

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

The Day After “Never” “Tomorrow After Today” 9:00 a.m.—May 17, 2026

Jesus shifts Peter’s focus from other people’s futures to following Jesus. The blessings of tomorrow come from following Jesus faithfully today, trusting in his guidance for individual lives. Focusing on following Jesus brings joy and blessings, freeing us from comparison and future anxieties.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Flowers Given in Memory of Marletta Sue Hoffman

GATHERING WORSHIP MUSIC

“La Cinquantaine”
“Aria” from *Goldberg Variations*
Violinist: Sonia Lee

Gabriel-Marie
J. S. Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

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

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Most merciful God,

C: We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we

have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the \dagger Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN *“Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty”* v. 1, 3, 5 **ELW 777**

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| 1 "Come to me, all pilgrims thirsty; drink the water I will give. If you knew what gift I offer, you would come to me and live." Jesus, ever flowing fountain, give us water from your well. In the gracious gift you offer there is joy no tongue can tell. | 5 "Come to me, distressed and needy; I would be your trusted friend. Come and seek the gift I offer, come, your open hands extend." Jesus, ever flowing fountain, give us water from your well. In the gracious gift you offer there is joy no tongue can tell. |
| 3 "Come to me, believers burdened; find refreshment in this place. Come, receive the gift I offer, turn to me and seek my face." Jesus, ever flowing fountain, give us water from your well. In the gracious gift you offer there is joy no tongue can tell. | |

THE GREETING

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Heavenly Father, you have sent your Holy Spirit to assure, comfort, and guide us. You have called each of us to discern and abide in your will for our lives. May we not compare ourselves to other people, but rather strive only to follow Jesus's ways. In Jesus's name, we pray.

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

“Nunc Dimittis”

Peter S. Klemp

Violinist: Sonia Lee Pianist: Sheila Brookins

MEMORY VERSE

Romans 8:28

Laura Hall

A: Together, let us recite the memory verse:

C: We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.

INTRODUCTION TO THE READING

READING

Revelation 5:11-14

A: The reading according to the book of Revelation, the fifth chapter.

¹¹ Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, ¹² singing with full voice, “Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!” ¹³ Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing, “To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!” ¹⁴ And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” And the elders fell down and worshiped.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

VERSE – from *“The Strife is O’er, the Battle Done”*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

GOSPEL

John 21:20-25

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁰ Peter turned and saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following them; he was the one who had reclined next to Jesus at the supper and had said, “Lord, who is it that is going to betray you?” ²¹ When Peter saw him, he said to Jesus, “Lord, what about him?” ²² Jesus said to

him, “If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you? Follow me!”²³ So the rumor spread in the community that this disciple would not die. Yet Jesus did not say to him that he would not die, but, “If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you?”²⁴ This is the disciple who is testifying to these things and has written them, and we know that his testimony is true.²⁵ But there are also many other things that Jesus did; if every one of them were written down, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written.

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 *“Praise and Thanks and Adoration”*

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| 1 | Praise and thanks and adoration, Son of God, to you we give, for you chose to serve creation, died that sinners all might live. Dear Lord Jesus, guide my way; faithful let me day by day follow where your steps are leading, find adventure, joys exceeding! | 2 | Hold me ever in your keeping, comfort me in pain and strife; through my laughter and my weeping, lift me to a nobler life. Draw my fervent love to you; constant hope and faith renew in your birth, your life and passion, in your death and resurrection. |
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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

Laura Hall

A: Trusting in the power of Christ’s resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

A brief silence.

A: O God, your people sing praises throughout the church. By your Holy Spirit, inspire musicians, deacons, pastors, and bishops to proclaim the gospel of Jesus. Merciful God,
C: receive our prayer.

A: Your creative power fills the universe. Bring favorable weather, nurture plants and animals, protect us from natural disasters, and guide us to care for all you have made. Merciful God,
C: receive our prayer.

A: Your justice is exercised in society by those in authority. Instill in political leaders, business leaders, school administrators, and all who care for others a desire for peace and equality. Merciful God,
C: receive our prayer.

A: Your compassion and care come through the gifts of medicine and relationships. Soothe the anxious, protect widows and orphans, comfort those living with memory loss and their families, and heal the sick (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). Merciful God,
C: receive our prayer.

A: Your love radiates from communities gathered in your name. Bless those experiencing significant transitions in life such as graduation, retirement, and new employment, and accompany us in our prayers during these times. Merciful God,
C: receive our prayer.

A: O God, your promise of eternal life is certain and sure. Inspire us by the steadfast faith of those who have gone before us (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). May we be confident in the assurances you give. Merciful God,
C: receive our prayer.

A: God of new beginnings, as Pastor Diane joins us in her new journey with Beautiful Savior, and as our histories of serving you are woven together, we ask for continuing grace and Holy Spirit guidance. Bless Pastor Diane and our community as we focus on following and sharing the way of Jesus. Merciful God,
C: receive our prayer.

A: God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.
C: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

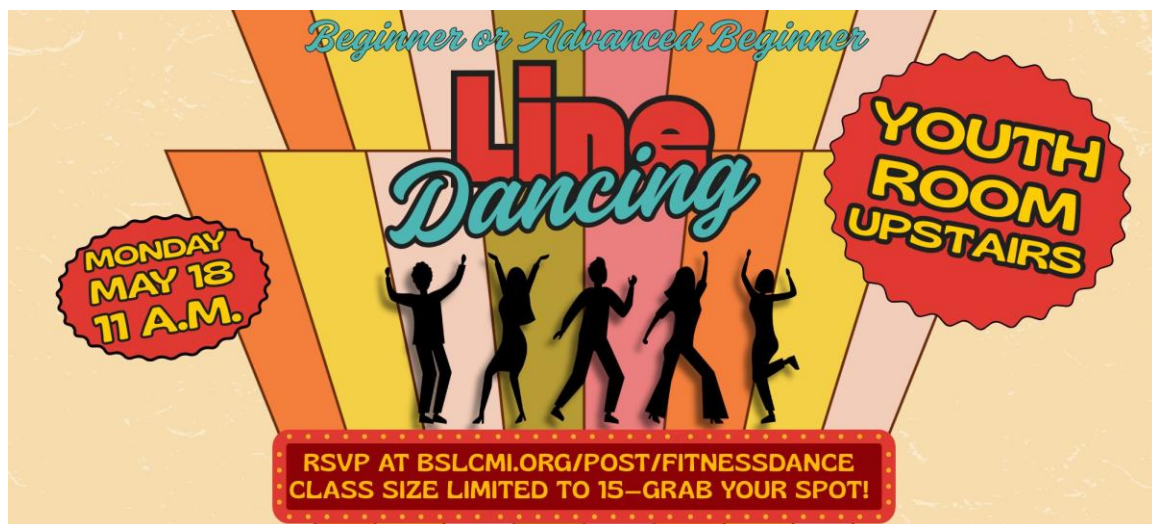
- 3 Oh, to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be;
let that grace now like a fetter
bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it;
prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it;
seal it for thy courts above.

DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE

“Sonatina, Op. 100, 1st movt.”

Antonín Dvořák



TRAVEL TIME

with Bob Hoffman

TURKEY

Tuesday, May 19 at 3 p.m.

Join us on the 3rd Tuesday of each month in the Welcome Center; no cost, no need to RSVP. Just come and enjoy.

Summer Send-off

CHURCH-WIDE PICNIC

Sunday, May 31

10:00 - 11:00 a.m.
tasty potluck
start at 10:30 a.m.
picnic games



Food - Games - Fellowship - Fun

RSVP @ bslcmi.org/post/picnic