

# 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

## Healthy Relationships “Relationships with Our Nation”

9:00—May 26, 2024

Memorial Day is a time we recognize people who died in service to our nation as part of the armed forces. This Sunday, we will learn what the Scriptures teach about developing healthy relationships with our nation, both by having a heart of service as well as considering the best ways we continue to make our nation a better place and community.

### ORDER OF WORSHIP

**GATHERING WORSHIP MUSIC**     *“Come Join the Dance of Trinity”*     Michael Burkhardt

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**VIDEO GREETING**

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

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

**C: Amen.**

P: Drawn to Christ and seeking God’s abundance, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: God, our provider,

**C: help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

P: Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, † the bread of life, you are shown God’s mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

**C: Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN**

*“Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!”*

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| 1 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!<br>Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.<br>Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!<br>God in three persons, blessed Trinity!                         | 2 Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,<br>casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;<br>cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,<br>which wert and art, and evermore shalt be. |
| 3 Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,<br>though the eye of sinfulness<br>thy glory may not see,<br>only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,<br>perfect in pow'r, in love and purity. | 4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!<br>All thy works shall praise thy name<br>in earth and sky and sea.<br>Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!<br>God in three persons, blessed Trinity!             |

**THE GREETING**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray. Loving God, we learn today about developing healthier relationships with our nation. While our country has had a complicated history, we are grateful to live in a land where we can worship you freely and

where we strive to achieve a more perfect union. We ask this in the name of Jesus, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR MISSION STATEMENT

### MEMORY VERSE

*Proverbs 27:17*

Ann Hussar

A: Together, let us recite the memory verse:

**C: “Iron sharpens iron, and one person sharpens the wits of another.”**

### FIRST READING

*Isaiah 1:16-20*

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

<sup>16</sup> Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your doings from before my eyes; cease to do evil, <sup>17</sup> learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow. <sup>18</sup> Come now, let us argue it out, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool. <sup>19</sup> If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land; <sup>20</sup> but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured by the sword; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

A: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### SECOND READING

*1 Peter 3:8-12*

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

<sup>8</sup> Finally, all of you, have unity of spirit, sympathy, love for one another, a tender heart, and a humble mind. <sup>9</sup> Do not repay evil for evil or abuse for abuse; but, on the contrary, repay with a blessing. It is for this that you were called—that you might inherit a blessing. <sup>10</sup> For “Those who desire life and desire to see good days, let them keep their tongues from evil and their lips from speaking deceit; <sup>11</sup> let them turn away from evil and do good; let them seek peace and pursue it. <sup>12</sup> For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.”

A: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL VERSE

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### GOSPEL

*Mark 12:13-17*

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

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

<sup>13</sup> Then they sent to him some Pharisees and some Herodians to trap him in what he said. <sup>14</sup> And they came and said to him, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality, but teach the way of God in accordance with truth. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not? <sup>15</sup> Should we pay them, or should we not?” But knowing their hypocrisy, he said to them, “Why are you putting me to the test? Bring me a denarius and let me see it.” <sup>16</sup> And they brought one. Then he said to them, “Whose head is this, and whose title?” They answered, “The emperor’s.” <sup>17</sup> Jesus said to them, “Give to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” And they were utterly amazed at him.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

### CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

The Rev. Dr. Philip Hemke Pastor Emeritus, Care Ministries

SERMON

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HYMN OF THE DAY

“O Beautiful for Spacious Skies”

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| <p>1 O beautiful for spacious skies,<br/>for amber waves of grain,<br/>for purple mountain majesties<br/>above the fruited plain:<br/>America! America!<br/>God shed his grace on thee,<br/>and crown thy good with brotherhood<br/>from sea to shining sea.</p> | <p>2 O beautiful for heroes proved<br/>in liberating strife,<br/>who more than self their country loved,<br/>and mercy more than life:<br/>America! America!<br/>May God thy gold refine,<br/>till all success be nobleness,<br/>and ev'ry gain divine.</p> |
| <p>3 O beautiful for patriot dream<br/>that sees beyond the years<br/>thine alabaster cities gleam,<br/>undimmed by human tears:<br/>America! America!<br/>God mend thine ev'ry flaw,<br/>confirm thy soul in self-control,<br/>thy liberty in law.</p>          |   |

APOSTLES' CREED

P: God has made us God's own people through our baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic\* Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Ann Hussar

A: We come before the triune God to pray for our communities, ourselves, and our world.

*A brief silence.*

A: Abba God, you have brought us into your family, claiming us as beloved children. Bless your family of faith with gifts of cooperation and graciousness. Increase our hospitality toward all who differ from us and teach us to honor our shared humanity. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: Your love and power burst forth in the flashes of lightning, the dance of the wind, and the deeply rooted trees of the forest. Sustain fragile and interconnected ecosystems, that they flourish for generations to come. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: Give your blessing of peace to the nations. Shelter all who risk life and livelihood to protect others from violence, conflict, and injustice. On this Memorial Day weekend, we remember those who lost their lives in war and conflict (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: You are a God of love and not of condemnation. Quiet the hearts of all who struggle with shame, regret, or questions of self-worth. Teach us to forgive ourselves and one another. Restore wholeness to all who seek hope and healing (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: Strengthen bonds between parents, children, and families. We pray especially for adoptive and foster families, multi-generational households, and blended families. Grant gifts of nurture and patience to all caregivers.  
Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: The Spirit bears grateful witness to all children of God who have now come into their inheritance among the saints (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). As they lived with hope in your gift of eternal life, so strengthen us in faith, that we recognize your eternal presence even in this mortal life.  
Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: Receive our prayers, O God, and come quickly to our aid, through the power of the Spirit and the love of Jesus Christ.

**C: Amen.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

### STEWARDSHIP READING

*1 Chronicles 29:9*

Then the people rejoiced because these had given willingly, for with single mind they had offered freely to the Lord; King David also rejoiced greatly.

### OFFERING VIDEO

*"A Lasting Tribute"*

### OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray. Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world.

**C: Amen.**

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

### LORD'S PRAYER

### HOLY COMMUNION

*"This is My Song"*

Robert Powell/J. Wayne Kerr

### POST HOLY COMMUNION BLESSING

### PRAYER AFTER HOLY COMMUNION

P: Together let us pray:

**C: Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. Amen.**

## BLESSING

### SENDING HYMN

*"Let There Be Peace on Earth"*

Sy Miller/Jill Jackson

Let there be peace on earth,  
and let it begin with me.

Let there be peace on earth,  
the peace that was meant to be.  
With God as our father,  
brothers all are we.

Let me walk with my brother,  
in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me,  
let this be the moment now.

With every step I take,  
let this be my solemn vow:  
To take each moment  
and live each moment in peace eternally.

Let there be peace on earth,  
and let it begin with me.

## DISMISSAL

### POSTLUDE

*"God of the Nations"*

Mary McDonald