

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

60th Anniversary: "Praise – Love – Share"

BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH, TEMPE

June 13, 2021

10:00 a.m.



Like a Grain of Mustard Seed

AS WE GATHER

Though much is made of the smallness of the mustard seed, the focus of Jesus is on outcome—the plant that becomes large enough to give nest and shade to all the birds of the air. The kingdom of God seems small and even irrelevant in the face of large problems, challenges, and problems of this mortal life, and yet it is the kingdom of God that is great. God gives to us the forgiveness that makes a clear conscience, the life that is stronger than death, and the joy that is greater than every joy this world can deliver. In this way, the small seed makes for a great plant, large enough for us to find refuge and a home in its shade. How the kingdom of God grows may seem part of the mystery, but we know that it is a seed planted in the good soil and fed and nourished by God's grace to the day when the harvest delivers us into His presence forevermore.

CASUAL SUNDAY

PRAISE MEDLEY

1. "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" -TOSB #139, St. 1 & 2

**My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine. Now
hear me while I pray; Take all my guilt away; O let me from this day Be
wholly Thine!**

**May Thy rich grace impart Strength to my fainting heart; My zeal inspire!
As Thou hast died for me, Oh, may my love to Thee Pure, warm, and
changeless be, A living fire!**

2. "I Have the Joy, Joy, Joy" -TOSB #150, St.

**I have the joy, joy, joy, joy, Down in my heart, down in my heart,
*Down in my heart, *I have the joy, joy, joy, joy, down in my heart, *Down in my heart to stay.**

**I have the peace that passes understanding, down in my heart,
Down in my heart, down in my heart. I have the peace that passes understanding, down in my heart. Down in my heart to stay.**

**I have the love of Jesus, love of Jesus, down in my heart,
Down in my heart, down in my heart, I have the love of Jesus, love of Jesus, down in my heart, Down in my heart to stay.**

**"Where"*

3. "His Eye Is on the Sparrow" –TOSB #71, St. 1 & 2

- 1. Why should my heart feel lonely. And long for heaven and home When Jesus is my portion? My constant friend is He
His eye is on the sparrow, And I know He watches me
His eye is on the sparrow And I know He watches me**

Refrain:

**I sing because I'm happy I sing because I'm free
For His eye is on the sparrow And I know He watches me**

- 2. "Let not your heart be troubled," His tender word I hear,
And resting on His goodness, I lose my doubts and fears;
Tho' by the path He leadeth, but one step I may see;
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me;
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me. Refrain**

4. "Spirit of the Living God" –TOSB #195,

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Melt me. Mold me. Fill me. Use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

PASTORAL WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

**Pastor: Gracious God, at whose bidding seeds sprout and shoots grow toward full stature, hear the prayers of your people. Make us trust in your hidden ways, that we may pray confidently and wait patiently for your kingdom now growing in our midst. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever.
Amen.**

Please Stand

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

People: for the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

Silence for self-examination.

Pastor: Holy and gracious God,

People: I confess that I have sinned against You, in thought, word, and deed, by what I have done, and by what I have not done. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ, my Savior, I ask forgiveness and pray You to deliver and restore me by Your mercy. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and given to us His only Son to suffer and die for our salvation. 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. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Amen.

Be Seated

INTROIT *(Read responsively)*

Ps. 92:12–15; antiphon: Ps. 92:1

It is good to give thanks to the LORD,

to sing praises to your name, O Most High;

The righteous flourish like the palm tree

and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

They are planted in the house of the LORD;

they flourish in the courts of our God.

They still bear fruit in old age;

they are ever full of sap and green,

to declare that the LORD is upright;

he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.

**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.**

It is good to give thanks to the LORD,

to sing praises to your name, O Most High;

KYRIE *(Read responsively)*

Pastor: O Lord,

People: have mercy on us.

Pastor: O Christ,

People: have mercy on us.

Pastor: O Lord,

People: have mercy on us, and give us Your peace. Amen.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS *(Sing)*

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P Glory be to God on High,

C and on earth peace, goodwill toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee. we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Stand

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Be seated

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ezekiel 17:22-24

²²Thus says the Lord GOD: "I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of the cedar and will set it out. I will break off from the topmost of its young twigs a tender one, and I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. ²³On the mountain height of Israel will I plant it, that it may bear branches and produce fruit and become a noble cedar. And under it will dwell every kind of bird; in the shade of its branches birds of every sort will nest. ²⁴And all the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD; I bring low the high tree, and make high the low tree, dry up the green tree, and make the dry tree flourish. I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

2 Corinthians 5:1–10

¹We know that if the tent, which is our earthly home, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. ²For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, ³if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked. ⁴For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened—not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. ⁵He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.

⁶So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, ⁷for we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. ¹⁰For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Stand

VERSE (*Read together*)

Alleluia. Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 4:26–34

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the fourth chapter.

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

²⁶[Jesus] said, “The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground. ²⁷ He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows; he knows not how. ²⁸ The earth produces by itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. ²⁹ But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come.”

³⁰And he said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable shall we use for it? ³¹ It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when sown on the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, ³² yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and puts out large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”

³³With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it. ³⁴He did not speak to them without a parable, but privately to his own disciples he explained everything.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, 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.

Be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Consider How the Birds Above” LSB #736

- 1** Consider how the birds above Feed day by day with carefree ease—Does God not keep them in His love? Are we not worth much more than these?
- 2** The lilies grow, they do not toil; How fair is their fragility—If God clothes these, which quickly spoil, Will He not clothe both you and me?
- 3** Set not your heart on food or drink, Nor be weighed down by worldly care; About such things the godless think, Yet never thank the Lord in prayer.
- 4** Be on your guard against all greed, For life is more than what we own. Our Father knows our ev'ry need Before our needs to us are known.
- 5** Be not afraid to suffer loss Of all the things for which you pray, For He who faced for you the cross Will give you strength to live each day.
- 6** Seek first God's reign, His boundless grace, His holy name in all you do: Christ first and last in ev'ry place; All else will then be given you.

SERMON

“Nests in the Shade”

Mark 4:26-34

OFFERING / VOLUNTARY

“We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise” -Kirk Dearman

Stand

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people as they have need.

Give patience to Your Church, to her ministers, and to all of us, Your people, that we trust in Your Word and promise when eyes do not see Your hand at work; and when hearts are tempted to anxiety and fear, grant that we know the fullness of Your peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Make us to be good soil so that the seed of Your Word planted in us may grow, flourish, and bear the good fruit You desire. Bless the work of all

pastors, missionaries, and church workers who serve us in Your name that their ministry to us bear good fruit. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Give to our president, Congress, and all leaders the wisdom to govern according to Your Word and commands that they prove worthy of the trust we have placed in them. Bring the nations to peace, and equip us to be good and responsible citizens. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Give wisdom and discernment to Your people, that we not give in to temptation nor grow weary of trusting Your Word and serving in willing obedience to Your commands, but delight in fulfilling our baptismal calling wherever we are. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Bless the married that they be faithful, bless the single that they enjoy the company and support of Christian friends, and bless the aged and infirm that they know the loving care of family in their time of need. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Bless those who teach Your Word, and bless our Bible Study classes and everywhere people gather to teach and learn Your Word, that the Holy Spirit guide our study, strengthen our faith, and direct us in making the good confession before the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Give relief to the suffering, healing to the sick, peace to the troubled, and comfort to those who grieve, . . . , *and those we name in our hearts . . .* , and bless them with patience and endurance until You deliver them from their trials. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Help us to be good stewards of Your creation, to share what You have supplied with those in need, and to support the work of Your Church in her mission here and throughout the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: All things are Yours, heavenly Father, and You have promised to supply them to us as we need and when we need them. Help us to pray with confident hearts, trusting that You will provide for us all things needful and deliver us from all things harmful, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER (*Spoken*)

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.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

Be Seated

CLOSING HYMN

“Amigo’s du Christo” –AGPS #64

Refrain:

Amigos de Cristo; We're friends of the Lord, Amigos de Cristo; We're friends of the Lord. For we've been forgiven And we've been restored! Amigos de Cristo; We're friends of the Lord!

- 1. Friends of the covenant renewed each morn, Baptized and lovin' it, we've been reborn; Gift of the dove is our forevermore.
Amigos de Cristo, We're friends of the Lord! Refrain**
- 2. Born of a family the young and old, We'll be on hand to see new life unfold;
We understand the need to be made whole.
Amigos de Cristo, We're friends of the Lord! Refrain**

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

New Sunday Bible Study: "The Book of Acts" Sundays from 8:30-9:30am in fellowship hall.

Not meeting Wednesday, June 23rd – resumes Wednesday, July 14th. New Midweek Bible Study: "Psalms & Sandwiches" This group will meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the Month at 12:30 for Lunch with Pastor and to go through the book of Psalms.

"The **Stewardship Committee** would like to make you aware that **June is the month for collecting money for the Justa Center**, the ministry to homeless seniors. You have the entire month of June to make your contribution. Just **use your Designated Funds envelope and write, "Justa Center"** on it with your offering inside."

POSTLUDE

“I Am the Resurrection” -Ray Repp

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SERVING US AT WORSHIP TODAY:

Officiant Preacher: Rev. Tim Anderson
Pianist/Director: Ellen Brown
Special Music/Praise Band: Debby & Doug Bergman, Praise Band-Banjo and Bass Guitar
Lector: Don Schumm
Greeters: Marsha Beetham
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/cream “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).

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 6-6-21: Bible Study—7; Worship Service—32; New Midweek Bible Study—9.

Income report for 6-6-21: Loose Plate \$104; Weekly Envelopes \$3845; Designated Gifts \$320; Other \$; Total \$4269.

THIS WEEK AT BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

June 13, Sunday

8:30 AM Adult Bible Study

10 AM The Third Sunday after Pentecost - Casual Worship (*Also, being streamed on Facebook online*)

11:30 AM Stewardship Committee Meeting

11:30 PM Board of Trustees Meeting

11 AM- 3 PM Vitalant Blood Drive Mobile in parking lot.

June 14, Monday & June 16, Wednesday

9 AM-2 PM Pastor Tim Anderson in the office

10:00-Noon. GLORIA Worship Team Mtg. in Fuerbringer Hall.

June 15, Tuesday

7 PM Council Meeting

June 16, Wednesday

NO "Psalms & Sandwiches" Bible Study, will return the Wednesday, July 14th

June 18, Friday

11AM Church & Offices cleaned

June 20 Sunday

8:30 AM Adult Bible Study in Fellowship Hall

10 AM The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost Worship w/Holy Communion

Prayer list: Continued recovery for **Maebell Beard, Rev. Friedrich, Glenn Brown, Charlotte Grefe, Doris Reith & Tina**. Peace & healing for **Gerri Koski, Tim Jackson and Amina Kruck. John McShee** for a successful wrist surgery & healing.

**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.**

Lutheran Hour Broadcast - KFNX RADIO (1100) @ 10 AM:

June 20 "**Clearly Christian: Spiritual**" Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. God is above all, but that doesn't mean material "stuff" is somehow beneath Him. Dr. Michael Zeigler talks about the unique nature of Christian spirituality. (Genesis 1:31)