

# 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

## The Day After “Never” “Hope after Despair” 9:00 a.m.—April 19, 2026

The Road to Emmaus story shows how Jesus walks with us in our despair. This encounter reminds us God works even when all options seem lost, and through Jesus and the Scriptures, hope can be restored.

### ORDER OF WORSHIP

*Flowers Given in Memory of Marletta Sue Hoffman*

#### GATHERING WORSHIP MUSIC

*“Home Away from Home”*

Phil Coulter

*“Simple Gifts”*

March from *“Judas Maccabaeus”*

G. F. Handel

Flutelight Directed by: Barbara Ogar

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### MISSION MOMENT

*“Stephen Ministry”*

Shelley Beck

#### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**C: Amen.**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Most merciful God,

**C: We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN**      *“As We Gather at Your Table”*

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| 1 As we gather at your table,<br>as we listen to your word,<br>help us know, O God, your presence;<br>let our hearts and minds be stirred.<br>Nourish us with sacred story<br>till we claim it as our own;<br>teach us through this holy banquet<br>how to make Love's vict'ry known.     | 3 Gracious Spirit, help us summon<br>other guests to share that feast<br>where triumphant Love will welcome<br>those who had been last and least.<br>There no more will envy blind us<br>nor will pride our peace destroy,<br>as we join with saints and angels<br>to repeat the sounding joy. |
| 2 Turn our worship into witness<br>in the sacrament of life;<br>send us forth to love and serve you,<br>bringing peace where there is strife.<br>Give us, Christ, your great compassion<br>to forgive as you forgave;<br>may we still behold your image<br>in the world you died to save. |  |

## **THE GREETING**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray. Gracious God, you meet us where we are whether that be in joy or despair. We need you. Encourage us to reach out to you when we are struggling, when things in our lives feel hopeless. Help us to trust in you and know that you are always with us working your purposes in our lives. Restore and bolster our faith and hope in you knowing that you can and do redeem our circumstances. We pray this in the saving and redemptive grace of your Son, Jesus.

**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

*"I Believe"*

Mark A. Miller

## MEMORY VERSE

*Romans 8:28*

Lori Calbeck

A: Together, let us recite the memory verse:

**C: We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.**

## INTRODUCTION TO THE READINGS

### FIRST READING

*Isaiah 25:6-9*

A: The first reading according to the book of Isaiah, the twenty-fifth chapter.

<sup>6</sup>On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

<sup>7</sup>And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the covering that is spread over all nations; <sup>8</sup>he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. <sup>9</sup>It will be said on that day, "See, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

A: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### SECOND READING

*1 Corinthians 5:6b-8*

A: The second reading according to the first letter to the Corinthians, the fifth chapter.

<sup>6</sup>Your boasting is not a good thing. Do you not know that a little yeast leavens all of the dough? <sup>7</sup>Clean out the old yeast so that you may be a new batch of dough, as you really are unleavened. For our paschal lamb, Christ, has been sacrificed. <sup>8</sup>Therefore, let us celebrate the festival, not with the old yeast, the yeast of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

A: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**



he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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** *"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"* v. 1-3

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| 1 My hope is built on nothing less<br>than Jesus' blood and righteousness;<br>no merit of my own I claim,<br>but wholly lean on Jesus' name.<br>On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;<br>all other ground is sinking sand.   | 3 His oath, his covenant, his blood<br>sustain me in the raging flood;<br>when all supports are washed away,<br>he then is all my hope and stay.<br>On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;<br>all other ground is sinking sand. |
| 2 When darkness veils his lovely face,<br>I rest on his unchanging grace;<br>in ev'ry high and stormy gale<br>my anchor holds within the veil.<br>On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;<br>all other ground is sinking sand. |  |

### **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**

Lori Calbeck

A: Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

*A brief silence.*

A: Living Savior, just as you journeyed with the disciples to Emmaus, accompany us on our journey of faith. Gather us at your table, that we recognize you in the breaking of the bread. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: Almighty God, you provide for the needs of all creation. Bless the fields that are being prepared for planting, and send favorable weather so that the soil may yield an abundant harvest. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: God of justice, where leaders abuse power, confront them and call them to repentance. Where there is corruption, bring integrity; where there is violence, sow peace. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: Healing Savior, your resurrection brings hope to a hurting world. Heal those who are sick (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). Strengthen the weary, give courage to the despairing, and comfort the dying. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: Gracious One, you have made us your own through the gift of baptism. Unite us in genuine love for one another and uphold this community in your name. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: Eternal Light, we give thanks for all who have nurtured your church's life in ages past (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). Bring us at last with them to the brightness of your glorious presence. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: Loving Lord, as Pastor Diane faces the challenges of transitioning from one congregation to another, give her peace of heart and clarity of mind. Help ease her grief over changed relationships and give her joy at the promise of new ones. Help us to be welcoming, helpful, and understanding. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

**C: Amen.**

## **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

### **STEWARDSHIP READING**      *Proverbs 20:15*

There is gold, and abundance of costly stones; but the lips informed by knowledge are a precious jewel.

## OFFERING

*“Lament for the Wild Geese”*

Phil Coulter

## OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray: Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus,

**C: Amen.**

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

### LORD’S PRAYER

### HOLY COMMUNION

*“The Gift of Love”*  
*“Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us”*

Hal Hopson/Lloyd Larson  
William Bradbury

### POST HOLY COMMUNION BLESSING

### PRAYER AFTER HOLY COMMUNION

P: Together let us pray:

**C: Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus, Amen.**

### BLESSING

### SENDING HYMN

*“Alleluia! Jesus is Risen!”* v. 1-3

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| 1 Alleluia! Jesus is risen!<br>Trumpets resounding in glorious light!<br>Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever!<br>Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!<br>Jesus is risen and we shall arise.<br>Give God the glory! Alleluia!                 | 3 Jesus the vine, we are the branches;<br>life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;<br>heaven to earth, Christ to the people,<br>gift of the future now flowing to me.<br>Jesus is risen and we shall arise.<br>Give God the glory! Alleluia! |
| 2 Walking the way, Christ in the center<br>telling the story to open our eyes;<br>breaking our bread, giving us glory:<br>Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise.<br>Jesus is risen and we shall arise.<br>Give God the glory! Alleluia! |   |

### DISMISSAL

### POSTLUDE

Rondeau from *“Symphonies Pour Le Roi”* Jean Joseph Mouret



# INVITE A FRIEND

## *Ministry*

### THREE CLASS WORKSHOP

Rev. Dr. Phillip Hemke & Bob Beardslee

*Learn to Make Jesus Known & Grow in Discipleship*

Sunday, April 19—10:10am  
*How to Talk about My Faith (1 min)*

Sunday, April 26—10:10am  
*How to Listen to Others (3 min)*

Sunday, May 3—10:10am  
*How to Go Out & Communicate (5 min)*



**VOLUNTEER TO MAKE, PACK AND/OR DELIVER MEALS THE WEEK OF MAY 3-9.**

Lighthouse (formally SOS) is an amazing organization that uses the Body of Christ to provide for homeless people and families who are hard at work rebuilding their lives.

Our job this year is simple - making, packaging and delivering meals! Can't volunteer but you'd like to donate to the cause? Contact the church office and we'll help make those arrangements.



**VOLUNTEER NOW**

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# PLAYGROUND MULCH MORNING

**Sunday, May 3 @ 10:10 a.m.**

Help us spread new mulch in the Beautiful Savior playground!

