

LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR

November 26, 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."



Christ The King of Sheep, Goats, & Everything

AS WE GATHER

In our reading today from Matthew, Jesus offers us a vision of the final judgment. Jesus says, on that day, He will return in His glory with His angels. The scene is astounding. Jesus will be seated on a glorious throne. All of the nations will be gathered before Him. Jesus will open up a kingdom which has been prepared for His people from the foundation of the world! The majesty and glory of God's eternal rule are overwhelmingly present. Then, something even more amazing happens. Jesus begins to focus on the smallest of activities being done or not done by individual people. Nations from all times and all places are gathered before Him and He opens our eyes to a visit in a hospital room, a casserole delivered the day after a funeral, a coat dropped off at a winter clothing drive, or a moment when such a need was not recognized. Jesus is present in our world and found

in places of suffering, both with the one suffering and with the one giving mercy, in the most mysterious of ways. Care for the stranger, for the marginalized, for the hospitalized, for the imprisoned, for the dying, is care for Jesus Himself.

PRELUDE

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

PASTORAL WELCOME

PROCESSIONAL *(Stand & face the back or the church)*

OPENING HYMN “Crown Him with Many Crowns” Arr. By Walter Pelz

- 1 (Cong. & Choir) Crown Him with many crowns, The Lamb upon His throne; Hark how the heav’nly anthem drowns All music but its own. Awake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee, And hail Him as thy matchless king Through all eternity.**
- 2 (Cong. & Choir) Crown Him the Virgin’s Son, The God incarnate born, Whose arm those crimson trophies won Which now His brow adorn: Fruit of the mystic rose, As of that rose the stem, The root whence mercy ever flows, The babe of Bethlehem.**
- 3 (Choir) Crown Him the Lord of love. Behold His hands and side, Rich wounds, yet visible above, In beauty glorified. No angels in the sky Can fully bear that sight, But downward bends his wond’ring eyes at mysteries so bright.**
- 4 (Cong. with Choir Descant) Crown Him the Lord of life, Who triumphed o’er the grave And rose victorious in the strife For those He came to save. His glories now we sing, Who died and rose on high, Who died eternal life to bring And lives that death may die.**
- 5 (Cong. Choir & Organ) Crown Him the Lord of heaven, Enthroned in worlds above, Crown Him the King to whom is given The wondrous name of Love. Crown Him with many**

crowns As thrones before Him fall; Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns, For He is king of all.

OPENING PRAYER

Pastor: Heavenly Father, your Son Jesus was born among us poor, humble and dependent. Open our eyes and our hearts and our hands to honor him now as our Lord and King by welcoming him in those who are hungry and thirsty, in all who are abandoned and lonely, in refugees, in the poor and the sick. Let our love become free and spontaneous, like the tenderness you have shown us in your Son. Welcome us in the everlasting Kingdom prepared for us through Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

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 39:4–5a, 7–8, 12; antiphon: 2 Peter 3:13 NIV*

In keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth,

the home of righteousness.

O LORD, make me know my end and what is the measure of my days;

let me know how fleeting I am!

Behold, you have made my days a few handbreadths,

and my lifetime is as nothing before you.

And now, O Lord, for what do I wait?

My hope is in you.

Deliver me from all my transgressions.

Do not make me the scorn of the fool!

Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear to my cry; hold not your peace at my tears!

For I am a sojourner with you, a guest, like all my fathers.

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.

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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)*

LSB 154

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.

Eternal God, merciful Father, You have appointed Your Son as judge of the living and the dead. Enable us to wait for the day of His return with our eyes fixed on the kingdom prepared for Your own from the foundation of the world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24

¹¹“For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. ¹²As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. ¹⁴I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. ¹⁶I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice. . . .

²⁰“Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, ²²I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. ²³And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the LORD; I have spoken.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING

1 Corinthians 15:20–28

²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹For as by a man came death,

by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²²For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death. ²⁷For “God has put all things in subjection under his feet.” But when it says, “all things are put in subjection,” it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him. ²⁸When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Lauda Anima”-Arr. By Mark Andrews

ALLELUIA AND VERSE *(Sing)*

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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 25:31–46

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

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

³¹[Jesus said:] “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne.

³²Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. ³⁴Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come,

you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. ³⁵For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.’ ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? ³⁸And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? ³⁹And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’ ⁴⁰And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.’

⁴¹“Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. ⁴²For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, ⁴³I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ ⁴⁴Then they also will answer, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?’ ⁴⁵Then he will answer them, saying, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ ⁴⁶And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

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 “Have No Fear, Little Flock” **LSB 735, St. 1-4**

- 1** **Have no fear, little flock; Have no fear, little flock,
For the Father has chosen To give you the Kingdom;
Have no fear, little flock!**

- 2** **Have good cheer, little flock; Have good cheer, little flock,
For the Father will keep you In His love forever;
Have good cheer, little flock!**

- 3** **Praise the Lord high above; Praise the Lord high above,
For He stoops down to heal you, Uplift and restore you;
Praise the Lord high above!**

- 4** **Thankful hearts raise to God; Thankful hearts raise to God,
For He stays close beside you, In all things works with you;
Thankful hearts raise to God!**

SERMON

Lord, When?

Matthew 25:31–46

OFFERTORY (*Sing*)

LSB 159

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**)*

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

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.

RECESSIONAL

CLOSING HYMN "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers" **LSB #515, St. 1-4**

- 1** Rejoice, rejoice, believers, And let your lights appear;
The evening is advancing, And darker night is near.
The Bridegroom is arising And soon is drawing nigh.
Up, pray and watch and wrestle; At midnight comes the cry.
- 2** The watchers on the mountain Proclaim the Bridegroom near;
Go forth as He approaches With alleluias clear.
The marriage feast is waiting; The gates wide open stand.
Arise, O heirs of glory; The Bridegroom is at hand.
- 3** The saints, who here in patience Their cross and suff'rings
bore, Shall live and reign forever When sorrow is no more.
Around the throne of glory The Lamb they shall behold;
In triumph cast before Him Their diadems of gold.
- 4** Our hope and expectation, O Jesus, now appear;
Arise, O Sun so longed for, O'er this benighted sphere.

**With hearts and hands uplifted, We plead, O Lord, to see
The day of earth's redemption That sets Your people free!**

POSTLUDE

"He is Exalted" (Toccata Jubilate)-Fred Bock

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join us for 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. 27th at noon, we will study the Women of Proverbs Chapter 31. All Beautiful Savior women and friends are welcome to attend!

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.

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.

Christmas Paint and Sip: Saturday Dec. 16th at 10:00am. Join us as we gather to paint our 2023 Christmas Painting and share a

continental breakfast with mimosas and wine! Sign up in the Narthex starting on Nov. 26th.

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:

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Song Leader:	Wendell Robson & Wendy Sievers
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Lector Reader:	Sandra Wardwell
Crucifer:	TBA
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: 11-19-23 Bible Study—7; Worship Service—48; 11-20-2023 Women’s Bible Study—5; 11/30 La Mesa meal—NA, La Mesa worship—NA; La Mesa Baptism—NA.

Income report for 11-19-23: Loose Plate \$199; Weekly Envelopes \$3905; Designated Gifts \$531; Other \$; Total \$4630.

THIS WEEK AT BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

November 26 Sunday

8:30 AM Adult Bible Study

9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal

10 AM All The Last Sunday of the Church Yearw/Holy communion

(Also, being streamed on Facebook online)

After worship: Congregation Voters’ Meeting for the Budget

November 27, Monday

12 PM Women’s Bible Study

5 PM Council Meeting

November 29, Wednesday

12 PM & 7 PM Advent Midweek 1 Worship Service

November 30 Thursday

4-7 PM La Mesa

November 31, Friday

Church & Offices Cleaned

December 3, Sunday

10 AM The Last Sunday of the Church Year w/Holy Communion

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

Marianne Lemkau, Nola vision problems, **Nolan Conley**-serious esophagus problems, **Mary Tarsitano** comfort & healing after a fall & the family **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 & her husband Randy, Beth Ruettinger** also back problem, **Brenda Frank, Warren, Cheryl, Jim Schutkowski** – cancer treatments;

Doris Reith and Len Lacy - memory care;

Kevin out of the hospital, **Les Carlson** at home.

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.**