

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

Twelve Common People

“Philip – The Pragmatist”

11:15—August 31, 2025

Jesus called twelve common people to be his first followers who did uncommon things to change the world. This week, we learn about Philip, a seeing-is-believing kind of guy. He wanted proof, and he wanted to know the plan. Philip is very much like those of us who have heard too many false promises and are hesitant to invest until we are convinced fully in a person or a thing.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING WORSHIP MUSIC *“This Is Amazing Grace”*

Phil Wickham

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISSION MOMENT *“Small Groups”*

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

GATHERING SONG *“Sing Your Praises”*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, you gave to your apostles Philip and James grace and strength to bear witness to your Son. Grant that we, remembering their victory of faith, may glorify in life and death the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns and you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Sloan Josephine Cecil

*Sloan Josephine’s mother and father, Allison and Matthew Cecil
bring their daughter forward for the sacrament of baptism.*

Sloan Josephine’s sponsors are Rebecca Allain and Adam Boike

PRESENTATION

P: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Rebecca and Adam: We present Sloan Josephine for baptism.

P: Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your child baptized into Christ?

Allison and Matthew: We do.

P: As you bring your child to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with her among God's faithful people, bring her to the word of God and the holy supper, teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in her hands the holy scriptures, and nurture her in faith and prayer, so she may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace. Do you promise to help her grow in the Christian faith and life?

Allison and Matthew: We do.

P: Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Sloan Josephine in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help her live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Rebecca and Adam: We do.

P: People of God, do you promise to support Sloan Josephine and pray for her in her new life in Christ?

C: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

C: I renounce them.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C: 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.

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters, and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus's death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you. Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that this child who is washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BAPTISM

P: Sloan Josephine, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

LAYING ON OF HANDS

P: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your child new birth, cleanse her from sin, and raise her to eternal life. Sustain Sloan Josephine with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

C: Amen.

ANOINTING

P: Sloan Josephine, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

C: Amen.

WELCOME

L: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

C: Amen.

L: Let us welcome our newly baptized sister.

C: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world. 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

Proverbs 3:13-14

Anne Oliver

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

2 Timothy 4:1-8

A: The reading according to second Timothy, the fourth chapter.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: ²proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. ³For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, ⁴and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. ⁵As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully. ⁶As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

FIRST GOSPEL

John 14:1-14

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ² In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴ And you know the way to the place where I am going.” ⁵ Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶ Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” ⁸ Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” ⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹² Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SECOND GOSPEL

John 1:43-51

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

⁴³ The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.” ⁴⁴ Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵ Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.” ⁴⁶ Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” ⁴⁷ When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, “Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!” ⁴⁸ Nathanael asked him, “Where did you get to know me?” Jesus answered, “I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.” ⁴⁹ Nathanael replied, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” ⁵⁰ Jesus answered, “Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.” ⁵¹ And he said to him, “Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.”

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Phil Hemke, Pastor Emeritus

SERMON

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SONG OF THE DAY *"Wonderful Merciful Savior"*

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Anne Oliver

A: Let us pray for the church, the creation, and the whole people of God, for God is near.

A brief silence.

A: For the leaders of the church, we pray. Inspire deacons, pastors, Sunday school teachers, and Christian education directors with a passion for speaking the word of God. Equip all the baptized to share your word of grace. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: For the well-being of creation, we pray. Sustain farm workers and all who labor in fields and vineyards to grow the food we eat. Revive plains and pastures, and provide for the cattle and creatures who rely on the land for their sustenance. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: For the leaders of towns, cities, provinces, states, and nations, we pray. Guide them to enact just laws and policies for all. On this Labor Day weekend, make us mindful of workers whose labor often goes unnoticed. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: For the lowly and those who are ignored, we pray. Provide for the needs of vulnerable communities, those who are unemployed, burdened by debt, or struggle to make ends meet. Accompany all who need reassurance of your loving presence (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: For the hospitality ministries of this congregation, we pray. Give ushers and greeters a spirit of welcome for guests, and bless the work of those who feed and nourish us. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: For all the saints who from their labors rest, we give thanks (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). With them, we offer our sacrifice of praise to you, O God, the same yesterday and today and forever. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

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. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Confident in God's presence and promise, we entrust our prayers to the one who always receives them; through Jesus Christ, our wisdom and companion.

C: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

STEWARDSHIP READING *Proverbs 10:4*

A slack hand causes poverty, but the hand of the diligent makes rich.

OFFERING *"Sola"*

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

SENDING SONG *"Amen (Because He Lives)"*

DISMISSAL



FOREVER HOME RUN

Benefitting Legacy Adoption Services

SATURDAY
OCTOBER
4TH 2025

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

9 a.m.

Family Festival Begins

9 a.m.

1K Dress-Up Dash

10:30 a.m.

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