

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 Afraid?”

11:15—September 27, 2026

When fear rises, it can feel as if the storm is the whole story. Jesus’s question gives us space to name what frightens us without being ruled by it. This week invites us to look beyond the storm alone and discover the presence of Jesus, who meets us with courage, peace, and the promise that we are not alone.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Flowers Given in Loving Memory of Al Eicher

GATHERING WORSHIP SONG

“Praise”

Julie Steinmayer

WELCOME

Pastor Niklaus

BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR MISSION STATEMENT

Beautiful Savior is a biblically grounded community who unites to follow and share the way of Jesus.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor Diane

SONG

“Not Afraid”

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor Niklaus

MEMORY VERSE

Proverbs 3:13-14

Brian Rusher

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 READING

READING

Isaiah 43:1–7

A: The reading according to Isaiah, the forty-third chapter.

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine. ² When you pass through the waters, I will be with you, and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. ³ For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in exchange for you. ⁴ Because you are precious in my sight and honored and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. ⁵ Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; ⁶ I will say to the north, “Give them up,” and to the south, “Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth” ⁷ everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.”

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

Mark 4:35–41

Pastor Niklaus

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the fourth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁵ On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, “Let us go across to the other side.” ³⁶ And leaving the

crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. ³⁷ A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. ³⁸ But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion, and they woke him up and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” ³⁹ And waking up, he rebuked the wind and said to the sea, “Be silent! Be still!” Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. ⁴⁰ He said to them, “Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?” ⁴¹ And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”

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

SHARING OF THE PEACE

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Brian Rusher

A: Reminded of God’s gracious and abundant love, we offer our prayers, confident that God hears us.

A brief silence.

A: Center your church in humility as we strive to follow in your way. Help us listen to the cries of those who have been unfairly hurt and dare to name difficult truths. Show all your love. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: You call us to care for your creation. Lead us into your promise of a better world through sustainable practices and respect for your handiwork. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Inspire all in positions of authority to act honorably. Remind them of their call to use their authority for the sake of the common good. Give them the gift of humility. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Comfort those who come before you in fear and trembling. Calm troubled hearts with your forgiveness. Help all those in need (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). Grant us your salvation. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Change this congregation’s heart when we say no to your call. Open us to courageous learning and service in our community, especially in new or challenging places. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Your steadfast love holds all the saints who have finished their work and are at rest. We thank you for those saints who have gone before us (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). As we grieve, remind us of your mercy so we may also give thanks. 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: Grant the prayers we have offered, what we have forgotten to ask, and whatever else you see that we need. We ask this in Jesus’s name.

C: Amen.

STEWARDSHIP READING

Proverbs 18:10–11

Pastor Niklaus

The name of the LORD is a strong tower; the righteous run into it and are safe. The wealth of the rich is their strong city; in their imagination it is like a high wall.

OFFERING

“My Jesus”

OFFERING PRAYER

Pastor Diane

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

LORD'S PRAYER

HOLY COMMUNION

POST HOLY COMMUNION BLESSING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Niklaus

BLESSING

SENDING SONG

"Amen (Because He Lives)"

DISMISSAL

Pastor Niklaus

The Service of the Word for Wholeness

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

10:15 – 10:35 a.m.

Beautiful Savior Chapel

September Focus: Small Groups **date change**

*Scripture | Prayers for others & self
Anointing with oil | Laying on of hands*

Every third Sunday of the month*
alternative dates in September, March & May



RUN TO BENEFIT LEGACY ADOPTION SERVICES

FOREVER HOME RUN



**SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 3**

**5K Run/Walk
1K Dress-Up Dash**

EVENT SCHEDULE



**9:00 a.m. 5K Run/Walk
Family Activities Begin**



10:30 a.m. Dress-Up Dash

REGISTER NOW

ForeverHomeRun.com

Early Bird Ends 9/6/26



Pack your shoebox with:

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

PRAY!

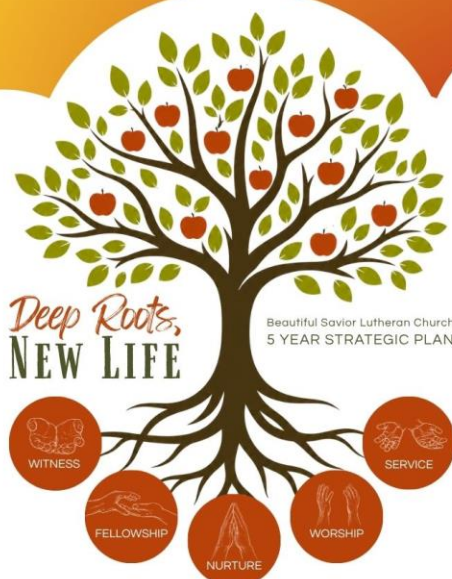
Contact Mary Reed via office@bslcmi.org
(248) 646-5041 for more information



SEND
**GOOD NEWS
GREAT JOY**



OCT. 4
through
OCT. 25



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

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