

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

Jesus's Leadership Style

"Spirit-Driven Leadership"

9:00—January 11, 2026

Jesus's baptism marks a pivotal moment, signifying the initiation of his public ministry. As Jesus comes up out of the water, the heavens tear open and the Holy Spirit descends upon him, affirming his identity as God's beloved Son and empowering him for his anointed role. This Spirit-led anointing indicates that Jesus's leadership is not self-derived but fueled by divine authority and power.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING WORSHIP MUSIC

"This Is the Spirit's Entry Now"

George Shearing

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISSION MOMENT

"Prayer Team"

Jan Haefner

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 *"This Is the Spirit's Entry Now"*

ELW 448

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| 1 This is the Spirit's entry now:
the water and the word,
the cross of Jesus on your brow,
the seal both felt and heard. | 3 Let water be the sacred sign
that we must die each day
to rise again by his design
as foll'wers of his way. |
| 2 This miracle of life reborn
comes from the Lord of breath;
the sinless one from life was torn;
our life comes through his death. | 4 Renewing Spirit, hear our praise
for your baptismal pow'r
that washes us through all our days.
Come, cleanse again this hour. |

THE GREETING

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, we praise and thank you for anointing Jesus with divine power and authority to lead your people out of the darkness, and into your wonderful light. As you recognized him as your beloved son at his baptism, we proclaim him as our beloved and risen Lord and Savior. Grant us the faith, trust, and the confident hope that we need to become worthy disciples in the coming year and beyond. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

C: Amen.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Blakely Reis Cottrell

*Blakely Reis's mother and father, Daniel and Alexsandra Cottrell
bring their daughter forward for the sacrament of baptism.*

Blakely Reis's sponsors are Nicholas and Erica Siems.

PRESENTATION

P: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Nicholas and Erica: We present Blakely Reis for baptism.

P: Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your child baptized into Christ?

Daniel and Alexsandra: We do.

P: As you bring your child to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with her among God's faithful people, bring her to the word of God and the holy supper, teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in her hands the holy scriptures, and nurture her in faith and prayer, so that she may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace. Do you promise to help her grow in the Christian faith and life?

Daniel and Alexsandra: We do.

P: Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Blakely Reis in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help her live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Nicholas and Erica: We do.

P: People of God, do you promise to support Blakely Reis and pray for her in her new life in Christ?

C: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

C: I renounce them.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C: 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.

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters, and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus's death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that this child who is washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BAPTISM

P: Blakely Reis, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

LAYING ON OF HANDS

P: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your child new birth, cleanse her from sin, and raise her to eternal life. Sustain Blakely Reis with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

C: Amen.

ANOINTING

P: Blakely Reis, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

C: Amen.

WELCOME

A lighted candle is given to Nicholas and Erica:

P: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

C: Amen.

P: Let us welcome our newly baptized sister.

C: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

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

"Baptized and Set Free"

John Helgen

MEMORY VERSE

Proverb 16:3

Bob Hoffman

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

FIRST READING

Genesis 1:1-5

A: The reading according to Genesis, the first chapter.

When God began to create the heavens and the earth, ² the earth was complete chaos, and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³ Then God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. ⁴ And God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵ God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Acts 19:1-7

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

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. ² He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." ³ Then he said, "Into what, then, were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." ⁴ Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." ⁵ On hearing

this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶ When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied, ⁷altogether there were about twelve of them.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL VERSE



GOSPEL

Mark 1:1-11

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ. ² As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, “See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way, ³ the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight,’ ” ⁴ so John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵ And the whole Judean region and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him and were baptized by him in the River Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶ Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷ He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the strap of his sandals. ⁸ I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.” ⁹ In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove upon him. ¹¹ And a voice came from the heavens, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

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

“Lift High the Cross” v. 1, 2, 4

ELW 660

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.

- 1 Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod,
our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God.
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.
- 2 All newborn servants of the Crucified
bear on their brows the seal of him who died.
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.
- 4 So shall our song of triumph ever be:
praise to the Crucified for victory!
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Bob Hoffman

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: Steadfast God, give courage to your servant church. Heal our divisions and unite us in mission. Uphold our lay leaders, missionaries, pastors, and bishops, and all who proclaim hope in a broken world. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Restoring God, cleanse the life-giving waters of rivers, seas, and springs. Create in us an urgent desire to preserve the beauty and bounty of your good creation. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Righteous God, you guide the nations. Reconcile warring enemies and end cycles of violent retribution. Defend the rights of prisoners, detainees, and all who flee from persecution. Sustain international aid workers and peacemakers. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Compassionate God, you care for all in distress. Provide safety and support for those seeking and in need of shelter. Be near to the dying, and comfort all who are grieving or ill (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Loving God, awaken the gifts of the Spirit in this congregation, that we may serve Christ by loving one another, our neighbors, and our enemies. We pray for travelers and those who are homebound. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Promising God, in baptism we die and rise with Christ. We give thanks for those who have gone before us (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). We trust that we will join them in your everlasting peace. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Faithful 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. Hear us, O 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.

STEWARDSHIP READING *Romans 11:16*

If part of the dough offered as first fruits is holy, then the whole batch is holy; and if the root is holy, then the branches also are holy.

OFFERING *"Allegro in G Major"*

J. S. Bach

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

“I Love to Tell the Story”

ELW 661

- 1 I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story, because I know it's true;
it satisfies my longings as nothing else would do.
I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.
- 2 I love to tell the story: how pleasant to repeat
what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet!
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
the message of salvation from God's own holy word.
I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.
- 3 I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,
I'll sing the old, old story that I have loved so long.
I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

“Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized”

J. G. Walther

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

“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

ELW 543

- 1 “Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.
In my love’s baptismal river
I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.”

- 2 “Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Here you heard my dear Son’s story,
here you touched him, saw his glory.
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.”
- 3 “Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit’s power filled you,
here my tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.”

DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE

“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

David Lasky

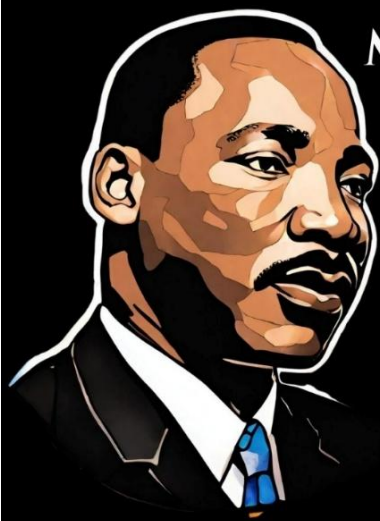


Refresh, Renew,
THRIVE

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



MLK, JR. DAY JANUARY 19, 2026

The Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church office will be closed on Monday, January 19 in order to remember the profound impact Dr. King had in advancing civil rights in our society.

MLK Day is not just a day off, but a day on. It is a day to honor Dr. King's vision by actively engaging in acts of service and promoting unity.

We are all invited to a special Synod-wide worship service to honor Dr. King. Gather together at Gracious Savior Lutheran Church on Sunday, January 18, with light refreshments beginning at 2 p.m. and worship at 3 p.m.

Visit tinyurl.com/MLK2026Oakland for a list of the numerous educational and service-oriented events planned throughout the Metro Detroit area.

The Service ^{of the} Word for Wholeness

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18

10:15 – 10:35 a.m.

Beautiful Savior Chapel

January Focus: Evangelism

*Scripture | Prayers for others & self
Anointing with oil | Laying on of hands*

Every third Sunday of the month



Dinner Ministry at Grace Centers of Hope™



HELP IS NEEDED!

**PREPARE & SERVE ONE MEAL A MONTH
TO 90 WOMEN & CHILDREN**

**BE A CO-LEADER
JOIN THE MEAL TEAM
DONATE TO MATTHEW 25**

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