

# 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

## Impossibly Possible

*“Hope Made Possible”*

**9:00—December 7, 2025**

Luke 1:26-38 recounts the miraculous virgin conception of Jesus, the Son of God, promising his eternal reign and making hope possible by demonstrating God’s power and faithfulness to fulfill promises. Even when circumstances seem impossible, Jesus’s birth signifies nothing is impossible with God, offering a foundation for hope.

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### GATHERING WORSHIP MUSIC

*“Blessed Be the God of Israel”*

John Leavitt

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### MISSION MOMENT

*“Stephen Ministry”*

Annette George

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, whose home is heaven and earth, whose salvation is sure.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Long-expected God,

**C: we confess that we look to ourselves for the peace and security only you can provide. We reach for swords and spears, reluctant to release our grip on the ways of war. We become impatient while waiting and weary of keeping awake. Free us from self-reliance, and teach us to live in harmony with our neighbors. Increase our trust in God’s timing, and awaken us to your advent among us, that we may abound in the hope you have promised. Amen.**

P: God judges us not as we deserve, but according to God's own righteousness. † You are freed and forgiven, saved by grace, and ready to welcome the Savior.

**C: Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN** *"O Lord, How Shall I Meet You"* v. 1, 3, 4

**ELW 241**

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| 1 O Lord, how shall I meet you,<br>how welcome you aright?<br>Your people long to greet you,<br>my hope, my heart's delight!<br>Oh, kindle, Lord most holy,<br>your lamp within my breast<br>to do in spirit lowly<br>all that may please you best. | 4 Rejoice, then, you sad-hearted,<br>who sit in deepest gloom,<br>who mourn your joys departed<br>and tremble at your doom.<br>All hail the Lord's appearing!<br>O glorious Sun, now come,<br>send forth your beams so cheering<br>and guide us safely home. |
| 3 Love caused your incarnation;<br>love brought you down to me.<br>Your thirst for my salvation<br>procured my liberty.<br>Oh, love beyond all telling,<br>that led you to embrace<br>in love, all love excelling,<br>our lost and fallen race.     |  |

## **THE GREETING**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray. Dear Heavenly Father, your word told of a coming Savior long before Jesus walked the earth. The fulfillment of prophecy helps us to hope in you and in the promises of your word. Jesus being born of a virgin fills us with wonder at the seemingly impossible. It reminds us that nothing is impossible for you. Today, we can surrender to you the things that seem impossible in our lives. Increase our faith and hope as we worship. We ask this through God the Father, Jesus the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**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**

*"And the Glory of the Lord"*

G. F. Handel

## MEMORY VERSE

*Luke 1:37*

Louise Green

A: Together, let us recite the memory verse:

**C: For nothing will be impossible with God.**

## INTRODUCTION TO THE READING

### READING

*Isaiah 9:2-7*

A: The reading according to Isaiah, the ninth chapter.

<sup>2</sup> The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness on them light has shined. <sup>3</sup> You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. <sup>4</sup> For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. <sup>5</sup> For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. <sup>6</sup> For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. <sup>7</sup> His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

A: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL VERSE** – from “*Angels We Have Heard on High*”

Gloria in excelsis Deo

### GOSPEL

*Luke 1:26-38*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the first chapter.

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

<sup>26</sup> In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, <sup>27</sup> to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup> And he came to her and said, “Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you.” <sup>29</sup> But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup> The angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup> And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. <sup>32</sup> He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. <sup>33</sup> He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.” <sup>34</sup> Mary said to the angel, “How can this be, since I am a virgin?” <sup>35</sup> The angel said to her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. <sup>36</sup> And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old

age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. <sup>37</sup> For nothing will be impossible with God.” <sup>38</sup> Then Mary said, “Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.” Then the angel departed from her.

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**

*“Blessed Be the God of Israel*

**ELW 250**

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| 1 Blessed be the God of Israel<br>who comes to set us free<br>and raises up new hope for us:<br>a Branch from David’s tree.<br>So have the prophets long declared<br>that with a mighty arm<br>God would turn back our enemies<br>and all who wish us harm.     | 3 My child, as prophet of the Lord<br>you will prepare the way,<br>to tell God’s people they are saved<br>from sin’s eternal sway.<br>Then shall God’s mercy from on high<br>shine forth and never cease<br>to drive away the gloom of death<br>and lead us into peace. |
| 2 With promised mercy will God still<br>the covenant recall,<br>the oath once sworn to Abraham,<br>from foes to save us all;<br>that we might worship without fear<br>and offer lives of praise,<br>in holiness and righteousness<br>to serve God all our days. |   |

## **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

Louise Green

A: In our waiting and watching, we come to you in prayer, O God, trusting your promise to renew the church, the nations, and the whole creation.

*A brief silence.*

A: With wisdom and understanding, inspire the faithful around the world. Unite hearts and minds in work to address poverty, access to housing, and equality among peoples. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: With counsel and might, move us to care for creation. As we dream of the day when all creatures will flourish alongside one another, guide us in ways humanity and all creation will mutually thrive. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: With righteousness and faithfulness, encourage nations to live in harmony with one another. We pray for international student and teacher exchanges, for our partner churches, and for the shared mission of Lutheran World Relief and Lutheran Disaster Response. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: With steadfastness and encouragement, strengthen those who have lost hope in the face of grief, depression, or disease (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). Renew the spirits of those recovering from surgery and medical procedures. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: With welcome and hospitality, embolden us in our shared ministry to overcome all that divides. In acts of repentance, reconciliation, and reparation, may we serve in the way of Christ. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: With joy and peace, we remember our ancestors in the faith (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). Fill us with the hope of the Holy Spirit now and into the ages of ages. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: With desire to know you better, we pray for the Call Committee as they continue to recruit and engage with pastoral candidates, we pray 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: hear our prayer.**

A: Draw near to us, O God, as we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy through Jesus Christ, Emmanuel.

**C: Amen.**

## **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

### **STEWARDSHIP READING**      *Proverbs 22:9*

Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor.

**OFFERING**      *“The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came”*      David Lasky

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

P: Let us pray. Nourishing God, you are water in the wilderness and streams in the desert. Through this meal, satisfy our parched places, that we may rejoice and be for the world signs of your kingdom come.

**C: Amen.**

## **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

### **LORD’S PRAYER** – sung to the tune of *Away in a Manger*

Our Father in heaven, all praise to your name!  
Your kingdom among us, your will done the same;  
by mortals and angels, come, Lord, reign alone;  
oh hear us and bless us from heaven’s high throne.  
  
The bread that we yearn for provide us each day;  
as we forgive others, our sins take away;  
in times of temptation, to lead us be near;  
from evil deliver your children most dear.  
  
For yours is the kingdom; o’er all things you reign.  
And yours is the power; all things you maintain.  
To you be the glory, resounding again,  
From all of creation, forever. Amen.

**HOLY COMMUNION**      *“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”*      Gilbert M. Martin  
   *“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”*

## **POST HOLY COMMUNION BLESSING**

### **PRAYER AFTER HOLY COMMUNION**

P: Together let us pray:

**C: God our host, at this table you have fed us with joy and gladness. Send us forth, eager to share the feast, welcome the stranger, and bear good fruit in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

**BENEDICTION** – sung to the tune of *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

Now may the good Lord bless and keep, his love in us increase;  
Lift up his face with shining grace, and grant eternal peace.  
To Father, Son, and Spirit, Eternal One-in-Three.  
Be thanks and praise through all our days. And to eternity!

**SENDING HYMN**      “*Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers*” v. 1, 2, 4

**ELW 244**

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| 1 Rejoice, rejoice, believers,<br>and let your lights appear;<br>the evening is advancing,<br>and darker night is near.<br>The bridegroom is arising<br>and soon is drawing nigh.<br>Up, pray and watch and wrestle;<br>at midnight comes the cry. | 4 Our hope and expectation,<br>O Jesus, now appear;<br>arise, O Sun so longed for,<br>o'er this benighted sphere.<br>With hearts and hands uplifted,<br>we plead, O Lord, to see<br>the day of earth's redemption<br>that sets your people free! |
| 2 The watchers on the mountain<br>proclaim the bridegroom near;<br>go forth as he approaches<br>with alleluias clear.<br>The marriage feast is waiting;<br>the gates wide open stand.<br>Arise, O heirs of glory;<br>the bridegroom is at hand.    |  |

**DISMISSAL**

**POSTLUDE**

“*Comfort, Comfort Now My People*”

David Lasky



# Telecare Team Members Needed

Join the team and help make calls on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 6:45 p.m.

*Bring mutual support and care to the members and friends of BSLC.*

*Experience the Body of Christ so that each member knows about caring for each other.*



Volunteer or contact Debbie via the church office at [office@bslcmi.org](mailto:office@bslcmi.org) or (248) 646-5041



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