

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 “Psalm 121 – God Will Protect” 9:00— August 23, 2026

Psalms 121 trusts the LORD as the keeper of Israel, the One who watches over every going out and coming in. In John 17, Jesus prayed for his followers, asking the Father to protect them, keep them in the truth, and send them into the world. Together, these readings remind us God’s protection does not remove us from the world, but rather keeps us in God’s care as we live faithfully within it.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Flowers Given in Loving Memory of Marletta Sue Hoffman

GATHERING WORSHIP MUSIC “O God, Our Help in Ages Past” Stephen L. Aber

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Niklaus

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS Pastor Diane

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 *“The Church of Christ in Every Age”* v. 1, 3, 5 **ELW 729**

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| 1 The church of Christ, in ev'ry age
beset by change, but Spirit-led,
must claim and test its heritage
and keep on rising from the dead. | 5 We have no mission but to serve
in full obedience to our Lord;
to care for all, without reserve,
and spread his liberating word. |
| 3 Then let the servant church arise,
a caring church that longs to be
a partner in Christ's sacrifice,
and clothed in Christ's humanity. | |

THE GREETING

Pastor Diane

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Lord how wonderful it is to know that you are our helper and our protector. You are the One we can always turn to in times of need. As we face the challenges and joys of this day, we rely on you. You are all-powerful and with you at our side, we have nothing to fear. May we lift our eyes to you. In Jesus's name.

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

Gail Bufalini

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.

PSALM

Psalms 121

A: Together let us recite Psalm 121: I lift up my eyes to the hills—from where will my help come?

C: My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

A: He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.

C: He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

A: The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade at your right hand.

C: The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

A: The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

C: The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.

GOSPEL VERSE



GOSPEL

John 17:6-19

Pastor Niklaus

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

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

⁶“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you, ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. ¹²While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. ¹⁴I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁵I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

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 God, Our Help in Ages Past” v. 1, 2, 3, 6

ELW 632

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| 1 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home. | 3 Before the hills in order stood
or earth received its frame,
from everlasting you are God,
to endless years the same. |
| 2 Under the shadow of your throne
your saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is your arm alone,
and our defense is sure. | 6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
still be our guard while troubles last
and our eternal home. |

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

Gail Bufalini

A: With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

A: God, our rock, you are the foundation on which the church is built. Strengthen and encourage your faithful people everywhere they gather, that they boldly proclaim your word of life to all the world. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: You spoke and all creation came into being. Field and forest, wetland and wilderness—all reveal your glory. Sustain and nourish your creation. Teach us to be wise stewards of all you have made. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: You bring deliverance to nations and peoples. Come to the aid of nations experiencing war, conflict, disease, famine, and disaster. Guide the work of relief agencies and peacemaking organizations. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: You regard the lowly and hear us when we cry out to you. Be present among all who struggle with addiction, housing insecurity, incarceration, and mental illness, that they know they are not alone. Hear our prayers for all in need this day (*especially those we name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: You draw together people with differing gifts. Lift up the many and varied gifts and talents of this congregation and strengthen the bonds of fellowship that all may be united as the one body of Christ. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Your steadfast love endures forever. We give thanks for the faithful who died in the hope of this promise (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). Strengthen us in faith until the day we join them at your eternal banquet. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

Pastor Niklaus

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.”

OFFERING *“Little Fugue No. 4”*

G. F. Handel

OFFERING PRAYER

Pastor Diane

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

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

ELW 742

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| <p>1 What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
ev'rything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit;
oh, what needless pain we bear--
all because we do not carry
ev'rything to God in prayer!</p> <p>2 Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged--
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness--
take it to the Lord in prayer.</p> | <p>3 Are we weak and heavy-laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge--
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do your friends despise, forsake you?
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In his arms he'll take and shield you;
you will find a solace there.</p> |
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“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

Robert Hobby

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

“Let All Things Now Living”

ELW 881

- 1 Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
to God the creator triumphantly raise,
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
who still guides us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us, God's light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,
as forward we travel from light into light.

2 God rules all the forces: the stars in their courses
and sun in its orbit obediently shine;
the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
the deeps of the ocean proclaim God divine.
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing;
with glad adoration a song let us raise
till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:
"To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!"

POSTLUDE

"Praise God from Whom All Blessing Flow"

Fred Bock

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

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Early Bird Ends 9/6/26



GriefShare®

NEXT SESSION BEGINS SEPTEMBER 1
SESSIONS ON TUESDAY NIGHTS AT 6:30 P.M.
[BSLCMI.ORG/POST/GRIEF2026FALL](https://bslcmi.org/post/grief2026fall)

Questions JESUS ASKED

A SIX-WEEK SMALL GROUP SERIES

SEPTEMBER 20–OCTOBER 25

Say "Yes" to being a small group facilitator!

Contact Pastor Diane at prdiane@bsclmi.org

Deep Roots, NEW LIFE

FALL KICK-OFF FESTIVAL
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13
10:10 A.M. IN WELCOME CENTER

First Day of Sunday School & Catechism

God's BIG Plan

Sunday, Sept. 20th 10:10—11 a.m.