

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 Conflict”

11:15—March 8, 2026

Jesus challenges the Pharisees and Herodians by demanding they give the emperor what is his, while simultaneously reminding them of their ultimate duty to give God what is God’s. This encourages a faith that acknowledges earthly authority, yet risks confrontation by upholding allegiance to God above all else. Everything belongs to God, even the emperor’s authority, meaning true faith may require challenging human authority when it conflicts with God’s will.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING WORSHIP MUSIC *“The Jesus Way”*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISSION MOMENT *“Annunciation”* WINGS

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 disdain 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 SONG

*“Give Us Clean Hands”
“Build My Life”*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Heavenly Father, you alone are the author of all wisdom, and prosperity is a gift from your hand. Give us the wisdom to have mercy on others as you show compassion toward us. May we be a generation of those who seek you, O God of Jacob. Let us acknowledge “everything” belongs to you, dear God. Your grace endures forever. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit we pray.

C: **Amen.**

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Brooks Hosanna Biebelhausen

Brooks Hosanna Biebelhausen’s parents, Michael Charles Biebelhausen and Whitney Brooke (Robinson) Biebelhausen bring their child forward for the sacrament of baptism. Brooks Hosanna Biebelhausen’s sponsors are Stephen Biebelhausen and Meghan Biebelhausen.

PRESENTATION

P: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God’s mission for the life of the world.

Stephen and Meghan: We present Brooks Hosanna for baptism.

P: Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your child baptized into Christ?

Michael and Whitney: We do.

P: As you bring your child to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with her among God’s faithful people, bring her to the word of God and the holy supper, teach her the Lord’s Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in her hands the holy scriptures, and nurture her in faith and prayer, so that she may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace. Do you promise to help her grow in the Christian faith and life?

Michael and Whitney: We do.

P: Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Brooks Hosanna in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God’s Spirit, and to help her live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Stephen and Meghan: We do.

P: People of God, do you promise to support Brooks Hosanna and pray for her in her new life in Christ?

C: **We do.**

PROFESSION OF FAITH

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

C: **I renounce them.**

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

C: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C: **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.**

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters, and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus's death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that this child who is washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BAPTISM

P: Brooks Hosanna, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

LAYING ON OF HANDS

P: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughter new birth, cleanse her from sin, and raise her to eternal life. Sustain Brooks Hosanna with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

C: Amen.

ANOINTING

P: Brooks Hosanna, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

C: Amen.

WELCOME

A lighted candle is given to Brooks's sponsors:

P: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

C: Amen.

P: Let us welcome our newly baptized sister.

C: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

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 14:23

David Lochner

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

PSALM

Psalm 24:1-10

The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it, ² for he has founded it on the seas and established it on the rivers. ³ Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in his holy place? ⁴ Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is false and do not swear deceitfully. ⁵ They will receive blessing from the LORD and vindication from the God of their salvation. ⁶ Such is the company of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob. ⁷ Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in! ⁸ Who is the King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle. ⁹ Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in! ¹⁰ Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory.

GOSPEL

Matthew 22:15-22

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁵ Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. ¹⁶ So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷ Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" ¹⁸ But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹ Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰ Then he said to them, "Whose head is this and whose title?" ²¹ They answered, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's." ²² When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

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

SONG OF THE DAY

"The Lord's Prayer (It's Yours)"

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

David Lochner

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: O God, when suffering arises, preserve your church. Give to pastors, deacons, bishops, and all servants of your gospel the endurance that produces character and the hope that will never disappoint. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: When the waters run wild, sustain this earth. Send water to places languishing with drought, and bring relief to places damaged by floods. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: When quarrels ensue, soften our hearts. Quell hostilities between nations and peoples, and reconcile all humans across the lines of race, class, nationality, moral conviction, religion, and all else that divides us. Help us know Jesus's uniting love is stronger than the world's divisions. Then, Lord, give us the courage to act on that knowledge. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: When your people thirst, satisfy their needs. Send water and food to all who need nourishment. Grant welcome to all who are excluded. Show your mercy to any in need (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: When we gather to worship, send us your Spirit. Renew our hearts through the joyful noise we make and bless the work of our church musicians and musical ensembles. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: O God, when death draws near, we rejoice in the promise of life with you. We remember all who have entered eternal rest (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). We pray that you bring us the hope of sharing in your glory. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: O God, we come before you 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

Ecclesiastes 5:10

The lover of money will not be satisfied with money; nor the lover of wealth, with gain. This also is vanity.

OFFERING

"Everything You Are"

OFFERING PRAYER

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

LORD'S PRAYER

HOLY COMMUNION

POST HOLY COMMUNION BLESSING

BLESSING

SENDING SONG

"Gratitude"

DISMISSAL

The Service of the Word for Wholeness

SUNDAY, MARCH 15

10:15 – 10:35 a.m.

Beautiful Savior Chapel

January Focus: Kitchen Oversight and Feed My Lambs

*Scripture | Prayers for others & self
Anointing with oil | Laying on of hands*

Every third Sunday of the month



Finvarra's Wren Spring Concert

Fri.
March 20
7 pm

**NO Ticket Necessary
FREE WILL OFFERING**





BSLC
Euchre
NIGHT



SATURDAY, MARCH 21

6:45 P.M. Get Registered & Grab a Snack

7:00 P.M. Game Play Begins

No cost to enter, though freewill offering to cover the cost of snacks & prizes always welcome

RSVP at bslcmi.org/post/euchre or Welcome Center Information Desk

Open To Christ

MIDWEEK LENTEN WORSHIP

Community Meal & Message

Wednesdays,

February 18–March 25

Dinner begins @ 5:45 p.m.

Worship @ 7:00 p.m.

Sign up for a dinner team at

BSLCMI.org/Lent2026





ROYAL OAK SYMHOONY 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.



TRAVEL TIME
with Bob Hoffman
MYANMAR, LOAS, & CAMBODIA

Tuesday, March 24 at 3 p.m.

Join us on the 4th Tuesday of each month in the Welcome Center; no cost, no need to RSVP. Just come and enjoy.

The graphic features a vertical strip on the left containing the flags of Cambodia (top), Myanmar (second), Laos (third), and Thailand (bottom). The main text is on a dark blue background with yellow starburst accents.