

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?”

9:00— 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 MUSIC

“O Day of Peace”

Charles Callahan

*“O day of peace that dimly shines through all our hopes and prayers
and dreams, guide us to justice, truth, and love . . .”*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Niklaus Schillack

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor Diane Greble

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

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| 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. | 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. |
| 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, | |

THE GREETING

Pastor Diane Greble

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Oh Lord, when in our weakness we envy others, remind us of the source of true riches. Help us to understand that if we abide in you then we are rich indeed. You are the strength of our hearts and our portion forever. 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.

MEMORY VERSE

Colossians 3:16

Bob Hoffman

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 Israel, 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. ²⁵ 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 VERSE



GOSPEL

Luke 16:19-31

Pastor Niklaus Schillack

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus told his 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 lifted up his eyes 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 I beg you, father, 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 from the dead goes to them, 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

HYMN OF THE DAY *“Canticle of the Turning”* v. 1 & 2

ELW 723

- 1 My soul cries out with a joyful shout that the God of my heart is great,
and my spirit sings of the wondrous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight, and my weakness you did not spurn,
so from east to west shall my name be blest. Could the world be about to turn?
My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn.
- 2 Though I am small, my God, my all, you work great things in me,
and your mercy will last from the depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
Your very name puts the proud to shame, and to those who would for you yearn,
you will show your might, put the strong to flight, for the world is about to turn.
My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn.

APOSTLES’ CREED

Pastor Diane

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: 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.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

Pastor Niklaus Schillack

STEWARDSHIP READING *Proverbs 13:11*

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

OFFERING *“Little Fugue No. 2”*

G. F. Handel

OFFERING PRAYER

Pastor Diane Greble

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.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.

C: Amen.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

LORD’S PRAYER

HOLY COMMUNION *“Be Thou My Vision”*

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- 1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
thou my best thought both by day and by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
- 2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.
Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tow'r,
raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
- 3 Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only, the first in my hear
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.
- 4 Light of my soul, after victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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

"To Be Your Presence"

ELW 546

- 1 To be your presence is our mission here,
to show compassion's face and list'ning ear,
to be your heart of mercy ever near, alleluia!
- 2 To be your presence is our mission bold,
to feed the poor and shelter homeless cold,
to be your hands of justice, right uphold, alleluia!
- 3 To be your presence is our mission blest,
to speak for all the broken and oppressed,
to be your voice of hope, your love expressed, alleluia!
- 4 We are your heart, O Christ, your hands and voice,
to serve your people is our call and choice,
and in this mission we, the church, rejoice, alleluia!

DISMISSAL

Pastor Niklaus Schillack

POSTLUDE

"To Be Your Presence"

Aaron David Miller



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



Grief & Share®

NEXT SESSION BEGINS SEPTEMBER 1
SESSIONS ON TUESDAY NIGHTS AT 6:30 P.M.
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