

# 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

## How Do We Know It's True?

*"The Church Exists"*

11:15— April 28, 2024

We are here right now. The church of Jesus Christ did not come out of thin air. It had a beginning, and that beginning was sparked by power events that changed the course of history: Jesus was killed on a cross, Jesus rose from the dead, people witnessed and encountered the resurrected Jesus, and the church was filled with the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. These were real events that led to the church existing today.

### ORDER OF WORSHIP

*Flowers given in loving memory of Diane Fletcher*

**GATHERING WORSHIP MUSIC**

*"We Are"*

Kari Jobe

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GATHERING SONG**

*"Rising"*

*"Sola"*

**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**

*"Hearts, Hands and Voices"*

Michael Burkhardt

**MEMORY VERSE**

*1 Peter 3:15b-16a*

Brian Rusher

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."**

**PSALM**

*Psalm 133*

How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity! <sup>2</sup> It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes. <sup>3</sup> It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion. For there the Lord ordained his blessing, life for evermore.

**READING**

*Acts 2:41-47*

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

<sup>41</sup> So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added. <sup>42</sup> They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. <sup>43</sup> Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. <sup>44</sup> All who believed were together and had all things in common; <sup>45</sup> they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup> Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup> praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

A: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL

*John 20:19-31*

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

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

<sup>19</sup> When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."<sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.<sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."<sup>22</sup> When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.<sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."<sup>24</sup> But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.<sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."<sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."<sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe."<sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!"<sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."<sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book.<sup>31</sup> But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

*"Take My Life and Let It Be"*

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Brian Rusher

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: We pray for the church around the world, for all ministers, and for the mission of the gospel. Keep all the newly baptized and confirmed in your care. Cleanse our hearts with your word and help us to abide in you always. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: For the well-being of the earth and of all created things: for rivers and lakes, streams and estuaries, glaciers and polluted waters. Renew the face of the earth and shower us with your goodness. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: For the nations and all those in authority: for local, state, and national leaders, for elected representatives at every level, and for international organizations, that justice and peace may reign. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: For all those in need: for any experiencing homelessness or unemployment, for those fleeing from oppression or seeking safety, and for all who are ill or suffering (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: For this congregation: for the caring ministries of this faith community, for all who visit and minister to one another, for all who take communion to homes or care centers, and for all who seek to share your love with the world. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: With thanksgiving for the saints who rest from their labors (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). Help us, like them, to bear much fruit and to become your disciples, and at the last, bring us to that heavenly banquet where all will feast together at your table. 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

*Deuteronomy 16:17*

...all shall give as they are able, according to the blessing of the Lord your God that he has given you.

## OFFERING

*"Ancient of Days"*

## 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

*"This I Believe"*

## DISMISSAL

**First Fruits Sundays**  
**CLOTHES CLOSET & FOOD COLLECTION**  
**ITEMS REQUESTED FOR MAY 5:**

<b>CLOTHING</b>	<b>FOOD ITEMS</b>
<b>COATS</b>	<b>CEREAL</b>
<b>SHIRTS &amp; BLOUSES</b>	<b>POWDERED MILK</b>
<b>PANTS</b>	<b>CANNED SOUP (10 3/4 OZ)</b>
<b>SWEATERS</b>	<b>CANNED FRUIT (14-16 OZ)</b>
<b>SUITS</b>	
<b>NEW SOCKS &amp; GLOVES</b>	

# 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*

