

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

Risky Faith “Risking Reputation” 9:00—February 22, 2026

Jesus’s triumphal entry into Jerusalem was a bold public act, risking misunderstanding and hostility from those who sought a different kind of Savior. By choosing this path, Jesus teaches us true faith involves risking social acceptance and reputation by prioritizing God’s will and purpose over popular opinion or personal comfort.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Flowers Given in Loving Memory of Don Booth and Don Westerby

GATHERING WORSHIP MUSIC “*Sheep May Safely Graze*”
“*Celtic Heart*”

J. S. Bach
Herman Beefink

Flutists: Kelly Newell and Lisa Wade

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISSION MOMENT

“*Stephen Ministry*”

Louise Green

STEPHEN MINISTER COMMISSIONING – Jill Akers, Melissa Bergel, Stacey Detloff, Kathy Livelsberger, Brian Tognetti, and Steve Wagner

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin before God, who removes our guilt and blots out all offenses.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

P: For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

P: For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

P: For failing to recognize your coming reign, and for hindering the work of the Spirit: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

P: For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition, and for disdainning the living water Christ offers: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

P: For disregarding voices from the margin, and for distrusting signs of your healing and hope in the world: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

P: For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent, and for disregarding Christ's call to come forth to life: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

P: God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound. Through faith, the free gift of God, you have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. The Spirit of the One who raised Christ from the dead dwells in you, pours God's love into your hearts, and gives you life and peace.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN "*O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days*" v. 1-3

ELW 319

1 O Lord, throughout these forty days you prayed and kept the fast; inspire repentance for our sin, and free us from our past.	3 Though parched and hungry, yet you prayed and fixed your mind above; so teach us to deny ourselves that we may know God's love.
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2 You strove with Satan, and you won;
your faithfulness endured;
lend us your nerve, your skill,
and trust in God's eternal word.

THE GREETING

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Dear Heavenly Father, grant us the courage to "make known" the way of our Lord. Keep us ever faithful to you as we navigate our way through this world. And help us go beyond just words in taking action to bring others into your kingdom. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, 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.

MEMORY VERSE

Proverbs 14:23

Nancy Geik

A: Together, let us recite the memory verse:

C: In all toil there is profit, but mere talk leads only to poverty.

INTRODUCTION TO THE READING

READING

Zechariah 9:9-10

A: The reading according to Zechariah, the ninth chapter.

⁹Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. ¹⁰He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

CHORAL ANTHEM

“Prepare the Way”

Don Besig

GOSPEL

Matthew 21:1-11

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, just say this, ‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them immediately.” ⁴This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet: ⁵“Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.” ⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷they brought the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!” ¹⁰When he entered

Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" ¹¹ The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

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 "If You But Trust in God to Guide You" v. 1 & 4 **ELW 769**

1 If you but trust in God to guide you
with gentle hand through all your ways,
you'll find that God is there beside you
when crosses come, in trying days.
Trust then in God's unchanging love;
build on the rock that will not move.

4 Sing, pray, and keep God's ways unswerving,
offer your service faithfully.
Trust heaven's word; though undeserving,
you'll find this promise true to be.
This is our confidence indeed:
God never fails in time of need.

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

Nancy Geik

A: Reconciled by God's mercy and sustained by God's presence, let us pray for the world and its needs.

A brief silence.

A: God of all grace, grant faith to your church. Give to all the baptized the will to resist temptation and to worship and serve you alone. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: God of all creation, tend this earth. When human greed and disobedience threaten this planet and the life it contains, lead us by your Spirit into ways of reverence, awe, and gentleness. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: God of all nations, preserve us from trouble. Surround all living in places of violence with your steadfast love and give resilience to all who work for peace. Grant courage to those who challenge evil. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: God of all healing, mend our wounds. Bring wholeness to all who are sick, give peace to all who groan in grief, and send companions to all who are lonely or isolated (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: God of all people, provide for our community. For any among us who hunger for bread, bring nourishment. For any among us who hunger for truth, speak your life-giving word. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: God of all life, bring us to you. We thank you for your free and abounding grace, and for those who, by that same grace, now rest eternally in you (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: God of all wisdom, 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. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation.

C: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

STEWARDSHIP READING *Ephesians 5:15-17*

Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

OFFERING

“Jesus Is All the World to Me”

Mark Hayes

Bassist: David Lochner

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray. O God, maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus’s name.

C: Amen.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

LORD'S PRAYER

HOLY COMMUNION

"Nocturne"

Grant Horsley

Clarinet: Marilyn Lochner Flute: Lisa Wade

POST HOLY COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER HOLY COMMUNION

P: Together let us pray:

C: God of our salvation, we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN *"My Life Flows on in Endless Song" v. 1-3*

ELW 763

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| 1 My life flows on in endless song;
above earth's lamentation,
I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn
that hails a new creation.
No storm can shake my inmost calm
while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,
how can I keep from singing? | 3 What though my joys and comforts die?
The Lord my Savior liveth.
What though the darkness gather round?
Songs in the night he giveth.
No storm can shake my inmost calm
while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,
how can I keep from singing? |
| 2 Through all the tumult and the strife,
I hear that music ringing.
It finds an echo in my soul.
How can I keep from singing?
No storm can shake my inmost calm
while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,
how can I keep from singing? | |

DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE

Presto from "Organ Concerto No. 5"

G. F. Handel

TRAVEL TIME

with Bob Hoffman

ETHIOPIA

Tuesday, February 24 at 3 p.m.

Come hear about Ethiopia from our resident world traveler. Join us on the 4th Tuesday of each month in the Welcome Center; no cost, no need to RSVP. Just come and enjoy.

Beginner or Advanced Beginner

Line Dancing

MONDAY
FEB. 23
11 A.M.



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CLASS SIZE LIMITED TO 15—GRAB YOUR SPOT!

MACK Sisters

PIANO DUO CONCERT

7 P.M.
FRIDAY
FEBRUARY 27

NO TICKET NECESSARY
FREE WILL OFFERING

Eucharistic Minister Training

Sunday, March 1
10:10 a.m.

learn how to take communion to our home
bound, sick, or hospitalized members

Direct questions to Connie McKee or Pr. Hemke via the church office
(248) 646-5041 or office@bslcmi.org

Sign up in the Welcome Center or on the blue slip during worship

First Fruits Sundays

CLOTHES CLOSET & FOOD COLLECTION

FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH

CLOTHING

MEN'S PANTS
CHILDREN'S CLOTHING
NEW SOCKS & GLOVES
NEW UNDERWEAR
(CHILDREN & ADULT)
DIAPERS & WIPES

FOOD ITEMS

QUICK FULL MEALS:
CANNED CHILI
HAMBURGER HELPER
CASSEROLE & SKILLET STARTERS

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



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NEXT SESSION BEGINS MARCH 10

SESSIONS ON TUESDAY NIGHTS AT 6:30 P.M.

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