

# 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

## The Day After “Never” “Hope after Despair” 11:15 a.m.—April 19, 2026

The Road to Emmaus story shows how Jesus walks with us in our despair. This encounter reminds us God works even when all options seem lost, and through Jesus and the Scriptures, hope can be restored.

### ORDER OF WORSHIP

*Flowers Given in Memory of Marletta Sue Hoffman*

GATHERING WORSHIP MUSIC                      *“Living Hope”*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISSION MOMENT                                      *“Stephen Ministry”*                                      Shelley Beck

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

GATHERING SONG                                      *“Everlasting God” and “Breathe”*

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Gracious God, you meet us where we are whether that be in joy or despair. We need you. Encourage us to reach out to you when we are struggling, when things in our lives feel hopeless. Help us to trust in you and know that you are always with us working your purposes in our lives. Restore and bolster our faith and hope in you knowing that you can and do redeem our circumstances. We pray this in the saving and redemptive grace of your Son, Jesus.

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.**

MEMORY VERSE                                      *Romans 8:28*                                      Richard DeVore

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                                      *Isaiah 25:6-9*

A: The first reading according to the book of Isaiah, the twenty-fifth chapter.

<sup>6</sup>On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. <sup>7</sup>And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the covering that is spread over all nations; <sup>8</sup>he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. <sup>9</sup>It will be said on that day, “See, this is our God; we have waited for him, so

that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

A: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **SECOND READING**

*1 Corinthians 5:6b-8*

A: The second reading according to the first letter to the Corinthians, the fifth chapter.

<sup>6</sup>Your boasting is not a good thing. Do you not know that a little yeast leavens all of the dough? <sup>7</sup>Clean out the old yeast so that you may be a new batch of dough, as you really are unleavened. For our paschal lamb, Christ, has been sacrificed. <sup>8</sup>Therefore, let us celebrate the festival, not with the old yeast, the yeast of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

A: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL**

*Luke 24:13-35*

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

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

<sup>13</sup>Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup>and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup>While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, <sup>16</sup>but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup>And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup>Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” <sup>19</sup>He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup>and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. <sup>21</sup>But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. <sup>22</sup>Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, <sup>23</sup>and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup>Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him.” <sup>25</sup>Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! <sup>26</sup>Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” <sup>27</sup>Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. <sup>28</sup>As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. <sup>29</sup>But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup>When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup>Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup>They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” <sup>33</sup>That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. <sup>34</sup>They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” <sup>35</sup>Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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

## **SONG OF THE DAY**

*“Everything You Are”*

## **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

Richard DeVore

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: Living Savior, just as you journeyed with the disciples to Emmaus, accompany us on our journey of faith. Gather us at your table, that we recognize you in the breaking of the bread. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: Almighty God, you provide for the needs of all creation. Bless the fields that are being prepared for planting, and send favorable weather so that the soil may yield an abundant harvest. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: God of justice, where leaders abuse power, confront them and call them to repentance. Where there is corruption, bring integrity; where there is violence, sow peace. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: Healing Savior, your resurrection brings hope to a hurting world. Heal those who are sick (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). Strengthen the weary, give courage to the despairing, and comfort the dying. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: Gracious One, you have made us your own through the gift of baptism. Unite us in genuine love for one another and uphold this community in your name. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: Eternal Light, we give thanks for all who have nurtured your church's life in ages past (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). Bring us at last with them to the brightness of your glorious presence. 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.**

## **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

### **STEWARDSHIP READING**

*Proverbs 20:15*

There is gold, and abundance of costly stones; but the lips informed by knowledge are a precious jewel.

### **OFFERING**

*"My Jesus"*

*Soloist: Caels Hepworth*

### **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**

### **POST HOLY COMMUNION BLESSING**

### **BLESSING**

### **SENDING SONG**

*"Sing Your Praises"*

### **DISMISSAL**

# INVITE A FRIEND *Ministry*

## THREE CLASS WORKSHOP

Rev. Dr. Philip Hemke & Bob Beardslee

Learn to Make Jesus Known & Grow in Discipleship

Sunday, April 19—10:10am  
*How to Talk about My Faith (1 min)*

Sunday, April 26—10:10am  
*How to Listen to Others (3 min)*

Sunday, May 3—10:10am  
*How to Go Out & Communicate (5 min)*



### **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!

