

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

Sermon on the Mount

“Our Father”

9:00—October 19, 2025

Jesus contrasts hypocritical prayer, which seeks human praise, with sincere prayer to God in private. He teaches against meaningless repetition and offers the Lord’s Prayer as a model for heartfelt communication with God. This model prayer prioritizes honoring God and seeking God’s will, followed by requests for daily needs, forgiveness, and protection from evil.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

*Flowers Given in Loving Memory of Sue Hoffman &
in Loving Memory of Don Booth*

GATHERING WORSHIP MUSIC

“Children of the Heavenly Father”

Robert A. Hobby

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECOGNITION – Roxanne Wensky, Retiring Treasurer

MISSION MOMENT

“Operation Christmas Child”

Mary Reed

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 and come to God for healing.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great

mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P: God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN *“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”*

ELW 742

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| 1 What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
ev'rything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit;
oh, what needless pain we bear--
all because we do not carry
ev'rything to God in prayer! | 3 Are we weak and heavy-laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge--
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do your friends despise, forsake you?
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In his arms he'll take and shield you;
you will find a solace there. |
| 2 Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged--
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness--
take it to the Lord in prayer. | |

THE GREETING

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Our Father, what a privilege it is to come to you in prayer. May the words of the prayer Jesus modeled to his disciples never become rote to our ears and lips. Give us renewed commitment to spend time with you in prayer, praising you, seeking your will, asking for forgiveness, and trusting you for our daily needs. May the Beautiful Savior community be characterized as a church that emphasizes the power and importance of heartfelt prayer. In the name of Jesus,

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 *“All Things Bright and Beautiful”*

John Rutter

MEMORY VERSE *Matthew 5:14*

Steve Luck

A: Together, let us recite the memory verse:

C: Jesus said, “You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid.”

INTRODUCTION TO THE READING

READING *Deuteronomy 6:4-9*

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

⁴ Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. ⁵ You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. ⁶ Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. ⁷ Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. ⁸ Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, ⁹ and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL VERSE



GOSPEL *Matthew 6:7-15*

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

⁷ “When you are praying, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do; for they think that they will be heard because of their many words. ⁸ Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. ⁹ “Pray then in this way: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. ¹⁰ Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. ¹¹ Give us this day our daily bread. ¹² And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. ¹³ And do not bring us to the time of trial, but rescue us from the evil

one. ¹⁴ For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you; ¹⁵ but if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.
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 "*If You but Trust in God to Guide You*" v. 1, 3, 4 **ELW 769**

- 1 If you but trust in God to guide you with gentle hand through all your ways,
you'll find that God is there beside you when crosses come, in trying days.
Trust then in God's unchanging love; build on the rock that will not move.
- 3 The Lord our restless hearts is holding, in peace and quietness content.
We rest in God's good will unfolding, what wisdom from on high has sent.
God, who has chosen us by grace, knows very well the fears we face.
- 4 Sing, pray, and keep God's ways unswerving, offer your service faithfully.
Trust heaven's word; though undeserving, you'll find this promise true to be.
This is our confidence indeed: God never fails in time of need.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Steve Luck

A: Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation.

A brief silence.

A: We pray for the church universal. O God, who unites the church across the globe, bring unity and peace to a world divided by hatred and opposition. Turn our hearts toward the gospel of Jesus Christ. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

A: We pray for creation. O God, who made heaven and earth, draw us to the beauty of the whole creation. Turn us toward a right relationship with the entire cosmos. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

A: We pray for all nations, states, cities, and towns. O God, you rule over all the earth. Grant our elected officials humility in their decision-making for the sake of the entire world. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

A: We pray for those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. O God, who heals and strengthens, our help comes from you in times of need. Support, comfort, and heal those who suffer (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

A: We pray for Beautiful Savior. O God, who guides this congregation, encourage us to share the good news of Jesus Christ. Nurture our relationships with the community, that we serve those who come to us in need. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

A: We offer thanksgiving for the faithful departed (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). O God, whose promises never end, we thank you for all the saints who have shown us the way of your Son, Jesus Christ. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

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

C: receive our prayer.

A: We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

STEWARDSHIP READING *Proverbs 22:2*

The rich and the poor have this in common: the Lord is the maker of them all.

OFFERING *"His Eye Is on the Sparrow"*

Wilbur Held

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray. Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

LORD'S PRAYER

HOLY COMMUNION *"Our Father, by Whose Name"* Ralph Vaughan Williams

POST HOLY COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER HOLY COMMUNION

P: Together let us pray:

C: O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus's name. Amen.

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

"Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing"

ELW 544

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| 1 Praise the Lord, rise up rejoicing,
worship, thanks, devotion voicing:
glory be to God on high!
Christ, your cross and passion sharing,
by this eucharist declaring
yours the final victory. | 3 Sins forgiven, wrongs forgiving,
we go forth alert and living
in your Spirit, strong and free.
Partners in your new creation,
seeking peace in ev'ry nation,
may we faithful foll'wers be. |
| 2 Scattered flock, one shepherd sharing,
lost and lonely, one voice hearing,
ears attentive to your word;
by your blood new life receiving,
in your body, firm believing,
we are yours, and you the Lord. | |

DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE

"Praise God from whom All Blessings Flow"

Fred Bock



The poster has an orange background with diagonal stripes and faint arrows pointing right. It features autumn-themed illustrations of leaves in the top left and pumpkins in the bottom left. The text is centered and reads:

First Fruits Sunday
Great Thanksgiving
Food Drive
October 26-November 16

Macaroni and Cheese	Dessert Mixes
Gravy (Packets Preferred)	Canned Vegetables Pasta
Boxed Stuffing Boxed	Sauce/Noodles Cereal
Potatoes	

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