <sup>28</sup> God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, <sup>29</sup> so that no one might boast in the presence of God. <sup>30</sup> He is the

source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption,<sup>31</sup> in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

A: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL

*Matthew 10:1-4*

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

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

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness.<sup>2</sup> These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John;<sup>3</sup> Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus;<sup>4</sup> Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed 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

## SONG OF THE DAY

*“It Is Well With My Soul”*

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Anne Oliver

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: Renew in your church a perspective of life beyond worldly pursuits. Build an enthusiasm to embrace life in Christ, so that Christ, the life of the world, is revealed to everyone. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: Revitalize and protect the treasures of wild places. Teach all people to value the earth, winds, waters, trees, and animals, the gifts that make life possible on this planet. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: Speak wisdom to any in positions of power, that they cease practices of divisiveness, insult, and oppression. Clothe all people in your image, and establish justice and peace. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: Reveal your loving presence in the lives of people suffering hunger and need, illness and grief, pain and fear (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). Give strength to those who give care, and equip them with compassion as they make your love known. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: Store up in this congregation a full measure of gratitude and generosity. Guide the work of treasurers and all who attend to financial matters throughout your church. Support those whose work in our community is difficult and demanding; make us mindful of the toil that goes unnoticed. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: Receive our thanks for the lives of your saints who now rest from their labors (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). Give us wisdom through their witness and encourage us in love as we continue our lives in the world. 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**

*Mark 12:42-44*

A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then (Jesus) called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

## **OFFERING**

*"In the Secret"*

## **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**

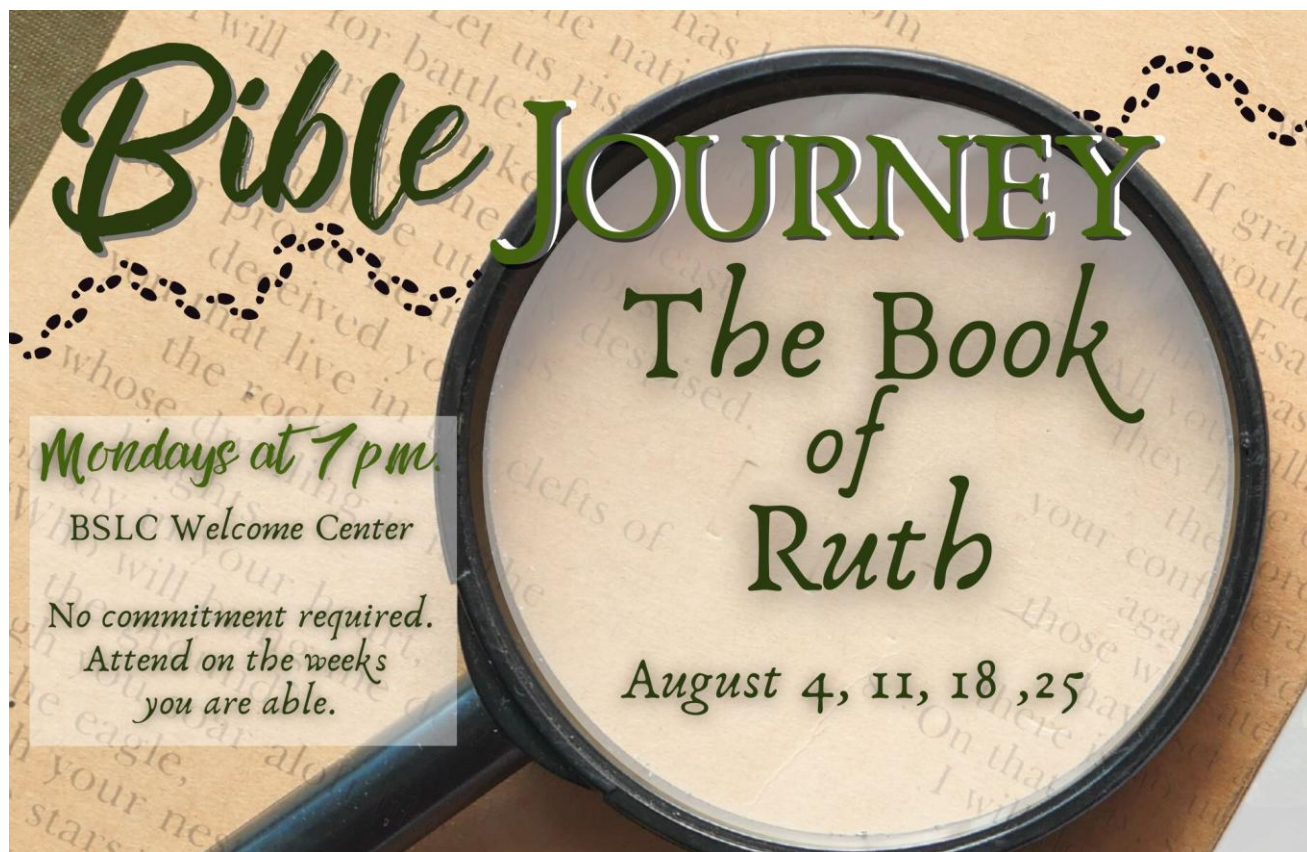
## **POST HOLY COMMUNION BLESSING**

## **BLESSING**

## **SENDING SONG**

*"Mighty to Save"*

## **DISMISSAL**





**3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month  
noon**



**All men of the church are  
welcome—invite a friend!**

**Lukich Family Dining  
3900 Rochester Rd.  
Troy, MI**



**No need to RSVP—just come!  
No agenda, just time to chat**



**Grief & Share<sup>®</sup>**

**NEXT SESSION BEGINS AUGUST 26**

**SESSIONS ON TUESDAY NIGHTS AT 6:30 P.M.**

**[BSLCMI.ORG/POST/GRIEF2025SUMMER](https://bslcmi.org/post/grief2025summer)**

***The Service<sup>of the</sup>  
Word for Wholeness***

**SUNDAY, JULY 20 & AUG. 17**

**10:15 – 10:35 a.m.**

**Beautiful Savior Chapel**

*Scripture | Individual prayer  
Anointing with oil | Laying on of hands*

**Every third Sunday of the month**

