

# 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

## Questions Jesus Asked

*“Whom Will You Love?”*

**11:15—October 18, 2026**

Jesus’s call to love reaches beyond people who are easy to understand, easy to agree with, or easy to forgive. His question invites us into the difficult and grace-filled work of mercy, empathy, dignity, and compassion. This week gives us an opportunity to consider how God’s mercy toward us can reshape the way we see and love others.

### ORDER OF WORSHIP

*Flowers Given in Loving Memory of Amy Kathryn Wiese and Don Booth*

**GATHERING WORSHIP SONG**      *“It Really Is (Amazing Grace)”*      Julie Steinmayer

**WELCOME**      Pastor Niklaus

**MISSION MOMENT**      *“Strategic Planning”*      Ted George

### BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR MISSION STATEMENT

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

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**      Pastor Diane

**SONG**      *“Your Love, O Lord”*

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**      Pastor Niklaus

**MEMORY VERSE**      *Proverbs 3:13-14*      Jan Haefner

A: Together, let us recite the memory verse:

**C: Happy are those who find wisdom, and those who get understanding, for her income is better than silver, and her revenue better than gold.**

### INTRODUCTION TO THE READING

**READING**      *Leviticus 19:9–18*

A: The reading according to Leviticus, the nineteenth chapter.

<sup>9</sup>“When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap to the very edges of your field or gather the gleanings of your harvest. <sup>10</sup>You shall not strip your vineyard bare or gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the poor and the alien: I am the Lord your God. <sup>11</sup>“You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; and you shall not lie to one another. <sup>12</sup>And you shall not swear falsely by my name, profaning the name of your God: I am the Lord. <sup>13</sup>“You shall not defraud your neighbor; you shall not steal; and you shall not keep for yourself the wages of a laborer until morning. <sup>14</sup>You shall not revile the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind; you shall fear your God: I am the Lord. <sup>15</sup>“You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. <sup>16</sup>You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand idly by when the blood<sup>[a]</sup> of your neighbor is at stake: I am the Lord. <sup>17</sup>“You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. <sup>18</sup>You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.

A: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL

Luke 6:27–36

Pastor Niklaus

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixth chapter.

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

<sup>27</sup> “But I say to you who are listening: Love your enemies; do good to those who hate you; <sup>28</sup> bless those who curse you; pray for those who mistreat you. <sup>29</sup> If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. <sup>30</sup> Give to everyone who asks of you, and if anyone takes away what is yours, do not ask for it back again. <sup>31</sup> Do to others as you would have them do to you. <sup>32</sup> “If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. <sup>33</sup> If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. <sup>34</sup> If you lend to those from whom you expect to receive payment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. <sup>35</sup> Instead, love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. <sup>36</sup> Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

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

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Jan Haefner

A: Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new, we pray for the church and the world.

*A brief silence.*

A: Living and true God, you inspire us to share the message of the gospel. Give your spirit of love to seminarians and those beginning their lives in ordained ministry. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: We give you thanks for the majesty of our oceans. Protect the abundant life within them and sustain all those who work to preserve them. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: We seek your wisdom in all things. Direct all who hold positions of authority around the world, that they act with compassion, seeking the good of all. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: We pray for all people who work in dangerous or degrading environments. Grant them safety and courage, and heal all those who are injured, sick, or suffering (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: We ask your blessing on those who do the quiet, unseen work of the church. Encourage them in their work of faith and labor of love. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: We thank you for our ancestors who have been called home to you (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: God who holds the future, please send your Holy Spirit to guide us in wisdom as we work out the details of your Strategic Plan for our congregation. Give us clarity and discernment as you lead us to find clear, measurable, and achievable yet bold objectives to reach our long-term goals. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**STEWARDSHIP READING**

*Proverbs 22:9*

Pastor Niklaus

Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor.

**OFFERING**

*"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"*

Aaron David Miller

**OFFERING PRAYER**

Pastor Diane

**THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**HOLY COMMUNION**

**POST HOLY COMMUNION BLESSING**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Pastor Niklaus

**BLESSING**

**SENDING SONG**

*"Hallelujah"*

**DISMISSAL**

Pastor Niklaus

Pack your shoebox with:

- something fun: a "wow" item
- something needed: art or school supplies

**PRAY!**

Contact Mary Reed via [office@bslcmi.org](mailto:office@bslcmi.org)  
(248) 646-5041 for more information



SEND  
**GOOD NEWS  
GREAT JOY**

BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR  
COLLECTION PERIOD

RETURN  
DEADLINE  
OCT. 25

**WARREN  
AND  
FLICK**

NO TICKET NECESSARY  
FREE WILL OFFERING

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30 AT 7 PM

*Absolute Beginner*

# Line Dancing

**4TH MONDAYS  
11 A.M.**

**YOUTH ROOM  
UPSTAIRS**

RSVP AT [BSLCMI.ORG/POST/FITNESSDANCE](https://bslcmi.org/post/fitnessdance)  
CLASS SIZE LIMITED TO 15—GRAB YOUR SPOT!

*Deep Roots,  
New Life*

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church  
5 YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN

WITNESS

FELLOWSHIP

NURTURE

SERVICE

WORSHIP

## Strategic Planning Visionary Meals

SUNDAY, OCT. 11 @ 12:30 P.M.  
SUNDAY, OCT. 18. @ 12:30 P.M.  
WEDNESDAY, OCT. 21 @ 11:30 A.M.  
MONDAY, OCT. 26 @ 6:00 P.M.

RSVP at the Welcome Center Desk or  
[bslcmi.org/post/strategic](https://bslcmi.org/post/strategic)

# TRAVEL TIME

*with Bob Hoffman*

## SOUTHERN-INDIA

Tuesday, October 20 at 3 p.m.

Join us on the 3rd Tuesday of each month  
in the Welcome Center; no cost, no need  
to RSVP. Just come and enjoy.