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

For Generations: *"Leaving a Legacy"*
9:00—November 15, 2026

Everything we have comes from God and becomes an opportunity for worship. As we joyfully offer our lives, gifts, and resources, we discover that investing in God's mission blesses future generations while shaping our hearts to treasure what matters most.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Flowers Given in Loving Memory of Marletta Sue Hoffman

GATHERING WORSHIP MUSIC

"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ" David Cherwien
"Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring" David Cherwien

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Niklaus

MISSION MOMENT *"WINGS"* Nancy Geik

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS Pastor Diane

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.
P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Gracious God,
C: Have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion, forgive us for things done and left undone. Turn our hearts to you and uphold us by your Spirit, that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.
P: God, who is rich in mercy, loves us even when we are dead in sin. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with the Holy Spirit to live in this freedom.
C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN *"As Saints of Old"* **ELW 695**

1 As saints of old their firstfruits brought
of orchard, flock, and field
to God, the giver of all good,
the source of bounteous yield;
so we today firstfruits would bring,
the wealth of this good land,
of farm and market, shop and home,
of mind and heart and hand.

2 A world in need now summons us
to labor, love, and give;
to make our life an offering
to God, that all may live.
The church of Christ is calling us
to make the dream come true:
a world redeemed by Christ-like love;
all life in Christ made new.

3 In gratitude and humble trust
we bring our best today
to serve your cause and share your love
with all along life's way.
O God, who gave yourself to us
in Jesus Christ your Son,
teach us to give ourselves each day
until life's work is done.

THE GREETING Pastor Diane

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

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 *"Make My Life an Alleluia"* Ruth Elaine Schram

MEMORY VERSE *Psalm 78:4* Janet Gehrke

A: Together, let us recite the memory verse:

C: We will not hide them from their children; we will tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might, and the wonders that he has done.

INTRODUCTION TO THE READINGS

FIRST READING *1 Chronicles 29:10–18*

A: The first reading according to first Chronicles, the twenty–ninth chapter.

10 Then David blessed the Lord in the presence of all the assembly; David said, "Blessed
are you, O Lord, the God of our ancestor Israel, forever and ever. 11 Yours, O Lord, are the
greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens
and on the earth is yours; yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head above
all. 12 Riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and
might, and it is in your hand to make great and to give strength to all. 13 And now, our God,
we give thanks to you and praise your glorious name. 14 But who am I, and what is my
people, that we should be able to make this freewill offering? For all things come from
you, and of your own have we given you. 15 For we are aliens and transients before you, as
were all our ancestors; our days on the earth are like a shadow, and there is no hope. 16 O
Lord our God, all this abundance that we have provided for building you a house for your
holy name comes from your hand and is all your own. 17 I know, my God, that you search
the heart and take pleasure in uprightness; in the uprightness of my heart I have freely
offered all these things, and now I have seen your people who are present here offering
freely and joyously to you. 18 O Lord, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, our ancestors,
keep forever such purposes and thoughts in the hearts of your people, and direct their hearts
toward you."

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING *Romans 12:1–2*

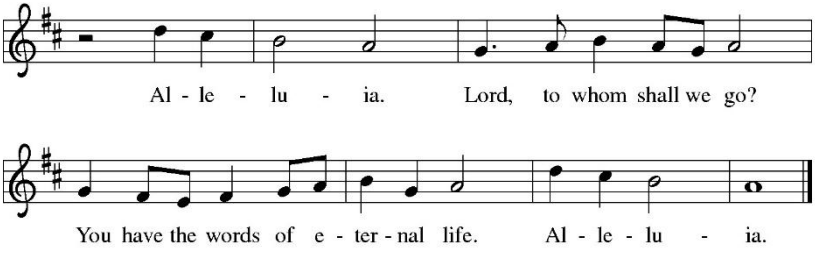
A: The second reading according to the book of Romans, the twelfth chapter.

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your
bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of
worship. 2 Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the
mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and
perfect.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL VERSE



GOSPEL *Matthew 6:19–21* Pastor Niklaus

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said,] "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal, but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

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

DEDICATION PRAYER FOR GIFTS

P: Creator of all, the earth is yours, the world and all who live in it.

C: You have entrusted us with gifts time, talent, energy, money and asked us to use them to build your kingdom.

P: With thanks and praise we respond to your call.

C: We bring these gifts you have given, returning your generosity, paying it forward. We offer ourselves, our lives, our hopes and fears, our dollars and our hours. We commit ourselves to work for your world, to love and serve wherever you call.

P: We ask your blessing on this, your church, as we seek to follow you with heart, mind, and soul.

C: Bless also these gifts, our investment in your future, that they may multiply in faith, hope, and love. Amen.

(The congregation is invited, as people are able, to bring Commitment Cards forward as an act of worship during the hymn. You may place them on the table at the base of the steps to the altar. People may also place them in the offering plate later in the worship service. Commitment Cards can also be mailed to the church office or submitted online at bslcmi.org/stewardship.)

HYMN OF THE DAY *"We Give Thee but Thine Own"* **ELW 686**

1 We give thee but thine own,
whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone,
a trust, O Lord, from thee.

2 May we thy bounties thus
as stewards true receive,
and gladly, as thou blessest us,
to thee our firstfruits give.

3 The captive to release,
to God the lost to bring,
to teach the way of life and peace—
it is a Christlike thing.

4 And we believe thy word,
though dim our faith may be:
whate'er we do for thine, O Lord,
we do it unto thee.

APOSTLES' CREED Pastor Diane

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 Janet Gehrke

A: United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

A: You build up the church as a community of faithful witnesses throughout the generations. Enliven the worship, outreach, and service work of our congregations and ministries with the hope of your good news. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: As the nights grow longer in the northern hemisphere, make us mindful of the earth's need for rest. Provide for fallow fields and hibernating animals; show us how to curb human impact on vulnerable lands and species. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Rescue all nations and peoples from violence, displacement, or famine. Disrupt complacency among national and local leaders. Recommit our communities to transforming the systems that divide and oppress into those that empower and unite. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: In your embrace, we find refuge from all trials and troubles. Care for families who are separated or estranged, accompany all undergoing medical procedures or mental health treatment, and reassure any who are ill or despairing (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Bless all who serve in congregational leadership: council members, finance committees, volunteer coordinators, and property teams. Encourage healthy stewardship of time, talents, and resources for the mission of the gospel. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: The faithful of every age trust in the hope of your saving grace. In thanksgiving for the ways our ancestors have journeyed before us, we remember all who have entered eternal life in you (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: God who holds the future, please send your Holy Spirit to guide us in wisdom as we work out the details of your Strategic Plan for our congregation. Give us clarity and discernment as you lead us to find clear, measurable, and achievable yet bold objectives to reach our long-term goals. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.

C: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE Pastor Niklaus

STEWARDSHIP READING *Malachi 3:10-11*

Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in my house, and thus put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts; see if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing. I will rebuke the locust for you, so that it will not destroy the produce of your soil, and your vine in the field shall not be barren, says the Lord of hosts.

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER Pastor Diane

P: Together, let us pray.

C: **Blessed are you, O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

LORD'S PRAYER

HOLY COMMUNION *"Let Us Break Bread Together"* **ELW 471**

1 Let us break bread together on our knees;
let us break bread together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

2 Let us drink wine together on our knees;
let us drink wine together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

3 Let us praise God together on our knees;
let us praise God together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

POST HOLY COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER HOLY COMMUNION

P: Together let us pray:

C: God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN *"To Be Your Presence"* **ELW 546**

1 To be your presence is our mission here,
to show compassion's face and list'ning ear,
to be your heart of mercy ever near,
alleluia!

2 To be your presence is our mission bold,
to feed the poor and shelter homeless cold,
to be your hands of justice, right uphold,
alleluia!

3 To be your presence is our mission blest,
to speak for all the broken and oppressed,
to be your voice of hope, your love expressed,
alleluia!

4 We are your heart, O Christ, your hands and voice,
to serve your people is our call and choice,
and in this mission we, the church, rejoice,
alleluia!

DISMISSAL Pastor Niklaus

POSTLUDE *"Alleluia"* W. A. Mozart

