Welcome to Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

5631 N Adams Road Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304 Phone: 248.646.5041 Website: www.bslcmi.org Sunday Worship Schedule 9:00 - Traditional 11:15 - Contemporary style 3rd Sunday of the month at 10:15 Service of the Word for Wholeness

Plug into the Power of God

"Using My Spiritual Gifts - Plug into God's Community" 11:15—September 21, 2025

To fulfill the purpose of spiritual gifts, every believer is called to know their own spiritual gifts and put them into practice, recognizing all gifts are necessary. As believers, we discover our gifts, value the unique roles they play, and actively use them to serve and build up one another in love.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Flowers Given in Loving Memory of Sue Hoffman

GATHERING WORSHIP MUSIC

"Happy Day"

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISSION MOMENT

"Forever Home Run"

David Lochner

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

GATHERING SONG

"Hallelujah"
"King of Kings"

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Gracious God, we are blessed to be a part of this church community where we receive spiritual enrichment, form new friendships, receive community support, and have opportunities to serve others in your name. As individuals we ask that you help us discover avenues in which we can serve you, our Lord, with gratitude – each in our own way as the power of the Holy Spirit works in and through us. We ask this in Jesus's name.

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

1 Corinthians 12:4-6

David Lochner

- A: Together, let us recite the memory verse:
- C: Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone.

INTRODUCTION TO THE READING

READING

1 Corinthians 12:27-31

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

²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸ And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of

leadership, various kinds of tongues. ²⁹ Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰ Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹ But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL Matthew 25:14-30

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁴ "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; ¹⁵ to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶ The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. ¹⁷ In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸ But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. ¹⁹ After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰ Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' ²¹ His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' ²² And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' ²³ His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' ²⁴ Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; ²⁵ so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' ²⁶ But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? ²⁷ Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸ So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. ²⁹ For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. ³⁰ As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

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

"Here I Am, Lord"

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

David Lochner

A: Gracious God, we come to you in prayer for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

A: O God, teach your church to act in solidarity with the poor, frustrating the efforts of those who trample on the needy and practicing justice in our own life and community. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Almighty Creator, we pray for an end to the misuse of the earth and its resources, that all people may benefit from your abundant gifts and that our stewardship of creation would be marked by justice and sustainability. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Holy One, embolden elected leaders to pursue policies for the benefit of all, especially those who are most vulnerable. Persuade them by your example of generosity and compassion. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Compassionate God, we pray for all facing illness, those near death, or those grieving the loss of loved ones (especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts). May they find comfort and strength in your love. Prepare us to surround them with your healing care. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Gracious God, we give thanks for the saints who now join the heavenly chorus in praising your name (especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts). Lift us up from the dust of grief and remind us of your promise of new life. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Heavenly Father, we pray that the Forever Home Run will open eyes and hearts to the needs of children in the foster care system. We pray that the Forever Home Run will raise sufficient funds to support the important work of Lutheran Adoption Service. We pray that the Run will be a wonderful family event with you at its center. Bless our efforts and our volunteers and participants. God of grace,

C: receive 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: receive our prayer.

A: We entrust these prayers to you, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.

C: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

STEWARDSHIP READING

Luke 11:41

(Jesus said,) "So give for alms those things that are within; and see, everything will be clean for you."

OFFERING

"Lord, Reign in Me"

OFFERING PRAYER

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

HOLY COMMUNION

POST HOLY COMMUNION BLESSING

BLESSING

SENDING SONG

"Praise"

DISMISSAL



SMALL GROUPS MEET WEEKLY SEPTEMBER 28— NOVEMBER 1

Choose the day of week and time that works best for you.

Meet with your leader and other group members to study the Sermon on the Mount.

Book & study guide by Dr. Amy-Jill Levine.



Join us for more than just a race. This is your opportunity to help foster kids find forever homes, raise awareness and support adoptive families!

Forever Home Run Includes:

- Family friendly festival with bounce house, games & more at 9:00 a.m.
- Professionally timed & certified 5K course
- Race bib and timing chip
- T-shirt and finisher's medal
- Virtual 5K option

5K Run/Walk

Family Festival Begins

1K Dress-Up Dash

10:30 a.m.

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Early Bird Pricing Ends 9/7/25 foreverhomerun.com



