

THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

October 22, 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."



Render to Caesar and to God

AS WE GATHER

One of the most famous sayings of Jesus appears to provide a neat and tidy divide between the worldly power of government and the spiritual power of the Church. Is that really what Christ is doing? Is He marking the divide or is He commending all things and the ultimate authority to the saving purpose of our heavenly Father? The things that belong to Caesar appear to be valuable in the moment but are temporary and temporal. The things of God are everything—all things in heaven and earth. They are eternal. In reality, there is nothing that does not belong to God, although the Lord assigns different people with the different responsibilities of church and state. In this question of who is in charge, God makes it clear that He is always in charge and always working for our salvation.

PRELUDE

“Prayer” –Op. 56. No. 2 by Alex Guilmant

PASTORAL WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

Pastor: Loving, living God, be among us now. Show us your ways. Guide our steps. Live in us, that we may be people of steadfast hope and powerful giving. Help us hear your words, challenging us to give you all the things that are yours. Help us remember that all we are and all we have are gifts from you, gifts to be shared in service and love. Heavenly Father, by Your Spirit's power, form us to be a holy people who receive your word with joy and live your message with love.
Amen.

OPENING HYMN “All the Power of Jesus Name” **LSB #549, St. 1-3**

- 1 All hail the pow’r of Jesus’ name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem And crown Him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem And crown Him Lord of all.**
- 2 Crown Him, ye martyrs of our God, Who from His altar call;
Extol the stem of Jesse’s rod And crown Him Lord of all.
Extol the stem of Jesse’s rod And crown Him Lord of all.**
- 3 Ye seed of Israel’s chosen race, Ye ransomed from the fall,
Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of
all. Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord
of all.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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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

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INTROIT (*Read responsively*)

Psalm 9:1–2, 9–10; antiphon: v. 18

For the needy shall not always be forgotten,

and the hope of the poor shall not perish forever.

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart;

I will recount all of your wonderful deeds.

I will be glad and exult in you;

I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed,

a stronghold in times of trouble.

And those who know your name put their trust in you,

for you, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek 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.**

For the needy shall not always be forgotten,
and the hope of the poor shall not perish forever.

KYRIE *(Sing)*

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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.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS *(Sing)*

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P Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

C Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:

We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God: You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.

For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O God, You have commanded us to love You above all things and our neighbors as ourselves. Grant us the Spirit to think and do what is pleasing in Your sight, that our faith in You may never waver and our love for one another may not falter; 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 45:1–7

¹Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whose right hand I have grasped,
to subdue nations before him
and to loose the belts of kings,
to open doors before him
that gates may not be closed:

²“I will go before you
and level the exalted places,
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze
and cut through the bars of iron,
³I will give you the treasures of darkness
and the hoards in secret places,
that you may know that it is I, the LORD,
the God of Israel, who call you by your name.

⁴For the sake of my servant Jacob,
and Israel my chosen,
I call you by your name,
I name you, though you do not know me.

⁵I am the LORD, and there is no other,
besides me there is no God;
I equip you, though you do not know me,

⁶that people may know, from the rising of the sun
and from the west, that there is none besides me;
I am the LORD, and there is no other.

⁷I form light and create darkness,
I make well-being and create calamity,
I am the LORD, who does all these things.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

1 Thessalonians 1:1–10

¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,
To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord
Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

²We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning
you in our prayers, ³remembering before our God and Father your work
of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus
Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you,
⁵because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power
and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of
men we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became
imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much
affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an
example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For not only
has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and
Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we
need not say anything. ⁹For they themselves report concerning us the
kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from
idols to serve the living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from
heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the
wrath to come.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Servant’s Prayer”-Cathy Pino

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 22:15-22

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle [Jesus] in his talk. ¹⁶And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone's opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?" ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰And Jesus said to them, "Whose likeness and inscription is this?" ²¹They said, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." ²²When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, 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

"Holy God, We Praise Thy Name" #940 1-5

- 1 Holy God, we praise Thy name
Lord of all, we bow before Thee. All on earth Thy scepter claim,
All in heav'n above adore Thee. Infinite Thy vast domain,
Everlasting is Thy reign.
- 2 Hark! The glad celestial hymn Angel choirs above are raising;
Cherubim and seraphim, In unceasing chorus praising,
Fill the heav'ns with sweet accord: Holy, holy, holy Lord!
- 3 Lo, the _apostles' holy train Join Thy sacred name to hallow;
Prophets swell the glad refrain, And the white-robed martyrs
follow, And from morn to set of sun Through the Church the
song goes on.
- 4 Thou art King of Glory, Christ; Son of God, yet born of Mary.
For us sinners sacrificed, As to death a Tributary,
First to break the bars of death, Thou hast opened heav'n to
faith.
- 5Δ Holy Father, holy Son, Holy Spirit, three we name Thee;
Though in essence only one, Undivided God we claim Thee
And, adoring, bend the knee While we own the mystery.

SERMON

"Why Put Me To The Test?"

Matthew 22:15-22

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**)*

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.

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 "God of Grace and God of Glory" **LSB #850** St. 1-4

1 God of grace and God of glory, On Your people pour Your pow'r; Crown Your ancient Church's story; Bring its bud to glorious flow'r. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage For the facing of this hour, For the facing of this hour.

2 Lo, the hosts of evil round us Scorn the Christ, assail His ways! From the fears that long have bound us Free our hearts

to faith and praise. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
For the living of these days, For the living of these days.

- 3 Cure Your children's warring madness; Bend our pride to Your control; Shame our wanton, selfish gladness, Rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage Lest we miss Your kingdom's goal, Lest we miss Your kingdom's goal.
- 4 Save us from weak resignation To the evils we deplore; Let the gift of Your salvation Be our glory evermore. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, Serving You whom we adore, Serving You whom we adore.

POSTLUDE

"Jesus Shall Reign"-Setting by James Mansfield

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 is Monday, Oct. 23rd, at noon. We will study 'The Shunammite Woman'. All Beautiful Savior women and friends are welcome to attend.

Next Chosen Night: Saturday, Nov. 4th at 5:00pm

Join us on Nov. 4st at 5pm for our next The Chosen Night. Also, we are still looking for dinner hosts to host our meal when we meet for "Chosen Nights." If interested, please sign up with Pastor Tim.

Brunch and Bibles: Our next meeting October 26th at 12pm as Sandra will be leading a discussion on Proverbs 29. Please let Kathryn Odle know if you will be attending. We will be meeting at Crackers & Co. Café on Elliot.

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.

LWML Zone Rally: Saturday, Nov. 4th at 9:30 AM at Eternal Life Church.

Tempe Fire Department Event here at Beautiful Savior. On Nov. 4th 2023 the Tempe Fire will be using our parking lot, restrooms and outdoor space as they train community volunteers to install free smoke detectors in our neighbors homes. They will be canvassing our neighborhood from University to 13th and from Priest to Hardy. Pray for a successful morning and feel free to stop in and say hello.

New Member Class: Pastor is looking to offer new member classes for anyone interested in joining our congregation. If interested please connect with him after church. Classes would last five weeks and would begin in mid-November.

On Thanksgiving, we would again like to give blankets to La Mesa. La Mesa has seen an increase in attendance at their weekly meal and church service on Thursdays. Which means a greater need of blankets for the homeless. Bring in new or gently used blankets by Nov. 19th and place them in the conference room off of the fellowship hall. Questions, contact Cyndi Calender at: nana.calender@gmail.com or 480-251-5442

Debbie O'Neill is requesting pie donations for the Thanksgiving meals at church. Please contact Debbie with the number of pies you will be donating at: Debbieoneill30@yahoo.com or 480-309-6047.

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. 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:

Officiant Preacher:	Pastor Tim Anderson
Organist/Dir. of Music:	Ellen Brown
Song Leader:	Debby Bergman
Special Music:	The Beautiful Savior Singers
	Banjo & Bass Guitar: Debby & Doug Bergman
Lector Reader:	Donna Evans

Greeter:

Kathy Held

Acolyte:

TBA

Altar:

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: 10-15-23 Bible Study—; Worship Service—; 10-15-2023 Women’s Bible Study—9; 10-12-2023 “Brunch & Bibles” Midweek Bible Study—8; Income report for 10-15-23: Loose Plate \$97; Weekly Envelopes \$3053; Designated Gifts \$1603; Other \$; Total \$4753.

THIS WEEK AT BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

October 22, Sunday

8:30 AM Adult Bible Study

9:30 AM Music Rehearsal

10 AM The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

(Also, being streamed on Facebook online)

11:30 AM After Worship: Congregation Voter’s Meeting

October 23, Monday

12 PM Women’s Bible Study

October 26, Thursday

**12 PM “Brunch & Bibles” mid-week Bible Study at Crackers & Co. Café,
1285 W/ Elliot Rd., Tempe, AZ 85384**

4-7 PM La Mesa

October 28, Friday

Church & Offices Cleaned

October 29, Sunday

10 AM The Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost w/Holy Communion

3-6 PM Annual Fall Festival & Trunk or Treat

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

Carol Hurley, Josh, Ken & Gloria, Dee’s husband, Les Carlson, Jane Schutkowski, Kevin, Mason Miakiff, Warren & Cheryl, Connie Laird, Phyllis Schinke, Wendy Sievers, Glenn Brown, Bev Dase; Ken w/MS;

Pastor Pope in hospice care;

Prayer for both families of Gloria, Char Peapenburg who passed away.

Amina Kruck very ill, Annalisa Durnan, Nicole McClain, Jan Buel, Alice & Randy, Beth Ruettinger, Brenda Frank, Jim Schutkowski – cancer treatments;

Doris Reith and Len Lacy - memory care;

Prayers for Libya, Ukraine, Israel and all nations & places dealing w/hardships. 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/

- 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 - KFAX RADIO (1100) @ 10 AM

October 22 "**Matching Pace**" Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
Hear about the Savior Who walks beside us, at our pace, and teaches us to walk with others. (Psalm 96:13)