

# 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

## Journeying into Eternal Life

*“Eternal Renewal”*

9:00—May 18, 2025

God makes all thing news, including us. God loves us enough God accepts us as we are; God loves us enough God does not expect us to stay as we are. In the same way, Jesus expects us to love one another with a love so strong it transforms us, our neighbors, and the whole world for the better.

### ORDER OF WORSHIP

*Flowers given in memory of Sue Hoffman*

#### GATHERING WORSHIP MUSIC

*“All Creatures. Worship God Most High!”*

Gilbert M. Martin

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### MISSION MOMENT

*“Endowment Fund”*

David Lochner

#### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

P: Merciful God,

**C: you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.**

P: You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God’s children through faith. In the cross of ✠ Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

**C: Amen.**

## GATHERING HYMN

*“All Are Welcome”* v. 1, 4

**ELW 641**

1 Let us build a house where love can dwell  
and all can safely live,  
a place where saints and children tell  
how hearts learn to forgive.  
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,  
rock of faith and vault of grace;  
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:  
All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.

4 Let us build a house where hands will reach  
beyond the wood and stone  
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,  
and live the Word they've known.  
Here the outcast and the stranger  
bear the image of God's face;  
let us bring an end to fear and danger:  
All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.

## THE GREETING

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, 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

*“Come Before Him with Song”*

Mark Shepperd

Bass: David Lochner Percussion: Dave Mety

## MEMORY VERSE

*John 5:24*

Richard Devore

A: Together, let us recite the memory verse:

**C: (Jesus said), “Very truly, I tell you, anyone who hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life, and does not come under judgement, but has passed from death to life.”**

## FIRST READING

*Acts 11:1-18*

A: The first reading according to Acts, the eleventh chapter.

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. <sup>2</sup> So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, <sup>3</sup> saying, “Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?” <sup>4</sup> Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, <sup>5</sup> “I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from

heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. <sup>6</sup> As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. <sup>7</sup> I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' <sup>8</sup> But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' <sup>9</sup> But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' <sup>10</sup> This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. <sup>11</sup> At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. <sup>12</sup> The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. <sup>13</sup> He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; <sup>14</sup> he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' <sup>15</sup> And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. <sup>16</sup> And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' <sup>17</sup> If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" <sup>18</sup> When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

A: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **SECOND READING**

*Revelation 21:1-6*

A: The second reading according to the book of Revelation, the twenty-first chapter.

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup> And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup> And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; <sup>4</sup> he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, the first things have passed away." <sup>5</sup> And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also, he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." <sup>6</sup> Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

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!

## GOSPEL

*John 13:31-35*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the thirteenth chapter.

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

<sup>31</sup> When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. <sup>32</sup> If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup> Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ <sup>34</sup> I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

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** “*Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*” v. 1, 3

**ELW 836**

1 Joyful, joyful we adore thee,  
God of glory, Lord of love!  
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee,  
praising thee, their sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,  
drive the gloom of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness,  
fill us with the light of day.

3 Thou art giving and forgiving,  
ever blessing, ever blest,  
wellspring of the joy of living,  
ocean-depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our brother,  
all who live in love are thine;  
teach us how to love each other,  
lift us to the joy divine!

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Richard Devore

A: God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

A: Fill the church with the spirit of your redeeming love. Make us steadfast in our proclamation of your grace for all people without exceptions, especially those often overlooked in our communities. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: Awaken joy in the beauty and abundance of your creation. Show us the wonder of your presence from the smallest flower to the tallest tree. Recommit us to preservation of wild places. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: Instruct all world leaders to protect the most vulnerable among us. Guide those in power toward equitable and just policies, so all might have sufficient resources to live safely and with dignity. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: Pour out your love on all in need of care: those mourning losses, enduring trauma, experiencing broken relationships, yearning for companionship, or facing illness (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). Wipe away every tear. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: We give thanks for all the saints whose lives bear witness to your redeeming love (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). Guide us by their example, until we join them in your eternal home. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: Loving Lord, we come to you today with hearts full of gratitude for the call committee's completed work on the Ministry Site Profile. Bless their continued efforts as they transition into the next phase of securing pastoral support. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

**C: Amen.**

## **STEWARDSHIP READING**      *Luke 18:22*

When Jesus heard this, he said to him, "There is still one thing lacking. Sell all that you own and distribute the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me."

**HANDBELL OFFERING**    *"Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring"*      Martha Lynn Thompson  
Ringers: Shelley Beck, Louise Green, Marilyn Lochner, Mary Reed,  
Julie Steinmayer, Anita Venola

## OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray. Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world.

**C: Amen.**

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

### LORD'S PRAYER

### HOLY COMMUNION

*"Be Thou My Vision"*

Various Arrangers

### POST HOLY COMMUNION BLESSING

### PRAYER AFTER HOLY COMMUNION

P: Together let us pray:

**C: Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world. Amen.**

### CHORAL ANTHEM

*"Nunc Dimittis"*

Peter S. Klemp

Flutist: Lisa Wade

Percussion: Dave Mety

### BLESSING

### SENDING HYMN *"Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"* v. 1, 2, 4, 6 **ELW 886**

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| 1 Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing<br>my great Redeemer's praise,<br>the glories of my God and King,<br>the triumphs of his grace!       | 2 My gracious Master and my God,<br>assist me to proclaim,<br>to spread through all the earth abroad<br>the honors of your name.      |
| 4 He speaks, and list'ning to his voice,<br>new life the dead receive;<br>the mournful, broken hearts rejoice,<br>the humble poor believe. | 6 To God all glory, praise, and love<br>be now and ever giv'n<br>by saints below and saints above,<br>the church in earth and heav'n. |

### DISMISSAL

### POSTLUDE

*"We Know That Christ Is Raised"*

David Cherwien

MAY 18, 2025—3:00 P.M.

• RECEPTION FOLLOWING CONCERT • FREE WILL OFFERING •

Hear your favorite ROSO musicians  
perform in small group settings!

Woodwind Quintet

"Roaring Fork" by Eric Ewazen

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*Jan Haefner*

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# Summer Send-off

## CHURCH-WIDE PICNIC

Sunday, June 1st

10:00 - 11:00 a.m.  
hot dogs & potluck  
start at 10:30 a.m.  
picnic games



Food - Games - Fellowship - Fun

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taught by PASTOR HEMKE  
using the For Everyone Bible Study Series by N. T. Wright

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**11:30 a.m.**

in person or via ZOOM

**May 15–June 12**

**Conference Room,  
Upper Level**

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