

# THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, Tempe

September 11, 2022

10:00 a.m.



*Concern for One, Search for One, Joy over One*

## AS WE GATHER

What do you do when you arrive at church? Many people attend to the tasks associated with the beginning of the service, looking at the bulletin they have received or checking out what the opening hymn will be. There is blessing to be found also in looking around us and acknowledging those gathered with us. Each of us is singularly special to God, and, joined together, we become “the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand” (Psalm 95:7). There is no more special place to be than in the sheepfold of our God as part of His flock!

## CASUAL SUNDAY

### PRAISE MEDLEY

#### 1 "Shepherd of Love" -TOSB #184

Shepherd of love, You knew I had lost my way;  
Shepherd of love, You cared that I'd gone astray.  
You sought and found me, placed around me  
Strong arms that carried me home;  
No foe can harm me or alarm me, never again will I roam!  
Shepherd of love, Savior and Lord and Guide, Shepherd of love,  
forever I'll stay by your side.

#### 2 "I Am Jesus Little Lamb" LSB #740

- 1 I am Jesus' little lamb, Ever glad at heart I am;  
For my Shepherd gently guides me, Knows my need and well  
provides me, Loves me ev'ry day the same, Even calls me by  
my name.
- 2 Day by day, at home, away, Jesus is my staff and stay. When I  
hunger, Jesus feeds me, Into pleasant pastures leads me;  
When I thirst, He bids me go Where the quiet waters flow.
- 3 Who so happy as I am, Even now the Shepherd's lamb?  
And when my short life is ended, By His angel host attended,  
He shall fold me to His breast, There within His arms to rest.

#### 3 "Above All" – Lenny LeBlanc & Paul Baloche

##### Verse 1

Above all powers above all kings  
Above all nature and all created things  
Above all wisdom and all the ways of man  
You were here before the world began

##### Verse 2

Above all kingdoms above all thrones

**Above all wonders the world has ever known  
Above all wealth and treasures of the earth  
There's no way to measure  
What You're worth**

### **Chorus**

**Crucified laid behind the stone  
You lived to die rejected and alone  
Like a rose trampled on the ground  
You took the fall and thought of me  
Above all. (Repeat Chorus)**

### **Tag:**

**Like a rose, trampled on the ground  
You took the fall, and thought of me,  
Above All.**

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## **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.**

## **WELCOME**

### **OPENING PRAYER**

**Pastor:** Heavenly Father, In the midst of our weaknesses, when we are lost and unable to find even ourselves, you send your son who seeks, who finds people like us, who finds me. He seeks and saves the lost and rejoices in the correction of our folly often before we are even aware that we were lost. Help us always to rejoice and be glad that that which was lost has been found by the one who came to seek and save us all,

your son, our savior, Jesus. Amen.

## **INVOCATION**

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

**People: Amen.**

## **OPENING SENTENCES**

Pastor: The LORD is my portion; I promise to keep Your words.

**People: I entreat Your favor with all my heart; be gracious to me according to Your promise.**

Pastor: When I think on my ways, I turn my feet to Your testimonies;

**People: I hasten and do not delay to keep Your commandments.**

Pastor: I am a companion of all who fear You, of those who keep Your precepts.

**People: The earth, O LORD, is full of Your steadfast love; teach me Your statutes!**

## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

Pastor: Let us now confess our sin to God, our merciful Father.

**People: Gracious God, we admit and confess our sinfulness. We are by nature sinful and unclean. Daily we do things we ought not do and do not live up to our calling as the people of Your pasture and the sheep of Your hand. We justly deserve Your punishment in this life and for eternity. Trusting in Your mercy, we come to You for forgiveness. Our trust is in the merits of Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Grant us remission of all our sins and lead us to renewed lives that reflect Your goodness and love.**

Pastor: God is gracious and merciful. He hears our supplications and joyfully restores us to His fold. By the command of our Lord and as His called and ordained servant, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

## **SERVICE OF THE WORD**

**INTROIT** (*Read responsively*)

*Ps. 30:2–5; antiphon: Ps. 30:11a, 12b*

You have turned for me my mourning into dancing;

**O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever!**

O LORD my God, I cried to you for help,

**and you have healed me.**

O LORD, you have brought up my soul from Sheol;

**you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.**

Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints,

**and give thanks to his holy name.**

For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime.

**Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.**

**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.**

You have turned for me my mourning into dancing;

**O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever!**

**KYRIE** (*Spoken*)

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

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS** (*Sung*)

(WOV #640) –Text Trad./ Music by Jacques Berthier

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!**

**Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!**

**SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

Lord Jesus, You are the Good Shepherd, without whom nothing is secure. Rescue and preserve us that we may not be lost forever but follow You, rejoicing in the way that leads to eternal life; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*Ezekiel 34:11–24*

<sup>11</sup>“For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. <sup>12</sup>As 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. <sup>13</sup>And 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. <sup>14</sup>I 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. <sup>15</sup>I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. <sup>16</sup>I 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.

<sup>17</sup>“As for you, my flock, thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and male goats. <sup>18</sup>Is it not enough for you to feed on the good pasture, that you must tread down with your feet the rest of your pasture; and to drink of clear water, that you must muddy the rest of the water with your feet? <sup>19</sup>And must my sheep eat what you have trodden with your feet, and drink what you have muddied with your feet?

<sup>20</sup>“Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. <sup>21</sup>Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, <sup>22</sup>I will rescue my flock; they shall

no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. <sup>23</sup>And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. <sup>24</sup>And 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 Timothy 1:12–17*

<sup>12</sup>I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service, <sup>13</sup>though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, <sup>14</sup>and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>15</sup>The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. <sup>16</sup>But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. <sup>17</sup>To the King of ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

### **VERSE**

**Alleluia. I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents. Alleluia.**

### **SPECIAL MUSIC**

“Put Your Hand in the Hand”

### **HOLY GOSPEL**

*Luke 15:1–10*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fifteenth chapter.

**C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear

[Jesus]. <sup>2</sup>And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.”

<sup>3</sup>So he told them this parable: <sup>4</sup>“What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? <sup>5</sup>And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. <sup>6</sup>And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ <sup>7</sup>Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

<sup>8</sup>“Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? <sup>9</sup>And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ <sup>10</sup>Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

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.**

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

**"Gather Us In" WOV #718**

- 1 Here in this place new light is streaming, now is the darkness vanished away; see in this space our fears and our dreamings brought here to you in the light of this day.  
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken, gather us in, the blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall awaken, we shall arise at the sound of our name.**
- 2 We are the young, our lives are a mystery, we are the old who yearn for your face; we have been sung throughout all of history, called to be light to the whole human race.  
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty, gather us in, the proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so lowly,  
Give us the courage to enter the song.**
- 3 Here we will take the wine and the water, here we will take the bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daughters, call us anew to be salt for the earth.  
Give us to drink the wine of compassion, give us to eat the bread that is you; nourish us well and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.**
- 4 Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light years away here in this place the new light is shining, now is the kingdom, now is the day.  
Gather us in and hold us forever, gather us in and make us your own; gather us in, all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bones.**

## **SERMON**

**Lost and Found**

(Luke 15:1-10)

## **OFFERTORY HYMN**

"For the Fruits of All Creation"

## **OFFERING BROUGHT FORWARD**

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH** (*Stand*)

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. We pray for the church, that God's people may live confidently and joyfully share the message of salvation in word and deed. We pray for the nations of the world, that the presence of Christ be experienced everywhere around the globe and that the Gospel have free course in every land. We also pray for the gift of peace in the world and in our communities. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer**

P: We pray for our families and for those who share in our Christian fellowship and join with us in worship. Grant that we never take them for granted but rather that we encourage all to share joyfully in our work together to the glory of God. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer**

P: Let us pray for those with special concerns and needs this day including those who are hospitalized or in care facilities, those who are grieving at this time, the unemployed and the underemployed, the chronically ill and the shut-in and all those whose needs are known to us including ... Grant that we bring your blessings to situations of need in all places. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer**

P: God of the ages, we thank you for all those faithful people whose words and actions have guided us in the past, especially remembering those no longer with us on earth, who now share in Your eternal presence. By the working of Your Holy Spirit, direct us to follow the leading of Jesus, our Great Shepherd, throughout our lives until that day when we stand in Your glorious presence in heaven.

**C: Amen**

## **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.**

## **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.

## **CLOSING HYMN**

“10,000 Reasons” - Matt Redman

**Chorus: Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;  
Worship His holy name. Sing like never before, O my soul;  
I'll worship your holy name.**

- 1. The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning, it's time to sing  
Your song again. Whatever may pass, and whatever lies  
before me, let me be singing when the evening comes.  
Chorus.**
- 2. You're rich in love and You're slow to anger. Your name is  
great and Your heart is kind. For all Your goodness, I will  
keep on singing; Ten Thousand Reasons for my heart to find.  
Chorus.**
- 3. And on that day, when my strength is failing, the end draws  
near, and my time has come; Still, my soul will sing Your  
praise unending ten thousand years and then forevermore!  
Chorus.**

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**New Sunday Bible Study Started today, Sept 11th.** Earlier this morning, we began a new Sunday Bible study on the Gospel of John. Join us on Sundays at 8:30am in fellowship Hall as we continue to read and study John's Gospel together.

**Psalms and Sandwiches:** Join us for Lunch on Sept. 14th at Munch-A-Lunch for Psalms and Sandwiches as we continue to study the Book of Psalms while sharing a meal. Bible Study begins at 12:30pm. Munch-A-Lunch is located at, 1403 W 10th Pl B105, Tempe, AZ 85281 across the street from church.

**New Member Class: Being Beautiful Savior, Begins Sept 18th** after worship and fellowship in fellowship hall. Following Worship on September 18th, all those interested in knowing more about our church, who we are, what we do, and what it means to be a Lutheran Christian here at Beautiful Savior, are encouraged to stay for our 5 week class on the history and mission of our congregation and what we believe.

**LWML Meeting: Monday September 19th at 10:00am.** All women of the church are invited to attend and learn more about the work of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League, as well as what the plans are for the league here at Beautiful Savior over the next few months, and a recap of the LWML convention this past summer.

**LWML Sunday: On Sept 25<sup>th</sup>** during worship, we will give thanks to God for the women of our congregation and for the work of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League around the world. The theme for this year's service is "For Us and With Us," based on Paul's letter to the Romans. Because Christ is for us and with us, we are already more than conquerors through Him who loved us.

**Beautiful Savior Fish Fry: October 15th 2022.** Save the date as we get ready once again to fry up some fresh Alaskan fish and have a great time celebrating our church and the legacy of the

event Gene Southwick helped bring to Beautiful Savior. More information is coming soon.

**Fall Blood Drive: Monday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, 8 a.m.-12 p.m. More information coming soon.**

**Church Members and others who wish to “give electronically” can now do so by going to: [easytithe.com/BSLCTempe](http://easytithe.com/BSLCTempe).**

**On the giving page, click on "Fund" and select the appropriate fund from the drop-down list.**

**The funds are: General, LWML, Missions, Air Conditioners, and Memorial for Maebell Beard (active through September 30).**

**Then follow the directions to complete your transaction.**

**POSTLUDE**

**“I Will of the Mercies”**

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**SERVING US AT WORSHIP TODAY:**

**Officiant Preacher:**

Rev. Tim Anderson

**Pianist /Director:**

Ellen Brown

**Guitarist:**

Christy Arnold

**Song Leader & Lector:**

Charles Haynes

**Special Music:**

Cyndi Calender

**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)

**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. Cell phone #480-536-2256.

**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 8-28-22 week Bible Study—8; Worship Service—36.  
Income report for 8-28-22: Loose Plate \$115; Weekly Envelopes \$2775  
Designated Gifts \$158; Other \$; Total \$3048.**

## **THIS WEEK AT BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR**

### **September 11, Sunday**

8:30 AM Adult Bible Study

9:30 AM Music Rehearsal

**10 AM The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost – Casual Worship**

*(Also, being streamed on Facebook online)*

### **September 12 Monday**

Pastor Tim Anderson in the office 9 AM-2 PM

### **September 14, Wednesday**

Pastor Tim Anderson in the office 9 AM-2 PM

12:30 PM Psalms & Sandwiches at Munch-a-lunch (across Priest Dr. from the church).

### **September 15, Thursday**

4-5 PM Set up and La Mesa is from 6-7:30 PM

### **September 16, Friday**

9-11 AM Church & Offices cleaned

**September 18, Sunday**

**10 AM The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost Worship w/Holy Communion**

**Prayer List:**

-Thanks giving for the birth of a healthy baby **Winston R.Boye** to Peter & Grace Boye.

We pray for strength, comfort and healing for

- **Natalia Goschie, Wendy Sievers, Glenn Brown, Justine Schultz, Lois Sunderman, Julia Teuscher, Gerri Davies, Lois Sunderman, Cathy Netter, Bob Diepenbrock, Bev Dase, Dylan and Miles** – recovering at home.

-**Dorothy McShee**, preparing to move to NC.

- The Bergman's daughter-in-law **Christy** for strength and healing, while dealing with the insurance & pharmacies & waiting on an appointment with her doctor.

- Prayers, along with **Ashley & Scott's Conley and family**, at the loss their father. And with **Judi Gregor**, undergoing heart procedure on Friday. Also, for Ashley's **stepfather**, who is hospitalized with a colovestical fistula, will receive the right team of doctors who will successfully operate to remove part of his colon and that he's given the proper care needed to recover.

-**Beth Hutson, Jim Schutkowski, Sherry Ellis, Geri Koski, Warren**, in treatment for cancer. **Lucy Durham**, diagnosed with cancerous lymph glands.

- **Jake**, job hunting.

-**Doris Reith** and **Len Lacy** in memory care.

-**Gladys Meyer**, recovering at home.

-**Tom**, Charlotte Grefe's son-in-law – giving thanks he is tolerating immunotherapy & recovery.

- **Rain** needed so badly in area in and **around Norfolk, Nebraska** – prayer requested by Carol and Bill Christian.

**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/](http://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 - KFNN RADIO (1100) @ 10 AM:**

September 18 "**Fresh Start**" Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. What does the canning of a corrupt and incompetent accountant teach us about the undeserved mercy of God? Hear Jesus' Parable of the Shrewd Manager, this week on The Lutheran Hour. (Luke 16:9)

### **A thank you from Gladys Meyer,**

"I personally thank each and every one for your prayers during my (AAA) Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm procedure. Because of your prayers, the procedure was successful and healing accomplished. God's blessings to all of you!" Gladys