

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

Questions Jesus Asked

“Why Are You Anxious?”

9:00—October 4, 2026

In seasons filled with pressure, distraction, and responsibility, worry can quietly take hold of our hearts. Jesus’s words invite us to notice ravens, lilies, breath, grace, and the daily gifts of God’s care. This week gives us an opportunity to loosen our grip on anxious control and rediscover the quiet strength that grows through trust and gratitude.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING WORSHIP MUSIC *“His Eye Is on the Sparrow”* Wilbur Held

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Niklaus

MISSION MOMENT *“Christmas Giving – Shoeboxes”* Mary Reed

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS Pastor Diane

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth.

C: Amen.

P: Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Compassionate God,

C: we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.

P: Hear this good news: We have peace with God through + Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN *“For the Beauty of the Earth”* v. 1, 2, 4, 5

ELW 879

- 1 For the beauty of the earth,
for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies:
Christ, our God, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.
- 2 For the wonder of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flow'r,
sun and moon and stars of light:
Christ, our God, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.

- 4 For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above;
for all gentle thoughts and mild:
Christ, our God, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.
- 5 For each perfect gift of thine,
peace on earth and joy in heav'n;
for thyself, best gift divine,
to our world so freely giv'n:
Christ, our God, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.

THE GREETING

Pastor Diane

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

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

“My Father’s World”

Joel Raney

MEMORY VERSE

Proverbs 3:13-14

Kelly Biebelhausen

A: Together, let us recite the memory verse:

C: Happy are those who find wisdom, and those who get understanding, for her income is better than silver, and her revenue better than gold.

INTRODUCTION TO THE READINGS

FIRST READING

Genesis 2:4b–9

A: The first reading according to Genesis, the second chapter.

⁴These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created. In the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens, ⁵when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no vegetation of the field had yet sprung up for the LORD God had not caused

it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground, ⁶ but a stream would rise from the earth and water the whole face of the ground ⁷ then the LORD God formed man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being. ⁸ And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. ⁹ Out of the ground the LORD God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Philippians 4:4–9

A: The second reading according to Philippians, the fourth chapter.

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵ Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸ Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹ As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL VERSE



GOSPEL

Luke 12:22–34

Pastor Niklaus

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

²² He said to his disciples, “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. ²³ For life is more than food and the body more than clothing. ²⁴ Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the

birds! ²⁵ And which of you by worrying can add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁶ If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? ²⁷ Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ²⁸ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, you of little faith! ²⁹ And do not keep seeking what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. ³⁰ For it is the nations of the world that seek all these things, and your Father knows that you need them. ³¹ Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well. ³² “Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

The Rev. Diane Greble, Associate Pastor

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Niklaus C. Schillack, Senior Pastor

HYMN OF THE DAY “*If You but Trust in God to Guide You*” v. 1, 3, 4 **ELW 769**

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| 1 If you but trust in God to guide you
with gentle hand through all your ways,
you'll find that God is there beside you
when crosses come, in trying days.
Trust then in God's unchanging love;
build on the rock that will not move. | 4 Sing, pray, and keep God's ways unswerving,
offer your service faithfully.
Trust heaven's word; though undeserving,
you'll find this promise true to be.
This is our confidence indeed:
God never fails in time of need. |
| 3 The Lord our restless hearts is holding,
in peace and quietness content.
We rest in God's good will unfolding,
what wisdom from on high has sent.
God, who has chosen us by grace,
knows very well the fears we face. | |

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

Kelly Biebelhausen

A: Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new, we pray for the church and the world.

A brief silence.

A: God of every generation, we give thanks for all who have sought to renew and transform your holy church. Inspire us to follow their example in our own day. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: God of every creature, bless and protect the earth and all those who dwell within it. We give thanks for those who have helped us to see creation's witness to your glory. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: God of every tribe and nation, restore peace to the world's conflict zones, and shelter those who live within them. We pray especially for the safety of displaced people and refugees. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: God of every comfort, you made us in your own image. Grant healing and relief to all who are sick or suffering (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: God of every truth, you draw us nearer to you through your holy Word. We give thanks for teachers of the faith. Fill their hearts with your Spirit, that they inspire others with your truth. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: God of every soul, you are the one who calls us home. We give thanks for all the saints who have been restored to perfect unity with you (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: God who holds the future, please send your Holy Spirit to guide us in wisdom as we work out the details of your Strategic Plan for our congregation. Give us clarity and discernment as you lead us to find clear, measurable, and achievable yet bold objectives to reach our long-term goals. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

Pastor Niklaus

STEWARDSHIP READING *1 Timothy 6:17*

As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches but rather on God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.

OFFERING *“Fugue in D Major: The Nightingale”*

Johann Pachelbel

OFFERING PRAYER

Pastor Diane

P: Let us pray. God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always.

C: Amen.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

LORD’S PRAYER

HOLY COMMUNION *“When Peace Like a River”* v. 1, 3, 4

ELW 785

- 1 When peace like a river attendeth my way,
 when sorrows like sea billows roll,
 whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
 it is well, it is well with my soul.
 It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.
- 3 He lives--oh, the bliss of this glorious thought;
 my sin, not in part, but the whole,
 is nailed to his cross and I bear it no more.
 Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
 It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.
- 4 Lord, hasten the day when our faith shall be sight,
 the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
 the trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend;
 even so it is well with my soul.
 It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

POST HOLY COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER HOLY COMMUNION

P: Together let us pray:

C: Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN *“O God Beyond All Praising”* v. 1 & 3

ELW 880

- 1 O God beyond all praising, we worship you today
and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
for we can only wonder at ev'ry gift you send,
at blessings without number and mercies without end:
we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,
we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.
- 3 Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,
that we who know your favor may serve you as our King;
and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:
to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,
and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

DISMISSAL

Pastor Niklaus

POSTLUDE

“Menuet Gothique”

Léon Boëllmann

Pack your shoebox with:

- something fun: a “wow” item
- something needed: art or school supplies

PRAY!

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BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR
COLLECTION PERIOD

OCT. 4
through
OCT. 25



SEND
**GOOD NEWS
GREAT JOY**

Small Tools... Big Difference



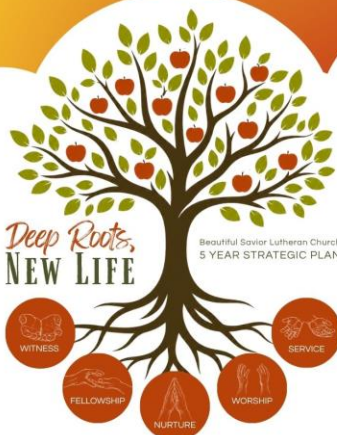
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14 @ NOON

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A LUNCHEON BROUGHT TO YOU BY WINGS

Enjoy a presentation of unusual kitchen tools that make meal prep easier AND tools for spiritual growth that make kindness easier!

Advance Tickets Only—\$10

RSVP between services or at bslcmi.org/post/WINGSLunch



Strategic Planning Visionary Meals

SUNDAY, OCT. 11 @ 12:30 P.M.

SUNDAY, OCT. 18. @ 12:30 P.M.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 21 @ 11:30 A.M.

MONDAY, OCT. 26 @ 6:00 P.M.

RSVP at the Welcome Center Desk or
bslcmi.org/post/strategic

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

SUNDAYS @ 10:10—11:00 A.M.

CONFERENCE ROOM, UPPER LEVEL

September 20 **FINDING JESUS IN CAPERNAUM**

Sept. 27—Nov. 1 **THE GOD WE CAN KNOW:**
Exploring the "I Am" Statements of Jesus

Nov. 8—Nov. 22 **THANKSGIVING FOR TREASURES**

Nov. 29—Jan. 3 **ISAIAH: VISIONS OF PROMISE**
*no class Dec. 27

**ALL ADULTS ARE WELCOME;
NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY.**

Begin to learn more about God, the Bible and your faith.

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