

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

“The Blessedness of Unity”

9:00— August 30, 2026

Psalms 133 celebrates the goodness and beauty of God’s people living together in unity. In John 17, Jesus prayed not only for his first disciples, but also for all who would come to believe through their witness, asking that they may be one in the love shared by the Father and the Son. Together, these readings show that unity is a gift rooted in God’s own love, and it becomes a witness through which the world sees Jesus.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING WORSHIP MUSIC

“Gather Us In”

David Lasky

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, whose compassion endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Compassionate God,

C: we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ’s name we pray, Amen.

P: Jesus says, “Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.” In the name of God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God’s love.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

"All Are Welcome" v. 1 & 3

ELW 641

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| 1 Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:
All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place. | 3 Let us build a house where love is found
in water, wine and wheat:
a banquet hall on holy ground
where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus,
is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:
All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place. |
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THE GREETING

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Lord, you long for us to live in harmony with you and with one another. We long for this, too. Help us along. Give us a foretaste of heaven. May we embody your love and be instruments of unity with all those around us. In Jesus's name we pray.

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

Colossians 3:16

Janet Gehrke

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.

PSALM

Psalms 133

A: Together let us read Psalm 133 responsively: How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

C: It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes.

A: It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion.

C: For there the LORD ordained his blessing, life forevermore.

GOSPEL VERSE



GOSPEL

John 17:20-26

Pastor Niklaus

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the seventeenth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁰“I ask not only on behalf of these but also on behalf of those who believe in me through their word, ²¹that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²²The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, ²³I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. ²⁴Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. ²⁵“Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you, and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them and I in them.”

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 “The Church’s One Foundation” v. 1, 2, 5

ELW 654

1 The church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
she is his new creation
by water and the word.
From heav'n he came and sought her
to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her,
and for her life he died.

2 Elect from ev'ry nation,
yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation
one Lord, one faith, one birth:
one holy name she blesses,
partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses,
with ev'ry grace endued.

- 5 Yet she on earth has union
with God, the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion
with those whose rest is won.
Oh, blessed heav'nly chorus!
Lord, save us by your grace,
that we, like saints before us,
may see you face to face.

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

Janet Gehrke

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: For the church in every land, that its mission and ministry is anchored in the love of Christ. When threats or challenges arise, teach us to take up our cross and follow you in faith. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: For the well-being of your creation, that all that lives and grows on the earth may thrive. Bring relief to areas ravaged by droughts, floods, fires, storms, and other disasters. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: For the nations and all in authority, that they seek to live in peace with one another. Bless the work of international and diplomatic organizations and all who work to bring peace to a world scarred by violence. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: For all those in need, that they be satisfied. Ensure all your children have safe access to food, water, shelter, and medical care. Bring healing to all who bear wounds in body, mind, and spirit (*especially those we name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: For the congregation gathered here to serve you, that we remain strong in faith and united in purpose. Guide our committees, study groups, and other meetings toward honesty and humility, always seeking genuine love. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: For the faithful departed (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*), that their witness continues to strengthen and guide the church. Renew our hope in your promises in this life and the life to come. 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.

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 *“Voluntary in D”*

William Selby

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray. Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance.

C: Amen.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

LORD’S PRAYER

HOLY COMMUNION *“Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus”*

Thomas Gieschen

POST HOLY COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER HOLY COMMUNION

P: Together let us pray:

C: Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. Amen.

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

“We All Are One in Mission”

ELW 576

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| 1 We all are one in mission;
we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united
by Christ, the Lord of all.
A single great commission
compels us from above
to plan and work together
that all may know Christ's love. | 3 Now let us be united,
and let our song be heard.
Now let us be a vessel
for God's redeeming Word.
We all are one in mission;
we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united
by Christ, the Lord of all. |
| 2 We all are called to service,
to witness in God's name.
Our ministries are different;
our purpose is the same:
to touch the lives of others
with God's surprising grace,
so ev'ry folk and nation
may feel God's warm embrace. | |

DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE

“Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”

Jerry Westenkeuhler



GriefShare®

NEXT SESSION BEGINS SEPTEMBER 1
SESSIONS ON TUESDAY NIGHTS AT 6:30 P.M.
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FALL KICK-OFF FESTIVAL
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13
10:10 A.M. IN WELCOME CENTER

RUN TO BENEFIT LEGACY ADOPTION SERVICES

FOREVER HOME RUN



 **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3** 5K Run/Walk
1K Dress-Up Dash

EVENT SCHEDULE

 9:00 a.m. 5K Run/Walk
Family Activities Begin

 10:30 a.m. Dress-Up Dash

REGISTER NOW

ForeverHomeRun.com
Early Bird Ends 9/6/26



Questions Jesus ASKED

A SIX-WEEK SMALL GROUP SERIES

SEPTEMBER 20–OCTOBER 25

Say "Yes" to being a small group facilitator!
Contact Pastor Diane at prdiane@bsclmi.org

*First Day of Sunday School
& Catechism*

God's BIG Plan

Sunday, Sept. 20th 10:10—11 a.m.