

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church & Preschool

Connecting people to Jesus as we gather, grow, and go.



For once you were darkness,
but now in the Lord you are light.
LIVE AS CHILDREN OF LIGHT.

Ephesians 5:8, NRSV

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 15, 2026

8:00am & 10:45am

Welcome to Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church!

We greet you in the name of our risen Savior, Jesus Christ. We are glad you are worshipping with our family of faith and rejoice with you as God comes to us through His Word this day to bring His gift of forgiveness and life in Jesus.

If you have any questions, please seek out one of the ushers who will be happy to assist you.

Pastor Schultz & Pastor Ada look forward to meeting you at the end of the service.

ATTENDANCE REGISTRATION Members and visitors, please scan this QR code and register your attendance with us today. Thanks!



HEARING ASSISTANCE devices are available. Please talk to an usher.

YOUNG CHILDREN We believe that young children need to be brought to Jesus (Mark 10:14); and what better way than to include them in the regular worship life of the congregation! We **DO NOT** have a staffed nursery during church because we **encourage families to worship together**. Children's bulletins and activity bags are available to help quietly occupy those children too young to listen to the sermon. Please feel free to use the narthex as a cry room when needed. Monitors and speakers will assist in your participation.

EDUCATION HOUR (9:30-10:30am)

Adult Bible Class: We will be studying Confession and Absolution through Lent.

Sunday School: Classes are offered for children who have turned 3 by September 1 through high school. Please ask an usher for assistance in locating classrooms.

Nursery: There is a nursery during education hour located in the lower level, Room 118.

HOLY COMMUNION In Holy Communion we celebrate the real presence of our Lord Jesus Christ as He gives us His true body and blood in and with the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of faith. In love for God's Word and in love for God's people, we do not want anyone to receive this blessed gift to their spiritual harm (1 Cor. 11:27-29). **Therefore, anyone who wishes to commune here for the first time and who is not a member of Beautiful Savior or a congregation of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, is asked to speak with Pastor Schultz or Pastor Ada before receiving Holy Communion.** Those not communing are still welcome to come receive a blessing.

Order of Service: Divine Service 4

HYMNS FOR TODAY'S SERVICE: LSB 873, 433, 425, 642, and 411

PRAYER AT THE BEGINNING OF WORSHIP

Lord, open now my heart to hear, And through your Word to me draw near;
Preserve that Word in purity That I your child and heir may be. *LW 197:1*

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

PRELUDE

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

arr. Culli

PASTORAL GREETING

MEMBER CONNECT MESSAGE

SHARING OF THE LORD'S PEACE

OPENING ANTHEM

Oh, the Height of Jesus' Love

arr. Culli

Adult Choir with cello and French horn

Stand

✠ THE PREPARATION ✠

INVOCATION

(The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of your Baptism.)

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

A Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

HYMN OF PRAISE

(During the penitential Season of Lent, the Hymn of Praise is omitted.)

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

2 Timothy 4:22

P Let us pray:

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sit

ANTHEM

With Quiet Grace

arr. Krug

Adult Bells with flute

(An original piece for handbells and flute. The congregation may meditate on the words of Isaiah 42:16 from the Epistle lesson for today.)

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 42:14–21

¹⁴For a long time I have held my peace; I have kept still and restrained myself; now I will cry out like a woman in labor; I will gasp and pant. ¹⁵I will lay waste mountains and hills, and dry up all their vegetation; I will turn the rivers into islands, and dry up the pools. ¹⁶And I will lead the blind in a way that they do not know, in paths that they have not known I will guide them. I will turn the darkness before them into light, the rough places into level ground. These are the things I do, and I do not forsake them. ¹⁷They are turned back and utterly put to shame, who trust in carved idols, who say to metal images, "You are our gods." ¹⁸Hear, you deaf, and look, you blind, that you may see! ¹⁹Who is blind but my servant, or deaf as my messenger whom I send? Who is blind as my dedicated one, or blind as the servant of the LORD? ²⁰He sees many things, but does not observe them; his ears are open, but he does not hear. ²¹The LORD was pleased, for his righteousness' sake, to magnify his law and make it glorious.

EPISTLE

Ephesians 5:8–14

⁸For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), ¹⁰and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹²For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. ¹³But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, ¹⁴for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

GOSPEL VERSE

John 6:68

Lent

Joel 2:13



C Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra-cious and
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a-bound - ing in
stead-fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 9:1–7, 13–17, 34–39

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the ninth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹As [Jesus] passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. ²And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" ³Jesus answered,

"It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. ⁴We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. ⁵As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." ⁶Having said these things, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man's eyes with the mud ⁷and said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing. . . .

¹³They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. ¹⁴Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see." ¹⁶Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" And there was a division among them. ¹⁷So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet." . . .

³⁴They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out.

³⁵Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" ³⁶He answered, "And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" ³⁷Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you." ³⁸He said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him. ³⁹Jesus said, "For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sit

READING THE FAITH *(as drawn from Luther's Small Catechism)*

P THE LORD'S PRAYER – FOURTH PETITION

C **Give us this day our daily bread.**

P What does this mean?

C **God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.**

P What is meant by daily bread?

C **Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self-control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.**

P THE LORD'S PRAYER – FIFTH PETITION

C **And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

P What does this mean?

C **We pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would not look at our sins, or deny our prayer because of them. We are neither worthy of the things for which we pray, nor have we deserved them, but we ask that He would give them all to us by grace, for we daily sin much and surely deserve nothing but punishment. So we too will sincerely forgive and gladly do good to those who sin against us.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Mike Ada

SERMON HYMN

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

LSB 873

SERMON

Utter Darkness

Ephesians 5

Pastor Mike Ada

Stand

APOSTLES' CREED *(located on the inside back cover of the hymnal)*

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

P Great Physician, enlighten our eyes by Your blessed Gospel, and hide us in Your shelter in the day of trouble. Provide a home in Your Church for those cast out by this world, and unite them with us in the pure confession of Your name. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord of glory, You have gathered Your Church and sanctified us in Your truth. Guide and direct Rev. Matthew Harrison, our Synod president; Rev. Justin Panzer our district president; and our pastors at BSLC. Preserve all vacant congregations, send laborers into Your harvest and sustain those whom You have sent. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Almighty Father, uphold in mercy all authorities, especially parents and the civil servants of our nation. Strengthen our homes, and keep families firm in the Christian faith. Preserve us from wickedness, and uphold order and justice for a peaceful life. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord God, You have promised that what we suffer does not condemn us, but instead displays Your glory. Sustain the afflicted in body or soul, [*especially _____,*] that they would take heart, trust You for healing and find You even in the midst of their trials. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P *Additional Prayers of Thanksgiving or Intercession,* Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Blessed, O Lord, is everyone who is not offended by Your Christ. Give us faith to believe His blessed testament, seek His Holy Supper for the forgiveness of our sins, and confess Your truth with honest hearts in the communion of this altar. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O Lord, those who wait for Your salvation have the promise that You will not forsake them. Lead those who wander in darkness through rough places, that they would find the way of righteousness and put their faith in You. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P All these things, O heavenly Father, we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, asking You to grant our prayers not for our sake but for His sake alone. Teach our hearts to be content with Your will and to trust that You will answer with what is best for us and at the right time for our need. Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

OFFERING

(Our offerings are collected at the door and brought forward and presented in thanksgiving to the Lord. If you missed this opportunity, your offering can be placed in the plate at the door as you leave.)

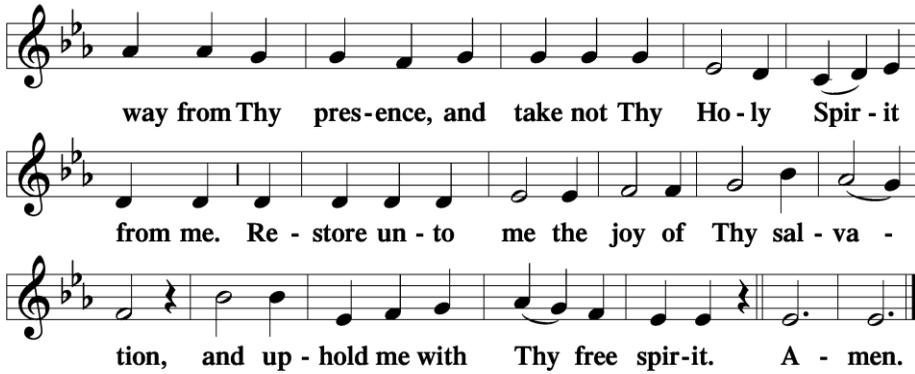
OFFERTORY

Create In Me A Clean Heart

Psalms 51:10-12

LSB 192

C Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -



way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho-ly Spir-it
 from me. Re-store un-to me the joy of Thy sal-va-
 tion, and up-hold me with Thy free spir-it. A-men.

✠ THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.** *2 Timothy 4:22*
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** **We lift them to the Lord.** *[Colossians 3:1]*
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.** *[Psalm 136]*

PROPER PREFACE

- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary...evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS~~(Latin: Holy, Holy, Holy)

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



C Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord God of Sab-a-oth a-dored;
 Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.

Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho- san - na to the Lord;
 Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

- P** Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray:
C **Our Father who art in heaven,**
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

*Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24;
 Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25*

PAX DOMINI ~ ~ (Latin: *Peace of the Lord*)

John 20:19

(The pastor here makes a **declaration** of the peace we have with the Lord through the forgiveness offered in this Sacrament. Therefore, we boldly respond **AMEN!** – which means “Yes, yes, this is so!”)

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C **Amen!**

AGNUS DEI~~(Latin: Lamb of God)

John 1:29

C 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

INVITATION

P Welcome to the Table of the Lord.

Sit

DISTRIBUTION

VISITORS, please read the statement concerning Holy Communion on page 2.

Personal Examination Before Communing

1. Do I believe I am a sinner and am I sorry for my sins?
2. Do I believe Christ's true body and blood to be present in the Lord's Supper for the forgiveness of sins?
3. Do I earnestly intend with the help of the Holy Spirit to amend my sinful life?

(For a longer examination see pages 329-330 of the hymnal.)

Communion Prayers are located inside the front cover of the hymnal.)

Instructions for Communing

We use continuous kneeling tables for Holy Communion. The congregation will be ushered forward to kneel. You will receive the Body of Jesus from the Pastors and then the Blood of Jesus from the Elder/Vicar. You may receive either from the common cup or the individual cup. When you have sufficiently meditated, stand, reverence the altar, and return to your seat. Those not communing will receive a blessing from the pastor.

Non-alcoholic white wine is located in the center of each tray and should only be used by those with medical conditions prohibiting the use of wine.

Gluten-free wafers are available from the pastor when you come forward.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

LSB 433 *Glory Be to Jesus*

LSB 425 *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

LSB 642 *O Living Bread from Heaven*

Stand

DISMISSAL

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

Nunc Dimittis~~(Latin: Now Depart – Song of Simeon)

Luke 2:29-32



1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;



A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
 For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
 to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
 now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
 peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
 sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BENEDICAMUS/BENEDICTION

P Let us bless the Lord.

Psalm 103:1

C **Thanks be to God.**

P The Lord bless you...and ✠ give you peace.

Numbers 6:24-26

C **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

LSB 411

POSTLUDE

Glory Be to Jesus

arr. Behnke

**Before you go:
 Visitors and Members –
 please register your attendance.**





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Rev. Michael Ada, Associate Pastor
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 Cello Kaylana Schepman
 French Horn Sydney Hughey
 Flute..... Riley Olson
 Acolytes.....(8:00) Isla Delancy & Charlotte Gardner (10:45) Skylar Sears & TBD
 Ushers(8:00) Zach Booth, George Delancy, Mike & Debbie Johnson, & Mark Zarnstorff
(10:45) Scott Behrman, Mark Chapin, Brett Clark, & Brad Johnson
 Altar Guild..... Carol Brandt, Keith & Carolyn Clarke, Jim & Nancy DeLaney, & Sam Mohr
 Greeters (8:00) Kent & Paula Thompson (10:45) Williams Family
 Nursery.....Zach & Alaina Booth (Helping Hands – Michelle & Shayla McKay)
 Counters Ron & Karen Aerni, Trevor Huseman, & Jared Turrel
 Altar Flowers TBD

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VOICE OF THE MARTYRS PRAYER REQUEST

Pastor Escapes Abduction - Niger

In November 2025, a Nigerian pastor was abducted by Islamists in the middle of the night, driven across the nearby border into Nigeria and taken to a remote area. His captors told him they had brought him to a place where they regularly executed Christians and said they were going to kill him as well. They tied him to a tree and then went to sleep. As they slept, the pastor untied himself and escaped. He ran through the bush for hours and eventually found help. A front-line worker requested prayer for this pastor and other persecuted Christians in Niger, where Christians make up less than 2% of the population and face great pressure from radical Muslims.

PRAYERS REQUESTED THIS WEEK

For **Joshua Armstrong and Rachel Norem**, daughter of Kurt and Dee Ann Norem, who were united in holy matrimony on March 14th.

For **Michelle and Matt Giangrosso**, who are expecting their third child.

For the **safety of those traveling** for work or vacation.

For **Toni Johnson**, who is recovering from knee replacement surgery.

For **Betty Skubitz**, Suzie Kempin's mother, who is weak after complications from influenza.

For **Dave Seutter**, who is having some additional testing done before knee replacement surgery.

For **Carolyn Clarke**, who is recovering from a heart ablation on March 12th.

For **Deb and Joe Hodnik**, as they mourn the death of Deb's father Ralph Pfeifer.

For **Beth Matthews and family**, as they mourn the death of her nephew Alan Donald.

For **Mark Chapin and family**, as they mourn the death of Mark's uncle David Henning.

For **God to bring peace in the Middle East and safety for our troops**, especially Austin Raetzel, Dave and Kara Raetzel's son serving in Jordan and Mitchell Grams, Rev. Dan and Sue Grams' son serving in Kuwait.

CONTINUED PRAYERS

For **Christie Crooks**, Bobbie Clark's sister who was diagnosed with breast cancer and traveling to Mayo for imaging to see if it has spread.

For **Laura Hartwig**, George Ledgerwood's sister, who is recovering from thyroid surgery.

For **Edna Pitts**, Vaunda Palmer's sister, who is awaiting results from a bone marrow biopsy following treatment for aggressive blood cancer.

For **Sherri Webb**, who is hospitalized with an infection that the doctors may be able to provide the best treatment.

For **Ray Cromer**, Shirley Knese's brother who has complete kidney failure.

For **Ruth Zych**, former BSLC, who is nearing life's end.

For **Shirley Knese**, who is now on hospice care.

For **Marcella Ronsick**, David Ronsick's grandmother, who has Leukemia and nearing life's end.

For **Bill Coiner**, who is in the advanced stages of Alzheimer's disease.

For **our expectant mothers: Audra Bruschi, Chanel Gloe, Debra Lewallen, Marissa Lippe, Peyton Ohlman, Aubrey Scarlett, and Stacey Vanderpool** and their unborn children, and for those who long for God's gift of children.

For **those undergoing cancer treatment: Kathy Alber, Patty Allen, Brad Alyea, Tonya Baker, Mandy Bender, Dr. Gary Bertels, Jeff Beverstock, Jackson Collins, Richard Cooley, Wanda Fisher, Brad Gellerstedt, Maya Goudy, Michelle Hill, John Huss, Brian Jenkins, Beth Johnson, Lauren Kandt, Carl King, Linda Knight, Steven Koontz, Marilyn Kucks, Mark Kurz, Judy Landall, John Mahnken, Bonnie Malloch, Lorette Marsh, Bill Marshall, Holly McFarland, Susan Mountain, Melissa Nesemeier, Pam Ott, Edna Pitts, Brad Reece, Lori Russel, Lisa Schaefer, Brian Schissel, Randy Schlueter, Robert Schmidt, Dave Semro, Tom Serafin, Tyler Smith, Carol Starnes, Eydie Taylor, John Turek, Cindy Whitney, Tyson Wolfer and Pam Young.**

For the **LCMS** as we approach the time for the convention as well as all Recognized Service Organizations (RSOs) of the LCMS in particular **Lutheran Women in Mission (LWML)** and the **Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM)**.

For **our partner church in Zacapa, Guatemala**: Pray that God would bless this congregation with church members and the community that they would be strengthened and encouraged in His faith.

For **our neighbors at Fieldstone Apartments**, that God would bless them through our interactions, and they may come to know Christ.