

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 Opportunity” 11:15—March 15, 2026

This story contrasts a woman’s expensive gift of anointing Jesus with the disciples’ concern for what they perceived as a wasteful act. Jesus teaches risky faith involves seizing timely opportunities to express devotion and love, even if it seems unconventional or costly to others. This act of worship, done in faith, is a “good service” and a demonstration of faith God will remember and honor.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Flowers Given in Loving Memory of Marletta Sue Hoffman

GATHERING WORSHIP MUSIC “Giving It All” Michael Gungor Band

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISSION MOMENT “Evangelism”

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 disdainning 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 *"You're Worthy of My Praise"*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Heavenly Father, sometimes we take your blessings for granted. You give
us our lives, our health, and every opportunity for prosperity and happiness. Help us
return your favors by giving you credit for everything we have. Show us ways to serve
others using the talents and treasures you have given us. Pour your Holy Spirit upon us
as we minister to others. Give us time to reflect on your generosity. In the name of our
Lord, Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Juniper Laurel Pier

*Juniper Laurel Pier's parents, Tyler Zachery Pier and Holly Anne (Vedolich) Pier
bring their child forward for the sacrament of baptism.*

Juniper Laurel's sponsor is Nancy Anne Vedolich.

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.

Nancy: I present Juniper Laurel 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?

Tyler and Holly: 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?

Tyler and Holly: We do.

P: Sponsor, do you promise to nurture Juniper Laurel 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?

Nancy: I do.

P: People of God, do you promise to support Juniper Laurel 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: Juniper Laurel, 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 Juniper Laurel 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: Juniper Laurel, 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 Juniper's sponsor:

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

Marilyn 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

READING

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

A: The reading according to Ecclesiastes, the third chapter.

For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven: ² a time to be born and a time to die; a time to plant and a time to pluck up what is planted; ³ a time to kill and a time to heal; a time to break down and a time to build up; ⁴ a time to weep and a time to laugh; a time to mourn and a time to dance; ⁵ a time to throw away stones and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing; ⁶ a time to seek and a time to lose; a time to keep and a time to throw away; ⁷ a time to tear and a time to sew; a time to keep silent and a time to speak; ⁸ a time to love and a time to hate; a time for war and a time for peace.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

Matthew 26:6-16

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

⁶ Now while Jesus was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, ⁷ a woman came to him with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment, and she poured it on his head as he sat at the table. ⁸ But when the disciples saw it, they were angry and said, "Why this waste? ⁹ For this ointment could have been sold for a large sum and the money given to the poor." ¹⁰ But Jesus, aware of this, said to them, "Why do you trouble the woman? She has performed a

good service for me. ¹¹ For you always have the poor with you, but you will not always have me. ¹² By pouring this ointment on my body she has prepared me for burial. ¹³ Truly I tell you, wherever this good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her.” ¹⁴ Then one of the twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests ¹⁵ and said, “What will you give me if I betray him to you?” They paid him thirty pieces of silver. ¹⁶ And from that moment he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.

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

“Take My Life and Let It Be”

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Marilyn 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: God, our shepherd, we pray that you guide the church. Lead Christians in our community and across the globe in right paths for your name’s sake. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: God our provider, we cry out for this planet and the life it holds. Rescue endangered animals and plants, preserve threatened ecosystems, and save creatures from natural disasters. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: God our sovereign, we plead for your peace on earth. Bring an end to war and violence, and raise up leaders in governments, courts, businesses, schools, and community organizations who seek goodness and mercy. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: God our healer, we call to you in our need. Uplift all who are made to feel unimportant, and transform the hearts of all infected by bigotry and prejudice. Care for all in special need this day (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: God our friend, we praise you for the diversity of people among us. Awaken us to share and receive the gifts we each possess, and stir up a spirit of understanding, celebration, and welcome for all of your children. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: God our home, we thank you for all who have died and completed their baptismal journeys (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). Grant us faith to live until we too dwell in your house forever. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: God our guide, 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 *Matthew 26:7-8*

...A woman came to (Jesus) with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment, and she poured it on his head as he sat at the table.

OFFERING *“Oceans/You Make Me Brave”*

Vocalists: Marilyn Lochner & Kelly Newell

OFFERING PRAYER

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

LORD’S PRAYER

HOLY COMMUNION

POST HOLY COMMUNION BLESSING

BLESSING

SENDING SONG *“We’re Gonna Shine”*

DISMISSAL

Finvarra's Wren Spring Concert

Fri.
March 20
7 pm

NO Ticket Necessary
FREE WILL OFFERING



**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.



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