

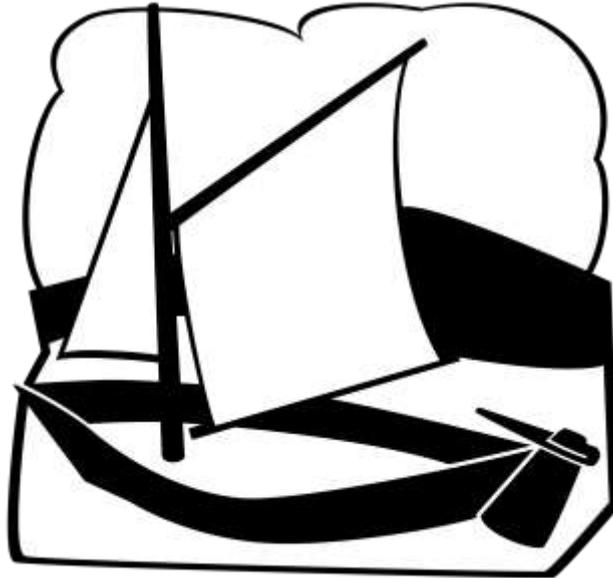
THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

60th Anniversary: "Praise – Love – Share"

BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH, TEMPE

September 12, 2021

10:00 a.m.



Help Our Unbelief

AS WE GATHER

In today's Readings, Jesus encounters another person possessed by an unclean spirit. The young man's father is distraught and desperate. The father utters these words: "I believe; help my unbelief!" Jesus does help the man's unbelief by healing his son. Jesus helps our unbelief as well in all that He does. In His miracles and teaching, suffering and death, resurrection and ascension, Jesus calls us to faith. And He calls us to be His witnesses.

CASUAL SUNDAY

PRAISE MEDLEY

1. "Lord, Be Glorified" –TOSB #15

In my life Lord, Be glorified, be glorified. In my life Lord, Be glorified today.

In my song Lord, Be glorified, be glorified. In my song Lord, Be glorified today.

In Your church Lord, Be glorified, be glorified. In Your church Lord, Be glorified today.

2. I Have the Joy –TOSB #150, St. 1-3

**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. "Healer Heal Me" – by Ten Shekel Shirt

1. Healer Heal me Savior, save me Maker, change me,
Lover, love me. 'cause I'm so tired of living for,
The kind of love That only lasts for a while
The pain, the shame, Tear me up inside.

Chorus: So I fall on my knees To get back on my feet again

And I cry out for You “Would You please speak to me?”

2. Healer, heal me, Savior, save me. Maker change me
Lover, love me. ‘cause I’m so tired of living for,
The kind of love that only comes and goes
But Your love, Your love, lasts forever.

**Chorus: So I fall on my knees, To get back on my feet again.
And I cry out for You, To hear You speak to me,
Yes I fall on my knees, To get back on my feet again.
And I run hard for You To enter Your rest.**

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4. “God Bless Our Native Land” -LSB #965, St. 1 & 2

- 1 God bless our native land; Firm may she ever stand Through storm and night. When the wild tempests rave, Ruler of wind and wave, Do Thou our country save By Thy great might.**
- 2 So shall our prayers arise To God above the skies; On Him we wait. Thou who art ever nigh, Guarding with watchful eye, To Thee aloud we cry: God save the state!**

PASTORAL WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

Pastor: “Help me if you can!” Lord all too often our prayers sound like that. Like we have exhausted all options before sheepishly coming to the one who has power over all. We pray as if we’re not totally sure You can help. When that Father of the Demon possessed boy asked Jesus to help him, he proclaimed “I believe; help my unbelief.” It was Raw faith combined with a confession that he needed Christ to attain the faith he craved. That father prayed that Jesus

would help his faith, help his trust, help his hope in You. In Jesus, You responded to him with such power and authority that the boy's father immediately saw something far more glorious and powerful than the darkness that tormented his poor son for years. When our faith is wavering and we struggle to believe that You see us and hear us, help our unbelief. Strengthen our faith in You so that we trust You through every difficulty, every storm, every tragedy and every heartbreak. Help us to trust, hope, and have faith in You, the one who is always bringing us from death to life. Amen.

Stand

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen

OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: I called on the name of the LORD:

People: O LORD, I believe. Help my unbelief!

Pastor: The LORD has dealt bountifully with us.

People: The LORD has opened our ears.

Pastor: The LORD has delivered us from death.

People: He wipes away tears from all faces.

Pastor: He rescues our feet from stumbling

People: and restores our tongues to proclaim His good news.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Despite all of God's actions on our behalf, we still struggle with sin in our lives. Our tongues still curse. Our feet still stumble. Our ears still listen to lies and vicious gossip. But our heavenly Father invites us to come to Him for restoration, renewal, and forgiveness.

Silence for reflection.

Pastor: Heavenly Father,

People: we have sinned against You and our neighbors in what we have said and what we have left unsaid. We have neglected opportunities to love our neighbors. We have stumbled and fallen again and again. We ask that You restore us, renew us, and forgive us on account of Jesus. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God, in His boundless love sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to die and rise for our forgiveness and eternal life. Because of Jesus, we are restored, body and soul. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen. We are forgiven in Christ. We are renewed and restored. Amen.

Be seated

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT *(Read responsively)*

Ps. 31:14–16; antiphon: Ps. 31:24

Be strong, and let your heart take courage,

all you who wait for the LORD!

But I trust in you, O LORD;

I say, “You are my God.”

My times are in your hand;

rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from my persecutors!

Make your face shine on your servant;

save me in your steadfast love!

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.

Be strong, and let your heart take courage,

all you who wait for the LORD!

KYRIE (*Sing*)

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C Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Stand

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, our support and defense in every need, continue to preserve Your Church in safety, govern her by Your goodness, and bless her with Your peace; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Be Seated

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 50:4–10

⁴The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary. Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught.

⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backward.

⁶I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting.

⁷But the Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame.

⁸He who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who is my adversary?

Let him come near to me.

⁹Behold, the Lord GOD helps me; who will declare me guilty? Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

¹⁰Who among you fears the LORD and obeys the voice of his servant? Let him who walks in darkness and has no light trust in the name of the LORD and rely on his God.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

James 3:1–12

¹Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ²For we all stumble in many ways, and if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. ⁴Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things.

How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell. ⁷For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, ⁸but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so. ¹¹Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water? ¹²Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Come Down Lord” –Medical Mission Sisters

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Stand

VERSE

Alleluia. All things are possible for one who believes. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 9:14–29

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

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

¹⁴When they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and scribes arguing with them. ¹⁵And immediately all the crowd, when they saw him, were greatly amazed and ran up to [Jesus] and greeted him. ¹⁶And he asked them, “What are you arguing about with them?” ¹⁷And someone from the crowd answered him, “Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a spirit that makes him mute. ¹⁸And whenever it seizes him, it throws him down, and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid. So I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able.” ¹⁹And he answered them, “O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me.” ²⁰And they brought the boy to him. And when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. ²¹And Jesus asked his father, “How long has this been happening to him?” And he said, “From childhood. ²²And it has often cast him into fire and into water, to destroy him. But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us.” ²³And Jesus said to him, “If you can! All things are possible for one who believes.”

²⁴Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, “I believe;

help my unbelief!”²⁵ And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, “You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him and never enter him again.”²⁶ And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, “He is dead.”²⁷ But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose.²⁸ And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, “Why could we not cast it out?”²⁹ And he said to them, “This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer.”

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

“Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness” LSB #849

- 1 Praise the One who breaks the darkness With a liberating light; Praise the One who frees the pris’ners, Turning blindness into sight. Praise the One who preached the Gospel, Healing ev’ry dread disease, Calming storms, and feeding thousands With the very Bread of peace.**
- 2 Praise the One who blessed the children With a strong, yet gentle, word; Praise the One who drove out demons With the piercing, two-edged sword. Praise the One who brings cool water To the desert’s burning sand; From this Well comes living water, Quenching thirst in ev’ry land.**
- 3 Let us praise the Word Incarnate, Christ, who suffered in our place. Jesus died and rose victorious That we may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and gladness, Seeing what our God has done; Let us praise the true Redeemer, Praise the One who makes us one.**

SERMON

“Help My Lack Of Faith”

Mark 9:14–29

OFFERING MUSIC

“Healer of Our Every Ill” -Marty Haugen

Stand

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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

For pastors, missionaries, teachers, and all who proclaim Your Word, O Lord, that the sinfulness of their tongues may not hinder Your message of grace, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For all those who celebrate the good news of births and

birthdays, weddings and anniversaries, . . . , let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For all those who grieve . . . , that they find hope in the resurrection, which brings us eternal life and defeats the enemy of death, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For all those who govern in this nation and throughout the world, that their tongues would be kept from lying and slander, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For all those who struggle with spiritual oppression, that God would deliver them from evil and restore them body and soul, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For all those who have wandered from the Church, that the Holy Spirit would call them by the Gospel and gather them back to Your flock, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For all who are sick, injured, and recovering, . . . , that God would grant them healing according to His good and gracious will, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Lord, we offer all these prayers, knowing that You hear us and bless us with what we need.

People: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER *(Sing)*

C Our Father which 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 debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but

deliver us from evil.

**For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory
forever. 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 "It Is Well With My Soul" -TOSB #106, St. 1-4

**When peace, like a river, attendeth my way; When sorrows,
like sea billows, roll; Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to
say, It is well, it is well with my soul.**

Refrain

**It is well (It is well) with my soul, (with my soul),
It is well, it is well with my soul.**

**Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, Let
this blest assurance control, That Christ hath regarded my
helpless estate And hath shed His own blood for my soul.**

Refrain

**My sin oh, the bliss of this glorious tho't; My sin, not in part,
but the whole, Is nail'd to His cross, and I bear it no more.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! Refrain**

**And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight, The
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, The trumpet shall sound
and the Lord shall descend; Even so it is well with my soul.**

Refrain

ANNOUNCEMENTS Schedule:

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

"Being Beautiful Savior" Class. We will be discussing "The nature of God, his commands and his Grace." This week following fellowship. Join us each Sunday in September for our classes. If interested in Membership at Beautiful Savior, Please talk to Pastor Tim and fill a worship information card.

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 September 22 12:30 p.m. at TBA.

"The Stewardship Committee would like to make you aware that September 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

"Victory in Jesus" - E.M. Bartlett

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Donna Evans

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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)

Pastor Tim Anderson is available to you for pastoral and spiritual needs (prayer support, hospital calls, counseling, private communion, etc). He can be reached at the office Monday & Wednesday, 9 AM – 2 PM.

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 9-5-21: Bible Study—10; Worship Service—39; New Midweek Bible Study—NA.

Income report for 9-5-21: Loose Plate \$40; Weekly Envelopes \$2806; Designated Gifts \$171; Other \$; Total \$3017.

THIS WEEK AT BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

September 12, Sunday

8:30 AM Adult Bible Study

After Adult Bible Study: Stewardship Committee Meeting

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

This week following fellowship. "Being Beautiful Savior" Class. We Will be discussing "The nature of God, his commands and his Grace."

September 13, Monday

Pastor Anderson in office 9 AM-12:30 PM

September 14, Tuesday

5:30 PM Board of Elders Meeting

7 PM Board of Finance Meeting

September 15, Wednesday

12 (Noon) LWML society Meeting brown bag lunch meeting

September 17, Friday

11AM Church & Offices cleaned

September 19, Sunday

8:30 AM Adult Bible Study in Fellowship Hall

10 AM The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost Worship -with Holy Communion

Prayer list: Prayer list: For healing & comfort for **Daniel Goodwin & the Goodwin family**. Gladys Meyer's **great grandson diagnosed with Covid-19**; Continued healing for **Glenn Brown, Maebell Beard, and Mary Mahr, Damion**; for healing for **Clare**, friend of Charlotte, recovering after surgery; for Bobbie Littou's friend, **Alice**, that her breast cancer surgery was successful; for comfort and peace for cancer patients **Tim Jackson, Gerri Koski, Amina Kruck**, also for **Ruth Buck**, starting chemo, friend of Dorothy. For safety on till they return back home in New Orleans for **Debby Bergman & daughter Adelle, son-in-law Michael and new baby Lena** the hurricane. We pray for **Ashley Miller** that all goes well for her pregnancy; We give thanks for **Annie**, Pastor Tim's wife now has relief from sleep apnea.

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

September 19 "**Scrapped Gifts**" Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. God saves our scraps and regifts them with Easter possibility. (James 1)

**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.**