

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 of Wholeness

Testimonies of Faith *“Sharing our Faith Stories”*

9:00 am—November 19, 2023

Our stories of faith are all unique, and yet we share common threads running through all of them. This Sunday, we hear from a selection of our Beautiful Savior friends on how their lives have been positively affected by their walks with Jesus Christ.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Flowers given in loving memory of Sue Hoffman

GATHERING WORSHIP MUSIC

Partita on *“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”*
Prelude, Trio, Fugato, Meditation, and Paean

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *(Please kneel or stand as you are able.)*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved.

C: Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Holy One,

C: we confess that we are not awake for you. We are not faithful in using your gifts. We forget the least of our siblings. We do not see your beautiful image in one another. We are infected by sin that divides your beloved community. Open our hearts to your coming, open our eyes to see you in our neighbor, open our hands to serve your creation. Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Beloved, we are God’s children, and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us. Through ✚ Jesus you are forgiven, by Jesus you are welcome, in Jesus you are called to rejoice! Let us live in the promises prepared for us from the foundation of the world.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN *“When Morning Gilds the Skies”*

ELW 853

- 1 When morning gilds the skies,
 my heart awaking cries:
 may Jesus Christ be praised!
 When evening shadows fall,
 this rings my curfew call:
 may Jesus Christ be praised!
- 2 When mirth for music longs,
 this is my song of songs:
 may Jesus Christ be praised!
 God's holy house of prayer
 has none that can compare
 with "Jesus Christ be praised!"
- 4 Let all of humankind
 in this their concord find:
 may Jesus Christ be praised!
 Let all the earth around
 ring joyous with the sound:
 may Jesus Christ be praised!

THE GREETING

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR MISSION STATEMENT

MISSION MOMENT *“Children’s Ministry”* Sarah Nadeau

CHORAL ANTHEM *“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”* Mark Hayes

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE Karyn Parker, Children’s Ministries Coordinator

READING *Romans 10:9-17*

P: The reading is from the book of Romans, the tenth chapter.

⁹ If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹ The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³ For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.” ¹⁴ But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? ¹⁵ And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those

who bring good news!”¹⁶ But not all have obeyed the good news; for Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed our message?”¹⁷ So faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the word of Christ.

P: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

FAITH STORY

John 14:1

Brian Tognetti

Jesus said, “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me.”

HYMN

“I Love to Tell the Story”

ELW 661

1. I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story, because I know it's true;
it satisfies my longings as nothing else would do.
I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

FAITH STORY

Philippians 1:6

Louise Green

The one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Jesus Christ.

HYMN

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ELW 661

2. I love to tell the story: how pleasant to repeat
what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet!
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
the message of salvation from God's own holy word.
I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

FAITH STORY

Hebrews 10:23-25b

David Lochner

Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep his promise. Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another.

HYMN

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ELW 661

3. I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,
I'll sing the old, old story that I have loved so long.
I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

MEDITATION

The Rev. Dr. Niklaus C. Schillack, Senior Pastor

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Alison Bazil

A: Let us turn our hearts to God, our breath and life, as we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

A: Gracious God, you give talents and gifts to all your people, and you equip the church to serve. Turn us from fear and self-serving ways, that we use our talents to glorify you and encourage our neighbor. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: You have been our dwelling place from one generation to another. Sustain the life of the planet; protect farmlands and harvests. Direct all people in wise stewardship of all the earth's resources. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: You call us to honesty and integrity. Instill these values in the hearts of all nations and their leaders. Free any who are oppressed, expose all corruption, and bring redemption to victims of injustice. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: You teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart. Where there is sickness or sorrow, bring healing, and where there is loneliness, reveal your love in community. We remember before you those who are struggling (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: We pray for the faith formation ministries of this congregation. Give to all children, youth, and adults who study your Word the breastplate of faith and love. Shape us by your love and show us how to encourage one another. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Gracious God, you are faithful in all generations. For the promise of life and rest and for the witness of those who have died in faith (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*) we praise your goodness. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: We offer our spoken prayers and those held in our hearts trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

STEWARDSHIP READING *Romans 10:14-15*

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to

believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

OFFERING *Arabesque on "Great is Thy Faithfulness"*

John Barr

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray. God of all goodness, generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings. Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant.

C: Amen.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray ...

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION *"This is My Father's World"*

ELW 824

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| 1 This is my Father's world,
and to my list'ning ears
all nature sings, and round me rings
the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world;
I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;
his hand the wonders wrought. | 2 This is my Father's world;
the birds their carols raise;
the morning light, the lily white,
declare their maker's praise.
This is my Father's world;
he shines in all that's fair.
In the rustling grass I hear him pass;
he speaks to me ev'rywhere. |
| 3 This is my Father's world;
oh, let me not forget
that, though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world;
why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is king, let heaven ring;
God reigns, let earth be glad! | |

POST HOLY COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER HOLY COMMUNION

P: Together let us pray:

C: Blessed be your name, O God, for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus's name we pray. Amen.

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

“Christ, Be Our Light”

ELW 715

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| 1 Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today. | 2 Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.
Make us your living voice.
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today. |
| 5 Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
signs of your kingdom come.
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today | |

DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE

“Hymn to Joy”

Matthew Corl



Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service

Wed. Nov. 22nd	Chapel 7 p.m.
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For unto us
a child is born!



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Advent & Christmas Fellowship & Worship

Alexander Zonjic Concert

Friday, December 1 @ 7:00 p.m.
bslcmi.org/concerts

Community Art Program

Thursday, December 7 @ 5:00 p.m.
bslcmi.org/post/community-art-program

Surviving the Holidays

A GriefShare Event
Saturday, December 16 @ noon

Christmas Eve Worship

Sunday, December 24
* NO MORNING SERVICE *
4:00 p.m. | 7:00 p.m. | 10:00 p.m.

New Year's Eve Worship

Sunday, December 31 @ 10:00 a.m.
* SPECIAL TIME, ONE SERVICE ONLY *

Advent by Candlelight

Tuesday, December 5 @ 7:00 p.m.
bslcmi.org/post/WINGS

Cookies, Cocoa & Carols

Saturday, December 9 @ 4:00 p.m.
bslcmi.org/post/nights

Youth-led Worship Service

Sunday, December 17 @ 9:00 a.m.
Contemporary Worship Service 11:15 a.m.

Christmas Day Worship

Monday, December 25 @ 10:00 a.m.

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