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

Peace for Real Life

"Peace For Uncertain Days"

9:00—November 29, 2026

In uncertain days, Jesus calls us to stay awake, not in fear, but in trust. God's peace meets us when the future feels unclear and teaches us to watch for redemption drawing near.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING WORSHIP MUSIC *"Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying"* Paul Manz

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISSION MOMENT *"Christmas Giving Tree"* Lori Calbeck

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who calls out to the weary, whose word endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: A voice cries out in the wilderness, "Make straight the way of the Lord!" We are called to confess our sin and turn back toward God's love.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Comforting God,

C: we are your people, but we have neglected to call on your name. We are your people, but we have not remembered your ways. We are your people, but we have forgotten your hold on us. We are your people, but now we fade like a leaf, and our sins, like the wind, take us away. Restore us as your people. Cleanse us from our sin, and clothe us in your righteousness. Amen.

P: "Comfort, comfort my people!" says your God, who has clothed you with the garments of salvation and wrapped you in the robe of righteousness. God has given you a mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. In the name of ☩ Christ, your sins are forgiven: Rejoice in the Lord!

C: Amen. Thanks be to God!

GATHERING HYMN *"Fling Wide the Door"* v. 1, 2, 4 **ELW 259**

1 Fling wide the door, unbar the gate;
the King of glory comes in state;
the Lord of lords and King of kings,
the Savior of the world who brings
his great salvation to the earth.
So raise a shout of holy mirth
and praise our God and Lord,
Creator, Spirit, Word.

2 He is the rock of our belief,
the heart of mercy's gentle self.
His kingly crown is holiness;
his scepter is his loveliness;
he brings our sorrows to an end.
Now gladly praise our king and friend,
and worship him with song
for saving us from wrong.

4 Come, Lord, our Savior, Jesus Christ;
our hearts are open wide in trust.
Oh, show us now your lovely grace,
upon our sorrows shine your face,
and let your Holy Spirit guide
our journey in your grace so wide.
We praise your holy name,
from age to age the same!

THE GREETING

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. O Lord, keep us close to you. Keep your teachings in our hearts and minds. When circumstances are perplexing, confusing, or worrying, teach us to watch for you and your divine plan to redeem all who know you. Increase our trust and faith during scary, troubling times. Bring your supernatural peace to our hearts since we know you are leading us toward our salvation. We ask this in Jesus's name.

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 *"Peace Has Come"* Mary McDonald

MEMORY VERSE *John 14:27* Steve Luck

A: Together, let us recite the memory verse:

C: (Jesus said,) "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."

INTRODUCTION TO THE READINGS

FIRST READING *Isaiah 64:1–9*

A: The first reading according to Isaiah, the sixty-fourth chapter.

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence [2] as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! [3] When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down; the mountains quaked at your presence. [4] From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. [5] You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself, we transgressed. [6] We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. [7] There is no one who calls on your name or attempts to take hold of you, for you have hidden your face from us and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. [8] Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. [9] Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING *1 Corinthians 1:3–9*

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

[3] Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. [4] I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, [5] for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind [6] just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you [7] so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. [8] He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. [9] God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL VERSE – from *"Angels We Have Heard on High"*

Gloria in excelsis Deo!

GOSPEL *Mark 13:24–37*

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

24 "But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not
give its light, 25 and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens
will be shaken. 26 Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power
and glory. 27 Then he will send out the angels and gather the elect from the four winds,
from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. 28 From the fig tree learn its lesson: as
soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near.
29 So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very
gates. 30 Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken
place. 31 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. 32 But about
that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven nor the Son, but only the Father.
33 Beware, keep alert for you do not know when the time will come. 34 It is like a man going
on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and
commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. 35 Therefore, keep awake, for you do not
know when the master of the house will come, in the evening or at midnight or at cockcrow
or at dawn, 36 or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. 37 And what I say to
you I say to all: Keep awake."

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 *"Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding!"* v. 1, 3, 4, 5 **ELW 246**

1 Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding!
"Christ is near," we hear it say.
"Cast away the works of darkness,
all you children of the day!"

3 See the Lamb, so long expected,
come with pardon down from heav'n.
Let us haste, with tears of sorrow,
one and all, to be forgiv'n;

4 So, when next he comes in glory
and the world is wrapped in fear,
he will shield us with his mercy
and with words of love draw near.

5 Honor, glory, might, and blessing
to the Father and the Son
with the everlasting Spirit
while unending ages run!

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 Steve Luck

A: With hope and expectation, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who await God's day of restoration.

A brief silence.

A: Call your church into holy fellowship as we await the restoration of all things. Reenergize your faithful people to live with hope and compassion, especially those who serve as missionaries near and far. Center us on your promise to come among us and make all things new. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: All creation signals your presence, O God: the vastness of the cosmos, the turn of the seasons, and living things that both rest and flourish. Rekindle our commitment to care for the earth. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Let the nations tremble at your holy presence, that justice and liberation prevail in all corners of the earth. Restore peace to nations in conflict, teach righteousness to corrupt leaders and systems, and bring stability to areas facing uncertain futures. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Enrich the spirits of all who feel hopeless, fearful, or despairing. Stay close to those who await healing or relief (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). Deliver all in any need. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Be with those who keep awake at night: nurses working overnight shifts, caregivers of newborns and aging adults, stargazers, those who are anxious, or those who are traveling. Reveal to all that the dark can be a place of calm and comfort filled with your presence. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: You have sent out your angels and gathered your faithful people from every time and place, calling them into one fellowship of saints. Bless the witness of those who dwell in your eternal presence (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: God who holds the future, we ask for the continuing presence of your Holy Spirit through the next stage of our congregation's strategic planning process. We also ask you to bless the Strategic Planning Team with wise discernment as they review the abundance of data offered and revealed during the early stage of this process. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Listen to these and all our prayers, O God of hosts, and restore us with your great and everlasting mercy.

C: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

STEWARDSHIP READING *2 Corinthians 9:11–12*

You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us, for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God.

OFFERING *"O Day of Peace"* Charles Callahan

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Together, let us pray.

C: **Holy Creator, we are the clay and you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand. Receive these gifts. Shape them and our lives for your purpose, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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 *"Savior of the Nations, Come"* Various Arr.

POST HOLY COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER HOLY COMMUNION

P: Together let us pray:

C: Providing God, you feed your flock like a shepherd and gather your people in your arms. We praise you for the care and sustenance you give at this meal and always. As we leave your table, carry us near your heart, and send us with confidence in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

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 HYMN *"Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers"* v. 1, 2, 4 **ELW 244**

1 Rejoice, rejoice, believers,
and let your lights appear;
the evening is advancing,
and darker night is near.
The bridegroom is arising
and soon is drawing nigh.
Up, pray and watch and wrestle;
at midnight comes the cry.

2 The watchers on the mountain
proclaim the bridegroom near;
go forth as he approaches
with alleluias clear.
The marriage feast is waiting;
the gates wide open stand.
Arise, O heirs of glory;
the bridegroom is at hand.

4 Our hope and expectation,
O Jesus, now appear;
arise, O Sun so longed for,
o'er this benighted sphere.
With hearts and hands uplifted,
we plead, O Lord, to see
the day of earth's redemption
that sets your people free!

DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE *"Christians, Awake!"* David Cherwien



