

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

Risky Faith “Risking Vocation”

9:00—March 22, 2026

Jesus prays in the Garden of Gethsemane, expressing deep distress over the suffering he knows is to come. By prioritizing obedience to God’s purpose over his personal desire to avoid pain, Jesus teaches us to have a risky faith that risks our own desires and comfort for God’s call, potentially even our life and career path.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING WORSHIP MUSIC “*There in God’s Garden*” Robert Buckley Farlee

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISSION MOMENT “*Lighthouse/SOS*” Nancy Geik

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin before God, who removes our guilt and blots out all offenses.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

P: For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

P: For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

P: For failing to recognize your coming reign, and for hindering the work of the Spirit: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

P: For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition, and for disdaining the living water Christ offers: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

P: For disregarding voices from the margin, and for distrusting signs of your healing and hope in the world: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

P: For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent, and for disregarding Christ's call to come forth to life: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

P: God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound. Through faith, the free gift of God, you have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. The Spirit of the One who raised Christ from the dead dwells in you, pours God's love into your hearts, and gives you life and peace.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN *"Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross"* v. 1-3

ELW 335

1 Jesus, keep me near the cross,
there's a precious fountain;
free to all, a healing stream
flows from Calv'ry's mountain.
In the cross, in the cross
be my glory ever;
till my ransomed soul shall find
rest beyond the river.

2 Near the cross, a trembling soul,
love and mercy found me;
there the bright and morning star
sheds its beams around me.
In the cross, in the cross
be my glory ever;
till my ransomed soul shall find
rest beyond the river.

3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God,
bring its scenes before me;
help me walk from day to day
with its shadow o'er me.
In the cross, in the cross
be my glory ever;
till my ransomed soul shall find
rest beyond the river.

THE GREETING

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, our Father, we come before you today with thankful and grateful hearts. You sent your Son into this world to suffer and die for us. He risked it all. As he was overwhelmed with sorrow in Gethsemane, we are overwhelmed by his

love, to the point of eternal life. Grant us the courage to follow him. Through Jesus Christ our 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

“Jesus Paid It All”

Brad Nix

MEMORY VERSE

Proverbs 14:23

Gwen Fitzgerald

A: Together, let us recite the memory verse:

C: In all toil there is profit, but mere talk leads only to poverty.

INTRODUCTION TO THE READING

READING

1 Peter 4:7-11

A: The reading according to the first book of Peter, the fourth chapter.

⁷ The end of all things is near; therefore be serious and discipline yourselves for the sake of your prayers. ⁸ Above all, maintain constant love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins. ⁹ Be hospitable to one another without complaining. ¹⁰ Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. ¹¹ Whoever speaks must do so as one speaking the very words of God; whoever serves must do so with the strength that God supplies, so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ. To him belong the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL VERSE

Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

GOSPEL

Matthew 26:36-46

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-sixth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁶ Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." ³⁷ He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee and began to be grieved and agitated. ³⁸ Then he said to them, "My soul is deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me." ³⁹ And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me, yet not what I want but what you want." ⁴⁰ Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter, "So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? ⁴¹ Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." ⁴² Again he went away for the second time and prayed, "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done." ⁴³ Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. ⁴⁴ So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. ⁴⁵ Then he came to the disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Now the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. ⁴⁶ Get up, let us be going. Look, my betrayer is at hand."

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 *“Will You Come and Follow Me”* v. 1, 2, 5

ELW 798

- 1 "Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"
- 2 "Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare, should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer pray'r in you and you in me?"
- 5 Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

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

Gwen Fitzgerald

A: Reconciled by God's mercy and sustained by God's presence, let us pray for the world and its needs.

A brief silence.

A: We pray for the church. Grant life and peace to all who gather in your name. Breathe into us so that we may share your message of forgiveness, hope, and love. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: We pray for creation. Renew landscapes that have dried up, prosper the work of those who restore homes and habitats after natural disasters, and sustain places where biodiversity thrives. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: We pray for the nations. Unbind leaders trapped by fear to act boldly for justice, free all who live in places of war and violence, and guide those fleeing danger to safety. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: We pray for all people in need. Take away the stone of poverty that weighs down so many. Console any who weep and heal all who are sick (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: We pray for this assembly. Ready the hearts and spirits of all preparing to be baptized. Deepen our wonder at the mystery of your resurrection and life. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: We offer our thanksgiving for all people who have died in faith (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). Give us faith to trust in your power to redeem and save, and bring us up from our graves to life in you. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: We pray with hearts full of gratitude for hearing our prayers and leading us to an associate pastor candidate. We thank you for blessing the call committee with unity, wisdom and patience throughout the process. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation.

C: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

STEWARDSHIP READING *Proverbs 21:13*

If you close your ear to the cry of the poor, you will cry out and not be heard.

HANDBELL OFFERING *“Dona Nobis Pacem”*

Ringers: Shelly Beck, Missy Brinker, Kathleen Emerson,
Jan Haefner, Violet Henry, Laura Hutson, Marilyn Lochner, Betsy Luck, Mary Reed

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray. O God, maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus’s name.

C: Amen.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

LORD’S PRAYER

HOLY COMMUNION *“Go to Dark Gethsemane”* David Cherwien

POST HOLY COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER HOLY COMMUNION

P: Together let us pray:

C: God of our salvation, we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ’s body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

“We All Are One in Mission”

ELW 576

- 1 We all are one in mission;
we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united
by Christ, the Lord of all.
A single great commission
compels us from above
to plan and work together
that all may know Christ's love.
- 2 We all are called to service,
to witness in God's name.
Our ministries are different;
our purpose is the same:
to touch the lives of others
with God's surprising grace,
so ev'ry folk and nation
may feel God's warm embrace.
- 3 Now let us be united,
and let our song be heard.
Now let us be a vessel
for God's redeeming Word.
We all are one in mission;
we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united
by Christ, the Lord of all.

DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE

“Jesus, Still Lead On”

David Cherwien



Open To Christ
MIDWEEK LENTEN WORSHIP
Community Meal & Message
Wednesdays, Dinner begins @ 5:45 p.m.
February 18–March 25 Worship @ 7:00 p.m.
Sign up for a dinner team at
BSLCMI.org/Lent2026



ROYAL OAK SYMPHONY SMALL ENSEMBLE DUETS, QUARTETS CRESCENDOS & MORE

3rd Annual ROSO small ensemble fundraiser concert.
Free Admission but donations are greatly appreciated!

SUNDAY, MARCH 22 @ 3 p.m.

Beginner or Advanced Beginner

Line Dancing

MONDAY
MARCH 23
11 A.M.



RSVP AT [BSLCMI.ORG/POST/FITNESSDANCE](https://bslcmi.org/post/fitnessdance)
CLASS SIZE LIMITED TO 15—GRAB YOUR SPOT!

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THE FESTIVAL OF THE ANNUNCIATION

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25—9:30 A.M.



BRUNCH WILL BE SERVED FOLLOWING WORSHIP.
CHILDCARE AVAILABLE UPON ADVANCED REQUEST