

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

Questions Jesus Asked: *“Why Are You Anxious?”*

11:15—October 4, 2026

In seasons filled with pressure, distraction, and responsibility, worry can quietly take hold of our hearts. Jesus’s words invite us to notice ravens, lilies, breath, grace, and the daily gifts of God’s care. This week gives us an opportunity to loosen our grip on anxious control and rediscover the quiet strength that grows through trust and gratitude.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING WORSHIP SONG *“Lord, Reign in Me”* 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.

MISSION MOMENT *“Christmas Giving – Shoeboxes”* Mary Reed

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS Pastor Diane

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Samuel Harold Lovitt

*Samuel Harold’s parents, Reed and Marisa (Fournier) Lovitt
bring their son forward for the sacrament of baptism.*

Samuel Harold’s sponsors are Serena Fournier and Ara Lovitt

PRESENTATION

P: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God’s mission for the life of the world.

Ara and Serena: We present Samuel Harold for baptism.

P: Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your child baptized into Christ?

Reed and Marisa: We do.

P: As you bring your child to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with him among God's faithful people, bring him to the word of God and the holy supper, teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer, so that he may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace. Do you promise to help him grow in the Christian faith and life?

Reed and Marisa: We do.

P: Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Samuel Harold in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Ara and Serena: We do.

P: People of God, do you promise to support Samuel and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

C: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

C: I renounce them.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C: 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.

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters, and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus's death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that this child who is washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BAPTISM

P: Samuel Harold, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

LAYING ON OF HANDS

P: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your child new birth, cleanse him from sin, and raise him to eternal life. Sustain Samuel Harold with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

C: Amen.

ANOINTING

P: Samuel Harold, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

C: Amen.

WELCOME

P: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

C: Amen.

P: Let us welcome our newly baptized brother.

C: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

SONG

"It Is Well"

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor Niklaus

MEMORY VERSE

Proverbs 3:13-14

Jim Kershner

A: Together, let us recite the memory verse:

C: Happy are those who find wisdom, and those who get understanding, for her income is better than silver, and her revenue better than gold.

INTRODUCTION TO THE READINGS

FIRST READING

Genesis 2:4b-9

A: The first reading according to Genesis, the second chapter.

⁴ These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created. In the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens, ⁵ when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no vegetation of the field had yet sprung up for the LORD God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground, ⁶ but a stream would rise from the earth and water the whole face of the ground ⁷ then the LORD God formed man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being. ⁸ And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. ⁹ Out of the ground the LORD God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Philippians 4:4-9

A: The second reading according to Philippians, the fourth chapter.

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵ Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸ Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹ As

for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

Luke 12:22–34

Pastor Niklaus

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

²² He said to his disciples, “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. ²³ For life is more than food and the body more than clothing. ²⁴ Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! ²⁵ And which of you by worrying can add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁶ If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? ²⁷ Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ²⁸ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, you of little faith! ²⁹ And do not keep seeking what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. ³⁰ For it is the nations of the world that seek all these things, and your Father knows that you need them. ³¹ Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well. ³² “Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

The Rev. Diane Greble, Associate Pastor

SERMON

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

SHARING OF THE PEACE

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Jim Kershner

A: Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new, we pray for the church and the world.

A brief silence.

A: God of every generation, we give thanks for all who have sought to renew and transform your holy church. Inspire us to follow their example in our own day. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: God of every creature, bless and protect the earth and all those who dwell within it. We give thanks for those who have helped us to see creation's witness to your glory. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: God of every tribe and nation, restore peace to the world's conflict zones, and shelter those who live within them. We pray especially for the safety of displaced people and refugees. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: God of every comfort, you made us in your own image. Grant healing and relief to all who are sick or suffering (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: God of every truth, you draw us nearer to you through your holy Word. We give thanks for teachers of the faith. Fill their hearts with your Spirit, that they inspire others with your truth. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: God of every soul, you are the one who calls us home. We give thanks for all the saints who have been restored to perfect unity with you (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: God who holds the future, please send your Holy Spirit to guide us in wisdom as we work out the details of your Strategic Plan for our congregation. Give us clarity and discernment as you lead us to find clear, measurable, and achievable yet bold objectives to reach our long-term goals. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

STEWARDSHIP READING

1 Timothy 6:17

Pastor Niklaus

As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches but rather on God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.

OFFERING

"Abide"

OFFERING PRAYER

Pastor Diane

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

LORD'S PRAYER

HOLY COMMUNION

POST HOLY COMMUNION BLESSING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Niklaus

BLESSING

SENDING SONG

"I Will Trust in You"

DISMISSAL

Pastor Niklaus

Pack your shoebox with:

- something fun: a "wow" item
- something needed: art or school supplies

PRAY!

Contact Mary Reed via office@bslcmi.org
(248) 646-5041 for more information

BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR COLLECTION PERIOD

OCT. 4 through OCT. 25

SEND GOOD NEWS GREAT JOY

Samaritan's Purse OPERATION Christmas Child



Small Tools... Big Difference

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14 @ NOON

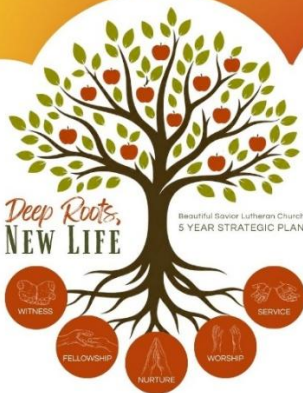
PLEASE JOIN US FOR A LUNCHEON BROUGHT TO YOU BY WINGS

Enjoy a presentation of unusual kitchen tools that make meal prep easier AND tools for spiritual growth that make kindness easier!

Advance Tickets Only—\$10

RSVP between services or at bslcmi.org/post/WINGSLunch





*Deep Roots,
NEW LIFE*

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church
5 YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN

Strategic Planning Visionary Meals

SUNDAY, OCT. 11 @ 12:30 P.M.
SUNDAY, OCT. 18. @ 12:30 P.M.
WEDNESDAY, OCT. 21 @ 11:30 A.M.
MONDAY, OCT. 26 @ 6:00 P.M.

RSVP at the Welcome Center Desk or
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Church-wide Apple Picking

@ Westview Orchards
Sat. Oct. 17

RSVP @ bslcmi.org/post/2026-2027calendar
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ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

SUNDAYS @ 10:10—11:00 A.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM, UPPER LEVEL

September 20	FINDING JESUS IN CAPERNAUM
Sept. 27—Nov. 1	THE GOD WE CAN KNOW: Exploring the "I Am" Statements of Jesus
Nov. 8—Nov. 22	THANKSGIVING FOR TREASURES
Nov. 29—Jan. 3 *no class Dec. 27	ISAIAH: VISIONS OF PROMISE

**ALL ADULTS ARE WELCOME;
NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY.**

Begin to learn more about God, the Bible and your faith.
Contact Pastor Diane Greble with questions.
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