

ALL SAINTS' DAY

BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH, TEMPE

“Serving the Lord, extending the gospel, and making Jesus alive in the community.”

November 7, 2021

10:00 a.m.



They Shall Be Blessed

AS WE GATHER

All Saints' Day has a long history in the worship life of the Christian Church. It began as a commemoration of the martyrs who had died for the faith, and it has since become a day when we honor and remember those who, in death, have joined the Church Triumphant, as well as the faithful saints of the present who serve Jesus Christ. Martin Luther held that all Christians are simultaneously sinner and saint--a sinner because of our rebellious nature, but a saint because of our salvation in Jesus.

Today we lift our eyes from the present and focus them on the promises of God that will be fulfilled in the future. We seek to remember those who have gone before us in the faith by reading their names and by ringing a bell. We also will remember those who have died in the faith within the last two years by lighting candles and placing them into the baptismal Font. What a blessed day it will be when we will gather with all of Jesus' holy ones around His throne in heaven! May all the saints, past and present, and future endure forever in God's grace!

PRELUDE

"The Souls of the Righteous" -T. Tertius Noble

PASTORAL WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

Pastor: Faithful Redeemer, you are the beginning and ending of all things. You promise to wipe away every tear, that death and mourning will be no more. You make your home among us, and abide with us as our God. As your saints living here and now, teach us to live in a way that reflects your love more and more so that we live and do your will in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

OPENING HYMN

"For All the Saints" LSB #677, Sts.1-2, 4 & 7

- 1 For all the saints who from their labors rest, Who Thee by faith before the world confessed, Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!**
- 2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might; Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight; Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light. Alleluia! Alleluia!**
- 4 Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine! We feebly struggle, they in glory shine; Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine. Alleluia! Alleluia!**
- 7 But, lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day: The saints triumphant rise in bright array; The King of Glory passes on His way. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Stand

RENEWAL OF BAPTISM

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

C Amen.

P Sisters and brothers, the apostle Paul teaches us that by baptism,

we were buried with Christ and lay dead in order that as Christ was raised from the dead in the splendor of the Father, so we too share in the glorious hope of Resurrection. Therefore, let us renew the promises made at our baptism in the everlasting hope of the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. I ask you, do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil and all his empty promises?

C I do.

P Do you believe in God the Father?

C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C 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

P Do you intend to continue steadfast in this confession of faith which you made and to suffer all, rather than deny Christ?

C I do so intend, with the help of God.

P Do you intend to continually conform your life to the divine Word, to be faithful in the use of Word and Sacrament, and in faith, word and action to remain true to the Triune God?

C I do so intend, with the help of God.

INVITATION TO COME TO THE FONT

You are invited to come to the baptismal font, and mark yourselves

with the Baptismal Water as a remembrance of your own baptism. It is appropriate to make the sign of the cross, the sign that marks us as Christians – the cross of Christ.

Be seated

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT (Read responsively)

(All Saints' Day)

These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.

They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

In you, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame;

in your righteousness deliver me.

For you are my rock and my fortress;

and for your name's sake you lead me and guide me.

Into your hand I commit my spirit;

you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.

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.

These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.

They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

GLORIA PATRI (Sing)

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C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen.

KYRIE (Sing)

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

THIS IS THE FEAST (Sing)

Revelation 5:12–13; 19:5–9

Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God? Refrain

Power, and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia! Refrain

Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation. Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. Refrain

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.

Final Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia.

Stand

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

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P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Grant us so firmly to believe in Your Son Jesus that our faith may never be found wanting; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Be seated

FIRST READING

Revelation 7:9-17 (All Saints' Day)

⁹After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” ¹¹And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²saying, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?” ¹⁴I said to him, “Sir, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵“Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.

¹⁶They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat.

¹⁷For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

1 John 3:1–3 (All Saints' Day)

¹See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God’s children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him

as he is. ³And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

SPECIAL MUSIC

"We Sing for All the Unsung Saints"

ALLELUIA AND VERSE *(Sing)*

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C Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1–12 (All Saints' Day)

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

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

¹Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

²And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

³"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

⁵"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

⁶"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

⁷"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

⁸"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

⁹"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

¹⁰"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹"Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

NICENE CREED

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, Whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life † of the world to come. Amen.

Be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY “Sing with All the Saints in Glory” **LSB #671**

- 1 Sing with all the saints in glory, Sing the resurrection song!
Death and sorrow, earth’s dark story, To the former days
belong. All around the clouds are breaking; Soon the storms
of time shall cease; In God’s likeness we awaken,
Knowing everlasting peace.**
- 2 Oh, what glory, far exceeding All that eye has yet perceived!
Holiest hearts for ages pleading Never that full joy
conceived. God has promised, Christ prepares it; There on
high our welcome waits. Ev’ry humble spirit shares it,
Christ has passed the eternal gates.**
- 3 Life eternal! Heav’n rejoices: Jesus lives who once was dead.
Shout with joy, O deathless voices! Child of God, lift up your
head! Life eternal! Oh, what wonders Crowd on faith; what
joy unknown, When, amid earth’s closing thunders,
Saints shall stand before the throne!**

SERMON

It's "What's In Your Hand?"

Rev. 7:9-17

VOLUNTARY

"I Sing a Song of the Saints of God"

Stand

OFFERTORY *(Sing)*

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- C Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit
within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take
not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy
salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *(Congregation response to petitions:*

Hear our prayer.)

Be seated

REMEMBERENCE OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

P: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the source of all mercy and the God of all consolation. God comforts us in all our sorrows so that we can comfort others in their sorrows with the consolation we ourselves have received from God.

C: Thanks be to God!

P: When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death. We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we, too, might live a new life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his,

C: We'll certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

P: In joyful expectation of the resurrection to eternal life, we remember on this day those who have gone before us in faith and who now rest from their labors. Hear the Promise of Christ, our Lord: "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die."

At this time Pastor will invite families and friends of those faithful departed who have gone to rest in the lord over the last two years to the Baptismal font.

P: As St. Paul writes,,

We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him.

P: O God the Father, fountain and source of all blessings, we give you thanks that You have kept our brothers and sisters in the faith, and that in Holy Baptism they were clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness that covered all of their sins. We thank you for bringing them to your side.

C: Comfort us with Your Holy Word, and give us strength so that when our last hour comes, we may peacefully fall asleep in You. We pray that as these candles are placed into the baptismal Font, they may remind us of the promise of eternal life found only in you. Amen.

At this time, the candles are lit and placed into the baptismal font, all are then invited to return to their seats.

P Let us pray.

Merciful Father, the generations rise and pass away before You. Yet you are the strength of those who labor and the rest of the blessed dead. We give you thanks for all who have lived and died in the faith. To their bodies you breathed your life and poured out your Holy Spirit. By that same spirit, You washed them in the renewing waters of Holy Baptism and lead them to confess with their mouths that Jesus is Lord and to believe in their hearts that You have raised Christ from the dead. Help us to remember the faith of all who have gone before us, as we continue to wait with confidence for the resurrection of all Your saints, living and dead. In Your name we pray, Amen.

P While we mourn and grieve those who have recently departed this life and gone to their rest in The Lord, we believe that “the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord.” (1 Thessalonians 4:16-17) As we wait for that day, we encourage one another with these words. As such, we remember not just the faith of the men and women we just named, those lost to us in the last two years, but also the faith of all the Saints who have gone before us, as we continue to wait with confidence for the resurrection of all the living and the dead. At this time we lift up before the Lord, those we have loved, those we have known, and those whose faith inspire us.

As each name is read, the bell will toll. We remember those who have gone to rest in the lord, and we await the day when we will join them again as part of that great cloud of witnesses.

Stand

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

C **It is meet and right so to do.**

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS *(Sing)*

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C **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory. Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He, that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

LORD'S PRAYER

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. Amen.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PAX DOMINI

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P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

AGNUS DEI *(Sing)*

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C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen. *(Sit)*

Be seated

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

(Piano solo) "10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)"

"Behold a Host, Arrayed in White" **LSB #676 St. 2**

2 Despised and scorned, they sojourned here; But now, how glorious they appear! Those martyrs stand, A priestly band, God's throne forever near. On earth they wept through bitter years; Now God has wiped away their tears, Transformed their strife To heav'nly life, And freed them from their fears. They now enjoy the Sabbath rest, The heav'nly banquet of the blest; The Lamb, their Lord, At festive board Himself is host and guest.

“Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise” LSB #680, Sts. 1-3

- 1 Thine the amen Thine the praise Alleluias angels raise
Thine the everlasting head Thine the breaking of the bread
Thine the glory Thine the story Thine the harvest then the
cup Thine the vineyard then the cup is lifted up lifted up.**
- 2 Thine the life eternally Thine the promise let there be
Thine the vision Thine the tree All the earth on bended knee
Gone the nailing gone the railing Gone the pleading gone the
cry Gone the sighing gone the dying what was loss lifted
high.**
- 3 Thine the truly Thine the yes Thine the table we the guest
Thine the mercy all from Thee Thine the glory yet to be
Then the ringing and the singing Then the end of all the war
Thine the living Thine the loving evermore evermore.**

Stand

NUNC DIMITTIS

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**C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace
according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy
salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all
people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy
people Israel.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world
without end. Amen.**

THANKSGIVING

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P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

C and His mercy endureth forever.

P Let us pray.

**P We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed
us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your**

mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

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P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Bless we the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

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P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.

C *(Sing)* **Amen, amen, amen.**

Be seated

CLOSING HYMN

“Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones” **LSB #670, St 1 & 3**

1 Ye watchers and ye holy ones, Bright seraphs, cherubim, and thrones, Raise the glad strain: “Alleluia!” Cry out, dominions, principedoms, pow’rs, Virtues, archangels, angels’ choirs: “Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!”

4 O friends, in gladness let us sing, Supernal anthems echoing: “Alleluia, alleluia!” To God the Father, God the Son, And God the Spirit, Three in One: “Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!”

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Stewardship Sunday: Today is also Stewardship Sunday. We are reminded that God has called us to be Good Stewards of the gifts he has given us, including the gifts we have here at Beautiful Savior. Please prayerfully consider how you can use your time, talents and treasures to support the ministry of our congregation and our mission to “Serve The Lord, extend the Gospel, and make Christ alive in the Community.”

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

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 November 10 at Yvonne’s Café, 1725 W University Dr, Tempe, AZ 85281

LWML Fall Rally, November 11/13/2021 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

POSTLUDE

“When the Saints Go Marching In”

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Glenn Brown

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Donna Evans

Handbell Ringers:
Assisting Elder/Lector:
Greeters:
Acolyte:

Pat Carlin & Bobbie Littou
Skip McFadden
Marsha Beetham
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 10-31-21: Bible Study—10; Worship Service—45; New Midweek Bible Study—NA.

Income report for 10-31-21: Loose Plate \$60; Weekly Envelopes \$1226; Designated Gifts \$199; Other \$; Total \$1485.

THIS WEEK AT BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

Nov. 7, Sunday

8:30 AM Adult Bible Study

9:30 AM Music Rehearsal

10 AM All Saints Sunday & Stewardship w/Holy Communion

(Also, being streamed on Facebook online)

After worship in fellowship hall: November birthdays/anniversaries

After fellowship Council Meeting

Check with Andrew Grant: Board of Christian Education Meeting

November 8, Monday

1 PM LWML Rally Planning

November 8, Monday - November 10, Wednesday

9 AM – 2 PM Pastor Tim Anderson in the office

November 9, Tuesday

5:30 PM Board of Elders Meeting

November 10, Wednesday

12:30 PM “Psalms & Sandwiches” Midweek Bible Study at Yvonne’s Café,
1775 W. University Dr., Tempe

November, Friday 12, Friday

11AM Church & Offices cleaned

November 14, Sunday

8:30 AM Adult Bible Study in Fellowship Hall

10 AM Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost – Casual Worship &

(Streamed on Facebook)

**After Worship: Special Congregation Voters’ Meeting - to approve 2022
Budget & LaMasa**

Prayer list: For continued recovery for **Charlotte Grefe, Maebell Beard, Glenn Brown, Doris Reith.** Prayer requests for Andrew Grants mother **Mary Grant**, having hip surgery 11/8, **Pastor Tim** with an ear infection, **Cyndi Calendar** had back surgery on 11/1, Safety for Bobbie Littou’s daughter **Audra** moving to a new town in Texas & thanks giving for **Julie** for her new job. For strength, comfort & healing for those who have cancer and/or on cancer treatment **Alice** receiving radiation, **Tim Jackson, Gerri Koski, Amina Kruck, Paul**, friend of Andrew Grant. Safe travel for **Doug & Debby Bergman** traveling to Texas for family reunion, also **John McShee** traveling to Phoenix.

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

November 14 "**Jesus Keeps Filling**" Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler.
In one way or another, we are all broken, cracked vessels. Life leaks out, but Jesus keeps filling. (2 Samuel 14:14)

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.**



HOLY COMMUNION. . .OUR UNDERSTANDING

It is the special joy of the baptized and instructed Christian to celebrate Christ in our very midst with the Sacrament of the Altar (Holy Communion). The Scripture clearly and carefully teaches that, in Holy Communion, the very Body and the very Blood of our Lord Jesus are really present in, with, and under the forms of bread and wine. It also teaches that "A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord (acknowledging the Real Presence of Jesus with the elements) eats and drinks judgment on himself." (I Corinthians 11:28-29).

Communicants, then, are rightfully prepared and "worthy" when they:

- *are truly penitent of their sins;*
- *even now embrace Jesus as their Savior and recognize His Real Presence in the bread and the wine; and*
- *seek to amend their sinful lives, with the assistance of this Meal and the power of the Holy Spirit.*

If you have any further questions, please speak with the Pastor before the service.

Other notes on the distribution of Holy Communion:

- *1) Wine is the Biblical standard for all communicants. However, grape juice is in some glasses and available in the center of each tray for those who have an intolerance to alcohol.*
- *2) The Blood of Christ, in, with and under the wine, is served in individual glasses and common cup. Please choose your preference..*
- *3) Children and adults not instructed or confirmed are still encouraged to approach The Table to receive a blessing.*