

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

Who is Jesus?

“The True Vine”

11:15 a.m.— February 11, 2024

Jesus is The True Vine, and being connected to him is a source of life. This week, we will look at the things of our lives that need to be pruned and discarded in order that our lives may be more fruitful, and we will see how the Holy Spirit gives us strength to make those difficult decisions.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING WORSHIP MUSIC

“Abide”

The Worship Initiative

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG

*“Indescribable”
“Everything You Are”*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through 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

Trinity Seminary

READING

1 John 4:7-21

David Lochner

A: The reading is from the first book of St. John, the fourth chapter.

⁷ Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸ Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹ 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. ¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. ¹³ By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴ And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. ¹⁵ God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. ¹⁶ 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. ¹⁷ Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸ 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. ¹⁹ We love because he first loved us. ²⁰ 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. ²¹ 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 15:1-11

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

(Jesus said) “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. ² He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³ You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴ Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵ I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷ If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples. ⁹ As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹ I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pr. Elizabeth Friedman, Lutheran Campus Ministry of Ann Arbor

SONG OF THE DAY

“Take My Life and Let It Be”

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

David Lochner

A: As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God’s blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

A: We pray for the church, that the transformational power of God enters the hearts of all people. May its leaders serve as examples of your grace and healing across time and space. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

A: We pray for the creation, that we will humbly observe the swirl of wind and the heat of the bright sun. Teach us to honor all you have made and to care for the animals, plants, air, and bodies of water of this planet. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

A: We pray for those charged with leadership, lawmaking, and governance of our towns, states, and countries, that they will strive for goodness and justice all the days of their lives and callings. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

A: We pray for any who are sick and suffering (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). Guide us to offer hospitality, shelter, friendship, and care to any in need. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

A: We pray for this congregation and its ministry in the wider community. May we share the transforming beauty and love of God in ways that honor the dignity of all whom we encounter. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Trusting that all the saints, prophets, and those who die in faith are held in your care, we remember in thanksgiving those who have died (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). Grant us your gift of salvation as we await your coming again in glory. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

STEWARDSHIP READING

1 Corinthians 16:1-2a

Now concerning the collection for the saints: you should follow the directions I gave to the churches of Galatia. On the first day of every week, each of you is to put aside and save whatever extra you earn...

OFFERING

"King of Kings"

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray. Blessed are you, Holy One, for all good things come from you. In bread and cup you open heaven to us. Meet us at this table, that we receive what we seek and follow your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray.

C: **Amen.**

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER – SUNG

Father, let your Kingdom come, Father, let your will be done
On Earth as in Heaven, right here in my heart
Father, let your Kingdom come, Father, let your will be done
On Earth as in Heaven, right here in my heart

Give us this day, our daily bread
Forgive us, forgive us, as we forgive the ones who sin against us, forgive them
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one
Let your Kingdom come

It's yours, it's yours, all yours, all yours
The Kingdom, the power, the glory are yours
It's yours, it's yours, all yours, all yours
Forever and ever the Kingdom is yours.

Father, let your Kingdom come, Father, let your will be done
On Earth as in Heaven, right here in my heart
On Earth as in Heaven, right here in my heart

HOLY COMMUNION

POST HOLY COMMUNION BLESSING

BLESSING

SENDING SONG

"Our God"

DISMISSAL



Ash Wednesday

TO DUST YOU SHALL RETURN

FEBRUARY 14, 2024

12 PM NOON AND 7PM WORSHIP SERVICES

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Wednesday Lenten Worship Services

We have a rich calendar of saints from every age who have pointed to Christ in their living and dying. In remembering these Christians who have gone before, we find inspiration for our Christian journey.

- Feb. 21 **Inheritance in Faith**
George Herbert, John & Charles Wesley
- Feb. 28 **Perseverance with Endurance**
Perpetua & Felicity, Harriet Tubman & Sojourner Truth
- March 6 **Faithful in Prayer**
Gregory the Great; Patrick
- March 13 **Striving for Christ's Justice**
Joseph; Oscar Romero
- March 20 **Dying and Rising with Christ**
Hans Nielsen Hauge; John Donne

7:00 p.m.
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