

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

How Do We Know It's True?

"People Are Transformed Today"

11:15— May 5, 2024

The popular axiom that “you can’t teach an old dog new tricks” does not apply to how God can and does change followers of Jesus for the better, either through a slow process of growth, or through dramatic leaps and bounds. We know the story of Jesus is true, since God is still changing people in Jesus’s name today, 2,000 years after Jesus walked the Earth.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Flowers given In Honor of Tim & Ann Hussar 50th Anniversary

GATHERING WORSHIP MUSIC

“The Jesus Way”

Phil Wickham

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG

“Wonderful, Merciful Savior”

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who live and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

A BLESSING AND A BLANKET FOR OUR GRADUATES

Max Tognetti and Annika Schiefer

P: Today we celebrate those who are taking another step in their lives and their faith journey. I invite our high school graduates, their parents, and siblings to come forward at this time.

P: Parents, in Christian love you presented your children for Holy Baptism. In Baptism, sacred promises were made. As parents of these young people, it has been part of your calling to see that those sacred promises were kept: “To faithfully bring them to the services of God’s house, to teach them the Lord’s Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, to place in their hands the Holy Scriptures and to provide for their instruction in the Christian faith.”

P: You have fulfilled these promises. We now ask you to covenant with this congregation for the ongoing support of these young people’s journeys in faith. Do you intend to routinely lift your children up in prayer? If so, please answer, “I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.”

Parents: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

A: I now ask the congregation: do you promise to support and encourage these parents in keeping their sacred promises? If so, please answer, “We will, and we ask God to help and guide us.”

C: We will, and we ask God to help and guide us.

P: Graduate, you have taken another step in your journey in faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant made with you in Holy Baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear God's Word and share the Lord's Supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of our Lord Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth? If so, please answer, "I do, and I ask God to help and guide me."

Graduates: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

PRAYER

A: On this important day, the day when we mark your "Stepping into the World" and bless you with the gift of a blanket, we ask God's blessings on you and on the whole people of God in Christ Jesus.

Let us pray: Dear God of creation, we ask your blessing on Max and Annika as they begin a new chapter in their lives. Please bless them, guide them and grant them these gifts: joy as they live among your faithful people; openness in hearing your Word and thankfulness in sharing your Supper; eagerness in sharing the good news of Christ through their words and actions; dedication in serving all people following the example of the Lord Jesus; and a hunger for justice and peace.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

Parents: We thank God today for the gift that you have been in our lives. Wherever you go, you will always be a part of us. Wherever you travel, our love goes with you. Whatever you do, you will always be a part of our hearts. We bless you in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. May this blanket remind you of our love, the warmth of your Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church family, and the power of the Holy Spirit. And on those nights when we cannot wrap you in our arms, may you wrap yourself in this blanket and know that in God's family you are never alone. Amen.

Graduates: Mom/Dad, thank you for keeping the promises you made in my baptism. I thank God for you and for all you have done for me.

MISSION MOMENT

Community Art Mother's Day Event

Helen Blicharz video

MEMORY VERSE

1 Peter 3:15b-16a

Patti Tieman

A: Together, let us recite the memory verse:

C: "Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an account of the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence."

FIRST READING

Acts 3:12-19

A: The first reading according to Acts, the third chapter.

¹² When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? ¹³ The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. ¹⁴ But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵ and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶ And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. ¹⁷ And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸ In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹ Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

1 John 3:1-7

A: The second reading according to the first book of John, the third chapter.

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ² Beloved, we are God's children now; what we

will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³ And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. ⁴ Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵ You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶ No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. ⁷ Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

Luke 19:1-10

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

He entered Jericho and was passing through it. ² A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax-collector and was rich. ³ He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. ⁴ So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. ⁵ When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today." ⁶ So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. ⁷ All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." ⁸ Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." ⁹ Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰ For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

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

SONG OF THE DAY

"The Potter's Hand"

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Patti Tieman

A: Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

A brief silence.

A: Your Holy Spirit falls upon all who hear the word. Fill your church with the gifts of your Spirit and give understanding hearts to those who strengthen our commitments with our ecumenical and interreligious partners. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: You speak and the face of the earth is renewed. Revive your creation, that habitats and every kind of living thing might flourish. Protect endangered species and help us to care for all your creatures. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Your world is divided and the nations rage. Grant wisdom and vision to world leaders, that they may seek justice, peace, and the good of all. Strengthen international partnerships and cooperation. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Your children are in need. Comfort all those who suffer, especially those afflicted by anxiety, depression, and mental illness. Help us to be conduits of your love in our care for one another and all in need of healing (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Your work is done in this place with our hands. Bless the ministries of this congregation, that we may embody your love for the world. Inspire those who plan and lead worship, council members, committee members, and volunteers. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Your blessed saints now rest in you. Give us thankful hearts for those who have gone before us (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). At the last, bring us all together around your heavenly banquet table. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

C: Amen.

STEWARDSHIP READING

Matthew 6:19-21

Jesus said, "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

OFFERING

"Holy Forever"

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray. Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

C: Amen.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

HOLY COMMUNION

POST HOLY COMMUNION BLESSING

BLESSING

SENDING SONG

"Lord, Reign in Me"

DISMISSAL

Alexander Zonjic & Friends Classics, Coffee, and Cake



Music for Two Flutes and Piano

*Alexander Zonjic (flute), Amanda Blaikie (flute),
and Julie Steinmayer (piano)*

featuring music by Vivaldi and Doppler

SUNDAY, MAY 5

1:00 – 2:00 P.M.

doors open at 12:30

NEW!

**NO TICKET
REQUIRED**

*freewill offerings
accepted*

