

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

Christ the King Sunday 11:15—November 24, 2024

Christ the King Sunday is the last day in the church calendar. It is a time for reflecting on the journey of the previous year and for preparing one's heart, mind, soul, and strength for Advent, which begins next week.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Flowers given in loving memory of Sue Hoffman

GATHERING WORSHIP MUSIC *“Jesus is King”* Selah

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

P: Our God reigns; let the earth be glad. God's word is truth; let all creation sing.

C: **We bow before God's strength and majesty. We come in awe before God's throne.**

P: Be gathered, then, by God's love and truth, to worship and make faithful witness.

C: **God is our righteousness and our peace. God's truth renews us.**

GATHERING SONG *“He Is the King”*

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, our refuge, our delight, our beginning and our end.

C: **Amen**

P: Let us come in truth before the one who loves us and has freed us from our sin.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination.)

P: Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy,

C: **we confess that sin has taken hold of us and we are complicit in its power. We are disturbed in spirit and our hearts cannot rest. Unbind us and set us free. Lead us again to the waters of rebirth, that we may live just and generous lives for the good**

**of your world and the care of our neighbors, following in the servant way of Jesus.
Amen.**

P: These words are trustworthy and true: Christ bore our sins once, for all, on the cross, swallowing up death forever. For his sake, you are † forgiven and God remembers your sin no more. Let your heart be glad again, and rejoice in your salvation.

C: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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.

ADVENT - BLUE

ELW 855 v. 1

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;
hark, how the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless king through all eternity.

THE SEASON OF ADVENT

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

ADVENT READING

Isaiah 40:9-11

Anne Oliver

Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

ADVENT HYMN

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" v. 7

ELW 257

O come, O King of nations, come,
O Cornerstone that binds in one:
refresh the hearts that long for you;
restore the broken, make us new.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.

THE PRAYER FOR ADVENT

L: God of Hope, we share in the hope of the prophets over the centuries who anticipated your coming into this world as our Lord and Savior. Teach us to have the same spirit of anticipation that you will continue to come to us, setting us free from the power of sin, death, and the devil, as you build a royal highway through the wilderness of our pilgrim lives. Comfort us with the knowledge that the Savior has already been born for us, in the name of that same Savior, Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

CHRISTMAS - WHITE

ELW 855 v. 2

Crown him the virgin's Son, the God incarnate born,
whose arm those crimson trophies won which now his brow adorn;
fruit of the mystic rose, yet of that rose the stem.
The root whence mercy ever flows, the babe of Bethlehem.

THE SEASON OF CHRISTMAS The Rev. Dr. Niklaus C. Schillack, Senior Pastor

CHRISTMAS READING *Luke 1:26-27, 30-33* Ted George

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

CHRISTMAS CAROL "*Joy to the World*" v. 1 **ELW 267**

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her king;
let ev'ry heart prepare him room
and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n, and heav'n
and nature sing.

THE PRAYER FOR CHRISTMAS

L: Blessed Savior, you came to walk in our shoes, beginning as a child placed in a manger, later fleeing a murderous tyrant as a refugee to Egypt, growing in worship and scripture study and prayer, eventually teaching and healing others, giving your life for us on a cross on a garbage dump outside the walls of Jerusalem, and then rising from the dead to win us eternal life. Teach us to understand the richness of this gift, and show us ways that we can make your love known for others in the flesh. In your holy name, Jesus, we ask this of you.

C: Amen.

EPIPHANY – GREEN

Crown him the Lord of peace, whose pow’r a scepter sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end, and round his pierced feet
fair flow’rs of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

THE SEASON OF EPIPHANY The Rev. Dr. Niklaus C. Schillack, Senior Pastor

EPIPHANY READING *Matthew 28:16-20* Annette George

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

EPIPHANY HYMN “*Here I Am, Lord*” v. 1 **ELW 574**

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
Here I am Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

THE PRAYER FOR EPIPHANY

L: Lord of Light, you have made your Son brighter than all that tries to hide your truth and identity in this world. Let Jesus’s light bring joy to the hearts of all people who place their faith in him. Help us to remember and support those who boldly proclaim Jesus as Lord and Savior, to hold them in prayer, to stand with them in witness, and to provide tangible help for their physical needs. Shine the light of your love into the parts of this world where those who believe in you are persecuted, tortured, and murdered for proclaiming the truth. We ask this in the name of the One whom they and we proclaim, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

LENT – PURPLE **ELW 855** v. 3

Crown him the Lord of love — behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.
No angels in the sky can fully bear that sight,
but downward bend their burning eyes at mysteries so bright.

THE SEASON OF LENT The Rev. Dr. Niklaus C. Schillack, Senior Pastor

LENT READING *Philippians 2:5-11* Jim Kershner

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of

God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

LENT HYMN

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” v. 1

ELW 351

O sacred head, now wounded,
With grief and shame weighed down,
Now scornfully surrounded
With thorns, thine only crown;
O sacred head, what glory,
What bliss till now was thine!
Yet, though despised and gory,
I joy to call thee mine.

THE PRAYER FOR LENT

L: Great Teacher, teach us to follow you more closely each and every day as well as in each and every way. Teach us to accompany you on the journey to your cross and give us strength as we bear our own crosses. May our lives be testimonies to the ultimate witness of you giving your life to save and heal all of creation. We ask this in your name, Jesus, believing that you are the way, the truth, and the life.

C: Amen.

EASTER - WHITE

ELW 855 v. 4

Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave
and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high,
who died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

THE SEASON OF EASTER

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

EASTER READING

1 Corinthians 15:19-26

Marilyn Lochner

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

EASTER HYMN*“Jesus Christ is Risen Today”* v. 1**ELW 365**

Jesus Christ is ris’n today, Alleluia!
 Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
 Who did once upon the cross,
 Alleluia! Suffer to redeem our loss.
 Alleluia!

THE PRAYER FOR EASTER

L: Lord of Life, we join with Mary Magdalene, Peter, and all the witnesses of the Resurrection in rejoicing and receiving your gift of eternal life for us, life that is eternally deep as well as eternally long. Give us courage to be faithful in our witness to this greater truth the world so desperately needs to know, in Jesus’s name.

C: Amen.**PENTECOST - GREEN****ELW 855** v. 5

Crown him the Lord of years, the potentate of time,
 creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.
 All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;
 thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.

THE SEASON OF PENTECOST

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

PENTECOST READING*Acts 2:40-42*

David Lochner

And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added. They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

PENTECOST HYMN*God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind”* v. 1**ELW 400**

God of tempest, God of whirlwind,
 as on Pentecost descend!
 Drive us out from sheltered comfort;
 past these walls your people send!
 Sweep us into costly service,
 there with Christ to bear the cross,
 there with Christ to bear the cross!

THE PRAYER FOR PENTECOST

L: Holy Spirit, fill us with your holy fire. Bless us with gifts that build the church, and enliven us in using those gifts. We seek wisdom and discernment as we strive to live out the extraordinary Gospel during our ordinary lives. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

David Lochner

A: Rooted in God's abundant love for the world, let us pray for our neighbors, the church, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

A: Revive our congregations, synods, and national church body so we follow the Great Commission to baptize people of all nations in your name. Raise up leaders who teach people about Jesus Christ and who have a love for telling others about him. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Nourish parched lands and bring relief to flooded places. Protect wildlife habitats and endangered species, that the chorus of creation's praise resounds with joy. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Grant wisdom to the leaders who govern, legislate, and deliberate on our behalf. Advance your nonviolent reign of love through their work. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Draw near to those who are detained, on trial, or incarcerated. Transform systems of retribution into systems of reconciliation and restoration. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Remind us of your enduring love in all seasons. Guide the planning efforts of worship leaders and volunteers who usher our congregation into a meaningful Advent season. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: In your eternal presence the saints sing of your majesty. We thank you for the life and witness of those who went before us in the faith (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). Join our voices with theirs in praise to the one who loves us and frees us from sin. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Living Lord, we continue to seek your plan for Beautiful Savior. We ask for your blessing at our Town Hall meeting today between services. Encourage our congregation to engage in the important work of seeking an additional pastor with their presence and participation. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: We offer our prayers to you, gracious God, trusting in your boundless love for all you have made, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

STEWARDSHIP READING *1 Chronicles 29:9*

Then the people rejoiced because these had given willingly, for with single mind they had offered freely to the Lord; King David also rejoiced greatly.

OFFERING *“King of Kings”*

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray. Lord Jesus, our portion and our cup, you offered yourself in love for the world, and in this meal you nourish us with your life. Fill us with your abundance, that we may feed the hungry and welcome the stranger, trusting in your name.

C: Amen.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER

HOLY COMMUNION

POST HOLY COMMUNION BLESSING

BLESSING

P: God all mighty, God most merciful † bless you, keep you, and give you peace.

C: Amen.

SENDING SONG *“All Hail the Power”*

DISMISSAL

