

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

The Day After “Never” “Peace after Conflict” 9:00 a.m.—April 26, 2026

Even after the conflict and trauma of the crucifixion, Jesus offers the blessing of peace to his disciples, who were frightened and full of doubt. He assures them peace after conflict is possible when he is present and we are working in his name.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING WORSHIP MUSIC

Arabesque on “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

John G. Barr

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Most merciful God,

C: We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

“Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us” v. 1, 2

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| 1 | Savior, like a shepherd lead us;
much we need your tender care.
In your pleasant pastures feed us,
for our use your fold prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
you have bought us; we are yours.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
you have bought us; we are yours. | 2 | We are yours; in love befriend us,
be the guardian of our way;
keep your flock, from sin defend us,
seek us when we go astray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
hear us children when we pray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
hear us children when we pray. |
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THE GREETING

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Almighty Lord, as Christ suffered, died, and arose to glory, we are assured the final victory over sin and death. Let us draw us near to you, especially during times of hardship and distress. Walk with us and grant us the heavenly peace that comes from knowing and trusting you. In Jesus's name, we pray.

C: Amen.

BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR MISSION STATEMENT

P: Although as individuals we are unique in many and various ways, we gather as a congregation for a common mission.

C: **Beautiful Savior is a biblically grounded community who unites to follow and share the way of Jesus.**

CHORAL ANTHEM

"In Pastures Green"

Charles McCartha

Flutist: Kelly Newell

MEMORY VERSE

Romans 8:28

Janet Gehrke

A: Together, let us recite the memory verse:

C: **We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.**

INTRODUCTION TO THE READINGS

FIRST READING

Acts 3:12-19

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

¹² When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, "Fellow Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? ¹³ The God of Abraham and Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. ¹⁴ But you rejected the holy and righteous one and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵ and you killed the author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶ And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. ¹⁷ "And now, brothers and sisters, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸ In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹ Repent, therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

1 John 3:1-7

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

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ² Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³ And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. ⁴ Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵ You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶ No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. ⁷ Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

VERSE – from *"The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done"*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

GOSPEL

Luke 24:36-48

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁶ While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” ³⁷ They were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸ He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹ Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see, for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” ⁴⁰ And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹ Yet for all their joy they were still disbelieving and wondering, and he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” ⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³ and he took it and ate in their presence. ⁴⁴ Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶ and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day ⁴⁷ and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Karyn Parker, Children’s Ministries Coordinator

SERMON

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

STATEMENTS OF FAITH – VIDEO PRESENTATIONS

Samantha B. - James 1:19-25

My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires. Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you. Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do.

Mentor: Louise Green

Lilah G. - Matthew 16:26-27

For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forget their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? For the son of man is to come with his angels in the glory of his father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done.

Mentor: Sarah Nadeau

Quinn N. - Joshua 1:9

Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged for the Lord will be with you.

Mentor: Jovita Cunningham

Kathryn T. - Psalm 91:1-16

You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, will say to the Lord, “My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust.” For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence; he will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and a buckler; you will not fear the terror of the night, or the arrow that flies by day, or the pestilence that stalks in the darkness, or the destruction that wastes at noonday. A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you. You will only look with your eyes and see the punishment of the wicked. Because you have made the Lord your refuge, the Most High your dwelling place, no evil shall befall you, no scourge come near your tent. For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone. You will tread on

the lion and the adder, the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot. Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name. When they call me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honor them. With long life I will satisfy them and show them my salvation.

Mentor: Karen Ingram

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM – CONFIRMATION

P: Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these people, one with us in the body of Christ, who have been instructed in the Christian faith and are making public affirmation of their baptism.

L: I present the following people who desire to make public affirmation of their baptism.

Samantha – Daughter of Thomas and Theresa

Lilah – Daughter of Kevin and Katie

Quinn – Daughter of Chip and Kelly

Kathryn – Daughter of Dan and Margie

L: Let us pray. Merciful God, we thank you for these sisters and brothers, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

C: Amen.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

R: I renounce them.

P: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

R: I renounce them.

P: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

R: I renounce them.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C: 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.

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C: 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.

AFFIRMATION IN THE PRESENCE OF THE ASSEMBLY

P: You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

R: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

P: People of God, do you promise to support these sisters and brothers and pray for them in their life in Christ?

C: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

P: Let us pray. We give thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

P: Father in heaven, for Jesus's sake, stir up in *Samantha Kay...Lilah Jean...Quinn Josephine...Kathryn Marion* the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm her faith, guide her life, empower her in her serving, give her patience in suffering, and bring her to everlasting life.

L: Let us rejoice with these sisters and brothers in Christ.

C: We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Janet Gehrke

A: Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

A brief silence.

A: Shepherding God, draw all people to yourself and lead them in paths of righteousness. Embolden your church to enter the valleys of the world and guide us beside the still waters of your grace. We pray for military and prison chaplains serving near and far. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Creator God, by the resurrection of your Son, show us your steadfast love and instruct our hearts in your ways. Help us to revere and protect the wonders of your creation. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Righteous Judge, strengthen and uphold those who work for justice and advocate for human rights. Bring an end to oppression and save us from the temptation of violence or vengeance. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Great Physician, walk with those who are grieving, and anoint those who are ill or injured (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). Restore them to health of body, mind, and spirit. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Good Shepherd, continually seek us out as lambs of your flock, and form us into a community where we care for and honor all. Spread a feast before us and fill our cups to overflowing. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Living God, we praise you for the saints who have died in faith and now dwell in your love. At our end, bring us, with them, to our heavenly home. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Loving Lord, as Pastor Diane faces the challenges of transitioning from one congregation to another, give her peace of heart and clarity of mind. Help ease her grief over changed relationships and give her joy at the promise of new ones. Help us to be welcoming, helpful, and understanding. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

C: Amen.

STEWARDSHIP READING

Luke 19:8

Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much."

HANDBELL OFFERING

"Rejoice"

Cynthia Dobrinski

Ringers: Shelley Beck, Missy Brinker, Louise Green, Violet Henry,
Laura Hutson, Marilyn Lochner, Betsy Luck, Mary Reed

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray: Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus,

C: Amen.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

LORD'S PRAYER

HOLY COMMUNION

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

Gilbert M. Martin

POST HOLY COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER HOLY COMMUNION

P: Together let us pray:

C: Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

"I Know That My Redeemer Lives" v. 1, 2, 6, 8

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| 1 I know that my Redeemer lives!
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, he lives, who once was dead;
he lives, my ever-living head! | 2 He lives triumphant from the grave;
he lives eternally to save;
he lives exalted, throned above;
he lives to rule his church in love. |
| 6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;
he lives and loves me to the end;
he lives, and while he lives, I'll sing;
he lives, my prophet, priest, and king! | 8 He lives, all glory to his name!
He lives, my Savior, still the same;
what joy this blest assurance gives:
I know that my Redeemer lives! |

DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE

"I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

Joel Raney

First Fruits Sundays

CLOTHES CLOSET & FOOD COLLECTION
FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH

CLOTHING

MEN'S PANTS
CHILDREN'S CLOTHING
NEW SOCKS & GLOVES
NEW UNDERWEAR
(CHILDREN & ADULT)
DIAPERS & WIPES

FOOD ITEMS

QUICK FULL MEALS:
CANNED CHILI
HAMBURGER HELPER
CASSEROLE & SKILLET STARTERS

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TRAVEL TIME

with Bob Hoffman

SOUTHEAST ASIA, PART 2

Tuesday, April 28 at 3 p.m.

Join us on the 4th Tuesday of each month in the Welcome Center; no cost, no need to RSVP. Just come and enjoy.



VOLUNTEER TO MAKE, PACK AND/OR DELIVER MEALS THE WEEK OF MAY 3-9.

Lighthouse (formally SOS) is an amazing organization that uses the Body of Christ to provide for homeless people and families who are hard at work rebuilding their lives.

Our job this year is simple - making, packaging and delivering meals! Can't volunteer but you'd like to donate to the cause? Contact the church office and we'll help make those arrangements.



VOLUNTEER NOW

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PLAYGROUND MULCH MORNING

Sunday, May 3 @ 10:10 a.m.

Help us spread new mulch in the Beautiful Savior playground!

