

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

Summer in the Psalms

“God Is Our Refuge”

11:15 a.m.—July 26, 2026

Psalms 46 proclaims God as our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble, even when the earth shakes and the waters roar. In Mark 4, Jesus’s disciples were overwhelmed by a storm at sea, but Jesus spoke peace into the wind and waves. Together, these readings remind us God’s presence is not absent in chaos. Even when fear rises around us, Jesus meets us in the storm and gives us courage to trust the One who is with us.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Flowers Given in Loving Memory of Marletta Sue Hoffman

GATHERING WORSHIP SONG *“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”*

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

SONG

“Not Afraid”

PRAYER OF THE DAY

MEMORY VERSE

Colossians 3:16

Jim Kershner

A: Together, let us recite the memory verse:

C: Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.

INTRODUCTION TO THE READING

PSALM

Psalms 46

A: Let us read Psalm 46 responsively: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

C: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

A: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

C: God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns.

A: The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.

C: The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

A: Come, behold the works of the LORD; see what desolations he has brought on the earth.

C: He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.

A: “Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth.”

C: The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

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

Karyn Parker, Children’s Ministries Coordinator

SERMON

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

SHARING OF THE PEACE

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Jim Kershner

A: Trusting in God’s steadfast love for all God has made, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

A: God our wisdom and our song, we pray for bishops, candidacy committees, call committees, those preparing for seminary, those awaiting call as deacons or pastors, and all who seek to lead your disciples in any way.
God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: God our breath and our heartbeat, help us to recognize signs of your presence among us. Protect and support diverse ecosystems, from national parks to family farms, from ranches to wild places. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: God our peace and our guide, help civic leaders hear all their peoples’ stories with compassion and curiosity, and remind us of your love from which we can never be separated. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: God our intercessor and our lawgiver, dismantle the barriers to care and recognition of all who live with chronic illness, mobility struggles, pain, and uncertainty (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: God our redeemer, may we trust your love above and beyond all else that distracts, annoys, frightens, exhausts, or divides us. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: God who seeks, finds, and saves, we give you thanks for those who came before us, and who passed to us the riches of faith and hope (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Grateful for your abundant provision and trusting in your goodness, we cast all our cares upon you, through the abundant grace of Christ Jesus.

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

“It Is Well with My Soul”

OFFERING PRAYER

Pastor Diane

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

LORD'S PRAYER

HOLY COMMUNION

POST HOLY COMMUNION BLESSING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Niklaus

BLESSING

SENDING SONG

"Everlasting God"

DISMISSAL

A poster for 'First Fruits Sundays' with a teal background and stylized arrows. The title 'First Fruits Sundays' is in a large, decorative font. Below it, 'CLOTHES CLOSET & FOOD COLLECTION' and 'FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH' are written in bold, block letters. The poster is divided into two columns: 'CLOTHING' and 'FOOD ITEMS'. The clothing list includes men's pants, children's clothing, new socks & gloves, new underwear (for children & adult), and diapers & wipes. The food items list includes quick full meals, canned chili, hamburger helper, and casserole & skillet starters. At the bottom, contact information for Steve Wagner is provided.

First Fruits Sundays

CLOTHES CLOSET & FOOD COLLECTION FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH

CLOTHING	FOOD ITEMS
MEN'S PANTS	QUICK FULL MEALS:
CHILDREN'S CLOTHING	CANNED CHILI
NEW SOCKS & GLOVES	HAMBURGER HELPER
NEW UNDERWEAR	CASSEROLE & SKILLET STARTERS
(CHILDREN & ADULT)	
DIAPERS & WIPES	

CONTACT STEVE WAGNER VIA THE CHURCH OFFICE WITH ANY QUESTIONS: OFFICE@BSLCMI.ORG (248) 646-5041

A poster for 'BSLC HIKERS' with a dark blue background and a light blue wavy line. On the left is an illustration of a hiker with a backpack and a walking stick. The title 'BSLC HIKERS' is in large, bold, white letters. Below it, the text 'August 8—Meet at trailhead' and '2nd Saturday of the Month' is written. To the right, there is a light blue speech bubble containing the text 'no commitment, join the hikes you're able'. Below the speech bubble, it says 'Contact Mary via the church office with questions'. At the bottom, it says 'Sign up for hike notifications' and provides the URL 'bslcmi.org/post/hikers'. In the bottom right corner, it says 'Adults, 18+ only' and 'no pets please'. There are also small illustrations of trees and bushes on the right side.

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MEN'S
Luncheon

Thurs. August 20
12:30 p.m.

Lukich Family Dining
3900 Rochester Rd.
Troy, MI



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

BIANNUAL CHURCH
Meeting

Budget review & passage

Sunday, August 23

10:10—11:00 a.m.

all voting members should attend