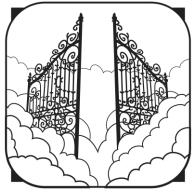
THE THIRD SUNDAY OF PENTECOST Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

June 18, 2023

10:00 a.m.

"The Mission of Beautiful Savior is to "Serve the Lord, extend the Gospel, and make Jesus alive in the community."



The Father's Love

AS WE GATHER

The history of celebrating Father's Day in the United States begins with a church service held in West Virginia in 1908, which recalled and honored the fathers who had perished in a coal mine disaster in the area in the previous year. Two years later, a more general annual observance was begun at a YMCA in Spokane, Washington. But it was not until 1972 that the day was declared to be a national holiday. Among the many qualities of positive fatherhood celebrated on Father's Day is a sense of compassion. Many centuries ago, the psalmist wrote: "As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear Him" (Psalm 103:13). Each week in worship we recall and give thanks for the compassionate love of our God, the eternal Father, who bears His people on eagles' wings and crowns them with steadfast love and mercy. PRELUDE "Faith Of Our Fathers" – Henri Hemy/Arr. James Mansfield

PASTORAL WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

Pastor: O God, Father that you are, you know what is right for us, but too often we only want our way or no way, instead of your way. Today and every day, have mercy upon us when we turn from you. Forgive us when we do not realize your fatherly love and direction for us. Have mercy upon us indeed, and teach us anew how to follow you, Father that you are. We pray this through your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, Amen.

OPENING HYMN "Let Us All With Gladsome Voice" LSB #390, v. 1-4

- 1 Let us all with gladsome voice Praise the God of heaven, Who, to bid our hearts rejoice, His own Son hath given.
- 2 To this vale of tears He comes, Here to serve in sadness, That with Him in heav'n's fair homes We may reign in gladness.
- 3 We are rich, for He was poor; Is not this a wonder? Therefore praise God evermore Here on earth and yonder.
- 4 Christ, our Lord and Savior dear, Be Thou ever near us. Grant us now a glad new year. Amen, Jesus, hear us.

CONFESSION AND 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

Psalm 67:4-7; antiphon: v. 3

Let the peoples praise you, O God;

let all the peoples praise you!

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,

for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations up- on earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God;

let all the peoples praise you!

The earth has yielded its increase;

God, our God, shall bless us.

God shall bless us;

let all the ends of the earth fear him!

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. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

KYRIE (Sing)

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

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

- 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.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Let us pray.

Almighty, eternal God, in the Word of Your apostles and prophets You have proclaimed to us Your saving will. Grant us faith to believe Your promises that we may receive eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 19:2-8

²[The people of Israel] set out from Rephidim and came into the wilderness of Sinai, and they encamped in the wilderness. There Israel encamped before the mountain, ³while Moses went up to God. The LORD called to him out of the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the people of Israel: ⁴You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. ⁵Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; ⁶and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel."

⁷So Moses came and called the elders of the people and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. ⁸All the people answered together and said, "All that the LORD has spoken we will do." And Moses reported the words of the people to the LORD.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

Romans 5:6–15

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— ⁸but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. ¹¹More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

¹²Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned— ¹³for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. ¹⁴Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

¹⁵But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC "The Family Prayer Song" by Morris Chapman **Cong. is invited to join on Choruses.**

Verse 1 Come and fill our home with Your presence You alone are worthy of our rev'rence

Chorus (All) As for me and my house We will serve the Lord As for me and my house We will serve the Lord As for me and my house We will serve the Lord We will serve the Lord

Verse 2 Lord we vow to live holy Bowing our knees to You only

Bridge Staying together Praying together Any storm we can weather Trusting in God's Word We need each other Fathers and mothers Sisters and brothers In harmony and love

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ALLELUIA (Sing) C Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 9:35—10:20

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

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

³⁵Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. ³⁶When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

¹And he called to him his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every affliction. ²The names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; ³Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ⁴Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

⁵These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, "Go nowhere among the Gentiles and enter no town of the Samaritans, ⁶but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷And proclaim as you go, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' ⁸Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying; give without pay. ⁹Acquire no gold nor silver nor copper for your belts, ¹⁰no bag for your journey, nor two tunics nor sandals nor a staff, for the laborer deserves his food. ¹¹And whatever town or village you enter, find out who is worthy in it and stay there until you depart. ¹²As you enter the house, greet it. ¹³And if the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it, but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. ¹⁴And if anyone will not receive you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet when you leave that house or town. ¹⁵Truly, I say to you, it will be more bearable on the day of judgment for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah than for that town.

¹⁶"Behold, I am sending you out as sheep in the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. ¹⁷Beware of men, for they will deliver you over to courts and flog you in their synagogues, ¹⁸and you will be dragged before governors and kings for my sake, to bear witness before them and the Gentiles. ¹⁹When they deliver you over, do not be anxious how you are to speak or what you are to say, for what you are to say will be given to you in that hour. ²⁰For it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you."

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

NICENE CREED

С 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 \dagger of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY

"God Loved the World So That He Gave" LSB #571, v. 1-6

- 1 God loved the world so that He gave His only Son the lost to save, That all who would in Him believe Should everlasting life receive.
- 2 Christ Jesus is the ground of faith, Who was made flesh and suffered death; All then who trust in Him alone Are built on this chief cornerstone.
- 3 God would not have the sinner die; His Son with saving grace is nigh; His Spirit in the Word declares How we in Christ are heaven's heirs.
- 4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son Forgives all sins which you have done; And, justified by Jesus' blood, Your Baptism grants the highest good.
- 5 If you are sick, if death is near, This truth your troubled heart can cheer: Christ Jesus saves your soul from death; That is the firmest ground of faith.
- 6Δ Glory to God the Father, Son, And Holy Spirit, Three in One! To You, O blessèd Trinity, Be praise now and eternally!

SERMON You Represent Him

Matthew 9:35-10:8

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.)

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE (Sing)

- 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

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

- P 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.
- C For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My † blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.

AGNUS DEI (Sing)

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.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"Father Most Holy" LSB #504, v. 1-4

- 1 Father most holy, merciful, and tender; Jesus, our Savior, with the Father reigning; Spirit of comfort, advocate, defender, Light never waning;
- 2 Trinity blessèd, unity unshaken, Goodness unbounded, very God of heaven, Light of the angels, joy of those forsaken, Hope of all living,
- 3 Maker of all things, all Thy creatures praise Thee;

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All for Thy worship were and are created; Now, as we also worship Thee devoutly, Hear Thou our voices.

4 Lord God Almighty, unto Thee be glory, One in three persons, Over all exalted! Glory we offer, praise Thee and adore Thee, Now and forever.

"Children of the Heavenly Father" LSB #725, v. 1-4

- 1 Children of the heav'nly Father Safely in His bosom gather; Nestling bird nor star in heaven Such a refuge e'er was given.
- 2 God His own doth tend and nourish; In His holy courts they flourish. From all evil things He spares them; In His mighty arms He bears them.
- 3 Neither life nor death shall ever From the Lord His children sever; Unto them His grace He showeth, And their sorrows all He knoweth.
- 4 Though He giveth or He taketh, God His children ne'er forsaketh; His the loving purpose solely To preserve them pure and holy.

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

- P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
- C and His mercy endureth forever.
- p Let us pray.

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.
- P The Lord be with you.
- C And with thy spirit.

BENEDICAMUS

P Bless we the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

- 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 T give you peace.
- C Amen, amen, amen.

"All People That On Earth Do Dwell" LSB #791. V. 1, 2 & 5

- 1 All people that on earth do dwell, Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice. Him serve with mirth, His praise forthtell; Come ye before Him and rejoice.
- 2 Know that the Lord is God indeed; Without our aid He did us make. We are His folk, He doth us feed, And for His sheep He doth us take.
- 5∆ To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, The God whom heav'n and earth adore, From us and from the angel host Be praise and glory evermore.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

New Sunday Bible Study coming in July: Starting July 2nd and continuing through Labor Day Weekend, Join us every Sunday morning at 8:30am for a new Bible Study opportunity... "Why do we Do That?" This is your chance to ask any questions you have about Beautiful Savior, about Christianity, about Lutheranism. Any questions about our beliefs or our practices, we want you to ask. You can email all questions ahead of time to Pastor Tim at: <u>PastorTimAnderson@gmail.com</u> you can also submit them next to the sign in the narthex.

VBS Volunteer Registration Now Open: If you would like to register to help with our VBS program June 26th-30th from 5-7:30pm here at Beautiful Savior. Registration Sheets are now available in the narthex. We will need help with adult chaperones as well as assistants for each station (i.e. crafts, games, bible study, worship, etc) who can help the station leaders. Questions talk to Pastor Tim.

Women's Weekly Bible Study will be offered once per week on Mondays at noon. All Beautiful Savior women and friends are welcome to attend! June 19th is on Miriam.

June 18th 2023: New Member Classes Continues. If you are interested in knowing more about our congregation, who we are, what we believe, what we hope God is calling us to do, join us for our five week new member class after worship each week. We will offer a new member Sunday for anyone looking to join our congregation or become a full member on Sunday July 9th. Brunch and Bibles: Will meet on June 22th at 12:30pm at Netta Cheta's on Mill. Please let Kathryn Odle know if you will be attending.602-510-2885 or email: <u>kaythryn.odle@asu.edu</u>.

Saturday July 29th 2023, 5pm. Skip and Mary's 50th Anniversary Celebration: Yep, it's been 50 years since they said we do. So join Skip and Mary at the DoubleTree on Priest as we celebrate with them and Pastor Tim renews their vows. If interested in attending, talk to Skip McFadden by June 23rd, and let him know your meal choice of Prime Rib or Cranberry Chicken.

VBS Dinners Help: As a part of our VBS program June 26th-30th we will be offering free meals to all participants, parents and volunteers each night at 5:00pm. As such we need volunteers to help us prepare and serve each meal. Talk to Darlene Haynes or Pastor if interested in helping.

Thrivent Members: Are you a Thrivent member? If so, we would like to know and could use your help. As a member of Thrivent you may be eligible for a Thrivent Action Team Card. This seed money of up to \$250 can be used for a ministry event here at Beautiful Savior. Our hope is to use a few to help pay for meals and supplies during VBS. Please let us know if you can help us today by talking to Pastor Tim.

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 Pastor Tim.

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

POSTLUDE

"Eternal Father, Strong to Save" -Setting by David Cherwien

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SERVING US AT WORSHIP TODAY: **Officiant Preacher:** Pastor Tim Anderson **Organist/Dir. of Music:** Ellen Brown Song Leader: Debby Bergman **Special Music:** The Beautiful Savior Singers Lector Reader & Assisting Elder Don Calender Kathy Held Greeter: Acolyte: Joe Carlin Altar: Pat Carlin

<u>Visitors</u>, 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. <u>Members</u> are also encouraged to complete a "Worship Information" card (you can update address and phone number, request a pastoral visit) Pastor Tim's Office Hours: Pastor Tim is available Monday through Thursday, 10am - 3pm as well as by appointment. 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: 6-11-23 Bible Study—7; Worship Service— 34; 6-12-23: Women's Bible Study—6; 6-22 Brunch & Bibles Midweek Bible Study—NA;

Income report for 6-11-23: Loose Plate \$75; Weekly Envelopes \$4440; Designated Gifts \$193; Other \$; Total \$4708.

THIS WEEK AT BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR June 18, Sunday

8:30 AM Adult Bible Study

9:30 AM Music Rehearsal

10 AM The Third Sunday after Pentecost Worship w/Holy Communion (*Also, being* streamed on Facebook online)

June 19, Monday

12 PM Women's Bible Study

June 22, Thursday

June 22, 12:30 a.m. Brunch and Bibles: Our midweek bible study on Thursday, meet at Netta Cheta's at 3224 S. Mill Ave., Tempe, AZ 85282. Please let Pastor Tim or Kathryn Odle know if you plan on attending. 4-7 PM La Mesa June 23, Friday 9 AM-11 AM Church Offices Cleaned June 25, Sunday 10 AM The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Prayer List: We pray for strength, comfort and healing for: Annalisa Duran, Stan, Walter Hurley, Jeanne Wilson, Kathryn Odle, Phyllis Schinke, Rick, Vicki, Nancy, Tom Kruck & Amina Kruck, Pat Carlin, Wendy Sievers, Glenn Brown, Bev Dase and Lois Sunderman, Lance, David Bromhoff, Mark, Mike, Char Peapenburg; Brenda Frank;

Jan Buel, Beth Hutson, Beth Ruettinger, Sherry Ellis, Warren and Cheryl, Doris Reith, Len Lacy, Mark.

FOR AT HOME WORSHIPERS WHO MAY 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: June 18 "Just Around the Corner" Lutheran Hour Speaker: <u>Rev. Dr.</u> <u>Michael Zeigler (Romans 5:1-11)</u> An unexpected encounter reveals God's love being poured out, just around the corner. (Romans 5:1-11)



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 <u>center</u> 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.