

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

How Do We Know It's True?

"The Existence of Biographies"

11:15 am – April 14, 2024

People took time meticulously sharing and documenting stories of Jesus's life, his early followers, and the world in which they lived. While some people may resist believing the events recorded about Jesus in the Bible, it is ironic that many academic disciplines rely on the Bible for accurate descriptions of life during that time and place. The incomparable scrutiny of these biographies, by Christians and non-Christians alike, gives us confidence the stories about Jesus are true.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Flowers given in loving memory of Edna Mae Farris' birthday

GATHERING WORSHIP MUSIC

"Jesus"

Chris Tomlin

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG

"He is the King"
"Everything You Are"

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

MISSION MOMENT

"Micah 6"

Ken Fouty

MEMORY VERSE

1 Peter 3:15b-16a

Jim Kershner

A: Together, let us recite the memory verse:

C: **"Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an account of the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence."**

GOSPEL

Luke 1:1-4

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the first chapter.

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

Since many have undertaken to set down an orderly account of the events that have been fulfilled among us, ² just as they were handed on to us by those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and servants of the word, ³ I too decided, after investigating everything carefully from the very first, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, ⁴ so that you may know the truth concerning the things about which you have been instructed.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

READING

Acts 1:1-5

A: The reading according to Acts, the first chapter.

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning ² until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had

chosen. ³After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over the course of forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. ⁴While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. “This,” he said, “is what you have heard from me; ⁵ for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

John 21:24-25

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁴This is the disciple who is testifying to these things and has written them, and we know that his testimony is true. ²⁵But 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.

SERMON

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

SONG OF THE DAY

“Revelation Song”

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Jim Kershner

A: Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

A brief silence.

A: O God our holy one, you feed our deepest hungers. As we share the holy meal that is the body and blood of Jesus given for us, lead us to share all that we have, and find, in generosity, abundant life. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: O God our creator, you bring forth all life on earth. Calm storms, bring water to parched places, and protect the climate, that this planet would sustain life in all its variety. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: O God our savior, you offer wisdom and guidance beyond all human knowledge. Instruct lawmakers, judges, and elected officials to make decisions grounded in your justice and care for all people. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: O God our elder, you care for all your children. Encourage those who are in times of transition, facing the loss of old ways and routines and anticipating change. Guide those who journey in grief, hope, sickness, and uncertainty (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: O God our center, you bring all people together in you. Help us to remember our identity and purpose in our ministry. Move us to love our neighbors as ourselves and to share in beloved community. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: O God our resting place, your Son Jesus promised that we are held in your love forever. We remember our beloved who have died (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). As we remember and share their love, comfort those who mourn. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

C: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

STEWARDSHIP READING

Proverbs 23:4

Do not wear yourself out to get rich; be wise enough to desist.

OFFERING

“Your Love, O Lord”

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

C: Amen.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER

HOLY COMMUNION

POST HOLY COMMUNION BLESSING

BLESSING

SENDING SONG

“We’re Gonna Shine”

DISMISSAL

FRIDAY, APRIL 26
7:00 P.M.

ORCHESTRA
SONO

Piano Trio

NO TICKET NECESSARY **FREE WILL OFFERING**

Alexander Zonjic & Friends
Classics, Coffee, and Cake



Music for Two Flutes and Piano
Alexander Zonjic (flute), Amanda Blaikie (flute), and Julie Steinmayer (piano)
featuring music by Vivaldi and Doppler

SUNDAY, MAY 5
1:00 – 2:00 P.M.
doors open at 12:30

NEW!
NO TICKET REQUIRED
freewill offerings accepted



How Do We Know It's True?

There are countless claims out there about what is true, or if truth exists at all. Yet, the powerful story about Jesus being crucified and rising from the dead 2,000 years ago persists.

**How do we know this story is true?
How do we know it's not made up by his followers?**

Spend time with Beautiful Savior learning the abundant evidence that the story of Jesus defeating the power of death is true, and how it is good news for you.

Sundays
March 31 May 5
9 & 11:15 a.m.

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