

# 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

## Risky Faith “Risking Conflict” 9:00—March 8, 2026

Jesus challenges the Pharisees and Herodians by demanding they give the emperor what is his, while simultaneously reminding them of their ultimate duty to give God what is God’s. This encourages a faith that acknowledges earthly authority, yet risks confrontation by upholding allegiance to God above all else. Everything belongs to God, even the emperor’s authority, meaning true faith may require challenging human authority when it conflicts with God’s will.

### ORDER OF WORSHIP

#### GATHERING WORSHIP MUSIC

*Nocturne* from “*String Quartet No. 2*” Alexander Borodin

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISSION MOMENT “*Annunciation*” WINGS

#### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin before God, who removes our guilt and blots out all offenses.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P: For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P: For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P: For failing to recognize your coming reign, and for hindering the work of the Spirit:  
Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P: For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition, and for disdain the living water  
Christ offers: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P: For disregarding voices from the margin, and for distrusting signs of your healing and  
hope in the world: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P: For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent, and for disregarding Christ's call to  
come forth to life: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P: God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound. Through faith, the free gift of  
God, you have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ. In the name of † Jesus  
Christ, your sins are forgiven. The Spirit of the One who raised Christ from the dead  
dwells in you, pours God's love into your hearts, and gives you life and peace.

**C: Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN** *"Dearest Jesus, at Your Word"* v. 1-3

**ELW 520**

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| 1 Dearest Jesus, at your word<br>we have come again to hear you;<br>let our thoughts and hearts be stirred<br>and in glowing faith be near you<br>as the promises here given<br>draw us wholly up to heaven.                      | 3 Radiance of God's glory bright,<br>Light of light from God proceeding,<br>Jesus, send your blessed light;<br>help our hearing, speaking, heeding,<br>that our prayers and songs may please you,<br>as with grateful hearts we praise you. |
| 2 All our knowledge, sense, and sight<br>lie in deepest darkness shrouded<br>till your Spirit breaks the night,<br>filling us with light unclouded.<br>All good thoughts and all good living<br>come but by your gracious giving. |   |

## **THE GREETING**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray. Heavenly Father, you alone are the author of all wisdom, and prosperity is  
a gift from your hand. Give us the wisdom to have mercy on others as you show  
compassion toward us. May we be a generation of those who seek you, O God of Jacob.  
Let us acknowledge "everything" belongs to you, dear God. Your grace endures  
forever. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit 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.**

## CHORAL ANTHEM

*“We Worship You Alone”*

Penny Rodriguez

## MEMORY VERSE

*Proverbs 14:23*

Bob Hoffman

A: Together, let us recite the memory verse:

**C: In all toil there is profit, but mere talk leads only to poverty.**

## INTRODUCTION TO THE READING

## PSALM

*Psalm 24:1-10*

The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it, <sup>2</sup> for he has founded it on the seas and established it on the rivers. <sup>3</sup> Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in his holy place? <sup>4</sup> Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is false and do not swear deceitfully. <sup>5</sup> They will receive blessing from the LORD and vindication from the God of their salvation. <sup>6</sup> Such is the company of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob. <sup>7</sup> Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in! <sup>8</sup> Who is the King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle. <sup>9</sup> Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in! <sup>10</sup> Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory.

## GOSPEL VERSE



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and  
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in  
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

## GOSPEL

*Matthew 22:15-22*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.

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

<sup>15</sup> Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. <sup>16</sup> So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere,

and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with partiality. <sup>17</sup> Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" <sup>18</sup> But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? <sup>19</sup> Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. <sup>20</sup> Then he said to them, "Whose head is this and whose title?" <sup>21</sup> They answered, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's." <sup>22</sup> When they heard this, they were amazed, and they left him and went away.

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**      *"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"*

**ELW 324**

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| 1 In the cross of Christ I glory,<br>tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time.<br>All the light of sacred story<br>gathers round its head sublime.       | 3 When the sun of bliss is beaming<br>light and love upon my way,<br>from the cross the radiance streaming<br>adds more luster to the day.            |
| 2 When the woes of life o'ertake me,<br>hopes deceive, and fears annoy,<br>never shall the cross forsake me;<br>lo, it glows with peace and joy. | 4 Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,<br>by the cross are sanctified;<br>peace is there that knows no measure,<br>joys that through all time abide. |

### **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

Bob Hoffman

A: Reconciled by God's mercy and sustained by God's presence, let us pray for the world and its needs.

*A brief silence.*

A: O God, when suffering arises, preserve your church. Give to pastors, deacons, bishops, and all servants of your gospel the endurance that produces character and the hope that will never disappoint. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: When the waters run wild, sustain this earth. Send water to places languishing with drought, and bring relief to places damaged by floods. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: When quarrels ensue, soften our hearts. Quell hostilities between nations and peoples, and reconcile all humans across the lines of race, class, nationality, moral conviction, religion, and all else that divides us. Help us know Jesus's uniting love is stronger than the world's divisions. Then, Lord, give us the courage to act on that knowledge. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: When your people thirst, satisfy their needs. Send water and food to all who need nourishment. Grant welcome to all who are excluded. Show your mercy to any in need (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: When we gather to worship, send us your Spirit. Renew our hearts through the joyful noise we make and bless the work of our church musicians and musical ensembles. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: O God, when death draws near, we rejoice in the promise of life with you. We remember all who have entered eternal rest (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). We pray that you bring us the hope of sharing in your glory. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: O God, we come before you with hearts full of gratitude for hearing our prayers and leading us to an associate pastor candidate. We thank you for blessing the call committee with unity, wisdom and patience throughout the process. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation.

**C: Amen.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

### STEWARDSHIP READING *Ecclesiastes 5:10*

The lover of money will not be satisfied with money; nor the lover of wealth, with gain.  
This also is vanity.

**OFFERING** *“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”* Mason/Hanson/Wootton

### OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray. O God, maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus’s name.

**C: Amen.**

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

### LORD’S PRAYER

**HOLY COMMUNION** *“What Wondrous Love Is This!”* Paul Thompson

### POST HOLY COMMUNION BLESSING

### PRAYER AFTER HOLY COMMUNION

P: Together let us pray:

**C: God of our salvation, we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ’s body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## BLESSING

**SENDING HYMN** *“God of Grace and God of Glory”* v. 1, 2, 4

**ELW 705**

- 1 God of grace and God of glory,  
on your people pour your pow'r;  
crown your ancient church's story;  
bring its bud to glorious flow'r.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
for the facing of this hour,  
for the facing of this hour.

- 2 Lo! the hosts of evil round us  
scorn the Christ, assail his ways!  
From the fears that long have bound us  
free our hearts to faith and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
for the living of these days,  
for the living of these days.
- 4 Save us from weak resignation  
to the evils we deplore;  
let the gift of your salvation  
be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
serving you whom we adore,  
serving you whom we adore.

**DISMISSAL**

**POSTLUDE**

*Presto from "Quartet Op. 1, No. 1 in B Flat Major"*

F. J. Haydn

## *The Service <sup>of the</sup> Word for Wholeness*

**SUNDAY, MARCH 15**

10:15 - 10:35 a.m.

Beautiful Savior Chapel

January Focus: Kitchen Oversight and Feed My Lambs

*Scripture | Prayers for others & self  
Anointing with oil | Laying on of hands*

Every third Sunday of the month





BSLC  
*Euchre*  
**NIGHT**



**SATURDAY, MARCH 21**

**6:45 P.M. Get Registered & Grab a Snack**

**7:00 P.M. Game Play Begins**

*No cost to enter, though freewill offering to cover the cost of snacks & prizes always welcome*

**RSVP at [bslcmi.org/post/euchre](http://bslcmi.org/post/euchre) or Welcome Center Information Desk**



**TRAVEL TIME**

*with Bob Hoffman*

**MYANMAR, LOAS, & CAMBODIA**

**Tuesday, March 24 at 3 p.m.**

*Join us on the 4th Tuesday of each month in the Welcome Center; no cost, no need to RSVP. Just come and enjoy.*



**ROYAL OAK SYMNHONY SMALL ENSEMBLE  
DUETS, QUARTETS CRESCENDOS & MORE**

**3rd Annual ROSO small ensemble fundraiser concert.**

**Free Admission but donations are greatly appreciated!**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 22 @ 3 p.m.**