

# THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

September 24, 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."**



***"Everyone Gets Too Much."***

### AS WE GATHER

As you make your way throughout our country, you may hear different sirens and whistles, whistling out into the air to alert you to well... something. It could be a Fire, a Tornado, or an alert to some other emergency. In some places these sirens blow simply to tell you it's noontime each day. But for Episcopal Priest and Author Robert Farrar Capon, his hometown of Shelter Island had another siren every Friday at 4:55pm. He called it the "party time siren", others called it "the drinking siren." Party Time on Shelter Island. "When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.'" (Matthew 20:8) Capon says that "The parable of the workers in the vineyard paints Heaven as a party in the streaming sunlight of the world's final

afternoon. Heaven is where all the workers show up, no matter what time they get to work, and are told to waltz up to the bar of judgment with pay envelopes and bar tabs filled because someone else decided to pay for the whole thing, regardless of the effort they or we had put into our work. The Boss pays out more than any one of us deserves. This party, this bash that insists upon happening, it's still happening now and will go on forever – drowning out all the party poopers in the world. Heaven, in short, is a gift, it's more than anyone deserves, and it's fun.

**PRELUDE** “Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings” (Tune: HOLY MANNA) Setting by David Cherwien

## **PASTORAL WELCOME**

**OPENING HYMN** “When Morning Gilds the Sky” **LSB #807, St. 1-5**

- 1** When morning gilds the skies, My heart, awaking, cries,  
“May Jesus Christ be praised!” When evening shadows fall,  
This rings my curfew call: “May Jesus Christ be praised!”
- 2** When mirth for music longs, This is my song of songs:  
“May Jesus Christ be praised!” God’s holy house of prayer  
Hath none that can compare With “Jesus Christ be praised!”
- 3** No lovelier antiphon In all high heav’n is known  
Than “Jesus Christ be praised!” There to the eternal Word  
The eternal psalm is heard: “May Jesus Christ be praised!”
- 4** Ye nations of mankind, In this your concord find:  
“May Jesus Christ be praised!” Let all the earth around  
Ring joyous with the sound: “May Jesus Christ be praised!”
- 5** Sing, suns and stars of space, Sing, ye that see His face,  
Sing, “Jesus Christ be praised!” God’s whole creation o’er,  
Both now and evermore Shall Jesus Christ be praised!

*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 116:12–13, 15–16; antiphon: v. 17*

I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving

**and call on the name of the LORD.**

What shall I render to the LORD

**for all his benefits to me?**

I will lift up the cup of salvation

**and call on the name of the LORD.**

Precious in the sight of the LORD

**is the death of his saints.**

O LORD, I am your servant;

**I am your servant, the son of your maidservant. You have loosed my bonds.**

**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 offer to you the sacrifice of thanks-giving

**and call on the name of the LORD.**

**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** (*Stand & 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 also with you.**

**P** Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, since we cannot stand before You relying on anything we have done, help us trust in Your abiding grace and live according to Your Word; 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 55:6–9*

<sup>6</sup>“Seek the LORD while he may be found;  
call upon him while he is near;

<sup>7</sup>let the wicked forsake his way,  
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;  
let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on  
him,  
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

<sup>8</sup>For my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD.

<sup>9</sup>For as the heavens are higher than the earth,  
so are my ways higher than your ways  
and my thoughts than your thoughts.”

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

**C Thanks be to God.**

## **EPISTLE READING**

*Philippians 1:12–14, 19–30*

<sup>12</sup>I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, <sup>13</sup>so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. <sup>14</sup>And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear. . . .

<sup>19</sup>for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, <sup>20</sup>as it is my eager

expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. <sup>21</sup>For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. <sup>22</sup>If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. <sup>23</sup>I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. <sup>24</sup>But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. <sup>25</sup>Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, <sup>26</sup>so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.

<sup>27</sup>Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, <sup>28</sup>and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. <sup>29</sup>For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, <sup>30</sup>engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC** “The Lord Is My Light” – Alberto Taulé-LSB #723(A Paraphrase of Psalm 27.) **Congregation is invited to join on Refrains.**

***Refrain:***

**The Lord is my light and my salvation, The Lord is the stronghold of my life. Since the Lord is my life, my strength, and my all, Whom then shall I fear?**

1. There is one thing I ask of the Lord: To dwell in His house forever.  
To gaze on the beauty of the Lord All the days of my life. ***Refrain.***
2. Do not hide Your face, O Lord; Ev'ry day I will seek Your face.

Though my father and mother may forsake me, The Lord will receive me. **Refrain.**

3. Teach me, Lord, and keep me on Your paths; Guide me, Lord, along a level way. I will gaze on the goodness of the Lord In the land of all the living. **Refrain.**

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

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**C Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**HOLY GOSPEL**

*Matthew 20:1–16*

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

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

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. <sup>2</sup>After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. <sup>3</sup>And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, <sup>4</sup>and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ <sup>5</sup>So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. <sup>6</sup>And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ <sup>7</sup>They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’ <sup>8</sup>And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.’ <sup>9</sup>And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. <sup>10</sup>Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. <sup>11</sup>And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, <sup>12</sup>saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ <sup>13</sup>But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius?’ <sup>14</sup>Take what

belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. <sup>15</sup>Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?' <sup>16</sup>So the last will be first, and the first last."

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

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

## **APOSTLE'S CREED**

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**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**

*"Amazing Grace" (My Chains Are Gone) Song Sheet*

### **Verse 1**

**Amazing grace how sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost but now I'm found  
Was blind but now I see**

### **Verse 2**

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear And grace my fears  
relieved How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed**

### **Chorus**





**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.**

## **SALUTATION AND BENDICAMUS**

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**P** The Lord be you.

**C** **And with thy spirit.**

**P** Bless we 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 upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.

**C** **Amen, amen, amen.**

## **CLOSING HYMN**

**“Hark, the Voice of Jesus” LSB # 827, St. 1-4**

- 1 Hark, the voice of Jesus calling, “Who will go and work today? Fields are white and harvests waiting— Who will bear the sheaves away?” Loud and long the Master calleth; Rich reward He offers thee. Who will answer, gladly saying, “Here am I, send me, send me”?**
- 2 Some take up His task in morning, To their Lord responding soon; Some are called in heat of midday, Others late in afternoon; Even as the sun is setting, Some are sent into the fields, There to gather in the bounty that God’s Word so richly yields.**
- 3 For as rain and snow from heaven Water seeds in dusty soil, Causing them to bud and flower, Giving bread to those who toil; So the Lord sends forth His promise, Words of life and joy and peace—Never void to Him returning, Bearing fruit with**

great increase.

- 4 **Hearken to the Lord whose coming Marks the time when grace shall end, When with His angelic reapers He in glory shall descend. Soon the night, the final harvest; Soon the time for work shall cease. Then the souls His grace has garnered Shall enjoy His Sabbath peace.**

**POSTLUDE**

**“Boundless Grace” -David Paxton**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Revelation: Join us on 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. 25<sup>th</sup> at noon, we will study Rizpah. All Beautiful Savior women and friends are welcome 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 Crackers& Co. Café on Elliot.**

**Beautiful Savior Fish Fry: October 14th, Doors Opened at 4:30 PM Dinner Served 5-7pm. 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](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, La Mesa & Staff Continuing Education.**

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**SERVING US AT WORSHIP TODAY:**

<b>Officiant Preacher:</b>	Pastor Tim Anderson
<b>Organist/Dir. of Music:</b>	Ellen Brown
<b>Song Leader:</b>	Wendell Robson
<b>Special Music:</b>	The Beautiful Savior Singers
<b>Lector Reader:</b>	Sandra Wardwell

**Greeter:** Kathy Held  
**Acolyte:** TBA  
**Altar:** Pat Carlin, Bobbie Littou, Charlotte Grefe

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: 9-17-23 Bible Study—12; Worship Service—40; 9-18-23 Women’s Bible Study—5; 9-14-23 Brunch & Bibles Midweek Bible Study—7;**

**Income report for 9-17-23: Loose Plate \$318; Weekly Envelopes \$1020; Designated Gifts \$95; Other \$; Total \$1433.**

## **THIS WEEK AT BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR**

### **September 24, Sunday**

**8:30 AM Adult Bible Study**

9:30 AM Music Rehearsal

**10 AM The Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost**

*(Also, being streamed on Facebook online)*

### **September 25, Monday**

**12 PM Women’s Bible Study**

### **September 26, Tuesday**

NO Braille Printing Group

**September 28, Thursday**

**12 PM “Brunch & Bibles” midweek Bible Study at TBA**

4-7 PM La Mesa

**September 29, Friday**

**Church & Offices Cleaned**

**October 1, Sunday**

**10 AM Lutheran Women in Mission Sunday: The King is Coming  
with Holy Communion**

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

**Mary Ann, Lucas, Carol Hurley, Rex Witt, Dee’s husband, Sue Jimenez,  
Josh, Char Peapenburg, Lester Carlson, Jane Schutkowski, Kevin, Mason  
Miakiff, Jeanne Wilson, Connie Laird, Christy Bergman, Susan, Ruth,  
Phyllis Schinke, Amina Kruck, Wendy Sievers, Glenn Brown, Mike, Ken  
& Gloria, Bev Dase, Stan;**

**Pastor Pope, in hospice care;**

**Family of Bev Rasmussen she passed away 9/21,**

**Annalisa Durnan, Nicole McClain, Jan Buel, Beth Ruettinger, Warren &  
Cheryl, Brenda Frank, Jim Schutkowski – cancer treatments;**

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

**Prayers for Libya, Ukraine and all nations & places dealing w/heardships.  
Maui for those still missing & help for those left without homes.**

**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 24 "**High Ground**" Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. When the waters rise and enemies attack, the high ground is the place of safety and security. But who will take us there? (Psalm 27)