

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

Summer in the Psalms

“God Is Good”

9:00— August 16, 2026

Psalms 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 MUSIC

“Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

Michael Burkhardt

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Niklaus

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor Diane

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, whose compassion endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Compassionate God,

C: we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ’s name we pray, Amen.

P: Jesus says, “Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.” In the name of God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God’s love.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN “Children of the Heavenly Father”

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| 1 Children of the heav'nly Father
safely in his bosom gather;
nestling bird nor star in heaven
such a refuge e'er was given. | 3 Neither life nor death shall ever
from the Lord his children sever;
unto them his grace he showeth,
and their sorrows all he knoweth. |
| 2 God his own doth tend and nourish,
in his holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things he spares them,
in his mighty arms he bears them. | 4 Though he giveth or he taketh,
God his children ne'er forsaketh;
his the loving purpose solely
to preserve them pure and holy. |

THE GREETING

Pastor Diane

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Compassionate God, today we come to you with faith and confidence. Your forgiveness and healing fill us with gratitude. We ask you to bring restoration and wholeness to our broken world. May the words of Christ dwell in us richly and teach us well as we carry your love into the world. In the name of Jesus.

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

Colossians 3:16

Steve Luck

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

Psalms 103

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name. ² Bless the LORD, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits— ³ who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, ⁴ who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, ⁵ who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. ⁶ The LORD works vindication and justice for all who are oppressed. ⁷ He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel. ⁸ The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. ⁹ He will not always accuse, nor

will he keep his anger forever. ¹⁰ He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. ¹¹ For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; ¹² as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us. ¹³ As a father has compassion for his children, so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him. ¹⁴ For he knows how we were made; he remembers that we are dust. ¹⁵ As for mortals, their days are like grass; they flourish like a flower of the field; ¹⁶ for the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place knows it no more. ¹⁷ But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness to children's children, ¹⁸ to those who keep his covenant and remember to do his commandments. ¹⁹ The LORD has established his throne in the heavens, and his kingdom rules over all. ²⁰ Bless the LORD, O you his angels, you mighty ones who do his bidding, obedient to his spoken word. ²¹ Bless the LORD, all his hosts, his ministers that do his will. ²² Bless the LORD, all his works, in all places of his dominion. Bless the LORD, O my soul.

GOSPEL VERSE



GOSPEL

Luke 15:11-24

Pastor Niklaus

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹¹ Then Jesus said, "There was a man who had two sons. ¹² 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. ¹³ 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. ¹⁴ When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that region, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ 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. ¹⁶ He would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷ 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! ¹⁸ I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' ²⁰ 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. ²¹ 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.’ ²² 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. ²³ And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate, ²⁴ 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

HYMN OF THE DAY *“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”* v. 1 & 3

ELW 733

- 1 Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
 there is no shadow of turning with thee;
 thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;
 as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.
 Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
 Morning by morning new mercies I see;
 all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
 great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!
- 3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
 thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
 strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
 blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!
 Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
 Morning by morning new mercies I see;
 all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
 great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

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

Steve Luck

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.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

Pastor Niklaus

STEWARDSHIP READING *Proverbs 28:27*

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

OFFERING

“Little Fugue No. 4”

G. F. Handel

OFFERING PRAYER

Pastor Diane

P: Let us pray. Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.

C: Amen.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

LORD’S PRAYER

HOLY COMMUNION *“My God, How Wonderful Thou Are”*

Gabrielsen/Johnson

POST HOLY COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER HOLY COMMUNION

P: Together let us pray:

C: Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. Amen.

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN *“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”* v. 1-3

ELW 865

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| 1 | Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
to his feet your tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
evermore his praises sing.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise the everlasting King! | 3 | Tenderly he shields and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows.
In his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Widely as his mercy flows. |
| 2 | Praise him for his grace and favor
to our forebears in distress.
Praise him, still the same forever,
slow to chide and swift to bless.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Glorious in his faithfulness! | | |

DISMISSAL

Pastor Niklaus

POSTLUDE

"Now Thank We All Our God"

J. S. Bach/W. Held

A green poster with a pattern of food and drink icons. On the left is a red circle containing the text "MEN'S Luncheon" in black. To the right, the text "Thurs. August 20" and "12:30 p.m." is written in large black font. Below that, "Lukich Family Dining" and "3900 Rochester Rd. Troy, MI" is written in a smaller black font. At the bottom left, it says "No need to RSVP - just come!" and "No agenda, just time to chat" in black. On the bottom right is a circular logo featuring a chef's hat with the word "lukich" in red inside.

Thurs. August 20
12:30 p.m.
Lukich Family Dining
3900 Rochester Rd.
Troy, MI

Men's Luncheon

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A dark green poster with a pattern of business and financial icons. The text "BIANNUAL CHURCH" is in large white capital letters, followed by "Meeting" in a large, stylized yellow script font. Below that, "Budget review & passage" is in white, followed by "Sunday, August 23" and "10:10-11:00 a.m." in white. At the bottom, "all voting members should attend" is written in yellow script.

BIANNUAL CHURCH
Meeting
Budget review & passage
Sunday, August 23
10:10-11:00 a.m.
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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