

THE LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR

60th Anniversary: "Praise – Love – Share"

BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH, TEMPE

November 22, 2020

10:00 a.m.



People of His Pasture

AS WE GATHER

Today is the Last Sunday of the Church Year. This Sunday is traditionally filled with themes of Christ's roles as King and Judge. But consider these words from Psalm 95: "We are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand." We are God's chosen sheep. He is our Shepherd. We follow Him as He goes to seek the lost, bring back the stray, and bind up the injured.

PRELUDE

"Sheep May Safely Graze" -from the Birthday Cantata by J.S. Bach

PASTORAL WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

Pastor: Father in heaven, your church waits the day when the Son of Man will come in his glory, and the angels with him, when he will sit on his royal throne. Until that day, when we will be received as your blessed people, keep us safe in your care. Make us merciful, serving your Son now as he comes to us in those in need. We ask this in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

OPENING HYMN

"Come, Thou Almighty King" LSB #905

- 1 Come, Thou almighty King, Help us Thy name to sing;
Help us to praise; Father all-glorious, O'er all victorious,
Come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.**
- 2 Come, Thou incarnate Word, Gird on Thy mighty sword;
Our prayer attend. Come and Thy people bless, And give Thy
Word success, And let Thy righteousness On us descend.**
- 3 Come, holy Comforter, Thy sacred witness bear
In this glad hour! Thou, who almighty art, Now rule in ev'ry
heart, And ne'er from us depart, Spirit of pow'r.**
- 4 To Thee, great One in Three, Eternal praises be
Hence evermore! Thy sov'reign majesty May we in glory see,
And to eternity Love and adore.**

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

P In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

INTROIT (*Read responsively*) *Ps. 39:4–5, 7–8, 12a; antiphon: 2 Peter 3:13 NIV*

In keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth,

the home of righteousness.

O LORD, make me know my end and what is the measure of my days;

let me know how fleeting I am!

Behold, you have made my days a few handbreadths,

and my lifetime is as nothing before you.

And now, O Lord, for what do I wait?

My hope is in you.

Deliver me from all my transgressions.

Do not make me the scorn of the fool!

Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear to my cry; hold not your peace at my tears!

For I am a sojourner with you, a guest, like all my fathers.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

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KYRIE (*Chanted*)

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P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

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

C Lord, have mercy.

P 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 mercy.

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

C Lord, have mercy.

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

C Amen.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (*Sing*)

P Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

C Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father:

We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of

God: You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.

For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

P Eternal God, merciful Father, You have appointed Your Son as judge of the living and the dead. Enable us to wait for the day of His return with our eyes fixed on the kingdom prepared for Your own from the foundation of the world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.** *(Sit)*

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24

¹¹“For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. ¹²As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. ¹⁴I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. ¹⁶I will seek

the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice. . . .

²⁰“Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep.

²¹Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, ²²I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. ²³And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the LORD; I have spoken.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

1 Corinthians 15:20–28

²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²²For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power.

²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.

²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death. ²⁷For “God has put all things in subjection under his feet.” But when it says, “all things are put in subjection,” it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him. ²⁸When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“My Tribute” by Andrae Crouch

ALLELUIA AND VERSE *(Stand & sing)*

C Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 25:31–46

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

³¹[Jesus said:] “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. ³² Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³ And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. ³⁴ Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. ³⁵ For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶ I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.’ ³⁷ Then the righteous will answer him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? ³⁸ And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? ³⁹ And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’ ⁴⁰ And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.’

⁴¹ “Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. ⁴² For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, ⁴³ I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ ⁴⁴ Then they also will answer, saying, ‘Lord, when did we

see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?’⁴⁵ Then he will answer them, saying, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’⁴⁶ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLE’S CREED

All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life † everlasting. Amen. *(Sit)*

SERMON HYMN “Love in Christ is Strong and Living” LSB #706

- 1** Love in Christ is strong and living, Binding faithful hearts in one; Love in Christ is true and giving. May His will in us be done.
- 2** Love is patient and forbearing, Clothed in Christ’s humility, Gentle, selfless, kind, and caring, Reaching out in charity.
- 3** Love in Christ abides forever, Fainting not when ill attend; Love, forgiving and forgiven, Shall endure until life’s end.

SERMON

“Sheep or Goat”

Matthew 25:31–46

OFFERING VOLUNTARY

“All the Earth Will Sing Your Praises” -Paul Baloche/Arr. C. Tornquist

OFFERTORY (*Stand & sing*)

C What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?
I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people, in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (*Congregation response to petitions:
Hear our prayer.*)

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“O Jesus, King Most Wonderful” LSB #554, St. 1, 3 & 5

1 O Jesus, King most wonderful! O Conqueror renowned!
O Source of peace ineffable, In whom all joys are found:

3 O Jesus, light of all below, The fount of life and fire,
Surpassing all the joys we know, All that we can desire:

5 Oh, may our tongues forever bless, May we love You alone
And ever in our lives express The image of Your own!

POSTLUDE

“Now Thank We All Our God” -J.S. Bach

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Acolyte:	Joe Carlin

Visitors, please sign (with a complete address) our **Guest Book** on the podium in the entryway before you leave and/or complete a **grey “Worship Information” card** found in the pew in front of you. **Members** are also encouraged to complete a “Worship Information” card (you can update address and phone number, request a pastoral visit).

Pastor Spallek is available to you for pastoral and spiritual needs (prayer support, hospital calls, counseling, private communion, etc). By appointment any time during the week, if needed, he will meet with anyone at the church. You may reach him through the office.

WE CAN ASSIST THOSE UNABLE TO HEAR WELL...We have 3 cordless headsets available to use in the pews. Just let an usher know and they will be happy to bring you one.

**Attendance for 11-15-20 Bible Study—8, Worship Service—30
Income report for 11-15-20: Loose Plate \$25, Weekly Envelopes \$2490,
Designated Gifts \$97, Other \$200; Total \$2812.**

THIS WEEK AT BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

November 22, Sunday

8:30 am Adult Bible Study, in Fuerbringer Hall

10 AM The Last Sunday of the Church Year Worship

November 24, Tuesday

9AM -1 PM Pastor Spallek in office (may be on a shut-in call after noon)

November 25, Wednesday

7 PM Thanksgiving Eve Worship

November 26 & 27, Thursday & Friday

Church Offices Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

November 29, Sunday

8:30 AM Adult Bible Study, in Fuerbringer Hall

9:40 - 10:00 AM Pre-Service Advent Christmas Carol Sing-A-Longs!!

10 AM The First Sunday in Advent Worship & LWML Mite Box

Sunday

December 5, Saturday

10 AM Church Christmas Decorating, lunch afterwards. All are invited to come and help.

Prayer List: Cristina Spallek, Gerri Koski, Amina Kruck Anrea Cook diagnosed with pancreatic cancer; and **Gerald Goschie**, in hospice; For continued recovery for **Blue Sky (Tom) Kruck** had a stroke in nursing home; **Glenn Brown, Larry Wroblewski, Maebell Beard, Judy Pfeil, Tony Brazel.**

Please Read & Note:

Wednesday, Advent Worship will be held at **7 p.m. only** (NO noon service). **The 7 p.m. service will be streamed online.**

Board of Elders & Pastor Spallek

FOR AT HOME WORSHIPERS WHO STILL VIEW SERVICES

ONLINE INSTRUCTIONS ARE BELOW:

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE YOU CAN GO ONLINE & VIEW AT

1) Open a webpage browser (internet explorer, chrome, firefox, etc.)

2) Type or paste the following link into your address bar:

www.facebook.com/BeautifulSaviorLutheranChurchTempe/

- 3) Option 1 - Scroll until you find a post that shows a “Live” feed titled for the Sunday service, or**
- 4) Option 2 - Click on the “Videos” button on the left hand sidebar (ignore anything asking you to sign up or sign in to Facebook)**
- 5) Look for the video titled for the date of the Sunday service. Video stream will be live starting at or around 10am. If it does not show up, try refreshing the page. The video of the service will remain on the page if you would like to view it at a later time, or to replay it again at your discretion.**

Pre-Service Advent Christmas Carol Sing-A-Longs!!

**No 5th Sunday hymn-sing in November.
Instead, Come early (9:40 to 10:00am) to sing your favorite
Christmas Carols
on the 4 Sundays in Advent: Nov. 29th, Dec. 6, 13, and 20th.
Carol Requests may be put on a Carol Request
Form and put in the yellow box in narthex or email it to the
office. Thank you!**