

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

Jesus's Early Ministry

"Jesus's Golden Rule"

11:15—February 23, 2025

Jesus loved us even when we were at odds with him, just as he blessed and prayed for those who abused and killed him. Likewise, Jesus calls us to a life of loving our enemies, doing good to those who hate us, blessing those who curse us, and praying for those who abuse us.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Flowers given in loving memory of Don Booth

GATHERING WORSHIP MUSIC

"The Jesus Way"

Phil Wickham

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISSION MOMENT

"Evangelism"

The Rev. Dr. Philip Hemke, Pastor Emeritus

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life.

C: Amen.

P: Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Merciful God,

C: you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your lovingkindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.

P: God proclaims these words of assurance: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine." In † Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God.

C: Amen.

GATHERING SONG

"Everlasting God"

"Breathe"

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. O Lord Jesus, make us instruments of your peace, that where there is hatred, we may sow love, where there is injury, pardon, and where there is despair, hope. Grant, O divine master, that we may seek to console, to understand, and to love in your name, for you live and reign with the Father 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.

MEMORY VERSE*Luke 6:31*

Marilyn Lochner

A: Together, let us recite the memory verse:

C: (Jesus said,) “Do to others as you would have them do to you.”**FIRST READING***Genesis 45:3-11,15*

A: The first reading according to Genesis, the forty-fifth chapter.

³Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. ⁴Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come closer to me.” And they came closer. He said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. ¹⁰You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹I will provide for you there since there are five more years of famine to come so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.’”¹⁵ And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.**PSALM***Psalm 37:1-8*

¹Do not fret because of the wicked; do not be envious of wrongdoers, ²for they will soon fade like the grass, and wither like the green herb. ³Trust in the LORD, and do good; so you will live in the land, and enjoy security. ⁴Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart. ⁵Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act. ⁶He will make your vindication shine like the light, and the justice of your cause like the noonday. ⁷Be still before the LORD, and wait patiently for him; do not fret over those who prosper in their way, over those who carry out evil devices. ⁸Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath. Do not fret it leads only to evil.

GOSPEL*Luke 6:27-38*

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁷“But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. ³¹Do to others as you would have them do to you. ³²If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. ³⁵But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. ³⁶Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. ³⁷Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.**SERMON**

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

SONG OF THE DAY*“Let There Be Peace on Earth”*

Sy Miller/Jill Jackson

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A: With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

A: Surprising God, you call us to love our enemies and to show kindness in the face of cruelty. Let our actions be a shining witness of your overwhelming grace for all. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: As animals hibernate and fields lay dormant, let them be a reminder that life and faith are not static but always changing and growing. May we, with all creation, trust that the ending of one thing promises life in a new way. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: We pray for leaders and policymakers who work to reduce violence in our nations, cities, and municipalities. Give your wisdom and discernment amid heated arguments and differing viewpoints. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: We pray for the victims of abuse and violence. Provide safe shelter and new beginnings to those experiencing domestic violence and dangerous situations. Enfold with love all who seek your healing care (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Empower our faith communities to be signs of your gracious love. Bless the local ministries of parish nursing and caregiving, that they will be a voice for those in need in our communities. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: We give thanks for the enduring witness of those who have died before us (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). May their lives in you provide a witness of your everlasting grace. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Omnipotent God, you have taught us to "pray without ceasing"! We believe in the power of a community coming together to pray. Here we are Lord, asking once again for your blessing, and Holy Spirit intervention on our journey to seek the associate pastor you have chosen for us. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope your promise is revealed among the people.

C: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

STEWARDSHIP READING

Proverbs 22:2

The rich and the poor have this in common: the Lord is the maker of them all.

OFFERING

"Your Love, O Lord"

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray. God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always.

C: Amen.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

HOLY COMMUNION

POST HOLY COMMUNION BLESSING

BLESSING

SENDING SONG

"Lord, Reign in Me"

DISMISSAL

JESUS'S EARLY MINISTRY

- JESUS'S BAPTISM
- THE MIRACLE IN CANA
- JESUS'S FIRST SERMON
- REJECTION OF JESUS
- THE FIRST DISCIPLES
- "WOE TO YOU"
- THE GOLDEN RULE

SUNDAYS
JAN. 12—FEB. 23
9 AND 11:15 A.M.

THE SEASON OF EPIPHANY IS ABOUT REVELATION AND GOD REVEALING TRUTH TO US AND TO ALL OF CREATION. THIS SERIES COVERS THE EARLY EVENTS OF JESUS'S MINISTRY, WALKING ALONGSIDE HIM AS HIS FIRST DISCIPLES WOULD HAVE, EXPERIENCING AN EVER-GROWING UNDERSTANDING OF HIM AS THE ONE ANOINTED BY GOD TO SAVE ALL OF CREATION FROM SIN, DEATH, AND THE DEVIL.

BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

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