

THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

February 12, 2023

10:00 a.m.



The Kind of Life You Live.

AS WE GATHER

Much like the Gospel readings for the last two weeks, there is a lot packed into this excerpt from Jesus' Sermon on the Mount today. It includes His teaching about anger, divorce, lust, and oaths. Concerning these issues, Jesus speaks with ultimate and decisive authority, just like He does with everything else, a theme throughout Matthew's Gospel. By the time the risen Lord announces that all authority has been given to Him (28:18), Jesus is simply making explicit what was implicit all along. That He is Master and Lord of all and wants us to live differently from the rest of our fallen world in our life together. The phrase "You heard it said, but I say to you..." should convict us. Jesus challenges our shallow view of God's word and offers a more foundational conception of the life He has in mind for us, as His people, a life he has won for us in His death and resurrection.

CASUAL SUNDAY

PRAISE MEDLEY

1 "On Eagles' Wings" LSB #727, v. 1-4

- 1 You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
Who abide in His shadow for life,
Say to the Lord: "My refuge,
My rock in whom I trust!" Refrain

Refrain: And He will raise you up on eagles' wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of His hand.

- 2 The snare of the fowler will never capture you,
And famine will bring you no fear;
Under His wings your refuge,
His faithfulness your shield. Refrain

- 3 You need not fear the terror of the night,
Nor the arrow that flies by day;
Though thousands fall about you,
Near you it shall not come. Refrain

- 4 For to His angels He's given a command
To guard you in all of your ways;
Upon their hands they will bear you up,
Lest you dash your foot against a stone. Refrain

2 "Thy Loving Kindness" TOSB #239, v. 1 & 2

- 1 Thy loving kindness is better than life. Thy loving kindness is better than life. My lips shall praise Thee, thus, will I bless Thee I will lift up my hands unto Thy name.

- 2 I lift my hands, Lord, unto Thy name. I lift my hands, Lord, unto

Thy name. My lips shall praise Thee, thus will I bless Thee. I will lift up my hands unto Thy Name.

3 “Our Church Family” Words & Music by Elizabeth Sarrow

- 1. Our church family meets to learn God’s Word,
Big, small, we all meet to learn God’s Word.**
- 2. Our church family meets to sing and pray.
Big, small, we all meet to sing and pray.**
- 3. Our church family tries to show God’s love.
Big, small, we all try to show God’s love.**

4 “More Like You” -Scott Wesley Brown

- 1. More like You, Jesus, more like You.
Fill my heart with Your desire to make me more like You.**
- 2. More like You, Jesus, more like You,
Touch my lips with holy fire, and make me more like You.**

CHORUS: Lord, You are my mercy. Lord, You are my grace.

All my deepest sins have forever been erased.

Draw me in Your presence. lead me in Your ways.

I long to bring You glory in righteousness and praise. *Repeat v.1 & 2*

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PASTORAL WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

P: Let Us Pray:

C: Discerning God, help me consider this day how I live my

life and how I choose the directions I take. As St. Paul once wrote, *Do I make my plans according to ordinary human standards, ready to say 'Yes, yes' and 'No, no' at the same time?* Oh God, help me understand how crucial the words I speak to others are as I seek relationships in my life. As Jesus teaches us today, help my words be 'Yes, Yes' or 'No, No' for anything more than this comes from the evil one. Oh God, most of all, help me find clarity and growth in my relationship with you, with others, and even at times with myself as I draw closer to being who you created me to be. Amen.

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Baptism, First and Fourth*

Pastor: These are the words of your Baptism. What is Baptism?

People: **Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God's command and combined with God's word.**

Pastor: What does such baptizing with water indicate?

People: **It indicates that the Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new man should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P: As God's baptized people, therefore, let's do that! Let us repent anew that we may arise to life.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

P: I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous

fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me of all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

C: The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. Amen.

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C: Amen.

SERVIE OF THE WORD

INTROIT (*Read responsively*)

Psalms 98:7–9; antiphon: v. 2

The LORD has made known his salvation;

he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;

the world and those who dwell in it!

Let the rivers clap their hands; let the hills sing for joy together before the LORD,

for he comes to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with righteousness,

and the peoples with equity.

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.

The LORD has made known his salvation;

he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

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

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

"Gloria" -WOV #640

**"Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!
Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia! "(Repeat)**

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Let us pray.

O Lord, graciously hear the prayers of Your people that we who justly suffer the consequence of our sin may be mercifully delivered by Your goodness to the glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, 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 rules, 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

1 Corinthians 3:1–9

¹But I, brothers, could not address you as spiritual people, but as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. ²I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for it. And even now you are not yet ready, ³for you are still of the flesh. For while there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not of the flesh and behaving only in a human way? ⁴For when one says, “I follow Paul,” and another, “I follow Apollos,” are you not being merely human?

⁵What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each. ⁶I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. ⁷So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. ⁸He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages according to his labor. ⁹For we are God’s fellow workers. You are God’s field, God’s building.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Your Are the Seed” –Cesareo Gabarain

VERSE

C Alleluia. Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 5:21–37

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

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

²¹[Jesus said:] “You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.’ ²²But

I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, 'You fool!' will be liable to the hell of fire. ²³So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, ²⁴leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. ²⁵Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison. ²⁶Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

²⁷"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.'
²⁸But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell. ³⁰And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell.

³¹"It was also said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.'
³²But I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of sexual immorality, makes her commit adultery. And whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

³³"Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform to the Lord what you have sworn.'
³⁴But I say to you, Do not take an oath at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, ³⁵or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. ³⁶And do not take an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. ³⁷Let what you say be simply 'Yes' or 'No'; anything more than this comes from evil."

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

“Change My Heart, O God” -Eddie Espinosa (ELW #801)

Refrain: Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.

Change my heart, O God; may I be like You.

1. You are the potter; I am the clay.

Mold me and make me; this is what I pray. **Refrain.**

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SERMON

Matthew 5:21–37

Called By Jesus To A Different Kind of Life.

OFFERTORY “For the Fruits of His Creation”

LSB #894, v. 1 & 3

1 For the fruits of His creation, Thanks be to God.

For His gifts to ev’ry nation, Thanks be to God. For the plowing, sowing, reaping, Silent growth while we are sleeping, Future needs in earth’s safekeeping, Thanks be to God.

3 For the harvests of the Spirit, Thanks be to God.

For the good we all inherit, Thanks be to God. For the

wonders that astound us, For the truths that still confound us, Most of all, that love has found us, Thanks be to God.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: God of grace and God of glory, we give thanks to You this day that You do not leave us in silence but continually comfort, defend, and strengthen us by Your Word and Spirit.

On Your people pour Your pow'r;
Crown Your ancient Church's story;
Bring its bud to glorious flow'r.

People: Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the facing of this hour.

Pastor: Bless Your holy Church throughout the world and guide and direct all nations and kingdoms among men.

Lo, the hosts of evil round us
Scorn the Christ, assail His ways!
From the fears that long have bound us
Free our hearts to faith and praise.

People: Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the living of these days.

Pastor: In the forgiveness of our sins and as Your own children by our Baptism into Christ, give to all in need healing for the sick, restoration to the broken, confidence to those without hope, and peace to all in trouble.

Cure Your children's warring madness;
Bend our pride to Your control;
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
Rich in things and poor in soul.

People: Grant us wisdom, grant us courage lest we miss Your kingdom's goal.

Pastor: Remembering all who have gone before us with the sign of faith, especially the prophets and apostles and martyrs of old as well as those nearer to us whom we name before You in our hearts, help us to continue walking in faith to Your glory and

our salvation.

Save us from weak resignation
To the evils we deplore;
Let the gift of Your salvation
Be our glory evermore.

People: Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving You whom we adore.

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER *(Spoken)*

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 *(Spoken)*

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 "Let All things Now Living" (AGPS #155,. V. 1 & 2

1 Let all things now living A song of thanksgiving

To God the Creator triumphantly raise, Who fashioned and made us, Protected and stayed us, Who still guides us on to the end of our days. His banners are o'er us, His light goes before us, A pillar of fire shining forth in the night, Till shadows have vanished And darkness is banished,

As forward we travel from light into light.

2 His law He enforces, The stars in their courses, The sun in His orbit, obediently shine. The hills and the mountains, The rivers and fountains, The deeps of the ocean proclaim Him divine. We too should be voicing Our love and rejoicing; With glad adoration a song let us raise Till all things now living Unite in thanksgiving To God in the highest hosanna and praise!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday Bible Study: Our Sunday Bible Study on the Gospel of John on Sunday at 8:30 a.m.

Best Practices for Ministry Conference: Happening Feb. 16th-18th at Christ Church Lutheran on Indian School Rd. Join Pastor Tim and Annie at this FREE Annual Conference for church workers and church lay leaders. Come for the whole event, come for a day, or come for an hour. Registration is FREE. For more information, ask Pastor or go to <https://cclphoenix.org/bpm/>

Mardi Gras Dinner: Tuesday Feb. 21st, Starting at 5:30pm. Join us for Mardi Gras Dinner extravaganza as we host a bigger Mardi Gras than we have ever hosted before. Join us for Red Beans and Rice, Jambalaya, Beignets and more. A free will offering will be collected to support local charities. Questions, contact Pastor Tim or Debbie O'Neill.

Ash Wednesday, Wed Feb. 22nd. We will have worship services at 12:00pm and 7:00pm. No meal will be served before either service.

Brunch and Bibles: Our midweek bible study on Thursday, February 23rd at 12:30 a.m. We will meet at Netta Cheta's at 3224 S. Mill Ave., Tempe, AZ 85282. Please let Kathryn know if you will be attending by noon on Monday so she can give them a count on

how many are attending) at 602-510-2885 or email:
Kathryn.odle@asu.edu

Revitalization meeting will be Thursday, Feb. 23rd at 7 PM. This meeting will include the people who attended the meeting with LCEF representative. Braith.

Beautiful Savior Annual Chili Cook Off: Join us Sunday Feb. 26th after worship for our annual chili cook off and a chance to put your name on our Chili hall of fame. All can enter, all can judge. Questions? Talk to Skip McFadden or Pastor Tim.

Midweek Lenten Services: Services begin each Wednesday on March 1st at 12:00pm and 7:00pm; no meal at either service. We will have dinner at 6:00pm before each 7:00pm service in March. No meal will be served before the 12:00pm service. Our theme this year is "Amazing Grace" as we celebrate the 250th anniversary of the classic hymn, we will explore how Those in the Bible who experienced the amazing grace of God. Each week as we hear their stories, we want to realize that though we once were lost in sin, we now have been found by Jesus, and though we once were blind to God's mercy, we now can see his love at work in us through our Savior's death and resurrection. Each service contains a dialogue sermon and as such, Pastor Tim will be looking for volunteers to play the parts of David, Isaiah, The Prodigal Son, The Blind Man, The Woman at the Well, and Paul. Please let me know if you are interested.

Pastor Tim's Installation: President Mike Gibson of the Pacific Southwest District LCMS as well as other local pastors will be here to install Pastor Tim as our full-time pastor on Sunday March 12th at 3:00pm. Please try to be a part of this special day in the life of our congregation as we install him as our next full-time minister here at Beautiful Savior. There will be a reception following the service.

C.S. Lewis Further Up and Further In at the Herberger Theater: Sunday March 19th 2023 at 3:00pm. We are looking to see if there is interest in going as a group to see Fellowship of Performing Arts' performance of Further Up and Further In, the life story of Christian author C.S. Lewis. Tickets are \$53 per person, but we need at least 10 people to get the group rate. If interested, talk to Pastor Tim and sign up in fellowship hall. for more information about the show, go to, <https://fpatheatre.com/tour/csl-phoenix/>

Award-winning actor Max McLean's tour de force performance captures C.S. Lewis' magnetic personality, astonishing eloquence and laugh-out-loud wit to create an onstage experience venturing deep into the soul one of the most influential thinkers of the past century.

Planet Green recycle container is in the fellowship hall by the thermostats, and remain there.

Fellowship Hour: If you would like to bring something in to share during fellowship, please sign your name on the date you would like. The calendar is on the fellowship board. Questions, talk to Debbie O'Neill.

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.

Then follow the directions to complete your transaction.

POSTLUDE

"Way Maker" -Osinachi Kalu Okoro Egbu

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SERVING US AT WORSHIP TODAY:

Officiant Preacher:	Rev. Tim Anderson
Pianist/Director of Music:	Ellen Brown
Song Leader:	Debby Bergman
Special Music:	Debby & Doug Bergman
Lector:	Connor Garrett
Greeter:	Marsha Beetham
Acolyte:	Connor Garrett

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's New Office Hours: Now that Pastor Tim is full-time with us here at Beautiful Savior, he has new office hours. He is available Monday through Thursday, 10am - 3pm as well as by appointment. Pastor Tim will use the rest of his time to make house visits for the sick and shut in, meet with our members and guests, attend meetings, leading worship and other ministries, and creating connections for the church in our community. 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 week: 2-5-23 Bible Study—8; Worship Service—44; 2-9-23 Brunch & Bibles Midweek Bible Study—;
Income report for 2-5-23: Loose Plate \$55; Weekly Envelopes \$3270; Designated Gifts \$73; Other \$; Total \$3398.

THIS WEEK AT BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

February 12, Sunday

8:30 am Adult Bible Study

9:30 AM Music Rehearsal

10 AM The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany Worship / Casual Service

(Also, being streamed on Facebook online)

February 14 Tuesday

10:30 AM Pastor Tim at Circuit Pastor's Meeting @ Epiphany Church

7 PM Board of Finance Meetin

February 15, Wednesday

1:00 PM Jacky Kiersch Memorial Service: Please Join us as we give thanks to God for the earthly life and the blessings of eternal life God has given to Jacky.

5 PM Council Meeting

February 16-18, Thursday

Pastor Tim at Best Practices for Ministry Conference

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

February 17, Friday

9AM-11 AM Church Offices Cleaned

February 19, Sunday

10 AM The Transfiguration of the Lord Worship w/Holy Communion

Prayer List: We pray for strength, comfort and healing for:

- **Natalie Conley** –prayer of thanks - full recovery after surgery;
- **Bev Dase** – recovering from stroke;
- **Jeannette Kiersch, Sherry Ellis & Family** of Jacqueline Kirsch, who passed away;
- **Alex Carlin's** grandson – successful surgery, healing at home;

- **Ken** - suffering from MS;
- **David Bomhoff** - having backsets, pray for curing meds for infections;
- **Doris Reith, Len Lacy, Judy Snedeker**, memory care;
- **Beth Ruettinger** – tests show cancer - chemo treatment;
- **Beth Hutson, Jim Schutkowski, Sherry Ellis, Gerri Koski, Warren and Cheryl** – Chemo treatment;
- **Pat Carlin, Barbara Willford, Cherryl Rice, Wendt Sievers, Glenn Brown, Lois Sunderman** - Medical issues;
- **Blue Sky (Tom) and Amina** – preparing for surgeries;
- **Linda**, Bobbie’s friend – pneumonia;

**FOR AT HOME WORSHIPERS WHO STILL VIEW SERVICES
ONLINE INSTRUCTIONS ARE BELOW:**

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE YOU CAN GO ONLINE & VIEW AT

- 1) Open a webpage browser (internet explorer, chrome, Firefox, etc.)**
- 2) Type or paste the following link into your address bar:
www.facebook.com/BeautifulSaviorLutheranChurchTempe/**
- 3) Option 1 - Scroll until you find a post that shows a “Live” feed titled for the Sunday service, or**
- 4) Option 2 - Click on the “Videos” button on the left-hand sidebar (ignore anything asking you to sign up or sign in to Facebook)**
- 5) Look for the video titled for the date of the Sunday service. Video stream will be live starting at or around 10am. If it does not show up, try refreshing the page. The video of the service will remain on the page if you would like to view it at a later time, or to replay it again at your discretion.**

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

February 19 "**Table Manners**" Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Frequent family dinners are important, but none more so than the gracious meal to which God invites His family, the Church.
(Exodus 24:11)