

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

Journeying into Eternal Life

“Eternal Companionship”

9:00 a.m.—May 11, 2025

Jesus embraces us as the Good Shepherd. He is always with us, whether we are experiencing the heights of life or passing through the valley of the shadow of death. We are never alone, and we always have companionship – even when we seem to be most alone – because Jesus is with us.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING WORSHIP MUSIC *“Softly Whisper”*
“Soldiers March”
“The Singing Mermaid”
Pianist: Paul Luck

Kevin Costly
Robert Schumann
Edna Mae Burnam

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

P: Merciful God,

C: you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.

P: You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God’s children through faith. In the cross of ✠ Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

“Lord of All Hopefulness”

ELW 765

- 1 Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy:
be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
- 2 Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
- 3 Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace:
be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
- 4 Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm:
be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

THE GREETING

PRAYER OF THE DAY

K. Turowski

P: Let us pray. O God of peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, 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

“The Lord is My Shepherd”

Robert Lau

MEMORY VERSE

John 5:24

E. Brown

A: Together, let us recite the memory verse:

C: (Jesus said), “Very truly, I tell you, anyone who hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life, and does not come under judgement, but has passed from death to life.”

PSALM

Psalms 23

E. Brown

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want. ² He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; ³ he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. ⁴ Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff they comfort me. ⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. ⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

SECOND READING

Revelation 7:9-17

S. Barlow

A: The second reading according to the book of Revelation, the seventh chapter.

⁹ After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰ They cried out in a loud voice, saying, “Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

¹¹ And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² singing, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.” ¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” ¹⁴ I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵ For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. ¹⁶ They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; ¹⁷ for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL VERSE



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

GOSPEL

John 10:22-30

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

²² At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³ and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴ So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.” ²⁵ Jesus answered, “I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name testify to me; ²⁶ but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷ My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father’s hand. ³⁰ The Father and I are one.”

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 King of Love My Shepherd Is*” v. 1, 2, 3, 6 **ELW 502**

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| 1 The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his
and he is mine forever. | 2 Where streams of living water flow,
my ransomed soul he leadeth
and, where the verdant pastures grow,
with food celestial feedeth. |
| 3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home, rejoicing, brought me. | 6 And so, through all the length of days,
thy goodness faileth never.
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever. |

APOSTLES’ CREED

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

R. Wells

A: God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

A: You guide your people to the waters of life. Make your church a nourishing place for all who are thirsty for hope and healing. Renew us in the waters of baptism, and send us forth as signs of your love. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: You tend to the earth, sustaining life in all places. Revive fragile ecosystems and restore species in danger of extinction. Teach us new ways of living in balance and harmony with our non-human neighbors. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: You lead all peoples along right pathways. Grant wisdom and compassion to judges, lawyers, mediators, and legal advocates. Encourage all who strive for healing in our communities. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: You wipe the tears from every eye. Tend to all who struggle with anxiety, depression, loneliness, or despair. Enfold all who are in any need in your shepherding and healing care (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: This Mother's Day, bless mothers, grandmothers, all who offer mothering care, and all who make a positive difference in children's lives. Come close to those whose relationships with their families are difficult, and console all who grieve the loss of mother figures or the loss of children. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: You are the source of everlasting life. We have deep gratitude for all your saints (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). We rejoice in the joy and hope of the resurrection made known to us in Jesus, your beloved child. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Loving Lord, we come to you today with hearts full of gratitude for the call committee's completed work on the Ministry Site Profile. Bless their continued efforts as they transition into the next phase of securing pastoral support. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

C: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

STEWARDSHIP READING *2 Corinthians 8:1-2*

We want you to know, brothers and sisters, about the grace of God that has been granted to the churches of Macedonia; for during a severe ordeal of affliction, their abundant joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part.

OFFERING *"Blessed Assurance"*

Clarinetists: Kate Turowski and Marilyn Lochner

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray. Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world.

C: Amen.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

LORD'S PRAYER

HOLY COMMUNION *"The Good Shepherd"*

Gilbert M. Martin

POST HOLY COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER HOLY COMMUNION

P: Together let us pray:

C: Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world. Amen.

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

"Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing"

ELW 544

- 1 Praise the Lord, rise up rejoicing,
worship, thanks, devotion voicing:
glory be to God on high!
Christ, your cross and passion sharing,
by this eucharist declaring
yours the final victory.
- 2 Scattered flock, one shepherd sharing,
lost and lonely, one voice hearing,
ears attentive to your word;
by your blood new life receiving,
in your body, firm believing,
we are yours, and you the Lord.
- 3 Sins forgiven, wrongs forgiving,
we go forth alert and living
in your Spirit, strong and free.
Partners in your new creation,
seeking peace in ev'ry nation,
may we faithful foll'wers be.

DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE

"I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

Joel Raney

MAY 18, 2025—3:00 P.M.

RECEPTION FOLLOWING CONCERT • FREE WILL OFFERING •

**ROYAL OAK
SYMPHONY
ORCHESTRA**

**SMALL ENSEMBLE
FUNDRAISING CONCERT**

Hear your favorite ROSO musicians
perform in small group settings!

Woodwind Quintet
"Roaring Fork" by Eric Ewazen
Mixed Trio
"Wildflower Suite" by Eric Ewazen
Brass Trio
Pops and jazz
Flute Solo
Selections by Mozart and others

A decorative border of tulips in shades of orange, red, and yellow surrounds the central text area.

BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH
WOMEN IN GOD'S SERVICE
invites you to honor

2025 WOMAN OF THE YEAR

Jan Haefner

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 21
AT NOON**

THE VILLAGE CLUB
190 E. LONG LAKE ROAD, BLOOMFIELD HILLS

Tickets available Sundays in Welcome Center
OR ONLINE AT [BSLCMI.ORG/WOYLUNCH](https://bslcmi.org/woylunch)

A statue of Jesus in a white robe, with one arm raised in blessing, set against a blue sky background.

Journeying into ETERNAL LIFE

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERIES

APRIL 20—JUNE 1

9 a.m. Traditional Service

11:15 a.m. Contemporary Service

Jesus, through his death on the cross and resurrection from the dead, gives us the gift of eternal life – life eternally long as well as life eternally deep. Our Easter series examines many ways Jesus's resurrection power blesses us with the ability to live a life that goes on forever.

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