

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

Twelve Common People

“Nathaniel – The Genuine”

11:15—August 24, 2025

Jesus called twelve common people to be his first followers who did uncommon things to change the world. This week, we learn about Nathaniel, a man with a pure heart whose desire to seek the truth inspired others to do so as well.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING WORSHIP MUSIC *“Come Unto Jesus”*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISSION MOMENT *“Stephen Ministry”* Annette George

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

GATHERING SONG *“You’re Worthy of My Praise”*
“10,000 Reasons”

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. O God, mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

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 *Proverbs 3:13-14* David Lochner

A: Together, let us recite the memory verse:

C: Happy are those who find wisdom, and those who get understanding, for her income is better than silver, and her revenue better than gold.

INTRODUCTION TO THE READING

READING *Genesis 28:10-22*

A: The reading according to Genesis, the twenty-eighth chapter.

¹⁰ Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. ¹¹ He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. ¹² And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. ¹³ And the LORD stood beside him and said, “I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; ¹⁴ and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. ¹⁵ Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.” ¹⁶ Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said,

“Surely the LORD is in this place—and I did not know it!” ¹⁷ And he was afraid, and said, “How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.” ¹⁸ So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. ¹⁹ He called that place Bethel; but the name of the city was Luz at the first. ²⁰ Then Jacob made a vow, saying, “If God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat and clothing to wear, ²¹ so that I come again to my father’s house in peace, then the LORD shall be my God, ²² and this stone, which I have set up for a pillar, shall be God’s house; and of all that you give me I will surely give one-tenth to you.”

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

John 1:43-51

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

⁴³ The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.” ⁴⁴ Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵ Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.” ⁴⁶ Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” ⁴⁷ When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, “Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!” ⁴⁸ Nathanael asked him, “Where did you get to know me?” Jesus answered, “I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.” ⁴⁹ Nathanael replied, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” ⁵⁰ Jesus answered, “Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.” ⁵¹ And he said to him, “Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Karyn Parker, Children’s Ministries Coordinator(video)

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Niklaus C. Schillack, Senior Pastor

SONG OF THE DAY

“Everything You Are”

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

David Lochner

A: Let us pray for the church, the creation, and the whole people of God, for God is near.

A brief silence.

A: Raise up faithful leaders for your church around the world. Inspire global missionaries with a spirit of accompaniment, as they walk alongside our partners in the gospel in solidarity, interdependence, and mutuality to share the good news of Jesus. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Safeguard rivers and lakes from pollution. Sustain the work of conservationists, policy makers, and advocacy groups seeking to protect fresh water sources. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Bridge divisions across partisan lines. Strengthen cooperative efforts among lawmakers who enact policies that protect our neighbors who are most vulnerable. Teach us to love our collective nation more and hate our political opponents less. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Embrace all who suffer in isolation: for those who are incarcerated or detained, those who are fleeing from unsafe environments, and those who are sick or homebound (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). Reassure them of your care in all times and places. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Guide the leaders of this congregation. In these late summer weeks, inspire their planning for a new program year ahead. Kindle in us a spirit of collaboration and support for their work. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: With thanksgiving, we remember the cloud of witnesses who surround us (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). By the example of their faith, enable us to run with perseverance the race set before us, until that day when we join their unending praise. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Faithful Lord, we pray that deep and persistent prayer permeates our congregation, not only as we seek your will for an associate pastor, but also as we seek your vision for our Beautiful Savior community. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Confident in God's presence and promise, we entrust our prayers to the one who always receives them; through Jesus Christ, our wisdom and companion.

C: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

STEWARDSHIP READING

Proverbs 21:21

Whoever pursues righteousness and kindness will find life and honor.

OFFERING

"My Jesus"

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray. Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

HOLY COMMUNION

POST HOLY COMMUNION BLESSING

BLESSING

SENDING SONG

"Great Is the Lord"

DISMISSAL



3rd Thursday of the month
noon

MEN'S
Luncheon

**All men of the church are
welcome—invite a friend!**

Lukich Family Dining
3900 Rochester Rd.
Troy, MI



No need to RSVP—just come!
No agenda, just time to chat

**PLUG INTO THE
POWER OF GOD**
SUNDAYS
SEPTEMBER 7—21

*Discover the incredible power God
gives you through spiritual gifts.*

Bible JOURNEY
**The Book
of Ruth**

Mondays at 7 p.m.

BSLC Welcome Center

*No commitment required.
Attend on the weeks
you are able.*

August 4, 11, 18, 25