

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

Impossibly Possible *“Joy Made Possible”* 11:15—December 21, 2025

Luke 1:57-66, describing John the Baptizer’s birth, highlights the joy that arises when God fulfills promises. This joy, evident in Zechariah and Elizabeth’s praise and the community’s response, points toward the greater joy that would come with the birth of Jesus, who brings salvation and peace.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Flowers given In Loving Memory of Sue Hoffman

GATHERING WORSHIP MUSIC *“Joy unto the World”* The Afters

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISSION MOMENT *“Forever Home Run”* Jovita Cunningham

STEPHEN LEADER COMMISSIONING – Shelley Beck

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

GATHERING SONG *“You’re Worthy of My Praise”*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. All Powerful God, we praise you for your greatness knowing nothing is too hard for you. You keep your promises to us no matter how impossible they seem, and this fills us with great joy. As we worship you today, open our hearts to your greatness and fill us with expectation for your work among us and through us. Fill us with joy as we remember your miraculous works of the past and acknowledge your hand in our present. We ask this in the name of our Savior, Jesus.

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 *Luke 1:37* Richard DeVore

A: Together, let us recite the memory verse:

C: For nothing will be impossible with God.

INTRODUCTION TO THE READING

READING *Isaiah 52:7-10*

A: The reading according to Isaiah, the fifty-second chapter.

⁷How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, “Your God reigns.” ⁸Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the LORD to Zion. ⁹Break forth together into

singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the LORD has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem.
¹⁰ The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

Luke 1:57-66

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵⁷ Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. ⁵⁸ Her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her. ⁵⁹ On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him Zechariah after his father. ⁶⁰ But his mother said, "No; he is to be called John." ⁶¹ They said to her, "None of your relatives has this name." ⁶² Then they began motioning to his father to find out what name he wanted to give him. ⁶³ He asked for a writing tablet and wrote, "His name is John." And all of them were amazed. ⁶⁴ Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue freed, and he began to speak, praising God. ⁶⁵ Fear came over all their neighbors, and all these things were talked about throughout the entire hill country of Judea. ⁶⁶ All who heard them pondered them and said, "What then will this child become?" For, indeed, the hand of the Lord was with him.

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

SONG OF THE DAY

"What Child Is This?"

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Richard DeVore

A: In our waiting and watching, we come to you in prayer, O God, trusting your promise to renew the church, the nations, and the whole creation.

A brief silence.

A: In the anticipation of these days, prepare our hearts for your arrival. Stir our spirits through the gifts of artists, musicians, poets, and preachers, as together we proclaim your presence among us. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: The earth breaks forth in singing as it heralds the Messiah's coming. Fill our hearts with wonder as we join heaven and nature in announcing this holy birth. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: You send your saving grace and peace to the nations. Lead us in work for justice and care for the common good. May we meet the Christ-child we seek in the faces of our neighbors. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: When tears of grief, exhaustion, or loneliness come, or physical or emotional hurt overwhelms us, come to our aid. Uphold all who are anxious, who know the challenges of depression, or who are ill (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Surround expectant parents and those suffering from infant loss with communities of support. Bless young children and new parents. Guide us in ways that provide safety for all children and those who care for them. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: We give thanks for all who have treasured the gospel and lived and died in faithful service (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). Strengthen our earthly journeys until, at the last, your face shines upon us as we are held in your love. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Faithful God, as the Call Committee continues to recruit and engage with pastoral candidates, we pray for clarity of vision, unity of Spirit, and a clear pathway to the additional pastor you have chosen for Beautiful Savior. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Draw near to us, O God, as we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy through Jesus Christ, Emmanuel.

C: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

STEWARDSHIP READING

1 Timothy 6:17

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

“He Who Is Mighty”

OFFERING PRAYER

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

LORD’S PRAYER – sung to the tune of *Away in a Manger*

Our Father in heaven, all praise to your name!
Your kingdom among us, your will done the same;
by mortals and angels, come, Lord, reign alone;
oh hear us and bless us from heaven’s high throne.

The bread that we yearn for provide us each day;
as we forgive others, our sins take away;
in times of temptation, to lead us be near;
from evil deliver your children most dear.

For yours is the kingdom; o’er all things you reign.
And yours is the power; all things you maintain.
To you be the glory, resounding again,
From all of creation, forever. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

POST HOLY COMMUNION BLESSING

BENEDICTION – sung to the tune of *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

Now may the good Lord bless and keep, his love in us increase;
Lift up his face with shining grace, and grant eternal peace.
To Father, Son, and Spirit, Eternal One-in-Three.
Be thanks and praise through all our days. And to eternity!

SENDING SONG

“Joy to the World”

DISMISSAL

Celtic Christmas Eve Worship

featuring **Finvarra's Wren**



Wed.
Dec. 24
4 pm

Families welcome!



CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERVICES

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24

4:00 P.M. | 7:00 P.M. | 10:00 P.M.

* 4 P.M. CELTIC CHRISTMAS EVE FEATURING
GUEST MUSICIANS FINVARRA'S WREN *



IMPOSSIBLY POSSIBLE

CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25 @ 10:00 A.M.

SPECIAL SUNDAY WORSHIP

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28 @ 10:00 A.M.

* SPECIAL TIME, ONE WORSHIP SERVICE ONLY *

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SAVIOR**

January 6
@6:30

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