

# Welcome to Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

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Sunday Worship Schedule  
9:00 – Traditional  
11:15 – Contemporary style  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month at 10:15  
Service of the Word for Wholeness

## Impossibly Possible “Love Made Possible” 11:15—December 14, 2025

Luke 1:39-56 shows Jesus coming into the world as a fulfillment of God’s promise of mercy to all generations who love and trust God. Jesus’s arrival brings joy and liberation, especially to the humble and oppressed, demonstrating God’s welcoming and transformative love for all people.

### ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING WORSHIP MUSIC                      *“Light of the World”*                      Lauren Daigle

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

GATHERING SONG                      *“Here I Am to Worship”*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Our Father, your love for humankind was demonstrated in sending your only Son to live in this world as Emmanuel—God with us. By sending us a Savior, you did for us what we could not do for ourselves as Jesus lived a sinless, perfect life. Thank you for this season of joyful expectation of the greatest love of all. As we worship this day, may your Spirit inspire us to love others in ways that bring glory to you. We pray in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

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                      *Luke 1:37*                      Anne Oliver

A: Together, let us recite the memory verse:

C: For nothing will be impossible with God.

INTRODUCTION TO THE READING

READING                      *Isaiah 11:1-9*

A: The reading according to Isaiah, the eleventh chapter.

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. <sup>2</sup> The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. <sup>3</sup> His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; <sup>4</sup> but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. <sup>5</sup> Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. <sup>6</sup> The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. <sup>7</sup> The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. <sup>8</sup> The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned

child shall put its hand on the adder's den. <sup>9</sup> They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

A: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL

*Luke 1:39-56*

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

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>39</sup> In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, <sup>40</sup> where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. <sup>41</sup> When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit <sup>42</sup> and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. <sup>43</sup> And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? <sup>44</sup> For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. <sup>45</sup> And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord." <sup>46</sup> And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, <sup>47</sup> and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, <sup>48</sup> for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; <sup>49</sup> for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. <sup>50</sup> His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. <sup>51</sup> He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. <sup>52</sup> He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; <sup>53</sup> he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. <sup>54</sup> He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, <sup>55</sup> according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever." <sup>56</sup> And Mary remained with her about three months and then returned to her home.

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

## SONG OF THE DAY

*"Jesus Messiah"*

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Anne Oliver

A: In our waiting and watching, we come to you in prayer, O God, trusting your promise to renew the church, the nations, and the whole creation.

*A brief silence.*

A: God of power and mercy, we praise you for Jesus and his acts of healing and liberation. Lead us to proclaim the good news from generation to generation, that all may place their hope in you. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: When lands are parched and dry, bring rain and snow; where wilderness is barren, sow seeds of life. Fill the lands with trees that grow, plants that flower, and creatures that thrive, as nature proclaims the wonder of your works. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: When there is injustice or corruption among nations and leaders, root it out. Turn their attention to the cries of the poor. Instill a deeper sense of compassion and care in all who govern. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: When bodies weaken and hearts grow fearful, speak your blessing. (*We pray especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts.*) In uncertain times, remind us of the promise spoken to our ancestors in faith. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: When people are imprisoned or held captive, break the chains and offer release. Strengthen the work of the church in caring for the most vulnerable and welcoming the stranger. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: As we await your coming, we give thanks for the faithful who have lived and died in faith (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). May their boldness of faith inspire our witness and work.  
God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: We pray for the Call Committee as they continue to recruit and engage with pastoral candidates, we pray for clarity of vision, unity of Spirit, and a clear pathway to the additional pastor you have chosen for Beautiful Savior. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: Draw near to us, O God, as we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy through Jesus Christ, Emmanuel.

**C: Amen.**

## **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

### **STEWARDSHIP READING**

*Galatians 6:9-10*

So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

### **OFFERING**

*"Love Came Down"*

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

## **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

**LORD'S PRAYER** – sung to the tune of *Away in a Manger*

Our Father in heaven, all praise to your name!  
Your kingdom among us, your will done the same;  
by mortals and angels, come, Lord, reign alone;  
oh hear us and bless us from heaven's high throne.  
The bread that we yearn for provide us each day;  
as we forgive others, our sins take away;  
in times of temptation, to lead us be near;  
from evil deliver your children most dear.  
For yours is the kingdom; o'er all things you reign.  
And yours is the power; all things you maintain.  
To you be the glory, resounding again,  
From all of creation, forever. Amen.

## **HOLY COMMUNION**

### **POST HOLY COMMUNION BLESSING**

**BENEDICTION** – sung to the tune of *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

Now may the good Lord bless and keep, his love in us increase;  
Lift up his face with shining grace, and grant eternal peace.  
To Father, Son, and Spirit, Eternal One-in-Three.  
Be thanks and praise through all our days. And to eternity!

### **SENDING SONG**

*"People, Look East"*

### **DISMISSAL**

# FIVE LAKES SILVER BAND



## CHRISTMAS CONCERT

**THURS.  
DEC. 18**

**7 PM**

**NO TICKET  
NECESSARY  
FREE WILL  
OFFERING**

# Celtic Christmas Eve Worship

featuring

## Finvarra's Wren

**Wed.  
Dec. 24  
4 pm**

**Families welcome!**



# CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERVICES

## CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24

4:00 P.M. | 7:00 P.M. | 10:00 P.M.

\* 4 P.M. CELTIC CHRISTMAS EVE FEATURING  
GUEST MUSICIANS FINVARRA'S WREN \*

## CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25 @ 10:00 A.M.

## SPECIAL SUNDAY WORSHIP

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28 @ 10:00 A.M.

\* SPECIAL TIME, ONE WORSHIP SERVICE ONLY \*



IMPOSSIBLY POSSIBLE