

# 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

## Twelve Common People

*“John – The Loving”*

11:15 a.m.— July 6, 2025

Jesus called twelve common people to be his first followers who did uncommon things to change the world. This week, we learn about John, a person known for his deep love of others, and also the person Jesus entrusted to take care of his mother, Mary, after his crucifixion and resurrection.

### ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING WORSHIP MUSIC *“I Can Only Imagine”*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

GATHERING SONG *“Your Love, O Lord”*  
*“In the Secret”*

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Merciful God, through John the apostle and evangelist you have revealed the mysteries of your Word made flesh. Let the brightness of your light shine on your church, so that all your people, instructed in the holy gospel, may walk in the light of your truth and attain eternal life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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 *Proverbs 3:13-14* Jim Kershner

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.

READING *1 John 4:7-21*

A: The reading according to the first book of John, the fourth chapter.

<sup>7</sup> Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup> Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. <sup>9</sup> God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup> In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. <sup>11</sup> Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. <sup>12</sup> No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. <sup>13</sup> By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. <sup>14</sup> And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. <sup>15</sup> God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. <sup>16</sup> So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. <sup>17</sup> Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because

as he is, so are we in this world. <sup>18</sup> There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. <sup>19</sup> We love because he first loved us. <sup>20</sup> Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. <sup>21</sup> The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

A: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL**

*John 19:25b-27*

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

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

<sup>25</sup> And that is what the soldiers did. Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. <sup>26</sup> When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." <sup>27</sup> Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

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

## **SONG OF THE DAY**

*"Build My Life"*

## **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

Jim Kershner

A: Drawn into the embrace of the holy Trinity, we lift our prayers for the wholeness of the church, the world, and all creation.

*A brief silence.*

A: You send your church into the world with a message of peace. Center the whole church in this peace, and strengthen our faith by the example of all those who creatively and faithfully proclaim your good news. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: All the earth sings out your name. Inspire your people to drink deeply from the beauty of all your creation. When ecosystems are wounded, bring your healing. When our actions endanger the survival of other species, curb our greed and waste. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: You call us to work for the good of all. Give resolve to those who lead, that they do not grow weary in doing what is right. Guide them to seek peace between nations and freedom for all people. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: As a loving parent comforts children, so you comfort us. Bring this comfort to those in any pain (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). Carry your people when grief is heavy, and lift burdens of shame and self-doubt. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: Your harvest is plentiful, O God. Make us laborers and companions with one another in this assembly. Send your peace to rest upon us, heal divisions among us, and open our hearts to receive one another as gifts from you. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: You have written our names in heaven, O God, and we rejoice. We thank you for those who have lived and died in your love (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). Accompany us on our life's journey and draw us at last to life forever in you. God of grace,

**C: hear 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: hear our prayer.**

A: Gather all our prayers in your mercy, O God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**C: Amen.**

## **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

### **STEWARDSHIP READING**

*Romans 12:2*

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

### **VIDEO OFFERING**

*“1776”*

### **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**

*“My First Love”*

### **DISMISSAL**



# TWELVE COMMON PEOPLE

**SUNDAY WORSHIP SERIES**

**JUNE 15—AUGUST 31 9 A.M. TRADITIONAL SERVICE**

**11:15 A.M. CONTEMPORARY SERVICE**

Jesus didn't come for a group of people whom the world considered special, extraordinary, and the most important. Jesus came for ordinary people, people whom the world considered unimportant, inconvenient, and even hated. The lives of these people whom Jesus called as his twelve apostles, and how their lives were transformed by being in his presence, have a lot to say to us as we live out our lives.

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