

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

The Day After “Never” “*Belief After Skepticism*” 9:00 a.m.—April 12, 2026

We can find the blessing of belief after skepticism by acknowledging our genuine doubts and honestly bringing them to Jesus. Jesus responds to Thomas’s skepticism by inviting him to see and touch his wounds, demonstrating a God who meets us in our questions.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING WORSHIP MUSIC

Variations on “*Puer Nobis*”

Michael Burkhardt

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISSION MOMENT

“*Summer Sunday School Kits*”

Margie Turowski

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Most merciful God,

C: We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on

us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

“Thine Is the Glory” v. 1 & 2

ELW 376

- 1 Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.
Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!
- 2 Lo, Jesus meets thee, risen from the tomb!
Lovingly he greets thee, scatters fear and gloom;
let his church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting!
Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!

THE GREETING

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Lord, you saved us from our sin before we knew you. We are blessed that you also welcome us as we come to you with questions about your Word. You want us to know your truth. Pour out your Holy Spirit on us that we might confront our doubts and learn from you. We pray this in the mighty name of your Son, Jesus.

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

“I Know That My Redeemer Liveth”

Joseph M. Martin

MEMORY VERSE

Romans 8:28

Lisa Wade

A: Together, let us recite the memory verse:

C: We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.

INTRODUCTION TO THE READINGS

FIRST READING

Acts 4:32-35

A: The first reading according to the book of Acts, the fourth chapter.

³²Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. ³³With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. ³⁵They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

1 John 1:1—2:2

A: The second reading according to the first book of John, the first and second chapters.

1 We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life ²this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us ³what we have seen and heard we also declare to you so that you also may have fellowship with us, and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. ⁵This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; ⁷but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. 2 My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous, ²and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

VERSE – from “*The Strife is O’er, the Battle Done*”



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.” ²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.” ²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” ²⁸ Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.” ³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

“We Walk By Faith” v. 1-3

ELW 635

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| 1 We walk by faith and not by sight;
with gracious words draw near,
O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke:
"My peace be with you here." | 2 We may not touch your hands and side,
nor follow where you trod;
but in your promise we rejoice,
and cry, "My Lord and God!" |
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- 3 Help then, O Lord, our unbelief;
and may our faith abound
to call on you when you are near
and seek where you are found:

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

Lisa Wade

A: Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

A brief silence.

A: Almighty God, you give life to the dead and call into existence things that do not exist. Breathe your Spirit upon us, that our faith may be renewed day by day. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Maker of heaven and earth, your mercies are new every morning. Open us to the wonders of creation, from the beauty of flowers to the complexity of subatomic particles. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: God of peace, in every place where conflict rages, sow seeds of calm and openness to reconciliation. Strengthen the resolve of leaders and citizens to work for peace in their nations. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Healing God, come alongside all who are doubting, fearful, or suffering in any way (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). Reveal to them your presence and assure them of the inheritance you have prepared for them. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Giver of joy, let this assembly be a place of genuine love and mutual affection. Deepen our care for one another and help us to embody your forgiving and sacrificial love. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Eternal One, we give thanks for saints who were faithful unto death and have joined the church triumphant (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). Inspire us by their witness and bring us with them into your glorious presence. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Loving Lord, as Pastor Diane, our incoming Associate Pastor, transitions from one congregation to another, give her peace of heart and clarity of mind. Help ease her grief over changed relationships and give her joy at the promise of new ones. Help us to be welcoming, helpful, and understanding. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

C: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

STEWARDSHIP READING *Proverbs 20:15*

There is gold, and abundance of costly stones; but the lips informed by knowledge are a precious jewel.

OFFERING

“’Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”

Raymond Haan

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray: Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus,

C: Amen.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

LORD’S PRAYER

HOLY COMMUNION *“Lord, All My Heart Is Fixed on Thee”* Alberti/Krebs/Walther

POST HOLY COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER HOLY COMMUNION

P: Together let us pray:

C: **Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus, Amen.**

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN *“That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright”* v. 1, 2, 4 **ELW 384**

- 1 That Easter day with joy was bright;
the sun shone out with fairer light
when, to their longing eyes restored,
th'apostles saw their risen Lord!
- 2 O Jesus, king of gentleness,
with constant love our hearts possess;
to you our lips will ever raise
the tribute of our grateful praise.
- 4 All praise, O risen Lord, we give
to you, once dead, but now alive!
To God the Father equal praise,
and God the Spirit, now we raise!

DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE

“How Firm a Foundation”

Michael Burkhardt

INVITE A FRIEND
Ministry
THREE CLASS WORKSHOP
Rev. Dr. Philip Hemke & Bob Beardslee

Learn to Make Jesus Known & Grow in Discipleship

Sunday, April 19—10:10am
How to Talk about My Faith (1 min)

Sunday, April 26—10:10am
How to Listen to Others (3 min)

Sunday, May 3—10:10am
How to Go Out & Communicate (5 min)

The Service ^{of the} Word for Wholeness

SUNDAY, APRIL 19

10:15 - 10:35 a.m.

Beautiful Savior Chapel

January Focus: Stephen Ministry

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

Every third Sunday of the month



TRAVEL TIME

with Bob Hoffman

SOUTHEAST ASIA, PART 2

Tuesday, April 28 at 3 p.m.

Join us on the 4th Tuesday of each month in the Welcome Center; no cost, no need to RSVP. Just come and enjoy.