

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

Reformation Sunday 11:15—October 27, 2024

The Christian Church is called to be in a state of continuous reformation led by the transformative power of the Holy Spirit. This Sunday, we remember the 507th anniversary of when Martin Luther posted his 95 theses, or 95 academic arguments, on the castle church door in Wittenberg calling for a reform of the Christian Church.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Flowers given in loving memory of Amy Kathryn Wiese

GATHERING WORSHIP MUSIC *“This Is Amazing Grace”* Phil Wickham

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG *“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”*
“Sola”

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, 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.

MISSION MOMENT *“Stewardship”* Michelle Luck

FIRST READING *Jeremiah 31:31-34* Annette George

A: The first reading according to Jeremiah, the thirty-first chapter.

³¹ The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³² It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³ But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴ No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD”, for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 46

A: Let us read Psalm 46 responsively.

A: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

C: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

A: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

C: God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns.

A: The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.

C: The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

A: Come, behold the works of the Lord; see what desolations he has brought on the earth.

C: He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.

A: "Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth."

C: The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

SECOND READING

Romans 3:19-28

A: The second reading according to the book of Romans, the third chapter.

¹⁹ Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰ For "no human being will be justified in his sight" by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin. ²¹ But now, irrespective of law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, ²² the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³ since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴ they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶ it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus. ²⁷ Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸ For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

John 8:31-36

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹ Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." ³³ They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?" ³⁴ Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵ The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶ So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Tammy Dukatz

SERMON

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

SONG OF THE DAY

"Amen (Because He Lives)"

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Annette George

A: Challenged by God's Word in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and the whole creation.

A brief silence.

A: Lord of all, we give thanks for the whole church throughout the world. Open wide the paths toward unity between denominations so all followers of Christ may join in shared worship and mission. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Renewing God, as the dying leaves display their beauty, we are reminded that nature's cycle of life includes and requires both life and death. Instill in your people a mission of preservation and appreciation for trees, animals, and waterways. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Gracious God, in the spirit of reformation we pray for all who cry out for relief from pain. May the hearts of those who occupy seats of power be reformed so peace becomes the center of our communal life. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Comforting God, be with all who are sick, suffering, or grieving in our own community and beyond (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). Surround them with the promise of your love, comfort, and grace that never ends. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Divine Guide, continue to challenge this community to be ever reforming in our ministries and outreach efforts. Inspire creative ideas among us so that the communal, grace-filled Word of God remains at the heart of our ministry. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Almighty God, in Christ's resurrection you ensure that though life be wrenched away, death cannot win the day. We remember today those who have died in faith (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). May the truth of your saving grace through faith sustain our hope for life in you. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the saving grace you freely give through Jesus Christ, both now and forever.

C: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

STEWARDSHIP READING

Proverbs 22:22-23

Do not rob the poor because they are poor, or crush the afflicted at the gate; for the Lord pleads their cause and despoils of life those who despoil them.

OFFERING

"Gratitude"

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

HOLY COMMUNION

POST HOLY COMMUNION BLESSING

BLESSING

P: God all mighty, God most merciful † bless you, keep you, and give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

“Your Grace Is Enough”

DISMISSAL