

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: *“What Do You Live For?”*

9:00—October 11, 2026

Life pulls us in many directions, often asking us to give our time, energy, and hearts to things that do not finally give life back. Jesus’s question invites us to consider what is shaping our choices, our priorities, and the people we are becoming. This week gives us space to look again at what truly lasts and what it means to follow Jesus with our whole lives.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING WORSHIP MUSIC *“Will You Come and Follow Me”* Matthew H. Corl

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Niklaus

MISSION MOMENT *“Thanksgiving Food Drive”* Wade Jehowski

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

“Be Thou My Vision” v. 1-3

ELW 793

- 1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
thou my best thought both by day and by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
- 2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.
Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tow'r,
raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
- 3 Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only, the first in my heart,
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

THE GREETING

Pastor Diane

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through 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

“A Life of Sacrifice”

P. Mock/Faye López

MEMORY VERSE

Proverbs 3:13-14

Louise Green

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

Romans 12:1-8

A: The reading according to Romans, the twelfth chapter.

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of

worship. ² Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God what is good and acceptable and perfect. ³ For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴ For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, ⁵ so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶ We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸ the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL VERSE



GOSPEL

Mark 8:34-38

Pastor Diane

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁴ He called the crowd with his disciples and said to them, “If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶ For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷ Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸ Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Karyn Parker, Children’s Ministries Coordinator

SERMON

The Rev. Diane Greble, Associate Pastor

HYMN OF THE DAY “Will You Come and Follow Me” v. 1, 2, 5

ELW 798

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| 1 "Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown
in you and you in me? | 5 Lord, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
in you and you in me. |
| 2 "Will you leave yourself behind
if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare,
should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer pray'r
in you and you in me?" | |

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

Louise Green

A: Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new, we pray for the church and the world.

A brief silence.

A: Holy God, we remember your promise of unity on your holy mountain. Empower the World Council of Churches and all those working across religious differences, that the world may know your undivided love. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: We remember your promise of green pastures and quiet waters. Preserve all places of natural beauty and restore our relationship with the land. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: We remember your promise not to abandon us amid the storms of life. Renew all communities facing disasters and give your courage to those leading relief efforts. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: We remember your promise to wipe away every tear. Heal and console all who are sick or suffering (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: We remember your promise of a banquet open to all people. Challenge this congregation to reach out to our neighbors with your good news and welcome everyone to the table. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: We remember your promise to swallow up death forever. We give thanks for those who have gone before us (*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: Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

Pastor Niklaus

STEWARDSHIP READING

Luke 12:15

And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions."

OFFERING

"Voluntary in C"

Henry Heron

OFFERING PRAYER

Pastor Niklaus

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 *"Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness"*

J. G. Walther

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

"How Firm a Foundation" v. 1-3

ELW 796

- 1 How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in Christ Jesus, the Word!
What more can he say than to you he has said
who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?
- 2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dismayed,
for I am your God and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand."
- 3 "When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply.
The flames shall not hurt you; I only design
your dross to consume and your gold to refine."

DISMISSAL

Pastor Niklaus

POSTLUDE

"How Firm a Foundation"

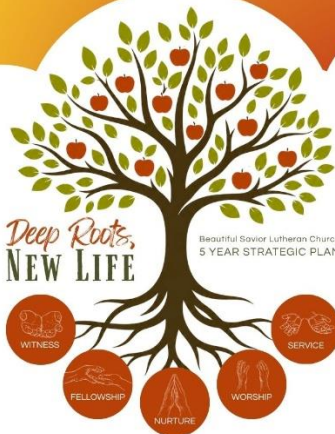
Michael Burkhardt

WARREN AND FLICK



NO TICKET NECESSARY
FREE WILL OFFERING

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30 AT 7 PM



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

Absolute Beginner

Line Dancing

4TH
MONDAYS
11 A.M.

YOUTH
ROOM
UPSTAIRS



RSVP AT BSLCMI.ORG/POST/FITNESSDANCE
CLASS SIZE LIMITED TO 15—GRAB YOUR SPOT!



**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**

The Service ^{of the} Word for Wholeness

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

10:15 – 10:35 a.m.

Beautiful Savior Chapel

October Focus: Eucharistic Ministry

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

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



**Church-wide
Apple
Picking
@ Westview Orchards
Sat. Oct. 17**

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