

THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST-CASUAL

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

"The Mission of Beautiful Savior is to "Serve the Lord, extend the Gospel, and make Jesus alive in the community."



The Final Wedding Feast.

AS WE GATHER

We end our church year in November by looking at the end of Jesus' ministry, where we see His parables turn dark. His death is approaching and there is a clear division between those who are disciples and those who are not, between those who are wise and those who are not, between those who are plotting His death and those who are not. Whereas earlier parables proclaimed the gracious favor of God, these parables we look at over the next few weeks proclaim God's judgment. They are the last effort of Jesus to call people to repentance and to prepare them for the coming of God's Kingdom. Today, in the parable of the bridesmaids, the central function of the parable is that disciples be prepared for Christ's return. As Jesus says, "Watch, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour" (25:13). Jesus speaks these words to His disciples, encouraging them to be prepared, to await His second coming with Joy, and not with fear.

PRAISE MEDLEY

1) "Gather Your Children"

- 1 Gather your children, dear Savior, in peace And draw us to you with your passion ate pleas; Still seek us and call us to come and be blessed, To find in your arms, Lord, safety, comfort, and rest.**
- 2 Knowing you, loving you, naming you Lord, We cluster around you and grow by your Word, One day to remember these moments so rare, Of caring and closeness, just because your are there.**
- 3 Love be our banner, forgiveness our theme, Compassion our nature, your vision our dreams; Who knows what the Spirit of God yet can do, What joy may be tasted, or what promise come true.**
- 4 Host at our table in our house and yours, Here bind us together with love that endures; Like parents, like children, let this be our frame; That, blest, we bless many, to praise of your name.**

2) "Give Me Oil in My Lamp" St. 1 & 4

- 1 Give me oil in my lamp; keep me burning. Give me oil in my lamp, I pray. Give me oil in my lamp; keep me burning. Keep me burning 'til the break of day. Sing hosanna, sing hosanna, sing hosanna to the King of kings.**
- 4 Give me love in my heart, keep me serving. Give me love in my heart, keep me serving. Give me love in my heart, keep me serving. Give me love in my heart, keep me serving. Sing hosanna, sing hosanna, sing hosanna to the King of kings.**

3) "Morning Has Broken" Text: Eleanor Farjeon. Music: Trad. Gaelic Melody

1. **Morning has broken like the first morning;
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!**
2. **Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,
Like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
Sprung in completeness where his feet pass.**
3. **Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning
Born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God's recreation of the new day!**

PASTORAL WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

Pastor: You call us to wait on You, Lord, but we get tired of waiting for answers to prayers, for your coming kingdom, it all seems to take so long. You tell us to watch for Your coming, Lord, but we're not sure how to prepare for... a thief in the night, an undisclosed time, and Your disconcerting habit of secrecy and mystery. Yet, Your Spirit inside us whispers that You're not all that hard to find; That You're *a/ways* coming to us, and that both the waiting and the watching, are more about being open to You now, than about trying not to be surprised in the future. So help us to keep waiting, to stay alert, so that we can catch glimpses of Your glory every single day. Amen.

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Amos 5:18, 20; 1 Thessalonians 4:13, 16; Matthew 25:6, 10

Pastor: Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD! Why would you have the day of the LORD?

People: Is not the day of the LORD darkness, and not light, and gloom with no brightness in it?

Pastor: But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope.

People: For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God.

Pastor: At midnight there was a cry, "Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him."

People: The bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Amos 5:24; 1 Thessalonians 4:17–18; Matthew 25:13

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

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

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father. Merciful Lord, as we await the day to come when Christ returns, we grow impatient as we wait.

People: We become distracted by the things of this world that do not last, and have given our attention and even devotion to

things not beneficial to our faith. Forgive us.

Pastor: As we await the day to come when Christ returns, we grow impatient with others.

People: We have sinned against others and You in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved You with our whole heart, nor loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us.

Pastor: As we await the day to come when Christ returns, we grow impatient with You.

People: We come to think the day will never come when You make all things new, and have let our earthly circumstances cause faith to waiver, despair to increase, and doubts to arise. Forgive us.

Pastor: But let justice roll down like waters,

People: and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Pastor: And so we will always be with the Lord.

People: Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Pastor: In His parable, Jesus reminds His people to “watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.” In our watch and in our waiting, the Lord remains faithful to His promises of provision, and assurance of grace and forgiveness. 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.

People: Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

KYRIE (*Spoken*)

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

GLORIA (*Sing*)

“Gloria” (WOV #640)

Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!

Glory to God, glory to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Lord God, we do not know the day nor the hour of the coming in glory of the Bridegroom, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

People: As we wait, continue to nourish our faith until we enter the eternal wedding feast,

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

FIRST READING

Amos 5:18-24

¹⁸Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD!

Why would you have the day of the LORD?

It is darkness, and not light,

¹⁹as if a man fled from a lion,

and a bear met him,

or went into the house and leaned his hand against the wall,

and a serpent bit him.

²⁰Is not the day of the LORD darkness, and not light,

and gloom with no brightness in it?

²¹“I hate, I despise your feasts,

and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

²²Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,

I will not accept them;

and the peace offerings of your fattened animals,

I will not look upon them.

²³Take away from me the noise of your songs;
to the melody of your harps I will not listen.

²⁴But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

¹³But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁵For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. ¹⁸Therefore encourage one another with these words.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Day By Day”

ALLELUIA (*Sing*)

“Celtic“Alleluia”

Alleluia (4 x). Verse by song leader. **Repeat (4x) Alleluia**

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 25:1-13

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

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

¹[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ²Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, ⁴but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. ⁶But at midnight there was a cry, ‘Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ ⁷Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. ⁸And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ ⁹But the wise answered, saying, ‘Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.’ ¹⁰And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. ¹¹Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ ¹²But he answered, ‘Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.’ ¹³Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, 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

“O God Beyond All Praising” -WOV #797

- 1. O God beyond all praising we worship You today and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay; for we can only wonder at ev'ry gift You send, at blessings without number and mercies without end: we lift our hearts before You and wait upon your Word, we honor and adore you, our great and might Lord.**
- 2. Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring, that we who know Your favor may serve You as our king; and whether our tomorrows be fill'd with good or ill, we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless You still: to marvel at your beauty and glory in you ways, and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.**

SERMON

What a Bridegroom Jesus is!

Matthew 25:1-13

OFFERING MUSIC

“Lord, I Offer My Life” -Don Moen

Verse 1

**All that I am all that I have I lay them down before You O Lord
All my regrets all my acclaim The joy and the pain
I'm making them Yours**

Chorus

**Lord I offer my life to You Everything I've been through
Use it for Your glory Lord I offer my days to You
Lifting my praise to You As a pleasing sacrifice
Lord I offer You my life**

Verse 2

**Things in the past things yet unseen Wishes and dreams
That are yet to come true All of my hopes all of my plans
My heart and my hands Are lifted to You**

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: As the Lord invites us to come to Him with petitions and supplications, we commonly close our prayers with “Amen.” Derived from a Hebrew verb, *amen* means “certainty” or “to confirm.” As Martin Luther put it, *amen* means, “Yes, yes, it shall be so.” As we await the day of the Lord, we pray in confidence as Scripture closes with the words: “He who testifies to these things says, ‘Surely I am coming soon.’ Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!” We, in our wait, come to our Lord in prayer, proclaim our “amens,” and confidently invite Him to come. Let us pray for the people of God in the Bridegroom, Christ Jesus; His Bride, the Church; and for all people according to their needs.

Heavenly Father, grant to us all things needful and dissuade us from all things harmful. Fill the oil in our lamps, strengthen and nourish our faith, that united, together we as Your Church and as Your people confidently and courageously shine Your light to our neighbors, our community, and the world. Amen.

People: Come, Lord Jesus.

Pastor: Heavenly Father, keep us ready in our waiting for the promised day to come when the door is opened and we are welcomed to the wedding feast. In our wait, keep us from earthly distractions that would lead us away from You. By Your Holy Spirit, keep us prepared to welcome Jesus when He comes in all His glory at the hour and the day You have set, as we remain trusting in Your promises made, promises fulfilled, and promises to come. Amen.

People: Come, Lord Jesus.

Pastor: Heavenly Father, You have already called faithful servants from this life as they are in Your glorious care and await the resurrection. For we who remain on this earth, give comfort and

hope to those who grieve, [*especially . . .*]. For those who struggle with health of mind or sickness of body, grant healing according to Your will and lasting peace in light of affliction, [*especially . . .*]. For all those whose needs are known only to You and for all who face the afflictions of this life while awaiting the Last Day at Your time, grant patience. Amen.

People: Come, Lord Jesus.

Pastor: Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER (*Spoken*)

**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 (*Spoken*)

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“In Christ Alone”

Verse 1

**In Christ alone my hope is found He is my light my strength my
song This Cornerstone this solid Ground Firm through the fiercest
drought and storm What heights of love what depths of peace**

When fears are stilled when strivings cease My Comforter my All in All Here in the love of Christ I stand.

Verse 2

**In Christ alone who took on flesh Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness Scorned by the ones He came
to save Till on that cross as Jesus died The wrath of God was
satisfied For every sin on Him was laid Here in the death of Christ I
live.**

Verse 3

**There in the ground His body lay Light of the world by darkness
slain Then bursting forth in glorious Day Up from the grave He
rose again And as He stands in victory Sin's curse has lost its grip
on me For I am His and He is mine Bought with the precious blood
of Christ.**

Verse 4

**No guilt in life no fear in death This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell no scheme of man Can ever pluck me from His
hand Till He returns or calls me home Here in the power of Christ
I'll stand.**

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POSTLUDE:

(Reprise) "In Christ Alone"

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: will have their next meeting will be Nov. 13th at noon, we will study Esther. All Beautiful Savior women and friends are welcome to attend!

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

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.

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.

Thanksgiving Eve Worship: Wed. Nov. 22nd at 6:00pm. Join us on Thanksgiving Eve at 6pm as we give thanks to god for the blessings of Family, friends, community and for the nation we get to live in and be a part of.

Advent Midweek Services: Begin Nov 29th with services at 12:00pm and 7:00pm. In our Midweek worship series for Advent, "The Light of Grace", we celebrate that Jesus is the Light of the World who shines on us with his amazing grace. Through

Scripture, song and reflections, we are reminded that Jesus makes his grace known through the undeserved gifts of hope, peace, joy and love—gifts revealed in special ways in the lives of Zechariah, Isaiah, and Elizabeth. We will also have dinner each week before the evening service starting at 6:00pm.

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
Pianist/Dir. of Music:	Ellen Brown
Guitarist:	Christy Arnold
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Special Music:	Debby & Doug Bergman
Bass Guitar:	Doug Bergman
Lector Reader:	Bobbie Littou
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: 11-5-23 Bible Study—7; Worship Service—43; 11-5-2023 Women’s Bible Study—5; 10-26-2023 “Brunch & Bibles” Midweek Bible Study—8; 11/2 La Mesa meal—98, La Mesa worship—28; La Mesa Baptism—1.

Income report for 11-5-23: Loose Plate \$116; Weekly Envelopes \$2157; Designated Gifts \$123; Other \$; Total \$2396.

THIS WEEK AT BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

November 12 Sunday

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

9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal

**10 AM All Twenty-fourth Sunday - Casual Worship
Worship on the patio**

Veterans Day Weekend Highland Games

(Also, being streamed on Facebook online)

November 13, Monday

12 PM Women’s Bible Study

November 14, Tuesday

7 PM Board of Finance Meeting

November 15, Wednesday

7 PM Choir Rehearsal

7 PM Board of Finance Meeting

November 16, Thursday

4-7 PM La Mesa

November 17, Friday

Church & Offices Cleaned

November 18, Saturday

5 PM The Chosen Night

November 19, Sunday

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

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**, **Grace Timm**, **Jane Schutkowski**, **Mason Midkiff**, **Dee's husband**, **Phyllis Schinke**, **Wendy Sievers**, **Bev Dase**; **Ken w/MS**;

Pastor Pope in hospice care;

Thanksgiving for Kevin, **Les Carlson** now at home.

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

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

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

Prayers for all nations dealing with hardships and for military deployed to areas of conflict;

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

November 12 "**Again and Again and Again**" Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Hearing many stories only once is not as good as hearing the same story many times. Hear again God's story of love, grace, and forgiveness. (Matthew 18:1-4)