

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

How Do We Know It's True?

"People Are Transformed Today"

9:00—May 5, 2024

The popular axiom that “you can’t teach an old dog new tricks” does not apply to how God can and does change followers of Jesus for the better, either through a slow process of growth, or through dramatic leaps and bounds. We know the story of Jesus is true, since God is still changing people in Jesus’s name today, 2,000 years after Jesus walked the Earth.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Flowers given in honor of Tim & Ann Hussar 50th Anniversary

GATHERING WORSHIP MUSIC “*When Morning Gilds the Sky*” Dale Wood

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who writes the law on our hearts, who draws all people together through Jesus.

C: Amen.

P: Held in God’s mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Holy God,

C: we confess that we are caught in snares of sin and cannot break free. We hoard resources while our neighbors are hungry and cold. We speak in ways that silence others. We are silent when we should speak up. We keep score in our hearts. We let hurts grow into hatred. For all these things and for sins only you know, forgive us, Lord. Amen.

P: Here is a flood of grace: Out of love for the whole world, God draws near to us, breaks every snare of sin, washes away our wrongs, and restores the promise of life through † Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN *“Crown Him with Many Crowns”* v. 1, 4

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| 1 Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne;
hark, how the heav'nly anthem drowns
all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless king
through all eternity. | 4 Crown him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er the grave
and rose victorious in the strife
for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing,
who died and rose on high,
who died, eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die. |
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THE GREETING

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR MISSION STATEMENT

MISSION MOMENT *Community Art Mother's Day Event* Helen Blicharz video

CHORAL ANTHEM *“In Christ Alone”* Mark Hayes
Accompanist: Joe Walters

MEMORY VERSE *1 Peter 3:15b-16a* Janet Gehrke

A: Together, let us recite the memory verse:

C: “Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an account of the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence.”

FIRST READING *Acts 3:12-19*

A: The first reading according to Acts, the third chapter.

¹² When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, “You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? ¹³ The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. ¹⁴ But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵ and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶ And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is

through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. ¹⁷ And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸ In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹ Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.”

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

1 John 3:1-7

A: The second reading according to the first book of John, the third chapter.

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ² Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³ And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. ⁴ Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵ You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶ No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. ⁷ Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL VERSE



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

GOSPEL

Luke 19:1-10

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the nineteenth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

He entered Jericho and was passing through it. ² A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax-collector and was rich. ³ He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. ⁴ So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. ⁵ When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today.” ⁶ So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. ⁷ All who saw it began to grumble and said, “He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner.” ⁸ Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, “Look, half of my possessions, Lord,

I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much.”⁹ Then Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham.”¹⁰ For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Karyn Parker, Children’s Worship Coordinator

SERMON

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

HYMN OF THE DAY

“*We Walk By Faith*” v. 1-4

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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!" |
| 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: | 4 For you, O resurrected Lord,
are found in means divine:
beneath the water and the word,
beneath the bread and wine. |

CELEBRATION OF GRADUATES - VIDEOS

Max Tognetti and Annika Schiefer

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Janet Gehrke

A: Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

A brief silence.

A: Your Holy Spirit falls upon all who hear the word. Fill your church with the gifts of your Spirit and give understanding hearts to those who strengthen our commitments with our ecumenical and interreligious partners. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: You speak and the face of the earth is renewed. Revive your creation, that habitats and every kind of living thing might flourish. Protect endangered species and help us to care for all your creatures. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Your world is divided and the nations rage. Grant wisdom and vision to world leaders, that they may seek justice, peace, and the good of all. Strengthen international partnerships and cooperation. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Your children are in need. Comfort all those who suffer, especially those afflicted by anxiety, depression, and mental illness. Help us to be conduits of your love in our care for one another and all in need of healing (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Your work is done in this place with our hands. Bless the ministries of this congregation, that we may embody your love for the world. Inspire those who plan and lead worship, council members, committee members, and volunteers. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Your blessed saints now rest in you. Give us thankful hearts for those who have gone before us (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). At the last, bring us all together around your heavenly banquet table. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

C: Amen.

STEWARDSHIP READING *Matthew 6:19-21*

Jesus said, "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

OFFERING *"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"* Barry L Bobb

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray. Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

C: Amen

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

LORD'S PRAYER

Alexander Zonjic & Friends Classics, Coffee, and Cake



Music for Two Flutes and Piano

Alexander Zonjic (flute), Amanda Blaikie (flute),
and Julie Steinmayer (piano)

featuring music by Vivaldi and Doppler

SUNDAY, MAY 5

1:00 – 2:00 P.M.

doors open at 12:30

NEW!

**NO TICKET
REQUIRED**

freewill offerings
accepted



Joseph Walters Piano Concert

FRIDAY, MAY 17

7 P M no ticket required, free will offering

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Healthy Relationships

Life is made up of relationships – relationships between people and other people, between people and communities, between people and institutions, between people and God. During the six weeks spanning Mother's Day to Father's Day, we will examine ways to develop healthier relationships in our lives, basing our learning on the timeless wisdom the Scriptures teach us.



Sundays

Mother's Day to Father's Day

May 12 - June 16

9 a.m. Traditional Service

11:15 a.m. Contemporary Service



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