

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

Questions Jesus Asked

“Why Are You Afraid?”

9:00—September 27, 2026

When fear rises, it can feel as if the storm is the whole story. Jesus’s question gives us space to name what frightens us without being ruled by it. This week invites us to look beyond the storm alone and discover the presence of Jesus, who meets us with courage, peace, and the promise that we are not alone.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Flowers Given in Loving Memory of Al Eicher

GATHERING WORSHIP MUSIC *“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”* T. Albrecht

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Niklaus

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS Pastor Diane

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth.

C: Amen.

P: Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Compassionate God,

C: we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.

P: Hear this good news: We have peace with God through + Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN “When Morning Gilds the Skies” v. 1, 3, 4

ELW 853

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| 1 When morning gilds the skies,
my heart awaking cries:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
When evening shadows fall,
this rings my curfew call:
may Jesus Christ be praised! | 4 Let all of humankind
in this their concord find:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
Let all the earth around
ring joyous with the sound:
may Jesus Christ be praised! |
| 3 No lovelier antiphon
in all high heav'n is known
than "Jesus Christ be praised!"
There to the eternal Word
the eternal psalm is heard:
oh, Jesus Christ be praised! | |

THE GREETING

Pastor Diane

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

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

“God Is Our Refuge”

Allen Pote

MEMORY VERSE

Proverbs 3:13-14

Nancy Geik

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

Isaiah 43:1–7

A: The reading according to Isaiah, the forty-third chapter.

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine. ² When you pass through the waters, I will be with you, and through the rivers, they shall not

overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. ³ For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in exchange for you. ⁴ Because you are precious in my sight and honored and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. ⁵ Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; ⁶ I will say to the north, “Give them up,” and to the south, “Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth ⁷ everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.”

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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, [Jesus] 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

The Rev. Diane Greble, Associate Pastor

SERMON

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

HYMN OF THE DAY “Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me”

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| <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> | <p>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.</p> |
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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

Nancy Geik

A: Reminded of God's gracious and abundant love, we offer our prayers, confident that God hears us.

A brief silence.

A: Center your church in humility as we strive to follow in your way. Help us listen to the cries of those who have been unfairly hurt and dare to name difficult truths. Show all your love. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: You call us to care for your creation. Lead us into your promise of a better world through sustainable practices and respect for your handiwork. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Inspire all in positions of authority to act honorably. Remind them of their call to use their authority for the sake of the common good. Give them the gift of humility. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Comfort those who come before you in fear and trembling. Calm troubled hearts with your forgiveness. Help all those in need (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). Grant us your salvation. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Change this congregation's heart when we say no to your call. Open us to courageous learning and service in our community, especially in new or challenging places. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Your steadfast love holds all the saints who have finished their work and are at rest. We thank you for those saints who have gone before us (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). As we grieve, remind us of your mercy so we may also give thanks. 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: Grant the prayers we have offered, what we have forgotten to ask, and whatever else you see that we need. We ask this in Jesus's name.

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

“Awake the Trumpet’s Lofty Sound”

G. F. Handel

OFFERING PRAYER

Pastor Diane

P: Let us pray. God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always.

C: Amen.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

LORD'S PRAYER

HOLY COMMUNION *"Let Us Break Bread Together"*

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| 1 | Let us break bread together on our knees;
let us break bread together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me. | 3 | Let us praise God together on our knees;
let us praise God together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me. |
| 2 | Let us drink wine together on our knees;
let us drink wine together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me. | | |

POST HOLY COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER HOLY COMMUNION

P: Together let us pray:

C: **Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN *"My Life Flows on in Endless Song"* v. 1, 3, 4

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| 1 | My life flows on in endless song;
above earth's lamentation,
I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn
that hails a new creation.
No storm can shake my inmost calm
while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,
how can I keep from singing? | 3 | What though my joys and comforts die?
The Lord my Savior liveth.
What though the darkness gather round?
Songs in the night he giveth.
No storm can shake my inmost calm
while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,
how can I keep from singing? |
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- 4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,
a fountain ever springing!
All things are mine since I am his!
How can I keep from singing?
No storm can shake my inmost calm
while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,
how can I keep from singing?

DISMISSAL

Pastor Niklaus

POSTLUDE

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

J. G. Walther

The Service ^{of the} Word for Wholeness

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

10:15 – 10:35 a.m.

Beautiful Savior Chapel

September Focus: Small Groups *date change*

*Scripture | Prayers for others & self
Anointing with oil | Laying on of hands*

Every third Sunday of the month*
alternative dates in September, March & May



RUN TO BENEFIT LEGACY ADOPTION SERVICES

FOREVER HOME RUN



**SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 3**

**5K Run/Walk
1K Dress-Up Dash**



EVENT SCHEDULE

-  **9:00 a.m.** 5K Run/Walk
Family Activities Begin
-  **10:30 a.m.** Dress-Up Dash

REGISTER NOW

ForeverHomeRun.com

Early Bird Ends 9/6/26



Pack your shoebox with:

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

PRAY!

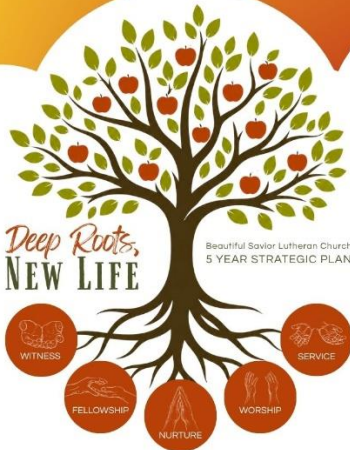
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OCT. 4
through
OCT. 25



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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.

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