

# THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

September 17, 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.”**



***Forgiving***

### AS WE GATHER

Matthew 18:21-25 is a difficult parable! You may experience whiplash as the narrative swings back and forth between extreme mercy and severe judgment. Underneath it all, perhaps, is a simple reality: forgiveness is not easy and we should not always pretend that it is. To be sure, Matthew's Gospel emphasizes the importance of forgiveness in the lives of individuals and for the health of communities as Christ tells us that blessing comes to those who are merciful (5:7). Yet justice matters too. As the church today we are to hold in balance the priority of grace and mercy, while also holding one another accountable for what we do to one another. There is and needs to be accountability for harmful actions and abuses of power. Here In our story, the servant doesn't realize that his experience of radical generosity obligates him not toward the master but in relation to *others*. What is now asked of him? To extend grace outward to others.

**PRELUDE** "Blessed Jesus, At Thy Word" -Setting by Henry Kihlken

## **OPENING PRAYER**

**Pastor:** Lord God, when we turn our hearts into deserts of stony bitterness, you transform them into oases of joy. When we come up with all sorts of rules for those who come to us seeking to find you, you tear up the list, stretching wide your arms in welcoming grace. Servant of all, we offer our lives to you so that when we would clasp old worries to our hearts, you would open our eyes to that hope which paves the path ahead of us. So that when we spend each day consumed with doubts and fears, you would remind us that this day it is time to still honor you, by serving and forgiving one another and most of all remember the cost your son paid, to forgive us all so we now stand before you. By your spirit help us to freely give grace as you have freely given us grace. Amen.

## **OPENING HYMN**

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" **LSB #790, St. 1, 3 & 5**

- 1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and salvation!  
Let all who hear now to His temple draw near,  
Joining in glad adoration!**
- 3 Praise to the Lord, who has fearfully, wondrously, made you,  
Health has bestowed and, when heedlessly falling, has stayed  
you. What need or grief ever has failed of relief?  
Wings of His mercy did shade you.**
- 5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before Him!  
Let the Amen sound from His people again;  
Gladly forever adore Him!**

*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** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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.

**C Amen.**

## **SERVICE OF THE WORD**

**INTROIT** (*Read responsively*)

*Psalm 143:1–2; antiphon: v. 9*

Deliver me from my enemies, O LORD!

**I have fled to you for refuge!**

Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy!

**In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!**

Enter not into judgment with your servant,

**for no one living is righteous before you.**

**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.**  
Deliver me from my enemies, O LORD!

**I have fled to you for refuge!**

**KYRIE** (*Chanted*)

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P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church Of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C Amen.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE** (*Stand & Sing*)

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Pastor: This is the feast of victory for our God, Alleluia.

**(Congregation)**

- 1. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and blessing and glory are His.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God, Alleluia.**

- 2. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation. Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. A-men.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

**P** The Lord be with you.

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

**P** Let us pray.

O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers of Your Church, especially in times of persecution, and grant that what we ask in faith we may obtain; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*Genesis 50:15–21*

<sup>15</sup>When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." <sup>16</sup>So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died, <sup>17</sup>'Say to Joseph, Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.' And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. <sup>18</sup>His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." <sup>19</sup>But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? <sup>20</sup>As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. <sup>21</sup>So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus, he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE READING**

*Romans 14:1–12*

<sup>1</sup>As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. <sup>2</sup>One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. <sup>3</sup>Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. <sup>4</sup>Who are you to pass

judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

<sup>5</sup>One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. <sup>6</sup>The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. <sup>7</sup>For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. <sup>8</sup>If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. <sup>9</sup>For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

<sup>10</sup>Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; <sup>11</sup>for it is written,

“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,  
and every tongue shall confess to God.”

<sup>12</sup>So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## **SPECIAL MUSIC**

“Freely, Freely” by Carol Owens

## **ALLELUIA AND VERSE** (*Stand & Sing*)

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**C Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

## **HOLY GOSPEL**

*Matthew 18:21–35*

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

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

<sup>21</sup>Peter came up and said to [Jesus], “Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?” <sup>22</sup>Jesus

said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.

<sup>23</sup>"Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. <sup>24</sup>When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. <sup>25</sup>And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. <sup>26</sup>So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' <sup>27</sup>And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. <sup>28</sup>But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, 'Pay what you owe.' <sup>29</sup>So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' <sup>30</sup>He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. <sup>31</sup>When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. <sup>32</sup>Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. <sup>33</sup>And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' <sup>34</sup>And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. <sup>35</sup>So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

**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**

**“Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive” LSB #843, St. 1-4**

- 1 “Forgive our sins as we forgive,” You taught us, Lord, to pray;  
But You alone can grant us grace to live the words we say.**
- 2 How can Your pardon reach and bless the unforgiving heart  
That broods on wrongs and will not let old bitterness depart?**
- 3 In blazing light Your cross reveals the truth we dimly knew:  
What trivial debts are owed to us, how great our debt to You!**
- 4 Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls and bid resentment  
cease; then, bound to all in bonds of love, our lives will spread  
Your peace.**

**SERMON**

**The Things We Won't let Go of**

**(Matthew 18:21-35)**



## OFFERTORY *(Sing)*

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**C** What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?  
I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the Name of the Lord. I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people, in the courts of the Lord's house, In the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

**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, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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, Lord God of pow'r and might:  
Heav'n and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

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**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

## **THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

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### **PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST**

**P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

**P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

### **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.  
Amen.**

## **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** Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## **DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

1) "Come Share the Lord" By Bryan Leech (Song sheet)

### **Chorus 1**

**We gather here in Jesus' name  
His love is burning in our hearts like living flame  
For through His loving Son the Father makes us one  
Come take the bread come drink the wine  
Come share the Lord**

### **Chorus 2**

**We'll gather soon where angels sing  
We'll see the glory of our Lord and coming King  
Now we anticipate the feast for which we wait  
Come take the bread come drink the wine  
Come share the Lord**

## **Bridge**

**For He will feed us with His presence here  
This bread and wine will do us good  
Our deepest hungers He will satisfy  
For He is life and peace and rest and drink and food**

## **Chorus 3**

**He joins us here He breaks the bread  
The Lord who pours the cup is risen from the dead  
The One we love the most is now our gracious host  
Come take the bread come drink the wine  
Come share the Lord**

## **Bridge**

**No one is a stranger here  
Ev'ryone belongs  
Finding our forgiveness here  
We in turn forgive all wrongs  
We are now the family  
Of which the Lord is head  
Though unseen He meets us here  
In the breaking of the bread**

## **Ending**

**Come take the bread  
Come drink the wine  
Come share the Lord**

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2) “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence” **LSB # 621. St. 1-4**

**1 Let all mortal flesh keep silence and with fear and trembling**

**stand; Ponder nothing earthly-minded, for with blessing in His hand Christ our God to earth descending comes our homage to demand.**

- 2 King of kings yet born of Mary, as of old on earth He stood, Lord of lords in human vesture, in the body and the blood, He will give to all the faithful His own self for heav'nly food.**
- 3 Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the Way as the Light of Light, descending from the realms of endless day, comes the pow'rs of hell to vanquish as the darkness clears away.**
- 4 At His feet the six-winged seraph, Cherubim with sleepless eye, Veil their faces to the presence as with ceaseless voice they cry: "Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, Lord Most High!"**

## **THANK THE LORD**

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**C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done. Let ev'ryone who seeks the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name. He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in Joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.**

## **POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

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**A 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.**

## **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 “O Bless the Lord, My Soul” LSB #814, St. 1, 2,5 & 6**

- 1 O bless the Lord, my soul! Let all within me join  
And aid my tongue to bless His name Whose favors are divine.**
- 2 O bless the Lord, my soul, nor let His mercies lie  
Forgotten in unthankfulness and without praises die!**
- 5 He fills the poor with good; He gives the suff’ers rest.  
The Lord hath judgments for the proud And justice for  
th’oppressed.**
- 6 His wondrous works and ways He made by Moses known,  
But sent the world His truth and grace**

**POSTLUDE**

**“Great God, We Sing Thy Mighty Hand” -Arr. by Lani Smith**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Revelation: Join us for our new Sunday Bible Study on the book of Revelation. We will gather each Sunday at 8:30am to go through this oft-misunderstood book of the bible, and the hope we have in Christ at the end.**

**Women's Weekly Bible Study our next meeting will be Sept.18<sup>th</sup> at noon, we will be studying, ‘The Wise Woman of Abel’. All Beautiful Savior women and friends are welcome and encouraged to attend!**

**Brunch and Bibles: Next meeting Sept 28th at 12pm. Please let Kathryn Odle know if you will be attending. We will be meeting at (TBA).**

**Beautiful Savior Fish Fry: October 14th, 5-6:30 pm.** Join us for our annual Gene Southwick Memorial Fish Fry. \$20 suggested donation per person to support the ministries of Beautiful Savior. While reservations are not mandatory, they do help us keep track of how many more meals we need to be able to serve throughout the night. To reserve your spot and meal today, email [BSLCFISHFRY@GMAIL.COM](mailto:BSLCFISHFRY@GMAIL.COM) or call, 480-967-2660.

**Beautiful Savior Fall Festival: October 29th 2023, 3-6pm.** Join us and volunteer to be a part of our Annual Fall Festival and Trunk or Treat. This year we are adding a bounce house and hoping to have popcorn and maybe even cotton candy. We will also again have games, food, pumpkin painting, and hay rides. We will also be asking members to sign up to donate pumpkins for our pumpkin patch. If interested in volunteering, please sign up to do so in the narthex.

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 budget, LWML, Missions, La Mesa & Staff Continuing Education.

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**SERVING US AT WORSHIP TODAY:**

<b>Officiant Preacher:</b>	Pastor Tim Anderson
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<b>Song Leader:</b>	Donna Evans
<b>Special Music:</b>	The Beautiful Savior Singers
<b>Lector Reader:</b>	Bobbie Littou
<b>Assisting Elder:</b>	Charles Haynes
<b>Greeter:</b>	Kathy Held
<b>Acolyte:</b>	Joe Carlin
<b>Altar:</b>	Pat Carlin, Charlotte Grefe Bobbie Littou

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: 9-10-23 Bible Study—11; Worship Service—35; 9-12-23 Women’s Bible Study—4; 9-28-23 Brunch & Bibles Midweek Bible Study—NA;**

**Income report for 9-10-23: Loose Plate \$45; Weekly Envelopes \$3129; Designated Gifts \$45; Other \$; Total \$3219.**

## **THIS WEEK AT BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR**

### **September 17, Sunday**

**8:30 AM Adult Bible Study**

9:30 AM Music Rehearsal

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

*(Also, being streamed on Facebook online)*

### **September 18, Monday**

**12 PM Women’s Bible Study**

### **September 19, Tuesday**

No Braille Printing Group, will resume in October

### **September 21, Thursday**

4-7 PM La Mesa

### **September 22, Friday**

**Church & Offices Cleaned**

### **Saturday 23, Saturday**

10 AM Women in Mission Meeting

### **September 24, Sunday**

**10 AM The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**

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

**Rex Witte, Gloria & Ken in hospice, Dee’s husband, Sue Jimenez, Josh, Carol Hurley, Sue Jimenez, Thom, Lester Carlson, Jane Schutkowski, Kevin, Mason Miakiff-8mos. old, Jenny Conley, Jeanne Wilson, Connie Laird, Cheryl, Christy Bergman, Susan, Kathryn Odle, Phyllis Schinke, Amina Kruck, Wendy Sievers, Glenn Brown, Mike & Ken, Bev Dase, Stan;**

**Pastor Pope, prayers of thanksgiving;**

**Char Peapenburg, Annalisa Duran, Ruth, Alice, Nicole McClain, Jan Buel, Beth Ruettinger, Cheryl, Brenda Frank, Jim Schutkowski – cancer treatments;**

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

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

**Audra, 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 - KFNN RADIO (1100) @ 10 AM**

**September 17 "The Problem of Praise" Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler (Psalm 103)**



## **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.*

