

THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, Tempe

September 4, 2022

10:00 a.m.



The Pathway of the Cross!

AS WE GATHER

Would any of us ever think that attending a Funeral would be a fun and great way to spend a Saturday morning? Probably not. In fact, often we do a pretty good job putting death out of sight and mind. However, we can only avoid death for so long. It always comes at some point to shake us up and remind us of our frailty. In our Gospel, Jesus talks about the Cross, he talks about dying. Jesus' words in this text are so important because of what He does for us, for those who follow Him. Jesus is not as explicit about it here in these verses as he is elsewhere, but the seeds are there. All who follow Him by bearing their cross will not only follow Him INTO death but will also follow Him OUT OF death into life. All who are united with Jesus in death will also be united with Him on the great day of resurrection. That is what Jesus' promise of resurrection does. It changes everything, which is what Jesus is doing in this text. He puts every other would-be idol in our lives in their proper place, including the good gifts of family and the life God has given us.

PRELUDE

“We Have Come Into His House” –Bruce Ballinger

PASTORAL WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

Pastor: O Lord Jesus, gentle and humble of heart, full of compassion and maker of peace, you lived in poverty and suffered persecution for the cause of God's plan of salvation. You chose the Cross as the path to glory to show us the way to The Father. May we receive the word of the Gospel joyfully and live by your example as heirs and citizens of your kingdom. Amen.

OPENING HYMN

“Lord of All Hopefulness” **LSB #738, St. 1-4**

- 1 Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy:
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.**
- 2 Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
Be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.**
- 3 Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome, Your arms to embrace:
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.**
- 4 Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm:
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.**

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

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 Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT (*Read responsively*)

Ps. 119:28–32; antiphon: Ps. 119:27

Make me understand the way of your precepts,

and I will meditate on your wondrous works.

My soul melts away for sorrow;

strengthen me according to your word!

Put false ways far from me

and graciously teach me your law!

I have chosen the way of faithfulness;

I set your just decrees before me.

I cling to your testimonies, O LORD;

let me not be put to shame!

I will run in the way of your commandments

when you enlarge my heart!

**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.**

Make me understand the way of your precepts,

and I will meditate on your wondrous works.

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.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS *(Sing)*

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P **Glory be to God on High,**

C **and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.**

We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee.

we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

**O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away
the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**

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

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

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.

**Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the
glory of God the Father. Amen.**

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Let us pray.

O merciful Lord, You did not spare Your only Son but delivered Him up for us all. Grant us courage and strength to take up the cross and follow Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Deuteronomy 30:15–20

¹⁵“See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his just decrees, then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, ²⁰loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

Philemon 1–21

¹Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our beloved fellow worker ²and Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier, and the church in your house:

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, ⁵because I hear of your love and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and all the saints, ⁶and I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ. ⁷For I have derived much joy and comfort from your love, my brother, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you.

⁸Accordingly, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do what is required, ⁹yet for love's sake I prefer to appeal to you—I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus— ¹⁰I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment. ¹¹(Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me.) ¹²I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart. ¹³I would have been glad to keep him with me, in order that he might serve me on your behalf during my imprisonment for the gospel, ¹⁴but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own free will. ¹⁵For this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, ¹⁶no longer as a slave but more than a slave, as a beloved brother—especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

¹⁷So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me. ¹⁸If he has wronged you at all, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. ¹⁹I, Paul, write this with my own hand: I will repay it—to say nothing of your owing me even your own self. ²⁰Yes, brother, I want some benefit from you in the Lord. Refresh my heart in Christ.

²¹Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Above All” -Words & Music by Lenny LeBlanc & Paul Baloche

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ALLELUIA AND VERSE

C Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 14:25–35

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

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

²⁵Now great crowds accompanied [Jesus], and he turned and said to them, ²⁶“If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. ²⁷Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, ³⁰saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish.’ ³¹Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³²And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. ³³So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.

³⁴“Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? ³⁵It is of no use either for the soil or for the manure pile. It is thrown away. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

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.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways” LSB #707, St 1-4

- 1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways to keep His statutes still! Oh, that my God would grant me grace to know and do His will!**
- 2 Order my footsteps by Thy Word and make my heart sincere; Let sin have no dominion, Lord, but keep my conscience clear.**
- 3 Assist my soul, too apt to stray, a stricter watch to keep; And should I e'er forget Thy way, restore Thy wand'ring sheep.**
- 4 Make me to walk in Thy commands— is a delightful road— Nor let my head or heart or hands Offend against my God.**

SERMON The Cost to Preserve & Persevere

(Luke 14:25-35)

OFFERTORY HYMN *(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.)

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

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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 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.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

(Piano Solo) "In Christ There Is No East or West"

"Take My Life and Let It Be" **TOSB #199, St. 1-3**

1 Take my life and let it be Consecrated, Lord, to Thee; Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of Thy love; at the impulse of Thy love.

2 Take my feet and let them be Swift and beautiful for Thee. Take my voice and let me sing always, only for my King; always, only for my King.

3 Take my will and make it Thine, it shall be no longer mine; Take my heart, it is Thine own, it shall be Thy royal throne, it is Thine own, it shall be Thy royal throne.

"Eat This Bread" **LSB #638, St. 1, 2 & 5**

Refrain

Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to Him and never be hungry. Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in Him and you will not thirst.

1 This is His body given for you; this is His blood that was shed for you. Refrain

2 As often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you show His death until He comes again. Refrain

5 If we believe and eat this bread, we will have eternal life. Refrain

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 Amen, amen, amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“Take Up Your Cross - Words by Charles Everest; Tune: GERMANY

- 1 “Take up your cross, “the Savior said, “if you would my disciple be. Deny yourself, the world forsake, and humbly follow after me.”**
- 2 Take up your cross, let not its weight fill your weak spirit with alarm; His strength shall bear your spirit up, and brace your heart and nerve your arm.**
- 3 Take up your cross, don’t heed the shame, nor let your foolish pride rebel; Your Lord for you the cross endured, to save your soul from death and hell.**
- 4 Take up your cross and follow Christ, nor think till death to lay it down; for only those who bear the cross may hope to wear the glorious crown.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

New Sunday Bible Study Starting 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. Join us on Sundays at 8:30am in fellowship Hall.

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 25th 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.

Church Members and others who wish to "give electronically" can now do so by going to: 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

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

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SERVING US AT WORSHIP TODAY:

Officiant Preacher:	Rev. Tim Anderson
Pianist/Director:	Ellen Brown
Guitar:	Jana Shields
Song Leader & Special Music:	Donna Evans
Assisting Elder & Lector:	Skip McFadden
Greeters:	Marsha Beetham
Acolyte:	Joe Carlin
Altar Care:	Pat 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—10; Worship Service—35;
Psalms & Sandwiches Bible Study—8 .**

**Income report for 8-28-22: Loose Plate \$26; Weekly Envelopes \$1485;
Designated Gifts \$539; Other \$250; Total \$2300.**

THIS WEEK AT BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

September 4, Sunday

8:30 AM Adult Bible Study

9:30 AM Music Rehearsal

10 AM The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost – w/Holy Communion

(Also, being streamed on Facebook online)

After the service: September Anniversaries & Birthday's Celebrated
w/ "Sack Lunch & Floats"

Plant Green -Electronics Recycle Day

September 5, Monday

Pastor Tim Anderson in the office 9 AM-2 PM

September 7, Wednesday

Pastor Tim Anderson in the office 9 AM-2 PM

September 8, Thursday

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

September 9, Friday

9-11 AM Church & Offices cleaned

September 11, Sunday

10 AM The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost Worship

Prayer List:

We pray for strength, comfort and healing for;

**- Lucy Durham, Wendy Sievers, Glenn Brown, Justine Schultz, Gerri
Davies, Lois Sunderman, Cathy Netter, Bob Diepenbrock, Bev Dase,
Dylan and Miles** recovering at home. Also for: **Cherryl Rice**, she fell & broke
her leg.

-Dorothy McShee, preparing to move to NC.

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

-Beth Hutson, Jim Schutkowski, Sherry Ellis, Gerri Koski, Warren,

- in chemo treatment.
- **Tom**, thanks for his tolerance of immunotherapy and his recovery
- **Gladys**, procedure for an aneurysm on Aug. 30;
- **Natalia Goschie**, foot and ankle issues;
- **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/**
- 3) Option 1 - Scroll until you find a post that shows a “Live” feed titled for the Sunday service, or**
- 4) Option 2 - Click on the “Videos” button on the left-hand sidebar (ignore anything asking you to sign up or sign in to Facebook)**
- 5) Look for the video titled for the date of the Sunday service. Video stream will be live starting at or around 10am. If it does not show up, try refreshing the page. The video of the service will remain on the page if you would like to view it at a later time, or to replay it again at your discretion.**

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

September 11 "Lost and Found" Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler.
When Jesus told stories about lost sheep and lost coins, He was really talking about lost people. (Luke 15:1-10)

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 you preference..*
- *3) Children and adults not instructed or confirmed are still encouraged to approach The Table to receive a blessing.*

