

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

Plug into the Power of God

“Using My Spiritual Gifts – Plug into God’s Community”

9:00—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

Bourrée, Andante, and Allegro from “Sonata No. 3” G. F. Handel

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISSION MOMENT

“Forever Home Run”

David Lochner

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P: God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

“All Are Welcome” v. 1, 3, 4

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| <p>1 Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:
All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.</p> <p>3 Let us build a house where love is found
in water, wine and wheat:
a banquet hall on holy ground
where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus,
is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:
All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.</p> | <p>4 Let us build a house where hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger:
All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.</p> |
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THE GREETING

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.

CHORAL ANTHEM

"Be My Church"

K. Lee Scott

Flutist: Lisa Wade

MEMORY VERSE

1 Corinthians 12:4-6

Kelly Biebelhausen

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.

²⁷Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸And 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. ²⁹Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹But 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 VERSE

Refrain



With the Spir-it's gifts em-pow'r us for the work of min - is - try.

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; ¹⁵to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. ¹⁷In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. ¹⁹After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰Then 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.’ ²¹His 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

HYMN OF THE DAY

“We All Are One in Mission”

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| <p>1 We all are one in mission;
we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united
by Christ, the Lord of all.
A single great commission
compels us from above
to plan and work together
that all may know Christ's love.</p> | <p>3 Now let us be united,
and let our song be heard.
Now let us be a vessel
for God's redeeming Word.
We all are one in mission;
we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united
by Christ, the Lord of all.</p> |
| <p>2 We all are called to service,
to witness in God's name.
Our ministries are different;
our purpose is the same:
to touch the lives of others
with God's surprising grace,
so ev'ry folk and nation
may feel God's warm embrace.</p> | |

APOSTLES' CREED

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

Kelly Biebelhausen

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 *“For the Fruit of All Creation”*

Joel Raney

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

LORD’S PRAYER

HOLY COMMUNION *“An Irish Blessing”*

Joel Raney

POST HOLY COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER HOLY COMMUNION

P: Together let us pray:

**C: Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table.
Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus
Christ our Lord. Amen.**

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

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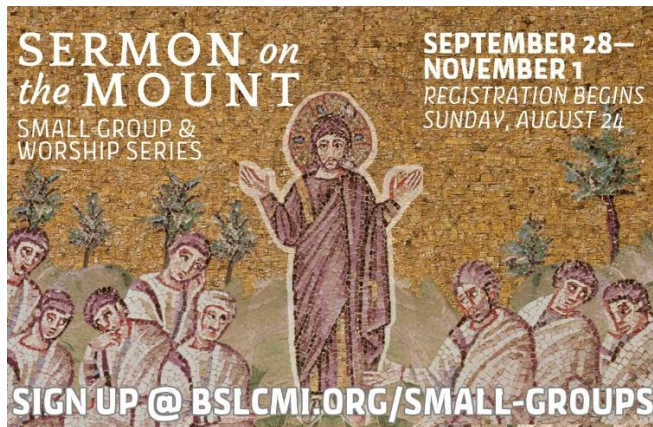
- 1 Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.
The supper is ended. Oh, now be extended
the fruits of this service in all who believe.
The seed of Christ's teaching, receptive souls reaching,
shall blossom in action for God and for all.
Your grace shall incite us, your love shall unite us
to work for your kingdom and answer your call.
- 2 With praise and thanksgiving to God ever-living,
the tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face—
our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,
embracing God's children, the whole human race.
With your feast you feed us, with your light now lead us;
unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving
give honor to Christ and his name that we bear.

DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE

“Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”

Michael Burkhardt



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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Register Today

Early Bird Pricing Ends 9/7/25

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