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

Christ the King Sunday
9:00—November 22, 2026

Christ the King Sunday is the last day in the church calendar. It is a time for reflecting on the journey of the previous year and for preparing one's heart, mind, soul, and strength for Advent, which begins next week.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING WORSHIP MUSIC *"Come, Thou Almighty King"* Karen Kuehmann
"Be Thou My Vision" Joel Raney
Flute: Lisa Wade

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, our dwelling place for all generations, whose compassion never slumbers.

C: Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Holy God,

C: we confess that we have trusted in our preparation instead of your invitation. We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved. We trust the voice of our shame and fear, which keeps us from entering fully into relationship with you and others. We are not awake to the coming of your reign. Rouse us and rescue us, that we may enter into your joy. Amen.

P: Beloved of God: your sins are forgiven ☩ and you are made whole. God points the way to new life in Christ, who meets us on the road. Journey now in God's abiding love through the power of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN *"Lift High the Cross"* v. 1, 3, 4 **ELW 660**

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.

1 Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod,
our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God.
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.

3 O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
as thou hast promised, draw us all to thee.
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.

4 So shall our song of triumph ever be:
praise to the Crucified for victory!
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.

THE GREETING

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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 *"Crown Him Lord of All"* Marty Parks

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Karyn Parker, Children's Worship Coordinator

ADVENT - BLUE **ELW 855** v. 1

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;
hark, how the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless king through all eternity.

THE SEASON OF ADVENT Pastor Niklaus

ADVENT READING *Isaiah 40:9-11* Bob Hoffman

Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

ADVENT HYMN *"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"* v. 7 **ELW 257**

O come, O King of nations, come,
O Cornerstone that binds in one:
refresh the hearts that long for you;
restore the broken, make us new.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.

THE PRAYER FOR ADVENT

L: God of Hope, we share in the hope of the prophets over the centuries who anticipated your coming into this world as our Lord and Savior. Teach us to have the same spirit of anticipation that you will continue to come to us, setting us free from the power of sin, death, and the devil, as you build a royal highway through the wilderness of our pilgrim lives. Comfort us with the knowledge that the Savior has already been born for us, in the name of that same Savior, Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

CHRISTMAS - WHITE **ELW 855** v. 2

Crown him the virgin's Son, the God incarnate born,
whose arm those crimson trophies won which now his brow adorn;
fruit of the mystic rose, yet of that rose the stem.
The root whence mercy ever flows, the babe of Bethlehem.

THE SEASON OF CHRISTMAS Pastor Diane

CHRISTMAS READING *Luke 1:26-27, 30-33* Judy Peterson

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. 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. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

CHRISTMAS CAROL *"Joy to the World"* v. 1 **ELW 267**

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her king;
let ev'ry heart prepare him room
and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n, and heav'n
and nature sing.

THE PRAYER FOR CHRISTMAS

L: Blessed Savior, you came to walk in our shoes, beginning as a child placed in a manger, later fleeing a murderous tyrant as a refugee to Egypt, growing in worship and scripture study and prayer, eventually teaching and healing others, giving your life for us on a cross on a garbage dump outside the walls of Jerusalem, and then rising from the dead to win us eternal life. Teach us to understand the richness of this gift, and show us ways that we can make your love known for others in the flesh. In your holy name, Jesus, we ask this of you.

C: Amen.

EPIPHANY – GREEN

Crown him the Lord of peace, whose pow'r a scepter sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end, and round his pierced feet
fair flow'rs of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

THE SEASON OF EPIPHANY Pastor Niklaus

EPIPHANY READING *Matthew 28:16-20* Laura Hall

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

EPIPHANY HYMN *"Here I Am, Lord"* v. 1 **ELW 574**

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
Here I am Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

THE PRAYER FOR EPIPHANY

L: Lord of Light, you have made your Son brighter than all that tries to hide your truth and identity in this world. Let Jesus's light bring joy to the hearts of all people who place their faith in him. Help us to remember and support those who boldly proclaim Jesus as Lord and Savior, to hold them in prayer, to stand with them in witness, and to provide tangible help for their physical needs. Shine the light of your love into the parts of this world where those who believe in you are persecuted, tortured, and murdered for proclaiming the truth. We ask this in the name of the One whom they and we proclaim, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

LENT – PURPLE **ELW 855** v. 3

Crown him the Lord of love — behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.
No angels in the sky can fully bear that sight,
but downward bend their burning eyes at mysteries so bright.

THE SEASON OF LENT Pastor Diane

LENT READING *Philippians 2:5-11* Nancy Geik

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

LENT HYMN *"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"* v. 1 **ELW 351**

O sacred head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down,
Now scornfully surrounded with thorns, thine only crown;
O sacred head, what glory, what bliss till now was thine!
Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call thee mine.

THE PRAYER FOR LENT

L: Great Teacher, teach us to follow you more closely each and every day as well as in each and every way. Teach us to accompany you on the journey to your cross and give us strength as we bear our own crosses. May our lives be testimonies to the ultimate witness of you giving your life to save and heal all of creation. We ask this in your name, Jesus, believing that you are the way, the truth, and the life.

C: Amen.

EASTER - WHITE **ELW 855** v. 4

Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave
and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high,
who died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

THE SEASON OF EASTER Pastor Niklaus

EASTER READING *1 Corinthians 15:19-26* Lori Calbeck

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

EASTER HYMN *"Jesus Christ is Risen Today"* v. 1 **ELW 365**

Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross,
Alleluia! Suffer to redeem our loss.
Alleluia!

THE PRAYER FOR EASTER

L: Lord of Life, we join with Mary Magdalene, Peter, and all the witnesses of the Resurrection in rejoicing and receiving your gift of eternal life for us, life that is eternally deep as well as eternally long. Give us courage to be faithful in our witness to this greater truth the world so desperately needs to know, in Jesus's name.

C: Amen.

PENTECOST - GREEN **ELW 855** v. 5

Crown him the Lord of years, the potentate of time,
creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;
thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.

THE SEASON OF PENTECOST Pastor Diane

PENTECOST READING *Acts 2:40-42* Ann Hussar

And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added. They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

PENTECOST HYMN *God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind"* v. 1 **ELW 400**

God of tempest, God of whirlwind,
as on Pentecost descend!
Drive us out from sheltered comfort;
past these walls your people send!
Sweep us into costly service,
there with Christ to bear the cross,
there with Christ to bear the cross!

THE PRAYER FOR PENTECOST

L: Holy Spirit, fill us with your holy fire. Bless us with gifts that build the church, and enliven us in using those gifts. We seek wisdom and discernment as we strive to live out the extraordinary Gospel during our ordinary lives. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH Ann Hussar

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: Prepare your people for your reign to come among us. Where the church is wary, make us bold; where we are complacent, stir us to action; where we are anxious, assure us of your never-ending care. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: All the heights, depths, and expanses of the earth belong to you. Deliver every corner of your creation from disaster. Restore lands ravaged by floods, fires, drought, or contamination. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Bind up the wounds of all your people. Give courage to all who experience uncertainty, guide all people facing difficult decisions, and lift the spirits of any who are in need (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Accompany communities struggling with conflict. Help us to listen deeply to one another, that we might know one another more fully and release any hurt or anger. Create ways of healing and reconciliation among us. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Fill us with the spirit of wisdom and perseverance that you grant to all the saints, and bring us, at the last, into the hope of your promised new day. Today, we remember those who set a model of faith for us (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). 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: God, we thank you for all the people who make life sweet in this congregation. Some are members; some are friends and guests. Today, we give special thanks for those who have become members this year. We ask you to bless them and help each one find their place and build friendships in this community. 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.

STEWARDSHIP READING *Proverbs 11:24* Pastor Niklaus

Some give freely yet grow all the richer; others withhold what is due and only suffer want.

OFFERING *"For the Beauty of the Earth"* Craig Curry

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray. Eternal God, our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you. Receive what we offer, and all that you entrust to us, until hungry no more, all the world is fed, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

LORD'S PRAYER

HOLY COMMUNION *"An Irish Blessing"* Joel Raney

POST HOLY COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER HOLY COMMUNION

P: Together let us pray:

C: Holy God, we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal. You continuously seek the lost, bind the injured, and feed your people abundantly. Now send us out, awake to your presence, now and forever. Amen.

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN *"Jesus Shall Reign"* v. 1, 2, 4, 5 **ELW 434**

1 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does its successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

2 To him shall endless prayer be made,
and praises throng to crown his head;
his name like sweet perfume shall rise
with ev'ry morning sacrifice.

4 Blessings abound where'er he reigns:
the pris'ners leap to lose their chains,
the weary find eternal rest,
and all who suffer want are blest.

5 Let ev'ry creature rise and bring
peculiar honors to our king;
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud amen.

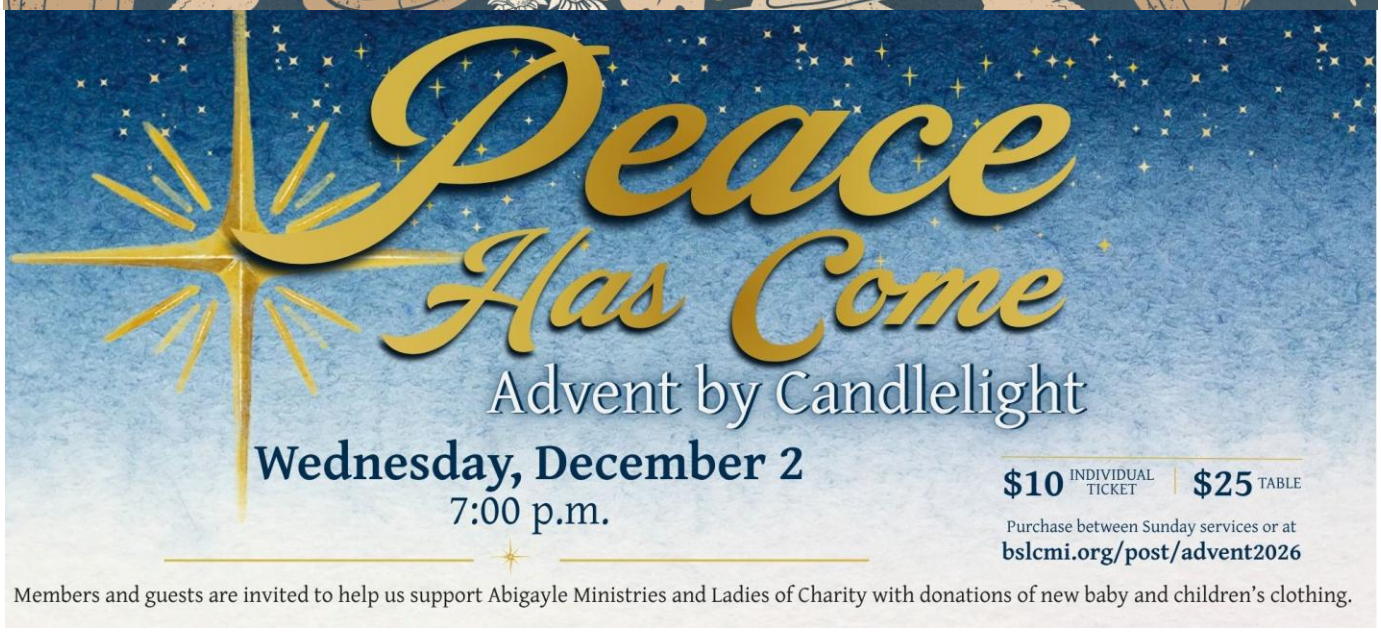
DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE *"Giga"* G. F. Handel




HAPPY
THANKSGIVING
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27


Thanksgiving Eve
Worship Service
Wednesday, November 25th @ 7 p.m.


Peace
Has Come
Advent by Candlelight
Wednesday, December 2
7:00 p.m.
$10 INDIVIDUAL TICKET
$25 TABLE
Purchase between Sunday services or at
bslcmi.org/post/advent2026
Members and guests are invited to help us support Abigayle Ministries and Ladies of Charity with donations of new baby and children's clothing.


FIVE LAKES
SILVER BAND
Christmas Concert
SATURDAY
DECEMBER 19
7:00 PM
NO TICKET
NECESSARY—
FREE WILL
OFFERING


CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERVICES
CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP
Thursday, December 24
4:00 p.m. | 7:00 p.m. | 10:00 p.m.
* 4 P.M. CELTIC CHRISTMAS EVE FEATURING GUEST MUSICIANS FINVARRA'S WREN *
CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP
Friday, December 25 @ 10:00 a.m.
SPECIAL SUNDAY WORSHIP
Sunday, December 27 @ 10:00 a.m.
* SPECIAL TIME, ONE WORSHIP SERVICE ONLY *
Peace
FOR REAL LIFE