

# Welcome to Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

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Sunday Worship Schedule  
9:00 – Traditional  
11:15 – Contemporary style  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month at 10:15—  
Service of the Word for Wholeness

## Summer in the Psalms

*“God Is Good”*

11:15 a.m.—August 16, 2026

Psalm 103 praises the LORD as merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. In Luke 15, Jesus told of a father who ran to meet his lost son with compassion, forgiveness, and joy. Together, these readings reveal the heart of God, who knows our weakness, forgives our sin, and welcomes us home in mercy. God’s goodness is not distant or abstract; it meets us with compassion and restores us to life.

### ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING WORSHIP SONG      *“Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)”*      Julie Steinmayer

WELCOME      Pastor Niklaus

#### BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR MISSION STATEMENT

**Beautiful Savior is a biblically grounded community who unites to follow and share the way of Jesus.**

#### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

SONG      *“Goodness of God”*

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

MEMORY VERSE      *Colossians 3:16*      Anne Oliver

A: Together, let us recite the memory verse:

**C: Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.**

#### INTRODUCTION TO THE READING

PSALM      *Psalm 103*

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name. <sup>2</sup> Bless the LORD, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits— <sup>3</sup> who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, <sup>4</sup> who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, <sup>5</sup> who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s. <sup>6</sup> The LORD works vindication and justice for all who are oppressed. <sup>7</sup> He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel. <sup>8</sup> The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. <sup>9</sup> He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever. <sup>10</sup> He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. <sup>11</sup> For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; <sup>12</sup> as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us. <sup>13</sup> As a father has compassion for his children, so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him. <sup>14</sup> For he knows how we were made; he remembers that we are dust. <sup>15</sup> As for mortals, their days are like grass; they flourish like a flower of the field; <sup>16</sup> for the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place knows it no more. <sup>17</sup> But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness to children’s children, <sup>18</sup> to those who keep his covenant and remember to do his commandments. <sup>19</sup> The LORD has established his throne in the heavens, and his kingdom rules over all. <sup>20</sup> Bless the LORD, O you his angels, you mighty ones who do his bidding, obedient to his spoken word. <sup>21</sup> Bless

the LORD, all his hosts, his ministers that do his will. <sup>22</sup> Bless the LORD, all his works, in all places of his dominion. Bless the LORD, O my soul.

## **GOSPEL**

*Luke 15:11-24*

Pastor Niklaus

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fifteenth chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>11</sup> Then Jesus said, "There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup> The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the wealth that will belong to me.' So he divided his assets between them. <sup>13</sup> A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant region, and there he squandered his wealth in dissolute living. <sup>14</sup> When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that region, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup> So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that region, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. <sup>16</sup> He would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, and no one gave him anything. <sup>17</sup> But when he came to his senses he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! <sup>18</sup> I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; <sup>19</sup> I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands." ' <sup>20</sup> So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. <sup>21</sup> Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' <sup>22</sup> But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe the best one and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. <sup>23</sup> And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate, <sup>24</sup> for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!'" And they began to celebrate.

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

## **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

## **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

Anne Oliver

A: With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

*A brief silence.*

A: For believers around the world who stream to your holy mountain, that all be united in faith and harmony in the body of Christ. Let your church on earth be a witness to the beloved community of your heavenly reign. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: For your wondrous creation, that it thrives and flourishes as you intend. Raise up wise stewards to defend the natural world against carelessness and destruction. Safeguard endangered species and their habitats. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: For the nations of the world and all in authority, that they heed the cry of the outcast and ensure care for the most vulnerable. Give wisdom to leaders of countries, congregations, and communities, that they lead and serve justly. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: For all who are lonely, grieving, or struggling with chronic pain, that they find comfort, community, and hope. Send relief to all who struggle with illness of any kind (*especially those we name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: For this congregation, for guests and those new to this faith community, that all may recognize the presence of Christ in each new face. Draw this community together in love and strengthen it in unwavering faith. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: For the saints before us whose work is done (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*), that their faithful example continues to direct your church. May their witness remind us that your gifts and calling are irrevocable, whether in life or death. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**STEWARDSHIP READING**

*Proverbs 28:27*

Pastor Niklaus

Whoever gives to the poor will lack nothing, but one who turns a blind eye will get many a curse.

**OFFERING**

*"10,000 Reasons"*

**OFFERING PRAYER**

Pastor Diane

**THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**HOLY COMMUNION**

**POST HOLY COMMUNION BLESSING**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Pastor Niklaus

**BLESSING**

**SENDING SONG**

*"Sing Your Praises"*

**DISMISSAL**

Pastor Niklaus



**Thurs. August 20**  
**12:30 p.m.**

**MEN'S**  
*Luncheon*

Lukich Family Dining  
3900 Rochester Rd.  
Troy, MI

**No need to RSVP - just come!**  
**No agenda, just time to chat**





# BIANNUAL CHURCH *Meeting*

Budget review & passage

Sunday, August 23

10:10—11:00 a.m.

*all voting members should attend*



## GriefShare®

NEXT SESSION BEGINS SEPTEMBER 1

SESSIONS ON TUESDAY NIGHTS AT 6:30 P.M.

[BSLCMI.ORG/POST/GRIEF2026FALL](https://bslcmi.org/post/grief2026fall)

## Questions Jesus ASKED

A SIX-WEEK SMALL GROUP SERIES

SEPTEMBER 20—OCTOBER 25

Say "Yes" to being a small group facilitator!

Contact Pastor Diane at [prdiane@bsclmi.org](mailto:prdiane@bsclmi.org)