

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

November 5, 2023

10:00 a.m.



From Every Tribe, Every Nation

AS WE GATHER

On this All Saints Sunday, we gather to join the multitude of saints across the generations from all tribes, peoples, and languages, to proclaim that Salvation belongs to our God, who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb! We come to remember, to grieve, and to celebrate those saints who have come before, yet whose lives and witness continue to teach us. We gather today as the family of Christ, siblings and saints, diverse yet united by grace to live lives that declare that

Salvation belongs to our God, who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb! May we be guided today by the Lamb who is our Shepherd, the one who gathers us, comforts us and tends us. May we join in proclaiming the promise of Christ and the hope we have for a world with no more hunger, no more thirst, no more suffering, and no more pain where all the saints of the past, as well as the saints of the present and the future will share in God's abundant life. Amen.

PRELUDE

“Oh, What Their Joy” –Setting by David Cherwien

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: “For All the Saints” – LSB #677, 1-2, 4, 6-8

- 1 For all the saints who from their labors rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!**
- 2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light. Alleluia!
Alleluia!**
- 4 Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine. Alleluia! Alleluia!**
- 6 The Golden Evening brightens in the west;
Soon, soon to faithful warriors commeth rest;
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!**
- 7 But, lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day:
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
The King of Glory passes on His way. Alleluia! Alleluia!**
- 8 From earth’s wide bounds, from ocean’s farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: Alleluia! Alleluia!**

PASTORAL WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

Pastor: Heavenly Father, We gather today as we pause to remember the faithfulness of your servants from all generations, from all peoples, in all languages, who shared in word and deed the many wonders of your love and grace. With words of hope in our hearts, we seek to respond to your call to carry the Good News of your son, Jesus Christ, out into our communities and unto the ends of the earth. Send us by

the power of your Holy Spirit to join your our generation to the work of your church through all time and space, that all may come to the knowledge of you.

People: Amen.

RENEWAL OF BAPTISM

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

C: Amen.

P: Sisters and brothers, the apostle Paul teaches us that by baptism, we were buried with Christ and lay dead in order that as Christ was raised from the dead in the splendor of the Father, so we too share in the glorious hope of Resurrection. Therefore, let us renew the promises made at our baptism in the everlasting hope of the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. I ask you, do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil and all his empty promises?

C: I do.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C: 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

P: Do you intend to continue steadfast in this confession of faith which you made and to suffer all, rather than deny Christ?

C: I do so intend, with the help of God.

P: Do you intend to continually conform your life to the divine Word, to be faithful in the use of Word and Sacrament, and in faith, word and action to remain true to the Triune God?

C: I do so intend, with the help of God.

INVITATION TO COME TO THE FONT

You are invited to come to the baptismal font, and mark yourselves with the Baptismal Water as a remembrance of your own baptism. It is appropriate to make the sign of the cross, the sign that marks us as Christians – the cross of Christ.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT (*Read responsively*)

For All Saint's Day

These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.

They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

In you, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame;
in your righteousness deliver me.

For you are my rock and my fortress;

and for your name's sake you lead me and guide me.

Into your hand I commit my spirit;

you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.

KYRIE (Lord, Have Mercy, *Sing*)

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

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (*Sing*)

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P Glory be to God on High:

C And on earth peace, good-will 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'n-ly 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, are 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 with thy spirit.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Revelation 7:9–17 (All Saints' Day)

⁹After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" ¹⁴I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made

them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵“Therefore they are before the throne of God,
and serve him day and night in his temple;
and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his
presence.

¹⁶They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore;
the sun shall not strike them,
nor any scorching heat.

¹⁷For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their
shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of living water,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

1 John 3:1–3 (All Saints' Day)

¹See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God’s children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. ³And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC “Higher Ground” -Words: James Oatman Johnson,
Jr. Music: Chas. Gabriel

ALLELUIA AND VERSE *(Sing)*

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C Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1–12 (All Saints' Day)

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

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

¹Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

²And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

³"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

⁵"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

⁶"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

⁷"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

⁸"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

⁹"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

¹⁰"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹"Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Blest Are They" WOV #764

**Blest are they, the poor in spirit
Theirs is the kingdom of God**

**Blest are they, full of sorrow
They shall be consoled**

**Refrain: Rejoice and be glad
Blessed are you; holy are you**

**Rejoice and be glad
Yours is the Kingdom of God**

**Blest are they, the lowly ones
They shall inherit the earth**

**Blest are they, who hunger and thirst
They shall have their fill.**

Refrain

**Blest are they who show mercy
Mercy shall be theirs**

**Blest are they, the pure of heart
They shall see God. Refrain**

Lord: "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die."

At this time Pastor will invite families and friends of those faithful departed who have gone to rest in the lord over the last five years to the Baptismal font.

P: As St. Paul writes, "We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him." (Romans 6:6-9)

P: Let Us Pray, O God the Father, fountain and source of all blessings, we give you thanks that You have kept our brothers and sisters in the faith, and that in Holy Baptism they were clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness that covered all of their sins. We thank you for bringing them to your side.

C: Comfort us with Your Holy Word, and give us strength so that when our last hour comes, we may peacefully fall asleep in You. We pray that as these candles are placed into the baptismal Font, they may remind us of the promise of eternal life found only in you. Amen.

At this time, the candles are lit and placed into the baptismal font, all are then invited to return to their seats.

P: Let us pray, Merciful Father, the generations rise and pass away before You. Yet you are the strength of those who labor and the rest of the blessed dead. We give you thanks for all who have lived and died in the faith. To their bodies you breathed your life and poured out your Holy Spirit. By that same spirit, You washed them in the renewing waters of Holy Baptism and lead them to confess with their mouths that Jesus is Lord and believe in their hearts that You

raised Christ from the dead. Help us to remember the faith of all who have gone before us, as we continue to wait with confidence for the resurrection of all Your saints, living and dead. In Your name we pray,

C: Amen.

P: While we mourn and grieve those who have recently departed this life and gone to their rest in The Lord, we remember not just the faith of the men and women we just named, those lost to us in the last year, but also the faith of all the Saints who have gone before us, as we continue to wait with confidence for the resurrection of all the living and the dead. At this time, we lift up before the Lord, those we have loved, those we have known, and those whose faith has inspire us in every generation.

As each name is read, the bell will toll. We remember those who have gone to rest in The Lord, and we await the day when we will join them again as part of that great cloud of witnesses.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

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P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them up unto the Lord.

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. In the communion of all Your saints gathered into the one body of Your Son, You have surrounded us with so great a cloud of witnesses that we, encouraged by their faith and strengthened by their fellowship, may run with perseverance the race that is set before us and, together with them, receive the crown of glory that does not fade away. 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;
Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

LORD'S PRAYER

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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

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 Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen**

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

1) "We Sing for All the Unsung Saints" LSB #678, St. 1-3

- 1 We sing for all the unsung saints, That countless, nameless throng, Who kept the faith and passed it on
With hope steadfast and strong Through all the daily griefs and joys
No chronicles record, Forgetful of their lack of fame,
But mindful of their Lord.**
- 2 Though uninscribed with date or place, With title, rank, or name,
As living stones their stories join To form a hallowed frame
Around the myst'ry in their midst: The Lamb once sacrificed,
The Love that wrested life from death, The wounded, risen Christ.**
- 3 So we take heart from unknown saints Bereft of earthly fame,
Those faithful ones who have received A more enduring name:
For they reveal true blessing comes When we our pride efface
And offer back our lives to be The vessels of God's grace.**

2) "Thine The Amen, Thine the Prase" -LSB #680, St, 1, 3, 5

- 1 Thine the amen Thine the praise Alleluias angels raise
Thine the everlasting head Thine the breaking of the bread
Thine the glory Thine the story Thine the harvest then the cup
Thine the vineyard then the cup is lifted up lifted up.**
- 3 Thine the truly Thine the yes Thine the table we the guest
Thine the mercy all from Thee Thine the glory yet to be
Then the ringing and the singing Then the end of all the war
Thine the living Thine the loving evermore evermore.**
- 5 Thine the glory in the night No more dying only light
Thine the river Thine the tree Then the Lamb eternally
Then the holy holy holy Celebration jubilee
Thine the splendor Thine the brightness only Thee only Thee.**

NUNC DIMITTIS *(Sing)*

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C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, A light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

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P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

C And His mercy endureth forever.

P Let us Pray,

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever

C Amen.

SALUTATION & BENEDICAMUS

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P The Lord be with 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

“Alleluia Sing To Jesus” LSB #821

- 1 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; His the scepter, His the throne;
Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion Thunder like a mighty flood:
“Jesus out of ev’ry nation Has redeemed us by His blood.”**
- 3 Alleluia! Bread of heaven, Here on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluia! Here the sinful Flee to You from day to day.
Intercessor, Friend of sinners, Earth’s Redeemer, hear our plea
Where the songs of all the sinless Sweep across the crystal sea.**
- 5 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; His the scepter, His the throne;
Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion Thunder like a mighty flood:
“Jesus out of ev’ry nation Has redeemed us by His blood.**

POSTLUDE

“When the Saints go Marching In”

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.

No Sunday Bible Study Next Sunday, Nov. 12.

Women's Weekly Bible Study: will have their next meeting will be Nov. 6th at noon, we will study The Widow of Zarephath. All Beautiful Savior women and friends are welcome to attend!

Next Chosen Night: Saturday, Nov. 18th at 5:00pm

Join us on Nov. 8th 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.

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 November 19th.

Brunch and Bibles: Our next meeting Nov. 9th at 12pm. Please let Kathryn Odle know if you will be attending. We will be meeting at Crackers& Co. Café, at 1285 W. Elliot, Tempe.

Veterans Day Weekend Highland Games: Nov 12th 2023. Join us here at Beautiful Savior for a Scottish inspired Sunday as we welcome the Rio Salado Scottish Heavy Athletics and others to the Caledonian Highland Games. We will worship on the patio at 10:00am and then have lunch with the athletes before being invited to stay and watch their afternoon competitions.

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

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:	Charles Haynes
Special Music:	The Beautiful Savior Singers
Lector Reader:	Wendell Robson
Assisting Elder:	Skip McFadden
Greeter:	Marsha Beetham
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: 10-29-23 Bible Study—8; Worship Service—40; 10-30-2023 Women’s Bible Study—; 10-26-2023 “Brunch & Bibles” Midweek Bible Study—8; 10/19 La Mesa meal-96, La Mesa worship 23; 10/26 La Mesa meal – 111, La Mesa worship – 27.

Income report for 10-29-23: Loose Plate \$96; Weekly Envelopes \$1220; Designated Gifts \$55; Other \$432; Total \$1803.

THIS WEEK AT BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

November 5 Sunday

8:30 AM Adult Bible Study (No Bible Study on Nov. 12th)

9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal

10 AM All Saints’ Day Sunday w/Holy Communion

(Also, being streamed on Facebook online)

November 6, Monday

10 AM Gloria Worship Team

12 PM Women’s Bible Study

November 7, Wednesday

7 PM Choir Rehearsal

November 9, Thursday

12 PM “Brunch & Bibles” mid-week Bible Study at Crackers & Co. Café, 1285 W, Elliot Rd., Tempe, AZ 85384, please let Kathryn Odle know if you are attending

4-7 PM La Mesa

November 10, Friday

Church & Offices Cleaned

November 12, Sunday

10 AM The Stewardship Sunday – Casual Worship

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

Nolan Conley-serious esophagus problems, Bobbie Littou, Natalia’s daughter Lara, also her sister Adriana, Carol Hurley, Josh, Ken & Gloria, Les Carlson, Grace Timm, Jane Schutkowski, Kevin, Mason Midkiff, Dee’s husband, Connie Laird, Phyllis Schinke, Wendy Sievers, Glenn Brown,

Bev Dase; Ken w/MS;

Pastor Pope in hospice care;

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

Doris Reith and Len Lacy - memory care;

Both families of **Gloria and Char Peapenburg**, who have passed away, prayers for comfort and peace for families;

Roberta's friend, **being deployed into an area of conflict.**,

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 - KFNB RADIO (1100) @ 10 AM

November 5 "**Times of Mourning, Times of Blessing**" Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. John Nunes. We will all go through times of mourning, but we don't all necessarily face it the same way.

(Matthew 5:4)



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.*

