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

For Generations

"Stewarding a Legacy"

9:00—November 8, 2026

Each generation is entrusted with the privilege of passing on the story of God's faithfulness and participating in God's ongoing work. As we faithfully steward the gifts, opportunities, and mission placed in our care, we trust that the seeds we plant will bear fruit in a harvest that blesses generations to come.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Flowers Given in Loving Memory of Henry Horemans

GATHERING WORSHIP MUSIC

"Five Bagatelles" Gerald Finzi
Fughetta and *Forlana*
Clarinet: Kristen Moreno

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Niklaus

MISSION MOMENT *"Stewardship"*

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS Pastor Diane

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.
P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Gracious God,
C: Have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion, forgive us for things done and left undone. Turn our hearts to you and uphold us by your Spirit, that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loves us even when we are dead in sin. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with the Holy Spirit to live in this freedom.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN *"O Jesus, I Have Promised"* **ELW 810**

1 O Jesus, I have promised
to serve you to the end;
remain forever near me,
my master and my friend.
I shall not fear the battle
if you are by my side,
nor wander from the pathway
if you will be my guide.

2 Oh, let me feel you near me;
the world is ever near.
I see the sights that dazzle,
the tempting sounds I hear.
My foes are ever near me,
around me and within;
but, Jesus, then draw nearer
to shield my soul from sin.

3 Oh, let me hear you speaking
in accents clear and still
above the storms of passion,
the murmurs of self-will.
Now speak to reassure me,
to hasten or control;
now speak and make me listen,
O Guardian of my soul.

THE GREETING Pastor Diane

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, 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 *"Total Devotion"* Havergal/Grassi
Clarinet: Kristen Moreno

MEMORY VERSE *Psalm 78:4* Hannah Briggs

A: Together, let us recite the memory verse:

C: We will not hide them from their children; we will tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might, and the wonders that he has done.

INTRODUCTION TO THE READINGS

FIRST READING *1 Corinthians 3:5–9*

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

5 What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the
Lord assigned to each. 6 I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. 7 So neither
the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth.
8 The one who plants and the one who waters have one purpose, and each will receive
wages according to their own labor. 9 For we are God's coworkers, working together; you
are God's field, God's building.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM *Psalm 78:1-7*

A: Together, let us read the Psalm responsively: Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

C: I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old, things that we have heard and known, that our ancestors have told us.

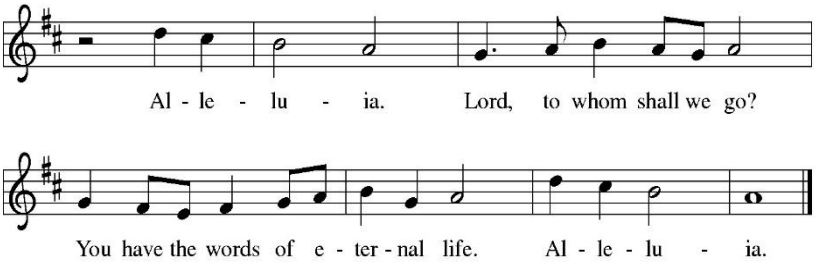
A: We will not hide them from their children; we will tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord and his might and the wonders that he has done.

C: He established a decree in Jacob and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our ancestors to teach to their children,

A: that the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn, and rise up and tell them to their children,

C: so that they should set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments.

GOSPEL VERSE



GOSPEL *Matthew 9:35–38* Pastor Niklaus

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

35 Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness. 36When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. 37 Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; 38 therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

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 *"O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate"* v. 1, 3, 4 **ELW 722**

1 O Christ, your heart, compassionate,
bore ev'ry human pain.
Its beating was the pulse of God;
its breadth, God's vast domain.
The heart of God, the heart of Christ
combined in perfect rhyme
to write God's love in human deeds,
eternity in time.

3 O Christ, create new hearts in us
that beat in time with yours,
that, joined by faith with your great heart,
become love's open doors.
We are your body, risen Christ;
our hearts, our hands we yield
that through our life and ministry
your love may be revealed.

4 O Love that made the distant stars,
yet marks the sparrow's fall,
whose arms stretched wide upon a cross
embrace and bear us all:
come, make your church a servant church
that walks your servant ways,
whose deeds of love rise up to you,
a sacrifice of praise!

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 Hannah Briggs

A: United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

A: You illumine the church with the hope of your new day. Prepare our hearts and minds for the inbreaking of your kingdom, that we might awaken to your transforming love at work all around us. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: You create and sustain the earth's natural rhythms so that all life might thrive. Show us the wisdom and wonder of nature's balance; make us careful stewards of our common home. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: You make justice roll down in all places and among all nations. Encourage all who protect vulnerable communities and help rebuild in the aftermath of conflict. Uphold veterans and those who care for them. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: You hasten to heal our wounds and make whole what is broken. Comfort individuals facing a difficult diagnosis, receiving palliative care, or facing uncertain treatment options. (*We pray especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*) God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: You give rest to weary hearts and bodies. As the days grow shorter in the north, help us to move more slowly and intentionally through our days, honoring the need for quiet and stillness. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: You welcome those who have come before us in faith into the joys of heaven. Thank you for their witness (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). Sustain us by your grace and guide us into the promise of everlasting life. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

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. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.

C: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE Pastor Niklaus

STEWARDSHIP READING *2 Corinthians 9:6*

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.

OFFERING *Prelude* from *"Five Bagatelles"* Gerald Finzi

OFFERING PRAYER Pastor Diane

P: Together, let us pray.

C: **Blessed are you, O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

LORD'S PRAYER

HOLY COMMUNION *Romance* and *Carol* from *"Five Bagatelles"* Gerald Finzi

POST HOLY COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER HOLY COMMUNION

P: Together let us pray:

C: God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN *"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"* v. 1 & 2 **ELW 815**

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world.
The star of my life is Jesus
In him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

2 I want to see the brightness of God.
I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path,
and show me the way to the Father.
In him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

DISMISSAL Pastor Niklaus

POSTLUDE *"Sonata in F Minor"* Johannes Brahms
IV. Vivace



Great Thanksgiving Food Drive

We are blessed to be able continue our Thanksgiving program for families in need.

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

Between October 25th and November 15th, 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) 646-5041

- **Macaroni and Cheese**
- **Gravy (Packets Preferred)**
- **Boxed Stuffing**
- **Boxed Potatoes**
- **Cereal**
- **Dessert Mixes: Brownies, Cookies, Cake**
- **Canned Vegetables**
- **Pasta Sauce/Noodles**



