

# Welcome to Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

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Sunday Worship Schedule  
9:00 – Traditional  
11:15 – Contemporary style  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month at 10:15—  
Service of the Word for Wholeness

## Summer in the Psalms “Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God” 11:15 a.m.—August 2, 2026

Psalms 51 gives voice to the deep need for mercy, cleansing, and renewal before God. In John 3, Nicodemus came to Jesus by night and learned that new life comes by being born from above, through the work of the Spirit. Together, these readings point beyond surface-level change toward the creating and renewing work only God can do. God does not merely improve what is old; God creates clean hearts, renews weary spirits, and brings new life.

### ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING WORSHIP SONG

“Hallelujah”

Julie Steinmayer

WELCOME

Pastor Niklaus

BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR MISSION STATEMENT

Beautiful Savior is a biblically grounded community who unites to follow and share the way of Jesus.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

SONG

“Give Us Clean Hands”

PRAYER OF THE DAY

MEMORY VERSE

Colossians 3:16

Annette George

A: Together, let us recite the memory verse:

C: Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.

PSALM

Psalms 51

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. <sup>2</sup> Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. <sup>3</sup> For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. <sup>4</sup> Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment. <sup>5</sup> Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me. <sup>6</sup> You desire truth in the inward being; therefore, teach me wisdom in my secret heart. <sup>7</sup> Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. <sup>8</sup> Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice. <sup>9</sup> Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. <sup>10</sup> Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. <sup>11</sup> Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me. <sup>12</sup> Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit. <sup>13</sup> Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you. <sup>14</sup> Deliver me from bloodshed, O God, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance. <sup>15</sup> O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise. <sup>16</sup> For you have no delight in sacrifice; if I were to give a burnt offering, you would not be pleased. <sup>17</sup> The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. <sup>18</sup> Do good to Zion in your good pleasure; rebuild the walls of Jerusalem, <sup>19</sup> then you will delight in right sacrifices, in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings; then bulls will be offered on your altar.

## GOSPEL

John 3:1-8

Pastor Niklaus

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup> He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person.” <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” <sup>4</sup> Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” <sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup> What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup> Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ <sup>8</sup> The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Pastor Diane Greble, Associate Pastor

## SERMON

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

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Annette George

A: With bold trust in God’s unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God’s creation.

*A brief silence.*

A: For your church in every place, that it satisfies those who hunger for your Word. Bless the ministry of readers, translators, Bible study leaders, and writers, that God’s word is opened and shared with all. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: For your wondrous creation and all the bounty it provides, that your creatures are fed and nourished. Bless the work of farmers, farm workers, those who fish, and all whose labor brings your abundance to our tables. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: For your children in every nation, that they learn to love justice and live in harmony. Keep us mindful of the horrors of war, and draw our hearts toward your reign of love, hope, and peace. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: For all who cry out with great sorrow and unceasing anguish, that they are comforted. Feed all who struggle with food insecurity. Have mercy on all who are suffering in body, mind, and spirit (*especially those we name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: For this congregation, that it bears faithful witness to the abundance and joy of life in you. Bless all your faithful people gathered here, that they may become blessings for this community. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: For the faithful who now rest in your mercy (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*), may their witness continue to inspire the church. By their example, may we trust your promises in life and in death. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## STEWARDSHIP READING

Numbers 31:50

Pastor Niklaus

(The officers said to Moses,) “And we have brought the Lord’s offering, what each of us found, articles of gold, armlets and bracelets, signet rings, earrings, and pendants, to make atonement for ourselves before the Lord.”

OFFERING

*"At the Cross (Love Ran Red)"*

OFFERING PRAYER

Pastor Diane

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

LORD'S PRAYER

HOLY COMMUNION

POST HOLY COMMUNION BLESSING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Niklaus

BLESSING

SENDING SONG

*"His Mercy Is More"*

DISMISSAL

Pastor Niklaus



**BSLC HIKERS**

**August 8—Meet at trailhead  
2nd Saturday of the Month**

no commitment,  
join the hikes  
you're able

Contact Mary via  
the church office  
with questions

Sign up for hike notifications  
[bslcmi.org/post/hikers](https://bslcmi.org/post/hikers)

Adults, 18+ only  
no pets please



**Thurs. August 20  
12:30 p.m.**

**MEN'S  
Luncheon**

Lukich Family Dining  
3900 Rochester Rd.  
Troy, MI

**No need to RSVP – just come!  
No agenda, just time to chat**



# BIANNUAL CHURCH *Meeting*

Budget review & passage

Sunday, August 23

10:10—11:00 a.m.

*all voting members should attend*

JOIN THE BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

## Altar Guild

HELP PREPARE THE ALTAR &  
SANCTUARY FOR WORSHIP

Training & Support Provided

contact Judy via the church office (248) 646-5041 or [office@bslcmi.org](mailto:office@bslcmi.org)

## Grief & Share®

NEXT SESSION BEGINS SEPTEMBER 1

SESSIONS ON TUESDAY NIGHTS AT 6:30 P.M.

[BSLCMI.ORG/POST/GRIEF2026FALL](https://bslcmi.org/post/grief2026fall)