# 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

# Sermon on the Mount

"Finding Your Treasure" 9:00—October 26, 2025

Jesus teaches how our investments affect what inevitably matters to us. He encourages seeking heavenly treasures, which are eternal, instead of focusing on temporary earthly possessions, since it is not possible to serve both God and material wealth at the same time.

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## GATHERING WORSHIP MUSIC

"Dancing with the Dawn"
"Quem pastores laudavere"
"Vizzosi Augelli"

David Jenvey Bassi/Kirchner deWert/Lichtmann

We welcome Chicago Road Brass and thank them for leading us in worship.

David Jenvey, Kelby Weilnau, Justin Zak, Denzel Donald, Bernhard Kirchner

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISSION MOMENT

"Stewardship"

Doug Beck

# **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity,  $\pm$  one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great

- mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.
- P: God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven.

#### C: Amen.

# GATHERING HYMN "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

**ELW 504** 

- 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.
- 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.
- 3 Though hordes of devils fill the land all threat'ning to devour us, we tremble not, unmoved we stand; they cannot overpow'r us.

  Let this world's tyrant rage; in battle we'll engage!

  His might is doomed to fail;

  God's judgment must prevail!

  One little word subdues him.
- 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!

## THE GREETING

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray: Holy God, our righteous judge, daily your mercy surprises us with everlasting forgiveness. Strengthen our hope in you, and grant that all the peoples of the earth may find their glory in you, 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.

#### MEMORY VERSE

Matthew 5:14

Gail Bufalini

A: Together, let us recite the memory verse:

C: Jesus said, "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid."

# INTRODUCTION TO THE READING

#### READING

Romans 1:8-17

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

<sup>8</sup> First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is proclaimed throughout the world. <sup>9</sup> For God, whom I serve with my spirit by announcing the gospel of his Son, is my witness that without ceasing I remember you always in my prayers, <sup>10</sup> asking that by God's will I may somehow at last succeed in coming to you. <sup>11</sup> For I am longing to see you so that I may share with you some spiritual gift to strengthen you. <sup>12</sup> or rather so that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine. <sup>13</sup> I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that I have often intended to come to you (but thus far have been prevented), in order that I may reap some harvest among you as I have among the rest of the Gentiles. <sup>14</sup> I am a debtor both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish <sup>15</sup> hence my eagerness to proclaim the gospel to you also who are in Rome. <sup>16</sup> For I am not ashamed of the gospel; it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who has faith, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. <sup>17</sup> For in it the righteousness of God is revealed through faith for faith; as it is written, "The one who is righteous will live by faith."

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

# **GOSPEL VERSE**



GOSPEL

Matthew 6:19-34

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>19</sup> "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; <sup>20</sup> but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup> For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. <sup>22</sup> The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light; <sup>23</sup> but if your eye is unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! <sup>24</sup> No one can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth. <sup>25</sup> Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? <sup>26</sup> Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? <sup>27</sup> And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? <sup>28</sup> And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, <sup>29</sup> yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. <sup>30</sup> But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, you of little faith? <sup>31</sup> Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' <sup>32</sup> For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. <sup>33</sup> But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. <sup>34</sup> So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today."

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** "The Church's One Foundation" v. 1, 2, 5 **ELW 654** 

1. The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord; she is his new creation by water and the word.

From heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride; with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

2 Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth, her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth: one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food, and to one hope she presses, with ev'ry grace endued.

5 Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One, and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won. Oh, blessed heav'nly chorus! Lord, save us by your grace, that we, like saints before us, may see you face to face.

#### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Gail Bufalini

A: Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation.

A brief silence.

A: Uniting God, you draw your church together as the one body of Christ. Bring congregations into conversation and dialogue so the church is transformed and reformed in your abundant grace. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Sustaining God, you create all the beauty around us. We give you thanks for the harvest of your creation. Restore creation as the seasons change. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Governing God, you bring peace and justice through mercy. Guide judges, lawmakers, attorneys, and those in any authority to act with compassion and understanding. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Healing God, you comfort those who suffer. Console people whose lives are disrupted by cancer, disease, and illness. Bring your healing mercy to any in need (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Proclaiming God, you gift the church proclamation through music. We thank you for all the musicians of this congregation and especially for our Minister of Music, Julie Steinmayer. Transform your church through their musical arts. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Resurrecting God, you crown your beloved children with righteousness. We thank you for those who have died in faith, fought the good fight, finished the race, and kept the faith (especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts). God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Faithful God, as the Call Committee continues to recruit and engage with pastoral candidates, we pay for clarity of vision, unity of Spirit, and a clear pathway to the additional pastor you have chosen for Beautiful Savior. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

A: We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

#### SHARING OF THE PEACE

# **STEWARDSHIP READING** *Matthew* 19:21

Jesus said to him, "If you wish to be perfect, go, sell your possessions, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me."

**OFFERING** "Grovers Corners" Copland/Lichtmann

#### OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray. Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

# THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

# LORD'S PRAYER

**HOLY COMMUNION** "Deck Yourself, My Soul, with Gladness"

Krapf, et al

# POST HOLY COMMUNION BLESSING

# PRAYER AFTER HOLY COMMUNION

P: Together let us pray:

C: O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus's name. Amen.

# **BLESSING**

#### SENDING HYMN

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

**ELW 858** 

- 1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
  O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!
  Let all who hear now to his temple draw near, joining in glad adoration!
- 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning and, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.

  Have you not seen all that is needful has been sent by his gracious ordaining?
- 3 Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you; surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you. Ponder anew what the Almighty can do if with his love he befriend you.
- 4 Praise to the Lord!
  Oh, let all that is in me adore him!
  All that has life and breath,
  come now with praises before him!
  Let the amen
  sound from his people again.
  Gladly forever adore him!

#### DISMISSAL

**POSTLUDE** "A Mighty Fanfare"

David Jenvey

# **Great Thanksgiving Food Drive**



We hope to serve even more families this year than ever before by partnering with Lighthouse AND Spirit of Grace Church.

Between October 26th and November 16th, bring your food donations to the Outreach collection area in the BSLC Welcome by the pastors' portraits.

Contact Wade Jehowski via the church office with any questions: office@bslcmi.org (248) 646-5043

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- Macaroni and Cheese
  - Gravy (Packets Preferred)
  - Boxed Stuffing
  - Boxed Potatoes

- · Cereal
- Dessert Mixes: Brownies, Cookies, Cake
- Canned Vegetables
- Pasta Sauce/Noodles



Contact the office by Oct. 26 to add names to the remembrance list

Join us in the Memorial Garden after both services for a short celebration for all who have died in the past year



