

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 “Who Do You Say That I Am?” 11:15—September 20, 2026

Jesus’s question invites us to move beyond inherited ideas or familiar church language and consider who Jesus is for our lives today. Like Peter, we may have words of faith before we fully understand what they mean. This week gives us an opportunity to let our confession of Jesus become more than an answer and begin shaping the way we trust, live, and follow.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Flowers Given in Loving Memory of Marletta Sue Hoffman

GATHERING WORSHIP SONG “Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)” 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 “Wonderful, Merciful Savior”

PRAYER OF THE DAY Pastor Niklaus

MISSION MOMENT “Forever Home Run”

MEMORY VERSE Proverbs 3:13-14 David Lochner

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 *Philippians 2:5–11*

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

⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was^[a] in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness. And being found in appearance as a human, ⁸ he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God exalted him even more highly and gave him the name that is above every other name, ¹⁰ so that at the name given to Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL *Luke 9:18–24* Pastor Niklaus

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁸ Once when Jesus was praying alone, with only the disciples near him, he asked them, “Who do the crowds say that I am?” ¹⁹ They answered, “John the Baptist; but others, Elijah; and still others, that one of the ancient prophets

has arisen.”²⁰ Then he said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered, “The Messiah of God.”²¹ He sternly ordered and commanded them not to tell anyone,²² saying, “The Son of Man must undergo great suffering and be rejected by the elders, chief priests, and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised.”²³ Then he said to them all, “If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.”²⁴ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will save it.

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

SHARING OF THE PEACE

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

David Lochner

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

A brief silence.

A: Hold us accountable when we are unwilling to share your good news with others. Nourish us by your grace to be witnesses to your love. Teach us to be a good news people. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Guide scientists and researchers so all your creation may inspire us to give thanks for your great goodness. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Inspire employers around the world to focus on the benefits of care for all their employees. Reconcile conflicts between employees. Fill places of employment with camaraderie and joy. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Encourage any who cannot work or who cannot work a full day with the truth that their value comes from your everlasting love for them. Provide for those who are injured, ill, and for all in any need (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Strengthen all those in this congregation whose labor serves the needs of others in the community. Inspire all in this congregation to support community endeavors with our time and talents. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Comfort us with the promise of the resurrection as we remember all our loved ones whose desire to be with Jesus is fulfilled (*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: 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 11:25

Pastor Niklaus

A generous person will be enriched, and one who gives water will get water.

OFFERING

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

Brad Nix

OFFERING PRAYER

Pastor Diane

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

LORD'S PRAYER

HOLY COMMUNION

POST HOLY COMMUNION BLESSING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

SENDING SONG

"It Really Is (Amazing Grace)"

DISMISSAL

Pastor Niklaus

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Questions Jesus ASKED

SEPTEMBER 20–OCTOBER 25

REGISTER NOW

*in the Welcome Center or
online at bslcmi.org/small-groups*



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



Monthly Bible Studies

Bethany Circle

"Haggai: Take Courage"
3rd Thursday of the month
11:45 a.m. in Welcome Center
Louise Green, leader

Esther Circle

"1-2 Peter and Jude"
4th Thursday of the month
11:30 a.m. in Welcome Center Lounge
Ilona Rosehart, leader

Naomi Circle

"Be Still & Know...Taming Our Thoughts"
2nd Tuesday of the month
10 a.m. in Conference Room
Linda Miller, leader

Ruth Circle

"For Such A Time As This"
2nd Thursday of the month
11:30 a.m. in BSLC Library
Judy Raffin, leader

Soul Sisters

"Sincerely, Stoneheart"
2nd Friday of the month
7:00 p.m. rotating locations
Sarah Nadeau, leader

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HELP IS NEEDED!

**PREPARE & SERVE ONE MEAL A MONTH
TO 90 WOMEN & CHILDREN**

**BE A CO-LEADER
JOIN THE MEAL TEAM
DONATE TO MATTHEW 25**

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**4TH
MONDAYS
11 A.M.**

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ROOM
UPSTAIRS**



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