

THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

60th Anniversary: "Praise – Love – Share"

BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH, TEMPE

August 22, 2021

10:00 a.m.



The Potter and the Clay

AS WE GATHER

During the time of the Prophet Isaiah, the people had hardened their hearts, keeping them from hearing the prophetic word of God. But God was determined to act. God promised to again do wonderful things. The deaf would hear, and the eyes of the blind would see. But God's wisdom would be confusing as His ways are not our ways. Yet often even today, God's wisdom confuses us. The actions of the LORD are marvelous and wonderful but maybe not according to human wisdom. In those times we must remember that He is the potter, we are the clay. Not the other way around. In fact, God's are wonderful because they provide the shock treatment needed to bring about a positive change in His people. Even when His ways are not pleasant to us—the results are truly good news indeed.

PRELUDE

"I Am the Bread of Life" -Suzanne Toolan

PASTORAL WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

Pastor: "Heavenly Father, You once told Your people through the prophet Isaiah that You would again do wonderful things for the people, with wonder upon wonder. Yet, You also said that these wonderful things would lead the wisdom of the wise men to perish, and the discernment of their discerning men to be hidden. Lord, at times, You don't make sense. Nothing about You makes sense, and we even think that we should be the ones deciding for ourselves what is good and what is evil. In those times, help us to remember the cross, where Your Son died like a common criminal, a seemingly foolish act for people like us, but an act that leads to life,

forgiveness and peace and hope. We thank You that Your ways are not our ways and that You remind us everyday who is the potter and who is the clay. In Your name we pray, Amen.

OPENING HYMN

“Today Your Mercy Calls Us” *LSB #915*

- 1 Today Your mercy calls us To wash away our sin.
However great our trespass, Whatever we have been,
However long from mercy Our hearts have turned away,
Your precious blood can wash us And make us clean today.
- 2 Today Your gate is open, And all who enter in
Shall find a Father’s welcome And pardon for their sin.
The past shall be forgotten, A present joy be giv’n,
A future grace be promised, A glorious crown in heav’n.
- 3 Today our Father calls us; His Holy Spirit waits;
His blessed angels gather Around the heav’nly gates.
No question will be asked us How often we have come;
Although we oft have wandered, It is our Father’s home.
- 4 O all-embracing Mercy, O ever-open Door,
What should we do without You When heart and eye run o’er?
When all things seem against us, To drive us to despair,
We know one gate is open, One ear will hear our prayer.

Stand

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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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.**

Be seated

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT *(Read responsively)*

Ps. 26:1–2, 6–7; antiphon: Ps. 26:8

O LORD, I love the habitation of your house

and the place where your glory dwells.

Vindicate me, O LORD, for I have walked in my integrity,

and I have trusted in the LORD without wavering.

Prove me, O LORD, and try me;

test my heart and my mind.

I wash my hands in innocence and go around your altar, O LORD,

proclaiming thanksgiving aloud, and telling all your wondrous deeds.

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.

O LORD, I love the habitation of your house

and the place where your glory dwells.

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

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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.

Stand

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

P Almighty and merciful God, defend Your Church from all false teaching and error that Your faithful people may confess You to be the only true God and rejoice in Your good gifts of life and salvation; 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

Isaiah 29:11–19

¹¹And the vision of all this has become to you like the words of a book that is sealed. When men give it to one who can read, saying, “Read this,” he says, “I cannot, for it is sealed.” ¹²And when they give the book to one who cannot read, saying, “Read this,” he says, “I cannot read.”

¹³And the Lord said:

“Because this people draw near with their mouth and honor me with their lips, while their hearts are far from me, and their fear of me is a commandment taught by men,

¹⁴therefore, behold, I will again do wonderful things with this people, with wonder upon wonder; and the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the discernment of their discerning men shall be hidden.”

¹⁵Ah, you who hide deep from the LORD your counsel, whose deeds are in the dark, and who say, “Who sees us? Who knows us?”

¹⁶You turn things upside down! Shall the potter be regarded as the clay, that the thing made should say of its maker, “He did not make me”; or the thing formed say of him who formed it, “He has no understanding”?

¹⁷Is it not yet a very little while until Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field, and the fruitful field shall be regarded as a forest?

¹⁸In that day the deaf shall hear the words of a book, and out of their gloom and darkness the eyes of the blind shall see.

¹⁹The meek shall obtain fresh joy in the LORD, and the poor among mankind shall exult in the Holy One of Israel.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING

Ephesians 5:22–33

²²Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. ²³For the husband is the head of

the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. ²⁴Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.

²⁵Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, ²⁶that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, ²⁷so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. ²⁸In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, ³⁰because we are members of his body. ³¹“Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” ³²This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. ³³However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

“This Is My Commandment”

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE & *sing*)

C **Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia, alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 7:1–13

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

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

¹When the Pharisees gathered to [Jesus], with some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem, ²they saw that some of his disciples ate with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed. ³(For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they wash their hands, holding to the tradition of the elders, ⁴and when they come from the marketplace, they do not eat unless they wash. And there are many other traditions that they observe, such as the washing of cups and pots and copper vessels and dining couches.) ⁵And the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” ⁶And he said to them, “Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written,

“This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me;

⁷in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.’”

⁸You leave the commandment of God and hold to the tradition of men.”

⁹And he said to them, “You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God in order to establish your tradition! ¹⁰ For Moses said, ‘Honor your father and your mother’; and, ‘Whoever reviles father or mother must surely die.’ ¹¹ But you say, ‘If a man tells his father or his mother, Whatever you would have gained from me is

Corban' (that is, given to God)—¹² then you no longer permit him to do anything for his father or mother, ¹³ thus making void the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And many such things you do.”

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)*

Be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word” *LSB #655*

- 1** Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word; Curb those who by deceit or sword Would wrest the kingdom from Your Son And bring to naught all He has done.
- 2** Lord Jesus Christ, Your pow'r make known, For You are Lord of lords alone; Defend Your holy Church that we May sing Your praise eternally.
- 3** O Comforter of priceless worth, Send peace and unity on earth; Support us in our final strife And lead us out of death to life.

SERMON

The Goodness of God's Foolishness.

Is 29:11-19

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

“God's Word Is Our Great Heritage”

(Stand)

OFFERTORY *(Sing)*

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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.)*

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

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.

Be seated

CLOSING HYMN

"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" LSB #576

1 My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus' blood and righteousness; No merit of my own I claim But wholly lean on Jesus' name. Refrain

Refrain

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand.

3 His oath, His covenant and blood Support me in the raging flood; When ev'ry earthly prop gives way, He then is all my hope and stay. Refrain

4 When He shall come with trumpet sound, Oh, may I then in Him be found, Clothed in His righteousness alone, Redeemed to stand before His throne! Refrain

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

Aug 22nd: ASU Student Sunday: Following worship on Sunday Aug 22nd, join us for ASU student Sunday as leaders of Sola Student Ministries will be here to have a joint lunch with us, share with us about their ministries and plans for the fall, and learn more about Beautiful Savior. We will also welcome any new college students that worship with us to the Tempe community and encourage them to get to know us here at Beautiful Savior.

Wednesday, August 25 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. We will meet on August 25th 12:30 p.m. at Chili's located on 400 W. University Dr., Tempe, AZ 85281.

Saturday, Aug. 28th Game Afternoon begins at 2:30 or 3:30 p.m.- 5:5:30 p.m. games & snacks. All are welcome & you are welcome to bring games with you.

Sundays Aug 29th-Sept 26th: After Fellowship on Sunday's, Join us for our "Being Beautiful Savior" Class, a new member class that will also serve as a great refresher for those who have been around a while. This class will look at the

history and mission of our congregation, as well as what we believe about God, the Sacraments and Prayer. The class will then wrap up with an opportunity to learn more about the ministries of Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church and ways to serve together. Join us for our five week adventure.

Fellowship for September, (recognizing Anniversaries & Birthdays for the month). Sept. 5th: "Sack Lunch" & Floats

POSTLUDE

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Pianist/Director:	Ellen Brown
Special Music:	Beautiful Savior Singers
Song Leader:	Doug Bergman
Lector:	Don Schumm
Greeters:	Kathy Held
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 8-15-21: Bible Study—8; Worship Service—32; New 8-11-21 Midweek Bible Study—10.

Income report for 8-15-21: Loose Plate \$125; Weekly Envelopes \$2504; Designated Gifts \$85; Other \$; Total \$2714.

THIS WEEK AT BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

August 22, Sunday

8:30 AM Adult Bible Study

10 AM The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost (*Also, being streamed on Facebook online*)

August 23, Monday

9 AM-2 PM Pastor Tim Anderson in the office

August 25, Wednesday

9 AM-12 PM Pastor Tim Anderson in the office

12:30 PM Midweek Bible Study: "Psalms & Sandwiches" at Chili's located on 400 W. University Dr., Tempe, AZ 85281.

August 27, Friday

11AM Church & Offices cleaned

August 29, Sunday

8:30 AM Adult Bible Study in Fellowship Hall

10 AM The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost Worship

Prayer list: **Damon Collins** is improving greatly----movement returning to arms and legs and is able to do therapy. Continued healing for **Glenn Brown, Kris Lind, Mary Mahr, and Maebell Beard, Tom Kruck**; for comfort and peace for cancer patients **Tim Jackson, Gerri Koski, Amina Kruck. John McShee** is scheduled for wrist surgery on August 26. Prayer request for **Aiden Calender** who is going through boot camp.

**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 - KFAX RADIO (1100) @ 10 AM:

August 29 "Use What You've Been Given" Lutheran Hour Speaker:
Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz We can resist temptation by using the "power
tools" God provides: His Word and the shield of faith. (Ephesians
6:10-17)