

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

Jesus's Leadership Style

"Balanced Leadership"

9:00—February 8, 2025

Jesus, despite a demanding ministry, prioritized time alone to pray to God. This devotion provided strength and guidance for his mission. He then prioritized preaching his good news message to others, demonstrating the relationship between intimate communion with God and outward service.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Flowers Given in Loving Memory of Gloria Simi

GATHERING WORSHIP MUSIC

"Gather Us In"

Jeffrey Honoré

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISSION MOMENT *"Outreach Team"*

Rev. Dr. Philip Hemke

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, Wonderful Counselor, Mighty Savior, Prince of Peace.

C: Amen.

P: Trusting in God's steadfast love and faithfulness, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God, our rock and refuge,

C: we pour out our hearts before you. We have known you but have not always loved you. We have wounded one another and sinned against you. We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit dwelling in each of us. Remember your covenant. Renew your creation. Restore us, that we might proclaim your good news to all. Amen.

P: God's grace upon grace flows over you †. Christ's presence redeems the whole creation. Your sins are forgiven. Let the earth rejoice and be glad!

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

“Gather Us In” v. 1-3

ELW 532

- 1 Here in this place the new light is streaming,
now is the darkness vanished away;
see in this space our fears and our dreamings
brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,
gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.
- 2 We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry,
we are the old who yearn for your face;
we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,
called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty,
gather us in, the proud and the strong;
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly,
give us the courage to enter the song.
- 3 Here we will take the wine and the water,
here we will take the bread of new birth,
here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

THE GREETING

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, your Son Jesus withdrew from his disciples to solitary places to pray, finding strength for his ministry in communion with you. Grant us grace to follow his example, prioritizing quiet moments in prayer and in your Word, so that we can be inspired and energized to serve you and your kingdom according to your will for us. Let our service to others flow not from our own power, but from the abundance of your Spirit, that in both silence and action, we may glorify you. Holy Trinity—one God, we give you glory, honor, and praise, now and forever.

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

“Take Time to Be Holy”

Tom Fettke

MEMORY VERSE

Proverb 16:3

Laura Hall

A: Together, let us recite the memory verse:

C: Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established.

INTRODUCTION TO THE READING

READING

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

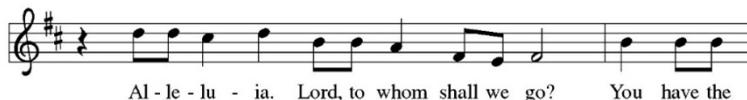
A: The reading according to the first book of Corinthians, the ninth chapter.

¹⁶ If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! ¹⁷ For if I do this of my own will, I have a wage, but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. ¹⁸ What then is my wage? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel. ¹⁹ For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might gain all the more. ²⁰ To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to gain Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might gain those under the law. ²¹ To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not outside God’s law but am within Christ’s law) so that I might gain those outside the law. ²² To the weak I became weak, so that I might gain the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. ²³ I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I might become a partner in it.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL VERSE



GOSPEL

Mark 1:35-39

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁵In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. ³⁶And Simon and his companions hunted for him. ³⁷When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." ³⁸He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also, for that is what I came out to do." ³⁹And he went throughout all Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Michelle Luck

SERMON

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

HYMN OF THE DAY *"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"*

ELW 611

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| <p>1 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Come unto me and rest;
lay down, O weary one, lay down
your head upon my breast."
I came to Jesus as I was,
so weary, worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting-place,
and he has made me glad.</p> <p>2 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Behold, I freely give
the living water, thirsty one;
stoop down and drink and live."
I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in him.</p> | <p>3 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"I am this dark world's light;
look unto me, your morn shall rise,
and all your day be bright."
I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk
till trav'ling days are done.</p> |
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APOSTLES' CREED

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

Laura Hall

A: As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

A brief silence.

A: Your church does ministry in many and various ways. Keep the baptized true to the mind of Christ, that our works and witness bring hope to a troubled world. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Your marvelous creation cries out to you. Restore polluted air, soil, and water sources to wholeness. Guard honeybees, elephants, great whales, and songbirds from harm, and renew the face of the earth. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Your people in every nation suffer injustice, poverty, and the threat of violence. Guide those in authority to govern with compassion, and bring peace to war zones (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). We pray for our enemies. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Your blessings are poured out for all in need. Help and heal any who experience trauma, discrimination, disease, hunger, abuse, or persecution. Comfort those who are sick or grieving (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Your wisdom guides this congregation and its ministries. Sustain our ordained leaders, staff, lay leaders, and volunteers. Form us to be salt and light for the neighbors we serve, following the example of Christ. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Your saints rejoice at your heavenly banquet. We give thanks for their lives of faith (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). We trust that we also will be embraced by your eternal love. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Your will leads us as the Call Committee continues to recruit and engage with pastoral candidates. We pray for clarity of vision, unity of the Spirit, and a clear pathway to the additional pastor you have chosen for Beautiful Savior. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior.

C: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

STEWARDSHIP READING *Luke 12:15*

And Jesus 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 *"Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee"*

David Lasky

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray. God of majesty, no eye has seen, no ear has heard what you have prepared for those who love you, yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy. Use what we have gathered to feed us with the reign of God come near, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

LORD'S PRAYER

HOLY COMMUNION *"You Are Mine"*

Matthew Corl

POST HOLY COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER HOLY COMMUNION

P: Together let us pray:

C: Radiant God, we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. In the sacrament of his body and blood you have drawn us to your heart. Send us from this table with delight, that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love, and bear witness to all we have seen and heard, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN *“O Living Bread from Heaven”* v. 1-3

ELW 542

- 1 O living Bread from heaven,
how well you feed your guest!
The gifts that you have given
have filled my heart with rest.
O wondrous food of blessing!
O cup that heals our woes!
My heart, this gift possessing,
in thankful song o'er flows.
- 2 My Savior, you have led me
within your holiest place,
and here yourself have fed me
with treasures of your grace;
for you have freely given
what earth could never buy,
the bread of life from heaven,
that now I shall not die.
- 3 You gave me all I wanted;
this food can death destroy.
And you have freely granted
the cup of endless joy.
My Lord, I do not merit
the favor you have shown;
and all my soul and spirit
bow down before your throne.

DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE *“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”*

Kristina Langlois



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formerly known as MOPS

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9:30—11:30 a.m.
2nd & 4th Wednesdays of each month
Next Meeting Feb. 11



THURS. SEPT. 18

WED. OCT. 15

WED. NOV. 19

WED. JAN. 21

THURS. FEB. 19

THURS. MARCH 19

WED. APRIL 15

WED. MAY 20

WED. JUNE 17

MOMS MAKING MEALS

[BSLCMI.ORG/POST/MOMSMEALS](https://bslcmi.org/post/momsmeals)

JOIN OTHER MOMS IN THE BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR KITCHEN TO MAKE READY-TO-HEAT HEALTHY & HOMEMADE FREEZER MEALS FOR YOUR FAMILY.



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BSLC HIKERS

2nd Saturday of the Month

no commitment,
join the hikes
you're able

Contact Mary via
the church office
with questions

Sign up for hike notifications
bslcmi.org/post/hikers

Adults, 18+ only
no pets please



Open To Christ

MIDWEEK LENTEN WORSHIP

Community Meal & Message

Wednesdays,

February 18–March 25

Dinner begins @ 5:45 p.m.

Worship @ 7:00 p.m.

Sign up for a dinner team at
[BSLCMI.org/Lent2026](https://bslcmi.org/Lent2026)

