

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

What Are You Looking For?

9:00—October 25, 2026

Beneath routines, responsibilities, and expectations, we may carry deep questions about meaning, belonging, purpose, and hope. Jesus's question invites us to bring those longings honestly before God. This week gives us an opportunity to "come and see," to remain with Jesus, and to discover a life more deeply rooted in his presence.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Flowers given in loving memory of Marletta Sue Hoffman

GATHERING WORSHIP MUSIC

"Vezzosi Augelli"	G. de Wert/Calvo Lichtman
"Air de Zarastro"	W. A. Mozart/Hecquet
"Fanfare"	P. Dukas/Wayne Barrington
"Contre qui, rose"	M. Lauridsen/Bernie Kirchner
"A Mighty Fanfare"	David Jenvey

We welcome Chicago Road Brass and thank them for leading us in worship.

David Jenvey, Kelby Weilnau, Justin Zak,
Denzel Donald, Bernhard Kirchner

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Niklaus

MISSION MOMENT

"Stewardship"

Karen Zeile

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor Diane

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth.

C: Amen.

P: Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Compassionate God,

C: we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.

P: Hear this good news: We have peace with God through + Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN *"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"* v. 1, 2, 4

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| 1 A mighty fortress is our God,
a sword and shield victorious;
he breaks the cruel oppressor's rod
and wins salvation glorious.
The old satanic foe
has sworn to work us woe!
With craft and dreadful might
he arms himself to fight.
On earth he has no equal. | 4 God's Word forever shall abide,
no thanks to foes, who fear it;
for God himself fights by our side
with weapons of the Spirit.
Were they to take our house,
goods, honor, child, or spouse,
though life be wrenched away,
they cannot win the day.
The kingdom's ours forever! |
| 2 No strength of ours can match his might!
We would be lost, rejected.
But now a champion comes to fight,
whom God himself elected.
You ask who this may be? The Lord of hosts is he!
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord, God's only Son, adored.
He holds the field victorious. | |

THE GREETING

Pastor Diane

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, 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 *“May Your Roots Grow Deep”*

David Lantz III

Flutist: Lisa Wade Percussion: David-Paul Nadeau

MEMORY VERSE *Proverbs 3:13-14*

Gwen Fitzgerald

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 *Jeremiah 29:11-14*

A: The reading according to Jeremiah, the twenty-ninth chapter.

¹¹ For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. ¹² Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. ¹³ When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, ¹⁴ I will let you find me, says the Lord, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, says the Lord, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL VERSE



GOSPEL *John 1:35-39*

Pastor Niklaus

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁵ The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶ and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” ³⁷ The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸ When Jesus turned and saw them following, he

said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?”³⁹ He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon.

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 *“The Church of Christ, in Ev’ry Age”* v. 1, 3, 4, 5 **ELW 729**

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| 1 The church of Christ, in ev’ry age
beset by change, but Spirit-led,
must claim and test its heritage
and keep on rising from the dead. | 4 For he alone, whose blood was shed,
can cure the fever in our blood,
and teach us how to share our bread
and feed the starving multitude. |
| 3 Then let the servant church arise,
a caring church that longs to be
a partner in Christ’s sacrifice,
and clothed in Christ’s humanity. | 5 We have no mission but to serve
in full obedience to our Lord;
to care for all, without reserve,
and spread his liberating word. |

APOSTLES’ CREED

Pastor Diane

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: Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new, we pray for the church and the world.

A brief silence.

A: Gracious God, as we remember the Reformation, we thank you for all those who have worked to hold the church accountable to our mission. Protect them as they speak truth to power. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: We give thanks for the beauty of the world's islands, coastlines, and low-lying places. Keep them and their inhabitants safe from harm. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: We thank you for the diversity of humankind, made in your image. We pray for the future of endangered languages and cultures. Preserve them to show forth your glory. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: We pray for the healing of all who are sick or injured, especially those who cannot access medical care. We remember those whom we love who are suffering or in pain (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: We give thanks for retired clergy and their families, honoring their faithful service to your church. Bless them as they find new ways to live into their vocation. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: We thank you for all the faithful departed who taught us to love you and our neighbor, (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). By their example, help us to seek after you with heart, soul, and mind. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

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. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

Pastor Niklaus

STEWARDSHIP READING *Proverbs 20:15*

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

OFFERING

“La rose complete” M. Lauridsen/Bernie Kirchner

OFFERING PRAYER

Pastor Diane

P: Let us pray. God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always.

C: Amen.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

LORD’S PRAYER

HOLY COMMUNION

“Meditation” M. Portnoy/Bernie Kirchner
“Quem pastores laudavere” J. Bassi/Bernie Kirchner

POST HOLY COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER HOLY COMMUNION

P: Together let us pray:

C: **Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

ELW 836

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| 1 Joyful, joyful we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee,
praising thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day. | 3 Thou art giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living,
ocean-depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother,
all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine! |
| 2 All thy works with joy surround thee,
earth and heav'n reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee,
center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird, and flowing fountain
call us to rejoice in thee. | |

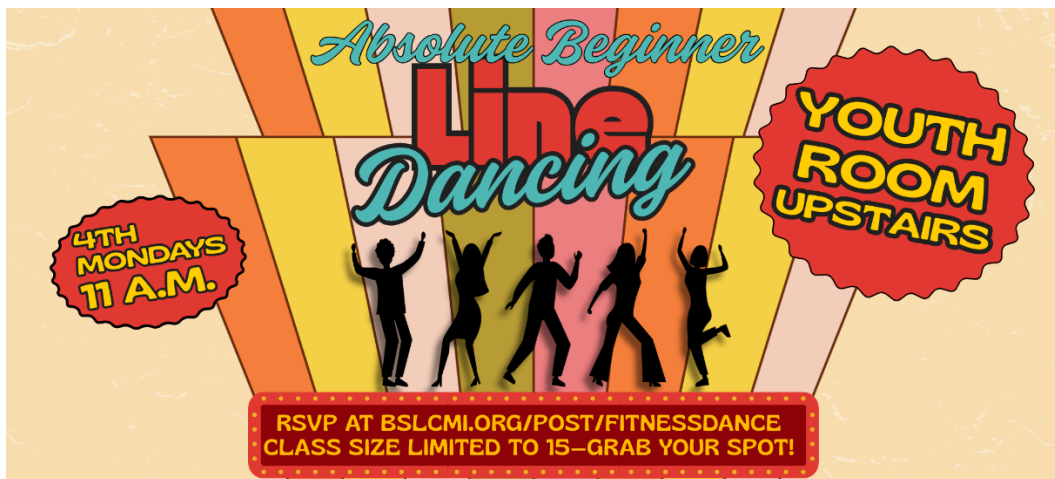
DISMISSAL

Pastor Niklaus

POSTLUDE

“Trois Chansons”
“En une seule fleur”

M. Ravel/C. Lichtmann
M. Lauridsen/Bernie Kirchner



WARREN AND FLICK

NO TICKET NECESSARY
FREE WILL OFFERING

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30 AT 7 PM

Great Thanksgiving Food Drive

We are blessed to be able continue our Thanksgiving program for families in need.

We hope to serve even more families this year than ever before by partnering with
Lighthouse AND Spirit of Grace Church.

Between October 25th and November 15th, bring your food donations to the Outreach
collection area in the BSLC Welcome by the pastors' portraits.

Contact Wade Jehowski via the church office with any questions: office@bslcmi.org (248) 646-5041

- Macaroni and Cheese
- Gravy (Packets Preferred)
- Boxed Stuffing
- Boxed Potatoes
- Cereal
- Dessert Mixes: Brownies, Cookies, Cake
- Canned Vegetables
- Pasta Sauce/Noodles

7 P.M. SATURDAY,
NOVEMBER 7

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at the Welcome Center Desk
or (248) 646-5041