

The Organs and Bells of Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, 5631 N. Adams Rd. Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304

The Church is blessed to have a many fine musical instruments that both enhance our worship experience and provide a focal point for many activities of the church members.

Sanctuary Organ

Two manual organ by Casavant Freres, Ste Hyacinth PQ, of 27 Ranks, and 1421 pipes. Opus 2929

<u>Great Organ (unenclosed)</u>		Pipes
Prinzival	8'	61
Bordun	8'	61
Oktav	4'	61
Rohr Flöte	4'	61
Super Oktav	2'	61
Mixture IV	1 1/3'	244
Trompete en Chamade	8'	61
Swell to Great		

<u>Pedal Organ</u>		Pipes
SubBass	16'	32
Oktav	8'	32
Choral Bass	4'	32
Mixture II	2'	64
Posaune	16'	32
Swell Fagott	16'	---
Great to Pedal		
Swell to Pedal		

<u>Swell Organ (enclosed)</u>		Pipes
Salizional	8'	61
Vox Coelestis (tc)	8'	49
Gedackt	8'	61
Prinzival	4'	61
Nackthorn	4'	61
Block Flöte	2'	61
Scharf III	2/3'	183
Fagott (L/2)	16'	61
Trompete	8'	61
Tremulant		

<u>Mechanicals</u>	
Zimbelstern	Toe stud reversible
Combinations,	
4 each General, Great, Swell, Pedal	
Thumb Pistons for combinations	
Thumb Pistons for inter-manual reversibles	
Thumb Piston for General Cancel	
Toe studs for General combinations	
Toe studs for inter-manual/pedal reversibles	
Toe stud for Full Organ	
Balanced Swell and Crescendo pedals	

Chapel Organ

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<u>Great Organ</u>		Rank
Open Diapason	16'	I
Open Diapason	8'	I
Gedeckt	8'	II
Salicional	8'	III
Octave	4'	I
Flute	4'	IV
Salicet	4'	II
Fifteenth	2'	I
Mixture	II	

<u>Pedal Organ</u>		Rank
Bourdon	16'tc	IV
Open Diapason	8'	I
Major Flute	8'	IV
Salicional	8'	III
Flute	4'	IV

<u>Swell Organ</u>		Rank
Bourdon	16'tc	IV
Open Diapason	8'	I
Gedeckt	8'	IV
Nazard	2 2/3'	
Voix Celeste	8'	III
Salicional	8'	III
Flute	4'	IV
Flautino	2'	IV

<u>Mechanicals</u>	
Balanced Swell & Crescendo shoes	
Tremulo	

Carillon

Cast Bells exposed in bell tower. Installed in 1966 by I. T. Verdin Co. The 3 Octaves, 35 Bells were cast for Beautiful Savior by Petit & Fritsen Royal Bell Foundry in Aarle-Rixtel, Netherlands. The bells are played electrically from Keydesk in Organ loft or by pre-recorded selections.

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This organ was originally purchased by Mr. F. G. Richardson for his home at 19415 Canterbury, near 7 Mile Rd. and Parkside in Detroit. The original design appears to have encompassed three ranks of pipes although there was discussion afterwards of possibly enlarging the specification. In 1946 a supplemental order was placed for a Voix Celeste. It is believed that the original organ contract was for \$3,500,00 with the Celeste another \$350.00. It is believed that the organ was purchased as a birthday present for his Mr. Richardson's son Jerry. Installation began in March 1947. The original specification included:

8' Diapason	73 pipes	Metal
8' Gedeckt	85 pipes	Wood
8' Salicional	73 pipes	Metal
8' Voix Celeste (tenor C)	49 pipes	Metal
16' Bourdon	12 pipes	Wood

At some later time the Voix Celeste was replaced by a 2 rank Mixture. There are no records of when this modification was made

There are no records of when the organ was moved to the Church, but evidence suggests it was during or immediately after the original construction of what is now the Chapel.

There is evidence that when the new sanctuary and the educational wing were constructed the organ chamber was modified and some rearrangements made to the opening. At that time the balcony was walled off to become a multi-purpose room and the console was moved to the main floor. No other information can be found on these changes.

In 2002 the church built the new Welcome center and the Chapel (the original Church) was reversed end-to-end. The console, which had been against the back wall, was relocated to the side under the organ chamber in what was now the front of the Chapel.

Sanctuary Organ

The Sanctuary Organ is by Casavant Freres, Ste Hyacinth PQ. It was designed in consultation with Marilyn Mason of the University of Michigan for the Lutheran liturgical service.

This organ was installed as part of the building of the new sanctuary in 1967. Original cost was \$35,580. A dedicatory recital took place on March 6, 1967 and featured Dr. Marilyn Mason as guest organist.

The organ is free standing in the rear of the church in the gallery. It consists of 27 Ranks and 1421 pipes arranged as 22 stops. The console is a two manual tilting tablet style, and is on a moving platform at the front of the gallery. Pipes of the Great and Pedal divisions are exposed, while the pipes of the Swell division are in a chamber with pivoted wooden shades to control their loudness.

A Zimbelstern was added in 1991 as a Memorial to Dr. Raynold Allvin was the Music Director and Organist from 1971 until his death in 1990. The manufacturer was Der Zimbelstern of Milwaukee Wisconsin, and was installed by Paul Serresseque of Chicago, Illinois. The Zimbelstern consists of 5 small cast bells which are played in a sequence that can be regulated in speed and intensity.

The dedicatory program included Chorale Partita, “Jesu, meine Freude” (Johann Walther), “Trio Sonata I in E-flat Major” (J.S. Bach), “Voluntary and Trumpet Tune” (William Boyce), “Fantasia on the chorale “Ein’ Feste Burg”” (Max Reger), Two Preludes “Greensleeves” and “Brother James Air” (Searle Wright), “Tocatta and Fugue in D Minor” (J.S. Bach), as well as selections by the Choir led by Director of Music Mr. Martin Johnston. The Rev. Donald Zill officiated.

Carillon

The Carillon is by I. T. Verdin of Cincinnati, Ohio. It consists of 35 cast bronze bells with a total weight of 3,860 lbs. The smallest bell is 24 lbs, and the largest is 583 lbs. The bells were cast in Holland by the Royal Bell Foundry Petit and Fritsen specifically for Beautiful Savior. Original cost of the carillon was \$18,721.

The lowest five bells have inscriptions. The largest bell (C) has the inscription “Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church The American Lutheran Church Soli Deo Gloria” The second bell (D) has the inscription “Blessed to the proclamation of the Gospel in this community, 1966”. The third bell (E) is inscribed “Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name; give to Him glorious praise. Psalm 66:1,2”. The fourth bell (F) is inscribed “Whatever you have proclaimed in the dark shall be heard in the light, and what you have whispered in private rooms shall be proclaimed upon the housetops. Luke 12:3.” The fifth bell (F#) is inscribed “Shout to God with loud songs of joy!. Psalm 47:1.” The bronze used is 80% copper and 20% tin.

For several years the bells were inoperative due to corrosion in the internal strike mechanism. In 2012, the bells were removed from the tower for restoration by Chime Masters of Lancaster, Ohio. New bell striking mechanisms were built for each bell by the Royal Eijsbouts foundry in Asten, Netherlands. A new, all electronically controlled ringing system replaced the old electro-mechanical clock. The new system has the capability of over 300 pre-recorded tunes and peals. The cost of the restoration was \$89,500. Tower restoration was done at the same time.