

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

Summer in the Psalms

“Why, God, Do the Wicked Prosper?”

11:15 a.m.—August 9, 2026

Psalms 73 and Luke 16:19-31 address the apparent injustice of wicked people prospering while the righteous suffer in this life. Both passages ultimately point to a future where God’s justice prevails, urging believers to focus on eternal treasures rather than temporary worldly gains.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING WORSHIP SONG

“Rising”

Julie Steinmayer

WELCOME

Pastor Niklaus

BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR MISSION STATEMENT

Beautiful Savior is a biblically grounded community who unites to follow and share the way of Jesus.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

SONG

“Holy Forever”

PRAYER OF THE DAY

MEMORY VERSE

Colossians 3:16

Marilyn Lochner

A: Together, let us recite the memory verse:

C: Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.

INTRODUCTION TO THE READING

PSALM

Psalms 73

Truly God is good to the upright, to those who are pure in heart. ² But as for me, my feet had almost stumbled; my steps had nearly slipped. ³ For I was envious of the arrogant; I saw the prosperity of the wicked. ⁴ For they have no pain; their bodies are sound and sleek. ⁵ They are not in trouble as others are; they are not plagued like other people. ⁶ Therefore pride is their necklace; violence covers them like a garment. ⁷ Their eyes swell out with fatness; their hearts overflow with follies. ⁸ They scoff and speak with malice; loftily they threaten oppression. ⁹ They set their mouths against heaven, and their tongues range over the earth. ¹⁰ Therefore the people turn and praise them, and find no fault in them. ¹¹ And they say, “How can God know? Is there knowledge in the Most High?” ¹² Such are the wicked; always at ease, they increase in riches. ¹³ All in vain I have kept my heart clean and washed my hands in innocence. ¹⁴ For all day long I have been plagued, and am punished every morning. ¹⁵ If I had said, “I will talk on in this way,” I would have been untrue to the circle of your children. ¹⁶ But when I thought how to understand this, it seemed to me a wearisome task, ¹⁷ until I went into the sanctuary of God; then I perceived their end. ¹⁸ Truly you set them in slippery places; you make them fall to ruin. ¹⁹ How they are destroyed in a moment, swept away utterly by terrors! ²⁰ They are like a dream when one awakes; on awaking you despise their phantoms. ²¹ When my soul was embittered, when I was pricked in heart, ²² I was stupid and ignorant; I was like a brute beast toward you. ²³ Nevertheless I am continually with you; you hold my right hand. ²⁴ You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will receive me with honor. ⁵ Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that I desire other than you. ²⁶ My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the

strength of my heart and my portion forever. ²⁷ Indeed, those who are far from you will perish; you put an end to those who are false to you. ²⁸ But for me it is good to be near God; I have made the Lord GOD my refuge, to tell of all your works.

GOSPEL

Luke 16:19-31

Pastor Niklaus

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus told the disciples,] ¹⁹ “There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰ And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹ who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²² The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³ In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴ He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.’ ²⁵ But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶ Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ ²⁷ He said, ‘Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house— ²⁸ for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ ²⁹ Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ ³⁰ He said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ ³¹ He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Tammy Dukatz

SERMON

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

SHARING OF THE PEACE

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Marilyn Lochner

A: With bold trust in God’s unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God’s creation.

A brief silence.

A: We pray for the servants of your gospel in every place, that your word may be heard. Where your voice is scorned and your people persecuted, strengthen the church in its faithful witness. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: For this world you have created, that all life may flourish. Preserve biodiversity in all its variety and help ecosystems to survive the extremes of weather. Move our hearts with compassion to join in this work. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: For leaders of towns, states, nations, and organizations, and all who are in positions of authority, that they lead with justice and integrity. Teach us to respond with Christlike mercy to all who are afraid or in danger. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: For all who struggle amid the storms of life, that they find peace and hope in your loving presence. Comfort any who are lonely, grieving, and suffering (*especially those we name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: For this congregation and its ministries, that we reflect your love and life amid a turbulent world. Guide council members, elders, and other church leaders with your still, calm voice. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: We give thanks for the faithful who have gone before us (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). Guide us in our earthly journey, that we may one day join them in your eternal kingdom. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

STEWARDSHIP READING

Proverbs 13:11

Pastor Niklaus

Wealth hastily gained will dwindle, but those who gather little by little will increase it.

OFFERING

"Be Thou My Vision"

OFFERING PRAYER

Pastor Diane

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

LORD'S PRAYER

HOLY COMMUNION

POST HOLY COMMUNION BLESSING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Niklaus

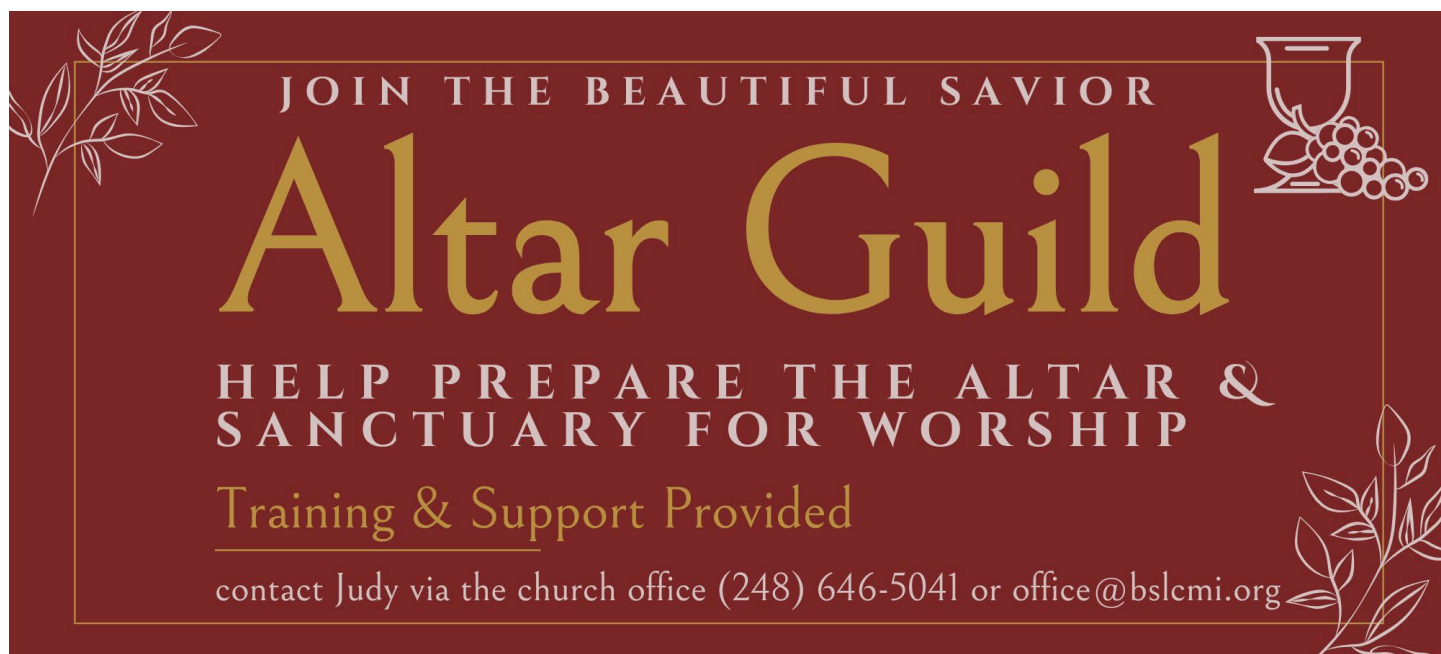
BLESSING

SENDING SONG

"We're Gonna Shine"

DISMISSAL

Pastor Niklaus



JOIN THE BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

Altar Guild

HELP PREPARE THE ALTAR &
SANCTUARY FOR WORSHIP

Training & Support Provided

contact Judy via the church office (248) 646-5041 or office@bslcmi.org

MEN'S
Luncheon

Thurs. August 20
12:30 p.m.

Lukich Family Dining
3900 Rochester Rd.
Troy, MI



No need to RSVP – just come!
No agenda, just time to chat

BIANNUAL CHURCH
Meeting

Budget review & passage

Sunday, August 23

10:10–11:00 a.m.

all voting members should attend



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NEXT SESSION BEGINS SEPTEMBER 1

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

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