

# 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

## Jonah - A Man on the Run

*“Jesus and Jonah”*

11:15—March 17, 2024

Jesus did not mention every prophet in the Hebrew Scriptures, though he did reference Jonah and even compared himself to him. Like Jonah descending into the belly of the fish for three days, Jesus descended to the dead to preach the good news and set free captives of the devil. The verse we hear today from 1 Peter 3 is what we reference in the Apostles’ Creed when we state Jesus “descended to the dead” or in similar words “descended into hell.” It is also one of many verses behind the words of multiple Christian creeds about Jesus ascending into heaven and being seated at the right hand of God.

### ORDER OF WORSHIP

*Flowers given in loving memory of Sue Hoffman*

**GATHERING WORSHIP MUSIC**

*“Your Great Name”*

Natalie Grant

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**GATHERING SONG**

*“Give Us Clean Hands”*

*“King of Kings”*

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray. O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in 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**

*“Annunciation”*

WINGS

**MEMORY VERSE**

*Jonah 4:2d*

Tom Ingram

A: Together, let us recite the memory verse: Jonah said,

**C: “...you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing.”**

**READING**

*1 Peter 3:17-22*

A: The reading according to the first book of Peter, the third chapter.

<sup>17</sup> For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God’s will, than to suffer for doing evil. <sup>18</sup> For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup> in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup> who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. <sup>21</sup> And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup> who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

A: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL

Matthew 12:38-42

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twelfth chapter.

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

<sup>38</sup> Then some of the scribes and Pharisees said to him, "Teacher, we wish to see a sign from you." <sup>39</sup> But he answered them, "An evil and adulterous generation asks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. <sup>40</sup> For just as Jonah was for three days and three nights in the belly of the sea monster, so for three days and three nights the Son of Man will be in the heart of the earth. <sup>41</sup> The people of Nineveh will rise up at the judgement with this generation and condemn it, because they repented at the proclamation of Jonah, and see, something greater than Jonah is here! <sup>42</sup> The queen of the South will rise up at the judgement with this generation and condemn it, because she came from the ends of the earth to listen to the wisdom of Solomon, and see, something greater than Solomon is here!"

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

*"This I Believe"*

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Tom Ingram

A: Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

*A brief silence.*

A: God of the covenant, through the church you draw us into community. We give thanks for the means of grace around which we gather. Inspire writers, musicians, and artists whose creative gifts adorn our worship. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: God of all that exists, you lavish the earth with extravagant beauty. Preserve the rich and complex diversity of living things. Support local, national, and international efforts to protect the environment for future generations. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: God of the nations, you desire peace and plenty for all people. Defend those who challenge oppression and expose corruption. Support advocates for human rights, social justice, and the welfare of children. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: God of good will, you restore what is broken. We pray for any experiencing estrangement, conflict, or abuse in families and intimate relationships. Protect and comfort all who are vulnerable, especially those living in institutions. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: God of every time and place, you are with us. Support ministries of prayer and presence in this congregation. Move us to reach out to any who are homebound, lonely, grieving, in treatment, or ill. Hear us, O God

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: God of promise, we give thanks for the saints whose faith inspires us (*especially Patrick, missionary to Ireland, whom we commemorate today*). Grant us faith to trust in your everlasting love. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**C: Amen.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

## STEWARDSHIP READING

*Malachi 3:10-11*

Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in my house, and thus put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts; see if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing. I will rebuke the locust for you, so that it will not destroy the produce of your soil; and your vine in the field shall not be barren, says the Lord of hosts.

## OFFERING

*"What a Beautiful Name It Is"*

## OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray. Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal. Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name.

C: Amen.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

## HOLY COMMUNION

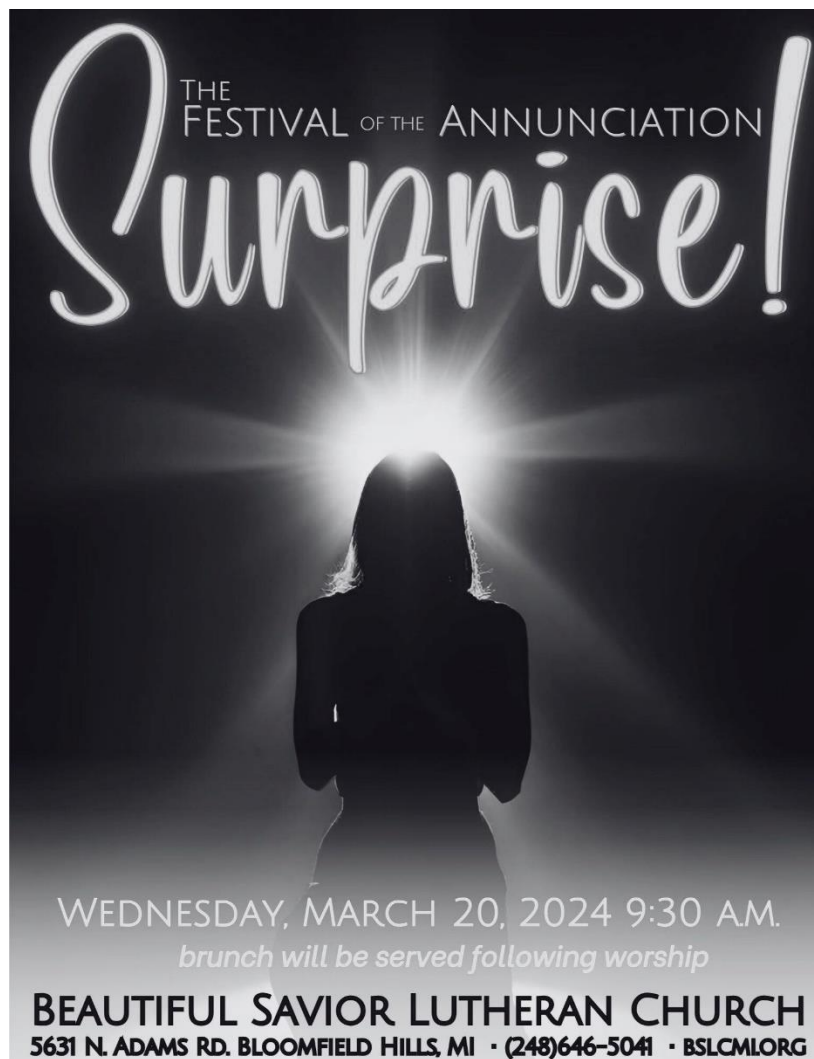
## POST HOLY COMMUNION BLESSING

## BLESSING

## SENDING SONG

*"You Are Holy"*

## DISMISSAL



# *Sing* with all the *saints in Glory*

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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.

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

**7:00 p.m.**  
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