

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?” 9:00—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 MUSIC

“All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly”

Joel Raney

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Niklaus

MISSION MOMENT

“Forever Home Run”

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 “*O Savior, Precious Savior*” v. 1, 2, 4

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| <p>1 O Savior, precious Savior,
whom yet unseen we love;
O name of might and favor,
all other names above:
we worship thee; we bless thee;
to thee alone we sing;
we praise thee and confess thee,
our holy Lord and King.</p> <p>2 O bringer of salvation,
who wondrously hast wrought,
thyself the revelation
of love beyond our thought:
we worship thee; we bless thee;
to thee alone we sing;
we praise thee and confess thee,
our gracious Lord and King.</p> | <p>4 Oh, grant the consummation
of this our song above,
in endless adoration
and everlasting love;
then shall we praise and bless thee
where perfect praises ring,
and evermore confess thee,
our Savior and our King!</p> |
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THE GREETING

Pastor Diane

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, 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

“How Beautiful”

T. Paris/C. Courtney

MEMORY VERSE

Proverbs 3:13-14

Dennis Eurich

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 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 VERSE



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

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Beautiful Savior" v. 1, 3, 4

ELW 838

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| 1 Beautiful Savior,
King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love thee,
truly I'd serve thee,
light of my soul, my joy, my crown. | 4 Beautiful Savior,
Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor,
praise, adoration,
now and forevermore be thine! |
| 3 Fair is the sunshine,
fair is the moonlight,
bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter,
Jesus shines purer
than all the angels in the sky. | |

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

Dennis Eurich

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.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

Pastor Niklaus

STEWARDSHIP READING *Proverbs 11:25*

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

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

“Abide, O Dearest Jesus”

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

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

“Lord of All Hopefulness” v. 1, 2, 4

ELW 765

- 1 Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy:
be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
- 2 Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
- 4 Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm:
be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

DISMISSAL

Pastor Niklaus

POSTLUDE *Allegro* from “*Nr. 1 Concerto del Sigr. Tomaso Albinoni* ” J. G. Walther

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

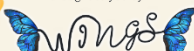
Ruth Circle

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

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JOIN THE MEAL TEAM
DONATE TO MATTHEW 25**

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Line Dancing

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

**YOUTH
ROOM
UPSTAIRS**



**RSVP AT [BSLCMI.ORG/POST/FITNESSDANCE](https://bslcmi.org/post/fitnessdance)
CLASS SIZE LIMITED TO 15—GRAB YOUR SPOT!**

MEN'S Luncheon

**3rd Thursdays
12:30 p.m.**

Lukich Family Dining
3900 Rochester Rd.
Troy, MI



**No need to RSVP - just come!
No agenda, just time to chat**

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 Groupsdate 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

