

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

“Fools Ignore God”

9:00—July 5, 2026

Psalms 14 describes the fool as someone who denies God and lives a corrupt life, leading to fear and ultimately destruction. Similarly, Matthew 7:24-27 portrays a foolish builder who hears Jesus’s teachings but does not act on them, resulting in their “house” (life) collapsing during trials, just as building on sand leads to a weak foundation that cannot withstand storms.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING WORSHIP MUSIC *“Meditation”*

Jacob Arcadelt

Please welcome our Guest Organist, Chris Kozakiewicz

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

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 “O God Beyond All Praising” v. 1 & 3

ELW 880

- 1 O God beyond all praising, we worship you today
and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
for we can only wonder at ev'ry gift you send,
at blessings without number and mercies without end:
we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,
we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.
- 3 Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,
that we who know your favor may serve you as our King;
and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:
to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,
and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

THE GREETING

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. God of wisdom, as you look upon your children, we pray that you would see us making wise choices. Help us build our lives on the solid rock of your truth and keep our eyes focused on Jesus. When the storms of life's challenges confront us, may our foundation of faith remain strong. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Rock upon whom we stand.

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

Gwen Fitzgerald

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 14

Fools say in their hearts, “There is no God.” They are corrupt; they do abominable deeds; there is no one who does good. ² The Lord looks down from heaven on humankind to see

if there are any who are wise, who seek after God. ³ They have all gone astray; they are all alike perverse; there is no one who does good, no, not one. ⁴ Have they no knowledge, all the evildoers who eat up my people as they eat bread and do not call upon the Lord? ⁵ There they shall be in great terror, for God is with the company of the righteous. ⁶ You would confound the plans of the poor, but the Lord is their refuge. ⁷ O that deliverance for Israel would come from Zion! When the Lord restores the fortunes of his people, Jacob will rejoice; Israel will be glad.

GOSPEL VERSE



GOSPEL

Matthew 7:24-27

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said,] ²⁴ “Everyone, then, who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. ²⁵ The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall because it had been founded on rock. ²⁶ And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand. ²⁷ The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell and great was its fall!”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Karyn Parker, Children’s Ministries Coordinator

SERMON

The Rev. Diane Greble, Associate Pastor

HYMN OF THE DAY

“How Firm a Foundation”

ELW 796

- 1 How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in Christ Jesus, the Word!
What more can he say than to you he has said
who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?

- 2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dismayed,
for I am your God and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand."
- 3 "When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply.
The flames shall not hurt you; I only design
your dross to consume and your gold to refine."

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

Gwen Fitzgerald

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 unity, your church flourishes in different languages, cultures, and movements. Grant us wisdom to discern when our yokes are too heavy, that we may live and serve in the freedom of your rest. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: God our life-giver, we grieve the pains placed upon our common home through war and neglect. What you have lovingly crafted, guide us to lovingly tend. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: God our freedom, you are no tyrant, and you bring peace. As this nation marks its declaration of independence, teach us our part in announcing liberty and peace for future generations. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: God our comfort, liberate all in our community who are captive to fear, who have become isolated or ill or addicted, or who are in any need (*especially those we name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: God our guide, we do not always have the strength to do the good we wish to do. Free us from the cycles of violence that bind us, that all know your liberation. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: God our home, you model freedom through the love shared across communities of trust and goodwill. We remember those who have gone to eternal rest (*especially those we name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). We thank you for the gifts of life experienced together in community. 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

STEWARDSHIP READING *Leviticus 27:30*

All tithes from the land, whether the seed from the ground or the fruit from the tree, are the Lord's; they are holy to the Lord.

OFFERING

"Offertory"

A. S. Scherer

OFFERING PRAYER

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

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

“Before You, Lord, We Bow” v. 1-3

ELW 893

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| 1 Before you, Lord, we bow,
our God who reigns above
and rules the world below
with boundless pow'r and love.
Our thanks we bring
in joy and praise,
our hearts we raise,
to you we sing! | 3 Earth, hear your maker's voice;
your great redeemer own;
believe, obey, rejoice,
and worship God alone.
Cast down your pride,
your sin deplore,
and bow before
the Crucified. |
| 2 May ev'ry mountain height,
each vale and forest green,
shine forth in wisdom's light,
and its rich fruits be seen!
May ev'ry tongue
be tuned to praise
and join to raise
a grateful song. | |

DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE

“Rigaudon”

André Campra



BSLC HIKERS



July 11—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

MOMS MAKING MEALS

DATE CHANGE!



LAST SESSION
WED. JULY 15



BSLCMI.ORG/POST/MOMSMEALS



Thurs. July 16
noon

Lukich Family Dining
3900 Rochester Rd.
Troy, MI



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

The Service of the Word for Wholeness

SUNDAY, JULY 19

10:15 - 10:35 a.m.

Beautiful Savior Chapel

July Focus: Telecare

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

Every third Sunday of the month



TRAVEL TIME

with Bob Hoffman

AFRICA

Tuesday, July 21 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.