

# 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

## Risky Faith “Risking Opportunity” 9:00—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

*“Sonatas K. 159, K. 213, and K. 445”*

Domenico Scarlatti

Pianist: Joseph Walters

#### 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 disdain 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 HYMN** "*How Small Our Span of Life*" v. 1, 3, 4

**ELW 636**

1 How small our span of life, O God,  
our years from birth till death:  
a single beat within the heart,  
the catching of a breath,  
a drop within the ocean's deep,  
a grain upon the shore,  
a flash of light before we sleep  
to see the sun no more.

4 We thank you, God, for kindling faith  
that lights our transient years,  
illuminating our pilgrimage  
through mists of doubt and fears;  
for hope that sees a life beyond  
the swiftly passing days;  
for love, both human and divine,  
that lifts our hearts to praise.

3 O Christ, you left eternity  
to plunge in time's swift stream,  
to share the shortness of our span,  
our mortal lives redeem.  
You filled your cross-closed years  
with love; you loved us to the end  
and touch us with your risen life  
that ours may time transcend.

**THE GREETING**

## 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.**

## 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

*“Christ Be with Me”*

Michael S. Bryson

## MEMORY VERSE

*Proverbs 14:23*

Dennis Eurich

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*

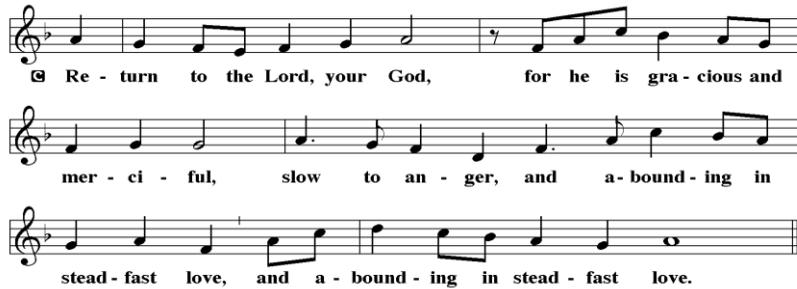
A: The reading according to Ecclesiastes, the third chapter.

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



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and  
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in  
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

## GOSPEL

*Matthew 26:6-16*

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

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

<sup>6</sup>Now while Jesus was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, <sup>7</sup>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. <sup>8</sup>But when the disciples saw it, they were angry and said, “Why this waste? <sup>9</sup>For this ointment could have been sold for a large sum and the money given to the poor.” <sup>10</sup>But Jesus, aware of this, said to them, “Why do you trouble the woman? She has performed a good service for me. <sup>11</sup>For you always have the poor with you, but you will not always have me. <sup>12</sup>By pouring this ointment on my body she has prepared me for burial. <sup>13</sup>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.” <sup>14</sup>Then one of the twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests <sup>15</sup>and said, “What will you give me if I betray him to you?” They paid him thirty pieces of silver. <sup>16</sup>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

## HYMN OF THE DAY

“*Lord of Light*” v. 1 & 2

**ELW 688**

1 Lord of light, your name outshining  
all the stars and suns of space,  
use our talents in your kingdom  
as the servants of your grace;  
use us to fulfill your purpose  
in the gift of Christ your Son:  
Father, as in highest heaven,  
so on earth your will be done.

2 By the toil of faithful workers  
in some far outlying field,  
by the courage where the radiance  
of the cross is still revealed,  
by the victories of meekness,  
through reproach and suffering won:  
Father, as in highest heaven,  
so on earth your will be done.

## 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

Dennis Eurich

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.

**HANDBELL OFFERING**      *"Sweet Hour of Prayer"*      Douglas Wagner  
Ringers: Mary Reed & Julie Steinmayer      Pianist: Joe Walters

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

P: Let us pray. O God, maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus's name.

**C: Amen.**

## **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**HOLY COMMUNION**      *"My Song Is Love Unknown"*      B. Culli/M. Burkhardt

### **POST HOLY COMMUNION BLESSING**

### **PRAYER AFTER HOLY COMMUNION**

P: Together let us pray:

**C: God of our salvation, we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**BLESSING**

**SENDING HYMN**

*“As Saints of Old”*

**ELW 695**

- 1 As saints of old their firstfruits brought  
of orchard, flock, and field  
to God, the giver of all good,  
the source of bounteous yield;  
so we today firstfruits would bring,  
the wealth of this good land,  
of farm and market, shop and home,  
of mind and heart and hand.
- 2 A world in need now summons us  
to labor, love, and give;  
to make our life an offering  
to God, that all may live.  
The church of Christ is calling us  
to make the dream come true:  
a world redeemed by Christ-like love;  
all life in Christ made new.
- 3 In gratitude and humble trust  
we bring our best today  
to serve your cause and share your love  
with all along life's way.  
O God, who gave yourself to us  
in Jesus Christ your Son,  
teach us to give ourselves each day  
until life's work is done.

**DISMISSAL**

**POSTLUDE**

*“Be Thou My Vision”*

David Lasky





## 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](http://bslcmi.org/post/euchre) or Welcome Center Information Desk



## TRAVEL TIME

*with Bob Hoffman*

**MYANMAR, LOAS, & CAMBODIA**

**Tuesday, March 24 at 3 p.m.**

*Join us on the 4th Tuesday of each month in the Welcome Center; no cost, no need to RSVP. Just come and enjoy.*