

THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

July 23, 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."



Leave It Alone For Now

AS WE GATHER

God's plans are far beyond our understanding. Even His divine existence sends our minds reeling. No wonder that Jesus' disciples, and we who follow them, cannot figure out why He lets His and our spiritual enemies live with us. But because we have been given faith by the Holy Spirit, and although we cannot understand God's plans, in the death and resurrection of Christ, our Lord, we trust His divine wisdom. We have the firstfruits of the Spirit and know that the Spirit intercedes for us. Thus, even in the groans of our prayers, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. In sure hope, we wait for the day when we shall "shine like the sun" in our Father's kingdom.

PRELUDE "Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now" -Georg Boehm

PASTORAL WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

Pastor: The Apostle Paul tells us that the Spirit of God prays for us "with sighs too deep for words". Through the Life-Giving Breath of God, we are given all that we need. Let us breathe deeply, inhaling the good gifts that God provides and exhaling all of the things that we need to release. Let us breathe in strength and exhale exhaustion. Let us breathe in freedom and exhale all that holds us back. Let us breathe in hope and exhale doubt. Let us breathe in unconditional love and exhale distrust and hate. We Pray, Holy Spirit, let us feel the mighty

rush of your presence in this place. Blow away our fears and worries and help us to breathe in your gifts of new life. Amen.

OPENING HYMN

“In Holy Conversation” LSB #772, v. 1-3

- 1 **In holy conversation We speak to God in prayer,
And at His invitation Our deepest thoughts we share.
We come, His will obeying, As children bringing needs;
And to support our praying, His Spirit intercedes.**
- 2 **These holy conversations Begin in childlike ways;
We bring our supplications And words of thanks and praise.
With care our Father listens To ev’ry thought expressed,
Then answers our petitions In ways He knows are best.**
- 3 **As holy conversation, In silence or by word, In ev’ry situation
Through Jesus, we are heard. So let us pray securely,
Expressing hopes and fears With confidence that surely
Our Father ever hears.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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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*)

Psalm 86:11–15; antiphon: v. 6

Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer;

listen to my plea for grace.

Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk in your truth;

unite my heart to fear your name.

I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,

and I will glorify your name forever.

For great is your steadfast love toward me;

you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.

O God, insolent men have risen up against me; a band of ruthless men seek my life,

and they do not set you before them.

But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious,

slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

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.

Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer;

listen to my plea for grace.

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.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

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P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Let us pray.

O God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your final judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of living here and dwell with You in perfect joy hereafter; 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

Isaiah 44:6–8

⁶Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel
and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:

“I am the first and I am the last;
besides me there is no god.

⁷Who is like me? Let him proclaim it.

Let him declare and set it before me,
since I appointed an ancient people.

Let them declare what is to come, and what will happen.

⁸Fear not, nor be afraid;

have I not told you from of old and declared it?

And you are my witnesses!

Is there a God besides me?

There is no Rock; I know not any.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

Romans 8:18–27

¹⁸For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. ²³And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words.

²⁷And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“The First Song of Isaiah” -Jack Noble White

C Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**HOLY GOSPEL***Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43***P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.**C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

²⁴[Jesus] put another parable before them, saying, “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, ²⁵but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. ²⁶So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. ²⁷And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?’ ²⁸He said to them, ‘An enemy has done this.’ So the servants said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ ²⁹But he said, ‘No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. ³⁰Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’” . . .

³⁶Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” ³⁷He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. ³⁸The field is the world, and the good seed is the children of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, ³⁹and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the close of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the close of the age. ⁴¹The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, ⁴²and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.**C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.****APOSTLE’S CREED** (*Spken*)**Page 207**

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

“On What Has Now Been Sown” **LSB #921, v. 1-3**

- 1 On what has now been sown Thy blessing, Lord, bestow;
The pow’r is Thine alone To make it sprout and grow.
Do Thou in grace the harvest raise, And Thou alone shalt have
the praise!**
- 2 To Thee our wants are known, From Thee are all our pow’rs;
Accept what is Thine own And pardon what is ours.
Our praises, Lord, and prayers receive, And to Thy Word a
blessing give.**
- 3 O grant that each of us, Now met before Thee here,
May meet together thus When Thou and Thine appear
And follow Thee to heav’n, our home. E’en so, amen, Lord
Jesus, come!**

SERMON

Leave It Alone

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

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.)*

LORD’S PRAYER

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- 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.**

SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

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P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Bless we the Lord.

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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 T give you peace.

C Amen, amen, amen.

CLOSING HYMN "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" LSB #575, v. 1-4

**1 My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus' blood and
righteousness; No merit of my own I claim
But wholly lean on Jesus' name. Refrain**

**Refrain: On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; All other ground is
sinking sand.**

**2 When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging
grace; In ev'ry high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil. Refrain**

**3 His oath, His covenant and blood Support me in the raging
flood; When ev'ry earthly prop gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay. Refrain**

**4 When He shall come with trumpet sound, Oh, may I then in Him
be found, Clothed in His righteousness alone,
Redeemed to stand before His throne! Refrain**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

"Why do we do, that?" July 23rd through Labor Day Weekend, join us every Sunday morning at 8:30am. 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.

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 24th on

July 27, Thursday

12:30 PM "Brunch & Bibles" Mid-week Bible Study at Crackers & Co Cafe at 1285 W. Elliot Rd., Tempe, AZ 85284. Let Kathryn Odle know if you are attending.

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, La Mesa

POSTLUDE “My Hope is Built On Nothing Less” -D.Cherwien

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SERVING US AT WORSHIP TODAY:

Officiant Preacher:	Pastor Tim Anderson
Organist/Dir. of Music:	Ellen Brown
Song Leader:	Charles Haynes
Special Music:	The Beautiful Savior Singers
Lector Reader:	Bobbie Littou
Greeter:	Kathy Held
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: 7-16-23 Bible Study—0; Worship Service—30;

7-16-23 Brunch & Bibles Midweek Bible Study—NA;

Income report for 7-16: Loose Plate \$71.00; Weekly Envelopes \$4355.00; Designated Gifts \$231.00; Other \$0.00; Total \$4657.00.

THIS WEEK AT BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

July 23, Sunday

8:30 AM Adult Bible Study

9:30 AM Music Rehearsal

9:30 AM Stewardship Committee Meeting

10 AM The Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

(Also, being streamed on Facebook online)

11 AM Board of Trustees

July 24, Monday

12 PM Women's Bible Study led by Sandra Wardwell

5 PM Council Meeting

July 27, Thursday

4-7 PM La Mesa

July 28, Friday

9 AM-11 AM Church Offices Cleaned

July 30, Sunday

10 AM The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost Worship w/Holy Communion

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

- **Ryanne Flanery** – healing from pancreatitis;
- **Beth Hutson** – cancer is dormant – prayer of thanks;
- **Rick**, son of Schinkes passed away – we pray for strength, comfort and healing for his family;
- **Les and family**, friends of Carlins – a week ago wife of Les passed away and Les needed to have a pacemaker – pray for peace and comfort for family and pacemaker adjusts to body;
- **Grace Timm** – hand surgery, not healing - pray for healing;
- **Pastor John Pope** – congestive heart failure;
- **Ruth**, sister of Charlotte Grefe – suffered a stroke, is in assisted living;
- **Family of Sherry Ellis**, who passed away - pneumonia;
- **Beth Ruettinger**- bone cancer;
- **Scott Conley** – double hernia surgery;
- **Darlene and Barbara**, friends of Carlins - both fell and have injuries;
- **Annalisa Duran** - Pastor Tim's relative –breast cancer, doing radiation;
- **Jan Buel** – cancer on gum;
- **All travelers** – safe traveling;
- **Jeanne Wilson**, Donna Evan's mother-in-law, - in hospital, covid and pneumonia;
- **Kathryn Odle** – MRI showed a bone fracture, going to therapy;
- **Phyllis Schinke** – recovering at home from low in iron;
- **Vicki**, friend of Phyllis Schinke – in hospital since February with infection C DIFF. Pray for strength for her to cope and medical staff that can successively treat the disease;
- **Tom Kruck**, home from hospital, **and wife Amina** – both recovering from surgery;
- **Pat Carlin, Wendy Sievers, Glenn Brown and Bev Dase** - medical issues;
- **Lance**, Carlin's friend – suffered a stroke, is in the hospital;
- **Two oldest granddaughters of Pat and Joe** – guidance and directions for finding jobs to retain their homes;
- **Brenda** (Donna's sister), **Warren and Cheryl** – chemo treatment;
- **Jim Schutkowski** – prayer of thanks, in remission from cancer;
- **Doris Reith and Len Lacy** - memory care;

- **David Bomhoff** – needing curing meds for infections;
- **Mike**, Bev Dase’s son-in-law, and **Ken** – suffering from MS;
- **Mark**, Pat and Joe’s nephew – Alzheimer’s Disease, needing 24-hour care.
- **Stan**, brother-in-law of Deb B. – For a successful surgery, comfort, strength and healing.
- **Deb B. and Doug** – For safe travels and good health

**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 - KFNB RADIO (1100) @ 10 AM

July 23 "**Pulling for Others**" Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler How did two young men start out with similar circumstances but end up in such different places? Was it the choices they made or the pull that others had on their lives? (Romans 8:31-39)