

# THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

August 13, 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."**



*Why?*

### **AS WE GATHER**

When children cannot understand why they can't do something, the answer is often, "Because I said so." As they grow up, they may get the answers they seek. Job did not get an answer, but he kept his faith in his Creator. In the Gospel, the disciples cannot understand Jesus' walking on the sea, but when He is in the boat with them, they confess, "Truly You are the Son of God" (Matthew 14:33). Though we may ask God, "Why?" and Paul in the Epistle says we cannot understand God's reasons, we can confess with our mouths and believe in Christ's resurrection. It is an exercise of the faith God has so graciously given us. Why did He come to earth? He came to save us. In great might He destroyed death itself so that we might live with Him forever. That's why!

## CASUAL SUNDAY

### PRAISE MEDLEY

1) "God Is Here!" -WOV #719, v. 1 & 4

- 1 God is here! As we you people meet to offer praise and prayer, may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ We share. Here as in the world around us all our varied skills and arts wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.**
- 4 Lord of all, of Church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt keep us faithful to the Gospel; help us work your purpose out. Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give receive; we, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!**

2) "He's Got the Whole World In His Hands"-AGPS #117, v.1-4

- 1 He's got the whole world in His hands, He's got the whole, wide world in His hands, He's got the whole world in His hands, He's got the whole world in His hands.**
- 2 He's got the wind and the rain in His hands, He's got the sun and the moon in His hands, He's got the wind and the rain in His hands, He's got the whole world in His hands.**
- 3 He's got the tiny little baby in His hands, He's got the tiny Little baby in His hands, He's got the tiny little baby in His hands, He's got the whole world in His hands.**
- 4 He's got you and me, brother in His hands, He's got you and me, sister, in His hands, He's got you and me brother, in His hands, He's got the whole world in His hands.**

3) "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" LSB #770, v. 1-3

- 1 What a friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to**

**bear! What a privilege to carry Ev'rything to God in prayer!  
Oh, what peace we often forfeit; Oh, what needless pain we  
bear—All because we do not carry Ev'rything to God in  
prayer!**

- 2 Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged—Take it to the Lord in  
prayer. Can we find a friend so faithful Who will all our  
sorrows share? Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness—Take it to  
the Lord in prayer.**
- 3 Are we weak and heavy laden, Cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge—Take it to the Lord in  
prayer. Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the  
Lord in prayer. In His arms He'll take and shield thee;  
Thou wilt find a solace there.**

## **PASTORAL WELCOME**

### **OPENING PRAYER**

**Pastor:** Gracious God, we gather once again to offer You praise and thanksgiving for Your unfailing love and faithfulness, shown most clearly through Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us grace to worship You in spirit and in truth. Through the power of Your Holy Spirit, open our eyes to recognize You here among us. Give us courage to step out in faith to meet You, and confidence to follow where You lead. For You are our God, and we are Your people, called by Your name. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.

### **INVOCATION**

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

**People: Amen.**

## OPENING SENTENCES

*2 Samuel 22:47; Psalm 18:3, 6, 46*

Pastor: The LORD lives, and blessed be my rock,

**People: and exalted be the God of my salvation.**

Pastor: I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised,

**People: and I am saved from my enemies.**

Pastor: In my distress I called upon the LORD;

**People: to my God I cried for help.**

Pastor: From His temple He heard my voice,

**People: and my cry to Him reached His ears.**

Pastor: The LORD lives, and blessed be my rock,

**People: and exalted be the God of my salvation.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us consider our unworthiness to come before almighty God and confess our sins to Him in the presence of one another.

We confess, Creator Lord, that like Job, we become angry at times with what You have allowed in our lives and we have wondered why.

**People: Forgive our pride and turn us to humbly rely on Your gracious plans for us.**

Pastor: We confess, Savior Lord, that unlike Paul, we have neglected people around us who have not accepted Your sacrifice for them.

**People: Forgive our self-centeredness and inaction, and move us to tell them the Good News as You provide opportunity.**

Pastor: We confess, Spirit of truth, that like Peter, we have failed to trust You in all things and have been overwhelmed by the storms of life.

**People:** **Forgive our weakness of faith and enable us to follow where You lead the way.**

**Pastor:** All things in heaven and earth are under God's rule. His almighty power was shown chiefly in sending His Son into this fallen world to destroy the powers of sin, death, and the devil. Your pride, self-centeredness, weakness of faith, and anything else that would separate you from His great love have been forgiven for Jesus' sake. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore 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 34:4–8; antiphon: v. 1*

I will bless the LORD at all times;

**his praise shall continually be in my mouth.**

I sought the LORD, and he answered me

**and delivered me from all my fears.**

Those who look to him are radiant,

**and their faces shall never be ashamed.**

This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him

**and saved him out of all his troubles.**

The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him,

**and delivers them.**

Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!

**Blessèd is the man who takes refuge in 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.**

I will bless the LORD at all times;

**his praise shall continually be in my mouth.**

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

**GLORIA** (*Sing*)

“Gloria” (WOV #640)

1. Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo! (repeat)
2. Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest! (repeat)

**SALUTATION**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray.

Almighty and most merciful God, preserve us from all harm and danger that we, being ready in both body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish what You want done; 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**

*Job 38:4–18*

<sup>4</sup>[The Lord said to Job:] “Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.

<sup>5</sup>Who determined its measurements—surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

<sup>6</sup>On what were its bases sunk,

or who laid its cornerstone,

<sup>7</sup>when the morning stars sang together

and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

<sup>8</sup>“Or who shut in the sea with doors

when it burst out from the womb,

<sup>9</sup>when I made clouds its garment

and thick darkness its swaddling band,  
<sup>10</sup>and prescribed limits for it  
and set bars and doors,  
<sup>11</sup>and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther,  
and here shall your proud waves be stayed’?  
<sup>12</sup>“Have you commanded the morning since your days began,  
and caused the dawn to know its place,  
<sup>13</sup>that it might take hold of the skirts of the earth,  
and the wicked be shaken out of it?  
<sup>14</sup>It is changed like clay under the seal,  
and its features stand out like a garment.  
<sup>15</sup>From the wicked their light is withheld,  
and their uplifted arm is broken.  
<sup>16</sup>“Have you entered into the springs of the sea,  
or walked in the recesses of the deep?  
<sup>17</sup>Have the gates of death been revealed to you,  
or have you seen the gates of deep darkness?  
<sup>18</sup>Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth?  
Declare, if you know all this.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## **EPISTLE READING**

*Romans 10:5–17*

<sup>5</sup>Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. <sup>6</sup>But the righteousness based on faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) <sup>7</sup>or “‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). <sup>8</sup>But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); <sup>9</sup>because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup>For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. <sup>11</sup>For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him

will not be put to shame.” <sup>12</sup>For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. <sup>13</sup>For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

<sup>14</sup>But how are they to call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? <sup>15</sup>And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!” <sup>16</sup>But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?” <sup>17</sup>So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC** “Jesus Saves!” – Priscella Owens & Wm. Kirkpatrick

**ALLELUIA** (*Sing*)

“Alleluia” -Jerry Sinclair (TOSB #6, v. 1)

**Alleluia** (*5 times*)

**HOLY GOSPEL**

*Matthew 14:22–33*

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

**C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>22</sup>Immediately [Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. <sup>23</sup>And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, <sup>24</sup>but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. <sup>25</sup>And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. <sup>26</sup>But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, “It is a ghost!” and they cried out in fear. <sup>27</sup>But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, “Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.”



<sup>28</sup>And Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” <sup>29</sup>He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. <sup>30</sup>But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, “Lord, save me.” <sup>31</sup>Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?” <sup>32</sup>And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. <sup>33</sup>And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

**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**

“Mighty to Save” -Hillsong (song sheet)

**SERMON**

“His Mighty Hand”

(Job 38:4-18, Matthew 14:22-33)

**OFFERING MUSIC**

“Lord, I Offer My Life” -Don Moen

**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:** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.  
For the Church, gathered around Word and Sacrament, that she proclaim the Gospel in the face of turmoil and oppression; for leaders and laity alike, that the Spirit give them courage in their mission to speak the Gospel that many may hear and come to faith; and for all our brothers and sisters in Christ, that we find the unity to which our Lord calls us, let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Pastor: For all who serve in governmental and social positions, that they zealously promote justice and the common good; for those who work in industry and commerce, that their efforts be a blessing to all people; and for favorable weather that harvests be bountiful, famine be alleviated, and praise resound to our Creator, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Pastor: For those who are unemployed, those who deal with social injustice and discrimination, and those who are hungry and homeless, that they seek God's strength and rely on Him to meet their needs of body, soul, and spirit, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Pastor: For those near and dear to us who call out for relief, renewal, and health, [*including . . .*], that God would hear their prayers and answer according to His great love for them, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Grant us our requests, heavenly Father, for we lift our voices in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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**

“In Christ Alone”

### **Verse 1**

**In Christ alone my hope is found He is my light my strength my  
song This Cornerstone this solid Ground Firm through the fiercest  
drought and storm What heights of love what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled when strivings cease My Comforter my All in  
All Here in the love of Christ I stand.**

### **Verse 2**

**In Christ alone who took on flesh Fullness of God in helpless babe  
This gift of love and righteousness Scorned by the ones He came  
to save Till on that cross as Jesus died The wrath of God was  
satisfied For every sin on Him was laid Here in the death of Christ I  
live.**

### **Verse 3**

**There in the ground His body lay Light of the world by darkness  
slain Then bursting forth in glorious Day Up from the grave He  
rose again And as He stands in victory Sin's curse has lost its grip  
on me For I am His and He is mine Bought with the precious blood  
of Christ.**

### **Verse 4**

**No guilt in life no fear in death This is the power of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath Jesus commands my destiny  
No power of hell no scheme of man Can ever pluck me from His  
hand Till He returns or calls me home Here in the power of Christ  
I'll stand.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

“Why do we do, that?” Continues 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](mailto:PastorTimAnderson@gmail.com) you can also submit them in the basket next to LWML mite box in the narthex.

GLORIA is meeting August 21, 10 AM, in the fellowship hall.

Women's Weekly Bible Study meets Mondays at noon. All Beautiful Savior women and friends are welcome to attend! We will study, Aug. 21th.

**Aug 22nd 2023: Pizza and Pipes at Organ Stop Pizza.** Join us for a night of Food, Fellowship, Fun and the ORGAN!!! Music begins at 4:30pm and we encourage you to come when you can. A Sign-up sheet is in the narthex/hallway. If we have at least 20 sign-up, we can reserve a table. Need transportation? Talk to Ellen Brown or Pastor Tim. We hope to have Rides available.

**Sept 10th 2023 at 11:00am. A Grand Legacy Of Faith Celebration:** Join us after church on Sept 10th as we celebrate Grandparents Day here at Beautiful Savior. We will honor our grandparents and encourage you to bring pictures and stories of your grandma's and grandpa's and share how they have inspired you and your faith. We also encourage you to bring a grandkid to church or anyone you have a mentoring relationship with. We will play generation trivia and try to better understand each generation as we continue to pass on the faith.

## 2023 Beautiful Savior T-Shirts.

# Beautiful Savior 2023 Church T-Shirt

Represent Beautiful Savior  
out in the community and  
during our church events.

Shirts are \$20 per shirt.



**We are in the process of ordering our 2023 Beautiful Savior T-shirts to have for our church events and also just to wear out in the community. If you would like to order a shirt please write 2023 T-shirt on the memo line of a check or place cash in an envelope labeled 2023 t-shirts. Shirts are \$20 per shirt and we will be placing our first shirt order on Sept. 1st.**

**Planet Green recycle container is in the fellowship hall by the thermostats.**

**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](https://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 & Staff Continuing Education**

**"The Stewardship Committee will be collecting cash from the congregation for the Justa Center every Sunday in August. If you would like to make a donation to help the homeless seniors in**

Phoenix, please use your "Designated Funds" envelope and write "Justa Center" on it. You might also want to write "Justa Center" on the description line of your check. We will make contact with Justa Center after the collection is over and will buy and deliver to them what is the uppermost priority on their list. We thank you, in advance, for your generosity. Bobbie, Wendy, and Charlotte"

Thank you for all the cards, gifts, and well wishers, as well as the help in the celebration. Skip and Mary

Calling all kitchen helpers! Elders are tasked with setting up a kitchen team to assist with all of our social activities involving food. All interested parties let Skip McFadden know. We might meet on a Saturday morning to kick this year off to include kitchen orientation and inventory, list any and all festivals and food activities for the year, and then decide how to divide the tasks up. Many hands make for light work. In Christ, Skip 602-319-1458

POSTLUDE (Reprise)

"Mighty to Save"

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**SERVING US AT WORSHIP TODAY:**

**Officiant Preacher:**

Pastor Tim Anderson

**Pianist/Dir. of Music:**

Ellen Brown

**Song Leader:**

Wendy Sievers

**Guitarist:**

Christy Arnold

**Special Music:** The Beautiful Savior Singers  
**Lector Reader:** Wendell Robson  
**Greeter:** Marsha Beetham  
**Acolyte:** Joe Carlin  
**Altar:** Pat Carlin

Visitors, please sign (with a complete address) our **Guest Book** on the podium in the entryway before you leave and/or complete a **grey/cream “Worship Information” card** found in the pew in front of you. Members are also encouraged to complete a “Worship Information” card (you can update address and phone number, request a pastoral visit)

Pastor Tim'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: 8-6-23 Bible Study—10; Worship Service—36; 8-7-2023 Women’s Bible Study—7; 8-24-2023 Brunch & Bibles Midweek Bible Study—NA;**  
**Income report for 8-6-23: Loose Plate \$233; Weekly Envelopes \$2717; Designated Gifts \$70; Other \$; Total \$3020.**

## **THIS WEEK AT BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR**

### **August 13, Sunday**

**8:30 AM Adult Bible Study**

9:30 AM Music Rehearsal

9:30 AM Stewardship Committee Meeting

**10 AM The Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost -Casual Worship**

*(Also, being streamed on Facebook online)*

11 AM Board of Trustees Meeting



**August 14, Monday**

**12 PM Women's Bible Study**

**August 17, Thursday**

4-7 PM La Mesa

**August 18, Friday**

**9 AM-11 AM Church Offices Cleaned**

**August 19, Saturday**

5 PM The Chosen Night

**August 20, Sunday**

**10 AM The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost Worship w/Holy Communion**

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

**Brian, Christy Bergman, Susan, Pastor Pope, Ruth, Analisa Duran, Jeanne Wilson, Kathryn Odle, Phyllis Schinke, Vicki, Tom & Amina Kruck, Wendy Sievers, Glenn Brown, Mike & Ken, Bev Dase, Stan, Bergman's brother-in-law; Brenda;**

**Alice, Jan Buel, Beth Ruettinger, Warren and Chery.**

**Deanie** who passed away this week.

**Heather Martinez, Hawaiian native, prayers for her family & for other Hawaiian's still missing.**

**Deb and Doug Bergman & all travelers – safe traveling.**

**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/](http://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**

August 13 "**How Well Does Jesus Know Me?**" Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus. The God who knows everything about you is also the God of grace who forgives on account of Christ. (John 1: 48-51)