

# FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

September 3, 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."**



*Resting In The Cross You Carry.*

### **AS WE GATHER**

What does God's call mean for us? What can we expect when we receive God's call? These are the questions at the heart of this week's readings. In our Gospel reading, the movement is from Peter's declaration of who Jesus is to Jesus' embrace of the cross and call for us to follow. Jeremiah's plea for God's vindication echoes Jesus' own suffering in spite of his innocence, and our Romans reading calls God's people to live in love for one another & for enemies, giving themselves for the well-being of others in practical ways. We are all called to follow Christ to serve and love all people, including our enemies, as we do so, we lay our lives down and embrace the inevitable suffering and sacrifice that will come. Yet, even in the midst of this tough world is The light of hope, Jesus.

## PRELUDE

“Better Is One Day” –Matt Redman

## OPENING PRAYER

Pastor: Loving God, You call us to turn away from our own selfish interests, to take up our cross, and to follow after You - to find our lives by giving them up to Your greater purpose. So we come before You this morning with open hearts and open hands, eager to hear Your Word, and eager to know Your will. Through the power of Your Holy Spirit, move within us and among us as we worship. Open our eyes to Your presence; open our ears to Your call, open our hearts to one another. And then send us back out into the world, to live and work as Your faithful disciples. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and Lord, Amen.

## OPENING HYMN

“Chief of Sinners Though I Be” **LSB #611, St. 1, 2 & 5**

- 1 Jesus shed His blood for me, Died that I might live on high,  
Lives that I might never die. As the branch is to the vine,  
I am His, and He is mine.**
- 2 Oh, the height of Jesus’ love, Higher than the heav’ns above,  
Deeper than the depths of sea, Lasting as eternity!  
Love that found me—wondrous thought! Found me when I  
sought Him not.**
- 5 O my Savior, help afford By Your Spirit and Your Word!  
When my wayward heart would stray, Keep me in the narrow  
way; Grace in time of need supply While I live and when I die.**

## 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 Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore, You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

**C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C Amen.**

## **SERVICE OF THE WORD**

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**INTROIT** (*Speak responsively*)

*Psalm 37:5–7; antiphon: v. 4*

Delight yourself in the LORD,

**and he will give you the desires of your heart.**

Commit your way to the LORD;

**trust in him, and he will act.**

He will bring forth your righteousness as the light,

**and your justice as the noonday.**

Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him;

**fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over**

**the man who carries out evil devices!**  
**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.**  
Delight yourself in the LORD,  
**and he will give you the desires of your heart.**

**KYRIE** (Sing)

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**C Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS** (Sing)

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**C To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth;**  
**Goodwill from God in heaven Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!**  
**We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name, we sing—**  
**Our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our heav'nly King.**  
**To You, O sole-begotten, The Father's Son, we pray;**  
**O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away.**  
**Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heartfelt cry,**  
**Where You in pow'r are seated At God's right hand on high—**  
**For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord.**  
**Forever and forever, Be worshiped and adored;**  
**You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High,**  
**In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.**

### **SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, Your Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption. Grant us courage to take up our cross daily and follow Him wherever He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Jeremiah 15:15–21*

<sup>15</sup>O LORD, you know;  
remember me and visit me,  
and take vengeance for me on my persecutors.

In your forbearance take me not away;  
know that for your sake I bear reproach.

<sup>16</sup>Your words were found, and I ate them,  
and your words became to me a joy  
and the delight of my heart,  
for I am called by your name,  
O LORD, God of hosts.

<sup>17</sup>I did not sit in the company of revelers,  
nor did I rejoice;  
I sat alone, because your hand was upon me,  
for you had filled me with indignation.

<sup>18</sup>Why is my pain unceasing,  
my wound incurable,  
refusing to be healed?

Will you be to me like a deceitful brook,  
like waters that fail?

<sup>19</sup>Therefore thus says the LORD:

“If you return, I will restore you,  
and you shall stand before me.

If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless,  
you shall be as my mouth.

They shall turn to you,  
but you shall not turn to them.

<sup>20</sup>And I will make you to this people  
a fortified wall of bronze;  
they will fight against you,  
but they shall not prevail over you,  
for I am with you  
to save you and deliver you,  
declares the LORD.

<sup>21</sup>I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked,  
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## **EPISTLE READING**

*Romans 12:9–21*

<sup>9</sup>Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good.

<sup>10</sup>Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. <sup>11</sup>Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.

<sup>13</sup>Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

<sup>14</sup>Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.

<sup>15</sup>Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. <sup>16</sup>Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be conceited. <sup>17</sup>Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. <sup>18</sup>If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. <sup>19</sup>Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” <sup>20</sup>To the contrary, “if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head.” <sup>21</sup>Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## **SPECIAL MUSIC**

"Oh, Sing to the Lord" *Cantad al Senor-WOV #795* (The Choir)

**ALLELUIA AND VERSE** (*Sing*)

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**C Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**C These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.**

**C Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

## HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 16:21–28

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

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>21</sup>From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. <sup>22</sup>And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you.” <sup>23</sup>But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.”

<sup>24</sup>Then Jesus told his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. <sup>25</sup>For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. <sup>26</sup>For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his life? Or what shall a man give in return for his life? <sup>27</sup>For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done. <sup>28</sup>Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**NICENE CREED** (*Spoken*)

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**C** **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 † of the world to come. Amen.

**HYMN OF THE DAY**     “Lead Me To the Cross” -Hillsong-Sheet Music

**Verse 1**

Saviour I come quiet my soul Remember redemption's hill  
Where Your blood was spilled For my ransom

**Pre-Chorus**

Ev'rything I once held dear I count it all as loss

**Chorus**

Lead me to the cross Where Your love poured out  
Bring me to my knees Lord I lay me down  
Rid me of myself I belong to You  
Oh lead me lead me to the cross

**Verse 2**

You were as I tempted and tried human The word became flesh  
Bore my sin in death Now You're risen

**Bridge**

To Your heart To Your heart



# Lead me to Your heart Lead me to Your heart

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**SERMON**      **Is This What Rest Looks Like?**      (Matthew 16:21-28)

## OFFERING MUSIC

“Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring” (WOV 759, St. 1-3)

- 1 Accept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place upon your table.  
We do not worship as we ought but only as we're able.**
- 2 The vines were planted, seeds were sown. They grew in your  
good pleasure. What once was common, daily food becomes a  
holy treasure.**
- 3 Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in pray'r  
Before you. Lord, by your grace now come to us, as humbly we  
Adore you.**

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*(Congregation response to petitions: **Hear our prayer**)*

## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

**PREFACE** *(Stand)*

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**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and

in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new 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** (*Sing*)

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**C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored; Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name. Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord; Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

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**P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

**LORD'S PRAYER** (*Spoken*)

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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.

**THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

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**PAX DOMINI**

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**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

**AGNUS DEI** (*Sing*)

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**C** O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world  
away; O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us,  
Lord, we pray.

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world  
away; Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O  
Lord, we pray.

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

1) "Lamb of God" LSB #550, St. 1-3

**1** Your only Son, no sin to hide, But You have sent Him from  
Your side To walk upon this guilty sod, and to become the  
Lamb of God. Refrain

**Refrain:** O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb  
of God! O wash me in His precious blood, My Jesus

**Christ, the Lamb of God.**

- 2 Your Gift of love they crucified, They laughed and scorned Him as He died: The humble King they named a fraud, and sacrificed the Lamb of God. Refrain**
- 3 I was so lost, I should have died, But You have brought me to Your side To be led by Your staff and rod, and to be called a lamb of God. Refrain**

**2) "Eat This Bread" LSB #638, St. 1, 2 & 5**

**Refrain: Eat this bread, drink this cup, Come to Him and never be hungry. Eat this bread, drink this cup, Trust in Him and you will not thirst.**

- 1 This is His body given for you; this is His blood that was shed for you. Refrain**
- 2 As often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you show His death until He comes again. Refrain**
- 5 If we believe and eat this bread, we will have eternal life. Refrain**

**NUNC DIMITTIS** *(Sing)*

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- C O Lord, now let Your servant Depart in heav'nly peace,  
For I have seen the glory Of Your redeeming grace:  
A light to lead the Gentiles Unto Your holy hill,  
The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.**
- 2 All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son,  
All glory to the Spirit, Forever Three in One;  
For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be,  
God's triune name resounding Through all eternity.**

**POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

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- 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.**

## **BENEDICAMUS**

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**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## **BENEDICTION**

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**P** 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.

**C Amen.**

## **CLOSING HYMN**

**“Lift High the Cross” LSB #837, St. 1, 3 & 6**

**Refrain: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
Till all the world adore His sacred name.**

**1 Come, Christians, follow where our Captain trod,  
Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. Refrain**

**3 All newborn soldiers of the Crucified  
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died. Refrain**

**6 So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
Praise to the Crucified for victory! Refrain**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Revelation: Our New Sunday Bible Study Begins on Sept 17th.  
Join us on Sept 17th for our new Sunday Bible study on the book  
of Revelation. We will gather each Sunday at 8:30am to go**

through this often-misunderstood book of the bible, and the hope we have at the end.

Women's Weekly Bible Study will not be meet Monday, Sept, 4<sup>th</sup>. Our next meeting will be Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> at noon, we will study Tamar. All Beautiful Savior women and friends are welcome to attend!

**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.**



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.

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](http://easytithe.com/BSLCTempe). On the giving page, click on "Fund" and select the appropriate fund from the drop-down list. The funds are: General Budget LWML, Missions, Air Conditioners, La Mesa & Staff Continuing Education

October 14th 2023 at 5pm: Annual Gene Southwick Memorial Fish Fry. Dinner will be served from 5:00-6:30pm. A \$20 Suggested donation per person is asked for to support the ministries of Beautiful Savior. While reservations are not mandatory, they do help us keep a track of how many more meals we need to serve throughout the night. To reserve a meal, please sign up in the fellowship hall, email [BSLCFISHFRY@GMAIL.COM](mailto:BSLCFISHFRY@GMAIL.COM) or call, 480-967-2660.

POSTLUDE

“Mighty to Save”

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**SERVING US AT WORSHIP TODAY:**

**Officiant Preacher:**

Pastor Tim Anderson

**Pianist/Dir. of Music:**

Ellen Brown

**Guitarist:**

Jana Shields

**Song Leader & Lector Reader:** Donna Evans  
**Special Music:** The Beautiful Savior Singers  
**Greeter:** Kathy Held  
**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: 8-27-23 Bible Study—11; Worship Service—; 8-28-21-23 Women’s Bible Study—5; 8-24-23 Brunch & Bibles Midweek Bible Study—8;**

**Income report for 8-27-23: Loose Plate \$107; Weekly Envelopes \$2340; Designated Gifts \$929.38; Other \$; Total \$3376.38.**

## **THIS WEEK AT BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR**

### **September 3, Sunday**

**8:30 AM Adult Bible Study**

9:30 AM Music Rehearsal

**10 AM The Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost w/Holy Communion**

*(Also, being streamed on Facebook online)*

**Planet Green-Electronics Recycle**

### **September 4, Monday**



## **Offices Closed – Labor Day Holiday**

### **12 PM Women's Bible Study**

#### **September 5, Tuesday**

9:30 AM Braille Printing group

7 PM Board of Finance Meeting

#### **September 6, Wednesday**

5:30 PM Revitalization Meeting

#### **September 7, Thursday**

4-7 PM La Mesa

#### **September 8, Friday**

**Church & Offices Cleaned**

#### **September 10, Sunday**

**10 AM The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost -Casual Worship**

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

**Kevin, in ICU, Mason Miakiff, Bobbie Littou, Lester Carlson, Ryanne and Lucy, Jenny Conley, Jeanne Wilson, Connie Laird, Warren & Cheryl, Brian, Christy Bergman, Susan, Ruth, Kathryn Odle, Phyllis Schinke, Vicki, Tom & Amina Kruck, Wendy Sievers, Glenn Brown, Mike & Ken, Bev Dase, Stan, Bergman's brother-in-law;**

**Pastor Pope, prayers of thanksgiving;**

**Annalisa Duran, Ruth, Alice, Nicole McClain, Alice, Jan Buel, Beth Ruettinger, Warren, Cheryl, Brenda Frank;**

**Doris Reith and Len Lacy - memory care;**

**The family of Bernice Green who passed away, Eileen & Linda both their husbands passed away;**

**Prayers for those in Maui for those still missing & help for those left without homes;**

**Deb and Doug Bergman, Charlotte Grefe, Linda & Minden & 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**

September 10 "Not Just a Formality" Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. After trust has been broken, forgiveness is more than a mere formality. (Psalm 32)



## **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 center 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.*

*3) Children and adults not instructed or confirmed are still encouraged to approach The Table to receive a blessing.*