Welcome to Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

5631 N Adams Road Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304 Phone: 248.646.5041 Website: <u>www.bslcmi.org</u> 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 "Matthew – The Bureaucratic" 11:15—July 13, 2025

Jesus called twelve common people to be his first followers who did uncommon things to change the world. This week, we learn about Matthew, a tax collector who was reviled for conspiring with the Roman occupiers and being a traitor to his people, though someone Jesus saw as redeemable and capable of great good.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Flowers Given in Celebration of Al & Kathy Eicher 67th Wedding Anniversary

GATHERING WORSHIP MUSIC

"Build Your Kingdom"

Rend Collective

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

GATHERING SONG

"Everything You Are" "What a Beautiful Name"

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, your Son our Savior called a despised tax collector to become one of his apostles. Help us, like Matthew, to respond to the transforming call of Jesus Christ, 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.

Proverbs 3:13-14

MEMORY VERSE

- 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

Acts 10:34-43

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

³⁴ Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶ You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ he is Lord of all. ³⁷ That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹ We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² He commanded

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us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name." A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

Matthew 9:9-13

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

⁹ As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him. ¹⁰ And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. ¹¹ When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" ¹² But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³ Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

SONG OF THE DAY

"The Potter's Hand"

Karyn Parker, Children's Ministries Coordinator

The Rev. Dr. Niklaus C. Schillack, Senior Pastor

Marilyn Lochner

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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: Saving God, awaken your church to your truth as it follows your path of love. Encourage bishops, pastors, deacons, teachers, and seminarians, and lead them as they seek to learn your ways. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

- A: Prosper the harvests of fruit-bearing bushes, trees, and plants. Uphold farmers and farm workers as they labor through summer days, and bring relief to lands that are parched with heat. God of grace,
- C: hear our prayer.
- A: Instill in leaders of the world a strong love for their neighbors. Compel them to govern with equity and to give aid and protection to people who are vulnerable, especially strangers. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Draw near to people in need of help, comfort, and healing (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). Provide protection and aid to children who are unsafe and undernourished while on summer break. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Go with all who travel, and protect them from harm. Put in their paths people who offer aid. We pray especially for the safety of first responders. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: We give you thanks for all who have gone before us and have made your love known (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). Help us to follow their witness as we await our share in the inheritance of the saints. 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 1 Timothy 6:10

For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

OFFERING

"Let There Be Peace on Earth"

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

DISMISSAL

SENDING SONG

"Praise"

3rd Thursday of the month noon All men of the church are welcome-invite a friend! Lukich Family Dining 3900 Rochester Rd. Troy, MI

The Service of the 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

First Fruits Sundays CLOTHES CLOSET & FOOD COLLECTION

1ST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH. DROP YOUR DONATIONS IN THE SHOPPING CART IN THE WELCOME CENTER

Beautiful Savior assists those in need by collecting clothing in clean and good repair, and non perishable food items.

The food cart and clothes rack will be the first things you see as you enter the Welcome Center on the first Sunday of each month.

Donations may continue to be made through out the month by placing items in the clothes closet and food cart located in the lower level of the church.

Clothes will be delivered to Grace Centers of Hope; food donations to Lighthouse.

Honor the Lord from your wealth and from the first fruits of all your crops. Proverbs 3:9