

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

Summer in the Psalms

“God Is Our Refuge”

9:00—July 26, 2026

Psalms 46 proclaims God as our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble, even when the earth shakes and the waters roar. In Mark 4, Jesus’s disciples were overwhelmed by a storm at sea, but Jesus spoke peace into the wind and waves. Together, these readings remind us God’s presence is not absent in chaos. Even when fear rises around us, Jesus meets us in the storm and gives us courage to trust the One who is with us.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Flowers Given in Loving Memory of Marletta Sue Hoffman

GATHERING WORSHIP MUSIC *“Gather Us In”*

John Behnke

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Niklaus

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor Diane

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, whose compassion endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Compassionate God,

C: we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ’s name we pray, Amen.

P: Jesus says, “Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.” In the name of God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God’s love.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN *“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”* v. 1, 2, 4

ELW 504

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| <p>1 A mighty fortress is our God,
a sword and shield victorious;
he breaks the cruel oppressor's rod
and wins salvation glorious.
The old satanic foe
has sworn to work us woe!
With craft and dreadful might
he arms himself to fight.
On earth he has no equal.</p> <p>2 No strength of ours can match his might!
We would be lost, rejected.
But now a champion comes to fight,
whom God himself elected.
You ask who this may be?
The Lord of hosts is he!
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord,
God's only Son, adored.
He holds the field victorious.</p> | <p>4 God's Word forever shall abide,
no thanks to foes, who fear it;
for God himself fights by our side
with weapons of the Spirit.
Were they to take our house,
goods, honor, child, or spouse,
though life be wrenched away,
they cannot win the day.
The kingdom's ours forever!</p> |
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THE GREETING

Pastor Diane

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Lord God, you are our ultimate refuge and strength. Help us to turn to you in our fear and uncertainty. Grant us peace, quiet our anxious hearts, and remind us that you are our safe hiding place. We ask this in Jesus's name.

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

Colossians 3:16

Hannah Briggs

A: Together, let us recite the memory verse:

C: Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.

INTRODUCTION TO THE READING

PSALM

Psalm 46

A: Let us read Psalm 46 responsively: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

C: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

A: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

C: God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns.

A: The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.

C: The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

A: Come, behold the works of the LORD; see what desolations he has brought on the earth.

C: He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.

A: “Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth.”

C: The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

GOSPEL VERSE



GOSPEL

Mark 4:35-41

Pastor Niklaus

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁵ On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, “Let us go across to the other side.” ³⁶ And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. ³⁷ A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. ³⁸ But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion, and they woke him up and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” ³⁹ And waking up, he rebuked the wind and said to the sea, “Be silent! Be still!” Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. ⁴⁰ He said to them, “Why are you afraid?

Have you still no faith?"⁴¹ And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

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

HYMN OF THE DAY *"Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me"*

ELW 767

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| 1 Lord, take my hand and lead me
upon life's way;
direct, protect, and feed me
from day to day.
Without your grace and favor
I go astray;
so take my hand, O Savior,
and lead the way. | 3 Lord, when the shadows lengthen
and night has come,
I know that you will strengthen
my steps toward home,
then nothing can impede me,
O blessed Friend!
So, take my hand and lead me
unto the end. |
| 2 Lord, when the tempest rages,
I need not fear;
for you, the Rock of Ages,
are always near.
Close by your side abiding,
I fear no foe,
for when your hand is guiding,
in peace I go. | |

APOSTLES' CREED

Pastor Diane

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

Hannah Briggs

A: Trusting in God's steadfast love for all God has made, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

A: God our wisdom and our song, we pray for bishops, candidacy committees, call committees, those preparing for seminary, those awaiting call as deacons or pastors, and all who seek to lead your disciples in any way. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: God our breath and our heartbeat, help us to recognize signs of your presence among us. Protect and support diverse ecosystems, from national parks to family farms, from ranches to wild places. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: God our peace and our guide, help civic leaders hear all their peoples' stories with compassion and curiosity, and remind us of your love from which we can never be separated. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: God our intercessor and our lawgiver, dismantle the barriers to care and recognition of all who live with chronic illness, mobility struggles, pain, and uncertainty (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: God our redeemer, may we trust your love above and beyond all else that distracts, annoys, frightens, exhausts, or divides us. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: God who seeks, finds, and saves, we give you thanks for those who came before us, and who passed to us the riches of faith and hope (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Grateful for your abundant provision and trusting in your goodness, we cast all our cares upon you, through the abundant grace of Christ Jesus.

C: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

Pastor Niklaus

STEWARDSHIP READING *Proverbs 18:10-11*

The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous run into it and are safe. The wealth of the rich is their strong city; in their imagination it is like a high wall.

OFFERING

“Trumpet Voluntary No. 1”

William Boyce

OFFERING PRAYER

Pastor Diane

P: Let us pray. Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.

C: Amen.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

LORD’S PRAYER

HOLY COMMUNION

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

ELW 759

1 My faith looks up to thee,
thou Lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine!

Now hear me while I pray,
take all my guilt away,
oh, let me from this day
be wholly thine!

2 May thy rich grace impart
strength to my fainting heart,
my zeal inspire;
as thou hast died for me,
oh, may my love to thee
pure, warm, and changeless be,
a living fire!

3 While life's dark maze I tread
and griefs around me spread,
be thou my guide;
bid darkness turn to day,
wipe sorrow's tears away,
nor let me ever stray
from thee aside.

POST HOLY COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER HOLY COMMUNION

P: Together let us pray:

C: Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. Amen.

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

“On Our Way Rejoicing”

ELW 537

1 On our way rejoicing
gladly let us go.
Christ our Lord has conquered;
vanquished is the foe.
Christ without, our safety;
Christ within, our joy;
who, if we be faithful,
can our hope destroy?
On our way rejoicing;
as we forward move,
hearken to our praises,
O blest God of love!

2 Unto God the Father
joyful songs we sing;
unto God the Savior
thankful hearts we bring;
unto God the Spirit
bow we and adore,
on our way rejoicing
now and evermore.
On our way rejoicing;
as we forward move,
hearken to our praises,
O blest God of love!

DISMISSAL

Pastor Niklaus

POSTLUDE

“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

David Lasky

First Fruits Sundays
CLOTHES CLOSET & FOOD COLLECTION
FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH

CLOTHING	FOOD ITEMS
MEN'S PANTS	QUICK FULL MEALS:
CHILDREN'S CLOTHING	CANNED CHILI
NEW SOCKS & GLOVES	HAMBURGER HELPER
NEW UNDERWEAR	CASSEROLE & SKILLET STARTERS
(CHILDREN & ADULT)	
DIAPERS & WIPES	

CONTACT STEVE WAGNER VIA THE CHURCH OFFICE WITH ANY QUESTIONS: OFFICE@BSLCMI.ORG (248) 646-5041

BSLC HIKERS



August 8—Meet at trailhead
2nd Saturday of the Month

no commitment,
join the hikes
you're able

Contact Mary via
the church office
with questions

Sign up for hike notifications
bslcmi.org/post/hikers

Adults, 18+ only
no pets please

MEN'S
Luncheon

Thurs. August 20
12:30 p.m.

Lukich Family Dining
3900 Rochester Rd.
Troy, MI

No need to RSVP – just come!
No agenda, just time to chat



BIANNUAL CHURCH *Meeting*

Budget review & passage

Sunday, August 23

10:10—11:00 a.m.

all voting members should attend