

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

Greater Than “Abundance>Comfort” 11:15—November 16, 2025

Malachi 3:10-12 explains how abundance in God’s promises goes beyond mere comfort, encompassing not only material provision but also protection, spiritual growth, and the delight of being a blessing to others. This reflects God’s desire for us to experience a full life, not just one free from need, by faithfully trusting in God and embracing generosity.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Flowers Given in Loving Memory of Sue Hoffman

GATHERING WORSHIP MUSIC

“Gratitude”

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISSION MOMENT

“Advent by Candlelight”

Barb Barbour

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

GATHERING SONG

*“You’re Worthy of My Praise”
“Your Love, O Lord”*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Heavenly Father, give us the grace to free ourselves in receiving your mercy so we may better be able to experience and share your love with others. In your name, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, may we be blessed in our prayers and our worship.

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

Galatians 6:9

Brian Rusher

A: Together, let us recite the memory verse:

C: So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up.

READING

Malachi 3:10-12

A: The reading according to Malachi, the third chapter.

¹⁰Bring 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. ¹¹I 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. ¹²Then all nations will count you happy, for you will be a land of delight, says the Lord of hosts.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

John 10:7-10

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

⁷ So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸ All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹ I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

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 place later in the worship service. Commitment Cards can also be mailed to the church office or submitted online at bslcmi.org/stewardship.)

SONG OF THE DAY

“Take My Life, and Let It Be”

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Brian Rusher

A: Gathered with one voice, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

A: God of roots and branches, defend the leaders of your church as they proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ using discernment, wisdom, and brave testimony. Keep all the baptized on righteous paths in response to Christ’s call. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: God of roaring seas, in a world of earthquakes, famines, and plagues, use your mighty power to nurture the land and all that lives upon it. Restore peoples and places experiencing natural disasters. Strengthen organizations who provide aid to any in crisis. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: God of victory, among quests for power, guide those in government, courts, law enforcement agencies, and the military. Turn them from war and violence to actions of care that build up the common good. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: God of healing, where injustice and exploitation result in populations who are sidelined or underserved, accompany those abandoned by friends, hurt by family, and harmed by violence or oppression. Care for all who are ill, anxious, or in pain of any kind (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: God of new songs, in a congregation of faithful believers, energize us for compassionate service and delight us through worship and inspired prayer. Encourage your people in building community where all are valued. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: God of every generation, we remember the saints with steadfast love and faithfulness (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). Confident in Christ's victory over death, may we be inspired by the example of the faithful. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: God of hope, as the Call Committee continues 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. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: We offer these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your grace and unyielding love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

"Here I Am, Lord"

OFFERING PRAYER

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

HOLY COMMUNION

POST HOLY COMMUNION BLESSING

BLESSING

SENDING SONG

"I Will Trust in You"

DISMISSAL





ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT TIDINGS OF COMFORT & JOY

Wednesday,
December 3
7:00 p.m.

Ticket: \$10
Table: \$40
purchase between
Sunday services or at
bslcmi.org/post/advent2025

Dinner Ministry at Grace Centers of Hope™

HELP IS NEEDED!



**PREPARE & SERVE ONE MEAL A MONTH
TO 90 WOMEN & CHILDREN**

**BE A CO-LEADER
JOIN THE MEAL TEAM
DONATE TO MATTHEW 25**

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