

THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

July 9, 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.”



Easy and Light.

AS WE GATHER

Today’s gospel reading contains iconic words from Jesus: “Come to me all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light (Matt. 11:28-30).” Jesus offers a yoke to tired listeners and tells them that a yoke will give them rest. The yoke as a means to rest was a strange idea for the disciples. A yoke as a means to rest ought to sound strange to us, as well. The early hearers of this biblical passage would have known a yoke to be a means of engaging the energy of oxen as heavy lifters in the enterprise of farming. Yokes are still employed in our world and they are still a burden and a way of harnessing animal’s hard work, especially in places where people don’t have access to the internal combustion engine. The first ancient readers or hearers of Matthew also viewed a yoke as a symbol of obedience to God’s law and wisdom. Generally, our instinct is to resist yokes *and* laws, or at least not immediately connect them with the idea

of freedom. Through the image of the yoke, however, Jesus invites us to think of God's law and wisdom as a means to surrender, give way, and accept something graceful and positive—rest, ease, lightness. Jesus reframes the idea of a yoke by telling us that a yoke will help us grow as disciples. It is under this yoke that we hear the words of Christ's invitation: "Come to me, all you that are weary." Gathered around word, water, and meal, we find the restful yoke for our souls.

CASUAL SUNDAY

PRAISE MEDLEY

1 "Come As You Are" -David Crowder

Verse 1

**Come out of sadness from wherever you've been
Come broken-hearted let rescue begin
Come find your mercy O sinner come kneel
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal**

Chorus

**(So) Lay down your burdens lay down your shame
All who are broken lift up your face O wanderer come home
You're not too far So lay down your hurt lay down your heart
Come as you are**

Verse 2

**There's hope for the hopeless And all those who've strayed
Come sit at the table come taste the grace
There's rest for the weary Rest that endures
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't cure**

Bridge

Come as you are Fall in His arms Come as you are

Verse 3

**There's joy for the morning O sinner be still
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal**

Ending

Come as you are Come as you are Come as you are

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2 “My God Is So Great” -Ruth Caklin

Verse 1

**My God is so big (great) So strong and so mighty
There's nothing my God can not do My God is so big (great)
So strong and so mighty My God can make ev'rything new**

Bridge

**The mountains are His The rivers are His
The stars are His handiwork too**

Verse 2

**My God is so big (great) So strong and so mighty
There's nothing my God can not do (for you)**

3 “It Is Well With My Soul” -LSB # 763, 1-4

**1 When peace, like a river, attendeth my way; When sorrows,
like sea billows, roll; Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me
to say, It is well, it is well with my soul. Refrain**

**REFRAIN: It is well (It is well) with my soul, (with my soul), It is
well, it is well with my soul.**

2 Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, Let

**this blest assurance control, That Christ hath regarded my
helpless estate And hath shed His own blood for my soul.
Refrain**

**3 He lives—oh, the bliss of this glorious thought; My sin, not in
part, but the whole, Is nailed to His cross, and I bear it no
more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! Refrain**

**4 And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight, The
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, The trumpet shall sound
and the Lord shall descend; Even so it is well with my soul.
Refrain**

PASTORAL WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

P: Heavenly Father, In times of weakness and in our hour of need,
yours is the strength by which we carry on, the shoulder we rest our
head upon. When our load is heavy and too much to bear, yours
are the arms stretched out to help us, the grace that we depend on.
In times of weakness and hours of need, your son's voice is heard,
calling us to 'Come... find rest.' May we in this time of worship, find
rest from the storms of life, and be reminded that the yoke you give
us is kind. Amen.

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Romans 7:15; Matthew 11:28

Pastor: With the apostle Paul today we admit, "I do not understand
my own actions.

People: For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I
hate."

Pastor: At the invitation of God our Savior, let us bring our weariness and burdens to Him, that His forgiveness may rescue us and restore to us the joy of His salvation.

People: For if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean and cannot free ourselves. Even though we rejoice at the joy of your coming, daily our sins of thought, word, and deed cause us grief. We have forgotten You even when we needed You the most. Our love for our neighbors has faded. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, we come at His invitation seeking the true rest of the forgiveness of our sins. Amen.

Pastor: “Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.” Upon this, your confession, I by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word announce the grace of God to 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.

People: Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT *(Read responsively)*

Psalm 91:2, 9–10; antiphon: v. 1

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High
will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

I will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my fortress,
my God, in whom I trust.”

Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place—
the Most High, who is my refuge—

no evil shall be allowed to befall you,

no plague come near your tent.

**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.**

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High
will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

KYRIE (*Spoken*)

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

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

"Gloria" -WOV #640

1 Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

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

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, Your mercy attends us all our days. Be our strength and support amid the wearisome changes of this world, and at life's end grant us Your promised rest and the full joys of Your salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

RITE OF MEMBERSHIP

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Zechariah 9:9–12

⁹Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!
behold, your king is coming to you;
righteous and having salvation is he,
humble and mounted on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

¹⁰I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the war horse from Jerusalem;
and the battle bow shall be cut off,
and he shall speak peace to the nations;
his rule shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with
you,
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

Romans 7:14–25a

¹⁴We know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. ¹⁵I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. ¹⁷So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.

²¹So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. ²²For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, ²³but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members.

²⁴Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?

²⁵Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Wonderful, Merciful Savior”

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VERSE (*Spoken*)

Matthew 11:28

People: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Pastor: Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

People: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 11:25–30

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

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

²⁵At that time Jesus declared, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ²⁸Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

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 “This Is My Father’s World” LBW #554 V. 1-3

Verse 1

**This is my Father’s world, and to my listening ears,
All nature sings, and round me rings
The music of the spheres.
This is my Father’s world: I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;
His hand the wonders wrought.**

Verse 2

**This is my Father’s world, the birds their carols raise,
The morning light, the lily white,
Declare their Maker’s praise.
This is my Father’s world: He shines in all that’s fair;
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass;
He speaks to me everywhere.**

Verse 3

**This is my Father’s world. Oh, let me ne’er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father’s world: Why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King: let the heavens ring!**

God reigns; let earth be glad!

SERMON

An Invitation To Rest.

(Matthew 11:25-30)

OFFERTORY MUSIC

"I Offer My Life"

Verse 1

**All that I am all that I have I lay them down before You O Lord
All my regrets all my acclaim The joy and the pain
I'm making them Yours**

Chorus

**Lord I offer my life to You Everything I've been through
Use it for Your glory Lord I offer my days to You
Lifting my praise to You As a pleasing sacrifice
Lord I offer You my life**

Verse 2

**Things in the past things yet unseen Wishes and dreams
That are yet to come true All of my hopes all of my plans
My heart and my hands Are lifted to You**

Bridge

**What can we give That You have not given
And what do we have That is not already Yours
All we possess are These lives we're living
And that's what We give to You Lord**

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**Pastor: O God of grace, God of glory, in the person of Your Son,
You have lifted us out of our sorrowful bondage to sin and death and**

raised us to the freedom and newness of eternal life. You have washed us in baptismal waters and renewed us in faith given by Your Holy Spirit. We sing and rejoice in thankfulness and praise. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Cause the joy of Your gracious reign of peace and hope to continue to blossom and grow throughout the world by the proclamation of Your mighty Word. To that end, bless and sustain all pastors and ministers of Your Word and the witness of all who joyfully testify to Your grace. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Eternal Lord and ruler of all, save and defend our country. Graciously regard all who have been set in positions of authority among us, that, guided by Your Spirit, we may be governed in peace and safety. Strengthen and protect those who serve in the armed forces of our country that they be upheld in integrity and with honor. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Continue to bless the earth to make it fruitful, bringing forth in abundance all that is needed for the support of our lives. Bless our homes and families that we may dwell together in peace, sharing in Your blessings. Be with all who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any adversity. Grant Your peace and healing, and above all, faith in Your never-failing promises. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: We commend to Your eternal protection, O Lord, all Your servants who have departed this life in faith and now rest in the sleep of peace. Grant to them Your mercy and everlasting peace. Teach us all to number our days that we

may gain a heart of wisdom, and when our last hour comes, be with us and grant us a blessed end. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

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 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 and ever. 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

“Go, My Children, with My Blessing” **LSB #922, v. 1-4**

1 Go, My children, with My blessing, Never alone. Waking, sleeping, I am with you; You are My own. In My love's baptismal river I have made you Mine forever. Go, My children, with My blessing—You are My own.

2 Go, My children, sins forgiven, At peace and pure. Here you learned how much I love you, What I can cure. Here you heard My dear Son's story; Here you touched Him, saw His glory.

Go, My children, sins forgiven, At peace and pure.

3 Go, My children, fed and nourished, Closer to Me; Grow in love and love by serving, Joyful and free. Here My Spirit's power filled you; Here His tender comfort stilled you. Go, My children, fed and nourished, Joyful and free.

4 I the Lord will bless and keep you And give you peace; I the Lord will smile upon you And give you peace: I the Lord will be your Father, Savior, Comforter, and Brother. Go, My children; I will keep you And give you peace.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

No Sunday Bible Study on Sunday, July 16th. Continuing July 23rd 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, about our beliefs or our practices. You can email all questions ahead of time to Pastor Tim at: PastorTimAnderson@gmail.com you can also submit them in the basket next to LWML mite box in the narthex.

New Member Classes. We will offer a new member Sunday for anyone looking to join our congregation or become a full member on Sunday July 9th.

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! July 10rd on Delilah.

Council meeting will be held on Monday, July 24th at 5: pm.

Next Chosen Night: Sat July 22nd at 5:00pm

Join us on July 22nd at 5pm for our next chosen Night. We will be watching Season 1 Episode 5, "The Wedding Gift." Please note,

that due to such a positive response, we are now hosting chosen nights 2x a month. Also, we are now looking for dinner hosts to host our meal when we meet for "Chosen Nights." If interested, please sign up with Pastor Tim.

Christmas In July Party: Sun. July 30th after worship. Santa seems to have his wires crossed or we just really like celebrating the birth of Jesus at Beautiful Savior. Either way, Join us on Sunday July 30th for a Christmas in July celebration. We will do a white elephant gift exchange and make summer versions of some of our favorite holiday potluck dishes. **Bring a dish, bring a gift and let's have a great time together.** Enjoy some frozen Hot Chocolate, Christmas cookies and more. Gifts should be valued at no more than \$15-\$20 dollars.

Voter's Assembly Meeting is changed to **August 6th** after worship instead of July 23rd.

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 schedule 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

"Our God Is Holy"-Jeremy Johnson & Paul Marino

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SERVING US AT WORSHIP TODAY:

Officiant Preacher:	Pastor Tim Anderson
Pianist/Dir. of Music:	Ellen Brown
Song Leader:	Debby Bergman
Guitarist:	Christy Arnold
Bass Guitar:	Doug Bergman
Special Music:	Debby & Doug Bergman
Lector Reader:	Charlotte Grefe
Greeter:	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'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: 7-2-23 Bible Study—8; Worship Service—41;

7-2-23 Women's Bible Study—6; Brunch & Bibles Midweek Bible Study—NA;

Income report for 7-2-23: Loose Plate \$188; Weekly Envelopes \$1470; Designated Gifts \$233.92; Other \$36.61; Total \$1928.53.

THIS WEEK AT BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

July 9, Sunday

8:30 AM Adult Bible Study

9:30 AM Music Rehearsal

9:30 AM Stewardship Committee Meeting

10 AM The Sixth Day After Pentecost – Casual Worship

(Also, being streamed on Facebook online)

11 AM Board of Trustees

July 10, Monday

12 PM Women's Bible Study

July 13, Thursday

4-7 PM La Mesa

July 15, Saturday

9 AM-11 AM Church Offices Cleaned

July 16, Sunday

10 AM The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost Worship w/Holy Communion.

August 6th Congregation Voter's Assembly Meeting. No Voter's meeting in July.

Prayer List: We pray for strength, comfort and healing for: **Scott Conley, Pastor John Pope, Diego Arevalo, Jane Mascia, Barbara, Darlene, Analisa Duran, Walter Hurley, Jeanne Wilson, Karen Fischer, Connie Laird, Grace Timm, Kathryn Odle, Phyllis Schinke, Stan, Rick, Vicki, Nancy, Tom & Amina Kruck, Pat Carlin, Wendy Sievers, Glenn Brown, Mike, Bev Dase, Lance, David Bromhoff, Mark; Brenda; Beth Hutson, Rick Schinke, Jan Buel, Beth Ruettinger, Sherry Ellis, Warren and Cheryl, Jim Schutkowski in remission of cancer; 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

July 9 "**Lean Into the Villain's Story**" Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Jesus changes the way we see ourselves and others, even our villains. He died and rose for them, too. (Romans 7:24)