

# 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

## Jesus's Early Ministry

### *"The Rejection of Jesus"*

9:00—February 2, 2025

While people in Jesus's hometown appreciated the first part of his inaugural sermon and his gracious words, they did not take well to the challenges he posed. He so enraged them that they, the people of his own hometown who would have watched him grow up, drove him out of town and tried to throw him off a cliff. This story reminds us how people do not always take well to the truth, especially as shared by Jesus and his followers.

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

**GATHERING WORSHIP MUSIC**      *"O God of Light"*      Kevin Hildebrand  
O God of light, your word, a lamp unfailing, shall pierce the darkness of our earthbound way  
and show your grace, your plan for us unveiling, and guide our footsteps to the perfect day.

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**MISSION MOMENT**      *"Sunday School Bible Story Outreach"*      Margie Turowski  
[blscmi.org/post/sundaylesson](http://blscmi.org/post/sundaylesson)

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life.

**C: Amen.**

P: Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Merciful God,

**C: you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their**

**grasp. Show us your lovingkindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.**

P: God proclaims these words of assurance: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine." In † Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God.

**C: Amen.**

## **GATHERING HYMN**

*"I Love to Tell the Story"*

**ELW 661**

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| <p>1 I love to tell the story<br/>of unseen things above,<br/>of Jesus and his glory,<br/>of Jesus and his love.<br/>I love to tell the story,<br/>because I know it's true;<br/>it satisfies my longings<br/>as nothing else would do.</p> <p>2 I love to tell the story:<br/>how pleasant to repeat<br/>what seems, each time I tell it,<br/>more wonderfully sweet!<br/>I love to tell the story,<br/>for some have never heard<br/>the message of salvation<br/>from God's own holy word. <i>Refrain</i></p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Refrain</i></p> <p>I love to tell the story;<br/>'twill be my theme in glory<br/>to tell the old, old story<br/>of Jesus and his love.</p> <p>3 I love to tell the story,<br/>for those who know it best<br/>seem hungering and thirsting<br/>to hear it like the rest.<br/>And when, in scenes of glory,<br/>I sing the new, new song,<br/>I'll sing the old, old story<br/>that I have loved so long. <i>Refrain</i></p> |
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## **THE GREETING**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God, your only-begotten Son was presented this day in the temple. May we be presented to you with clean and pure hearts by the same Jesus Christ, our great high priest, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**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**      *“Take Up Your Cross, Your Savior Said”*      Howard Helvey

**MEMORY VERSE**      *Luke 6:31*      Laura Hall

A: Together, let us recite the memory verse:

**C: (Jesus said,) “Do to others as you would have them do to you.”**

**FIRST READING**      *Jeremiah 1:4-10*

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

<sup>4</sup>Now the word of the LORD came to me saying, <sup>5</sup>“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.” <sup>6</sup>Then I said, “Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.” <sup>7</sup>But the LORD said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am only a boy’; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. <sup>8</sup>Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD.” <sup>9</sup>Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me, “Now I have put my words in your mouth. <sup>10</sup>See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.”

A: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING**      *1 Corinthians 13:1-13*

A: The second reading according to the first book of Corinthians, the thirteenth chapter.

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup>And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup>If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. <sup>4</sup>Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant <sup>5</sup>or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; <sup>6</sup>it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. <sup>7</sup>It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. <sup>8</sup>Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. <sup>9</sup>For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; <sup>10</sup>but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. <sup>11</sup>When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. <sup>12</sup>For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. <sup>13</sup>And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

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

*Luke 4:21-30*

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

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

<sup>21</sup> Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” <sup>22</sup> All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, “Is not this Joseph’s son?” <sup>23</sup> He said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, ‘Doctor, cure yourself!’ And you will say, ‘Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.’” <sup>24</sup> And he said, “Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet’s hometown. <sup>25</sup> But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; <sup>26</sup> yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. <sup>27</sup> There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.” <sup>28</sup> When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. <sup>29</sup> They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. <sup>30</sup> But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

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 “Dearest Jesus, at Your Word” v. 1-3

**ELW 520**

- 1 Dearest Jesus, at your word  
we have come again to hear you;  
let our thoughts and hearts be stirred  
and in glowing faith be near you  
as the promises here given  
draw us wholly up to heaven.
- 2 All our knowledge, sense, and sight  
lie in deepest darkness shrouded  
till your Spirit breaks the night,  
filling us with light unclouded.  
All good thoughts and all good living  
come but by your gracious giving.

- 3 Radiance of God's glory bright,  
Light of light from God proceeding,  
Jesus, send your blessed light;  
help our hearing, speaking, heeding,  
that our prayers and songs may please you,  
as with grateful hearts we praise you.

### **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**

Laura Hall

A: With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

A: God of generations, you instilled in Anna and Simeon faith, dreams, and the welcome of a child. Bless elders who embody faith and hope; bless the newly baptized. Energize us to share faith from generation to generation. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: God of creation, in you the sparrow finds a home and we find lush valleys and living water. Bless the birds of the air, the animals of the valley, and renew our stewardship of this bountiful creation. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: God of the nations, strengthen our resolve to care for all children and strive for peace among nations. Refine our nation where we have failed and guide us in truth-telling and reconciliation. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: God of hope, many long to see your presence revealed amid challenging circumstances. We hold in prayer all longing for sustainable housing, secure employment, access to medical care, and health and wellness (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: God of the people, you are made known in caring ministries. Bless those who serve as communion servers, homebound visitors, baptismal sponsors, confirmation mentors, and as prayer support. Reveal yourself in the neighborly care we give and receive. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: God of life, we thank you for Jesus's life and for his death that has destroyed death. We remember the dearly departed (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*), as they dwell with you in your holy courts now and forever. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, as the call committee works to complete the Ministry Site Profile, give them the words to show the true nature of Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, and the commitment to continue in prayer for the plans you have established.

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope your promise is revealed among the people.

**C: Amen.**

## **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

### **STEWARDSHIP READING**      *Proverbs 21:13*

If you close your ear to the cry of the poor, you will cry out and not be heard.

**OFFERING**      *"Fugue in D Major (The Nightingale)"*      Johann Pachelbel

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

P: Let us pray. God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always.

**C: Amen.**

## **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**HOLY COMMUNION**      *"He Comes to Us as One Unknown"*      Robert J. Powell

## POST HOLY COMMUNION BLESSING

### PRAYER AFTER HOLY COMMUNION

P: Together let us pray:

**C: Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray, Amen.**

### BLESSING

**SENDING HYMN**    *“God of Grace and God of Glory”* v. 1, 2, 4

**ELW 705**

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| 1 God of grace and God of glory,<br>on your people pour your pow'r;<br>crown your ancient church's story;<br>bring its bud to glorious flow'r.<br>Grant us wisdom, grant us courage<br>for the facing of this hour,<br>for the facing of this hour. | 2 Lo! the hosts of evil round us<br>scorn the Christ, assail his ways!<br>From the fears that long have bound us<br>free our hearts to faith and praise.<br>Grant us wisdom, grant us courage<br>for the living of these days,<br>for the living of these days, |
| 4 Save us from weak resignation<br>to the evils we deplore;<br>let the gift of your salvation<br>be our glory evermore.<br>Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,<br>serving you whom we adore,<br>serving you whom we adore.                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

### DISMISSAL

### POSTLUDE

*“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”*

David Lasky

# JESUS'S EARLY MINISTRY

- JESUS'S BAPTISM
- THE MIRACLE IN CANA
- JESUS'S FIRST SERMON
- REJECTION OF JESUS
- THE FIRST DISCIPLES
- "WOE TO YOU"
- THE GOLDEN RULE

**SUNDAYS**  
JAN. 12—FEB. 23  
9 AND 11:15 A.M.

THE SEASON OF EPIPHANY IS ABOUT REVELATION AND GOD REVEALING TRUTH TO US AND TO ALL OF CREATION. THIS SERIES COVERS THE EARLY EVENTS OF JESUS'S MINISTRY, WALKING ALONGSIDE HIM AS HIS FIRST DISCIPLES WOULD HAVE, EXPERIENCING AN EVER-GROWING UNDERSTANDING OF HIM AS THE ONE ANOINTED BY GOD TO SAVE ALL OF CREATION FROM SIN, DEATH, AND THE DEVIL.

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