

# Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

The Mission of Beautiful Savior is to Serve the Lord,  
Extend the Gospel and Make Jesus alive in the community.

August 25, 2024

10:00 a.m.



## Discernment

### AS WE GATHER

What is Discernment. How do we hear the voice of God and respond. How do we know what He is calling each of us to Do? That we are making the right choices as individual people, or as a church, each day? How do we see where God is saying yes, or where He is leading us to say No? Well, we dive into His Word. We search the Scriptures, looking not to prove our assumptions correct, but for His will and His ways. We will plan, but we trust God to order our steps. We will pray, but we ask God to turn our prayers into those pleasing to His ears. We seek counsel, but we count on God for advice, to ultimately give us peace, as we praise the fact that the decisions

that have eternal consequences are His, not ours, and have already been decided.

**PRELUDE** "Here I Am to Worship" -Tim Hughes  
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## **PASTORAL WELCOME**

## **OPENING PRAYER**

**P** Holy Wisdom, you granted Solomon's request for an understanding mind and the knowledge to discern good from evil. Fill us with such understanding and knowledge that we may act as instruments of your loving desire for creation, as you transform our conceit into concern for others, our fear into love, our violence into peace, and our brokenness into wholeness. Give us your wisdom oh God.

**C** Amen.

## **OPENING HYMN "Brothers and Sisters in Christ"**

**1. Sing alleluia! A-men! Let your prayers and praises ascend, Lift up your voices and sing To our Lord God, our Savior and King! Here brought together by grace We are gathered as friends in this place.**

***Refrain:* And assembled as one, In the name of the Son, Lifting hearts, lifting hands, Celebrating as friends, And proclaiming the Lord, All our praises afford. We are brothers and sisters in Christ.**

2. **We walked alone and in need Without faith,  
hope or promise or creed;  
Wandering, aimlessly lost, unaware of the  
staggering cost; That God in His mercy would  
save. All His people from death and the  
grave. *Refrain.***
3. **Lord, teach us how to proclaim All your  
goodness, your love and your name! Lord,  
teach us how to forgive And in love, teach us,  
Lord, how to live. Raising our voices in song,  
Help us tell all the world we belong. *Refrain.***

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*Stand*

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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 listened to your spirits leading and guiding in our lives, choosing our way instead of your way. 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)* based on Isaiah 30:15

**P** This is what the Sovereign LORD, the Holy one of Israel says:

**C** **In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust are your strength.**

**P** God of Rest, in the beginning, after You created all things, You rested.

**C** **When You assumed flesh and blood in the person of Your Son, our Savior and Lord, You rested.**

**P** The Sabbath is for humans, not humans for the Sabbath,” You said to the sneers of religious leaders.

**C “The Sabbath is for you,” our Savior and Lord says tenderly to us now.**

P Leave behind all that forbids you to enter. Let go of all that holds you back. Surrender every burden you carry.

**C For He holds all things together, and He will heal all that is fractured. This is not ours to do. Ours is to rest.**

P This is what the Sovereign LORD, the Holy one of Israel says:

**C In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust are your strength.**

**KYRIE** (*Spoken*)

**C Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS** (*Sing*)

**"Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!  
Glory to God, glory to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!"**

**SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Eternal God, We live in a time of considerable confusion. We ask today for your wisdom as Solomon asked for wisdom. We are often fearful as was Solomon. We live in a time of peril, war, and world unrest. Different and competing interests strive for our attention and loyalty. Help us, O God, to pray for wise and discerning spirits. Give us wisdom to know good from evil. Give us wisdom to assess the clamoring voices and

concerns with which we are daily bombarded. Give us wisdom to be peacemakers and mediators of understanding where there is conflict. Give us wisdom when we are in conflict to make it possible both for us and for those with whom we differ to save face and move forward hand in hand. O God, give us wisdom. O God, give us discernment. O God, give us the will to be faithful. O God, give us the power to love.

**C Amen.**

### **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*1 Kings 3:8-12*

<sup>8</sup> And your servant is in the midst of your people whom you have chosen, a great people, too many to be numbered or counted for multitude. <sup>9</sup> Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able to govern this your great people?"

<sup>10</sup> It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. <sup>11</sup> And God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, <sup>12</sup> behold, I now do according to your word. Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and none like you shall arise after you.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

### **EPISTLE READING**

*Romans 12:1-3*

<sup>12</sup> I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual

worship. <sup>2</sup> Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. <sup>3</sup> For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC** "Servant's Prayer"-Cathy Pino

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**ALLELUIA** (*Sing*) "Halle, halle hallelujah!"

"Halle, halle, halle-lujah. Hale, halle, halle-lujah.  
Halle, halle, halle-lujah. Hallelujah, hallelujah!"

**HOLY GOSPEL** *Mark 1:32-39*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

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

<sup>32</sup> That evening at sundown they brought to him all who were sick or oppressed by demons. <sup>33</sup> And the whole city was gathered together at the door. <sup>34</sup> And he healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons. And he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. <sup>35</sup> And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed. <sup>36</sup> And Simon and those who

were with him searched for him, <sup>37</sup> and they found him and said to him, “Everyone is looking for you.” <sup>38</sup> And he said to them, “Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also, for that is why I came out.” <sup>39</sup> And he went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons.

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

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

## **APOSTLE’S CREED**

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**All:** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life † everlasting. Amen.

## **HYMN OF THE DAY “Be Thou My Vision” WOV#776**

- 1** Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart:  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art:  
thou my best thought by day and by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
- 2** Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;



**I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.  
Thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tower,  
raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my  
pow'r.**

**3 Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,  
thou mine inheritance, now and always:  
thou, and thou only, first in my heart,  
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.**

**4 Light of my soul, after victory won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, O heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, what-ever befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

**SERMON "What do I do??" 1 Kings 3:8-12**

**OFFERTORY** *(Sing)*

**"Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God" LSB #712, St.1-3**

- 1. Seek you first the kingdom of God. And His  
righteousness. And all these things shall be  
added unto you! Al-le-lu, alleluia!**
- 2. Ask and it shall be given unto you, Seek and ye  
shall find. Knock and the door shall be opened  
unto you, Al-le-lu, alleluia!**
- 3. Man does not live by bread alone, But by  
ev'ry word, That proceeds from the mouth of the  
Lord, Al-le-lu, alleluia!**

**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.

**CLOSING HYMN** “Go My Children, With My Blessing”  
**LSB #922, St. 1-4**

**1** Go, My children, with My blessing, Never alone.  
Waking, sleeping, I am with you; You are My own. In My love's baptismal river I have made you Mine forever. Go, My children, with My blessing—You are My own.

**2** Go, My children, sins forgiven, At peace and pure. Here you learned how much I love you, What I can cure. Here you heard My dear Son's story; Here you touched Him, saw His glory. Go, My children, sins forgiven, At peace and pure.

- 3 Go, My children, fed and nourished, Closer to Me; Grow in love and love by serving, Joyful and free. Here My Spirit's power filled you; Here His tender comfort stilled you. Go, My children, fed and nourished, Joyful and free.**
- 4 I the Lord will bless and keep you And give you peace; I the Lord will smile upon you And give you peace: I the Lord will be your Father, Savior, Comforter, and Brother. Go, My children; I will keep you And give you peace.**

## **POSTLUDE**

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"-L. VanBeethoven

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Sunday Bible Study: Join us for our Bible Study on the books of Esther. We meet Sunday morning at 8:30am in the Fellowship Hall.**

**GLORIA Worship Team will meet on Monday, Aug. 26<sup>th</sup> at 10am in the Fellowship Hall to plan music and worship for Sept., Oct., and Nov. 3rd, 2024. Your hymn requests, and suggestions are most welcome. Please give them to Pastor or Music Dir. Ellen Brown, prior to the meeting.**

**The LWML Women's Weekly Bible Study will meet Monday August 26 at noon to study Achan. All BSLC women and friends are invited to attend.**

**Want to watch our services online? You have 2 choices: Services can now be viewed on Youtube or Facebook. See end of bulletin for instructions.**

**The Evangelism committee will be doing its last drive of the year for Justa Center in September. If you would like to contribute to this cause, please put cash in a designated funds envelope or write a check and write "Justa Fund" on the memo line. Please write "Justa Center" on the appropriate line of the Designated Offering envelope. At the end of September, we will call Rudy at the center to see what their greatest needs are and we will shop for them and deliver the items to them.**

**We are going to be launching Sunday School on Sunday, Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> during worship. If you are interested in helping, talk to Pastor Tim.**

**Brunch and Bibles: We will resume meeting on Thursday, Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 p.m. At Cracker and Co Cafe on Elliot as we continue our study of the Book of Daniel. If interested, please contact Kathryn Odle at 602-510-2885 or email [kathyrn.odle@asu.edu](mailto:kathyrn.odle@asu.edu)**

**Braille workers are done until September.**

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## SERVING US AT WORSHIP TODAY:

<b>Preacher and Liturgist:</b>	Pastor Tim Anderson
<b>Dir. of Music/Organist:</b>	Ellen Brown
<b>Song Leader &amp; Banjo:</b>	Debby Bergman
<b>Bass Guitar:</b>	Doug Bergman
<b>Lead Guitar:</b>	Jana Shields
<b>Lector Reader:</b>	Donna Evans
<b>Special Music:</b>	Soloist Donna Evans & The Savior's Praise Singers
<b>Acolyte:</b>	Charles Haynes
<b>Greeter:</b>	Rikkie Anderson
<b>Altar:</b>	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: 8-18-24 Bible Class—11; Worship Service—47; 8-18-2024 Women’s Bible Study—7; 8-8 La Mesa meal—131, La Mesa Worship—36; La Mesa Baptism—NA.**

**Income report for 8-18: Loose Plate \$144; Weekly Envelopes \$2870; Designated Gifts \$1094.50; Other \$; Total \$4108.50.**

**August 25, Sunday**

**8:30 AM Adult Bible Study**

**9:30 AM Music Rehearsal**

**10 AM “Discernment” Worship (Also, being streamed on Facebook online)**

**August 26, Monday**

**10 AM GLORIA Worship Team will meet on in the Fellowship Hall**

**12 PM Women’s Bible Study**

**August 29 Thursday**

**4-7 PM La Mesa**

**September 1, Sunday**

**Celebrate And Rest: Rejuvenation In Every Celebration**

**Prayer List: We pray, Lord, that You be with all who are ill, ailing or needing direction;**

**For Don Calender & family of John Calender who passed away last week;**

**Sky (Tom) Kruck –for strength and healing;**

**Jim & Grace’s daughter, Susan had hip surgery on Tuesday;**

**For Joe & Pat Carlin, Joe isn’t doing very well,**

**Cindy Koch-had surgery on Tuesday no blockage found;**

**Nolan Conley** (2-yrs. old)– will be on feeding tube for 4-6 months;

**Darlene Haynes** - pray medical staff finds the infection and cures for it;

**Rikki Anderson** – surgery and preparing for more surgery/varicose veins;

**Beth Givan, Rachel's mother** – Parkinson's disease and cancer, and for Beth's youngest daughter caring for her; Dakota Meeks friend, **Kayla** in the Netherlands to start a Master's degree & peace as she settles in;

**Christy Bergman, Glenn Brown,**– ongoing medical issues;

**Len Lacy** - memory care;

- 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:**

**Youtube instructions:**

**"The Beautiful Savior Youtube is up and running!**

**Currently, it holds all of the previous services since the Second Sunday of Pentecost 2024-**

**here's how you can find us:**

**1.) Open Youtube.com**

**2.) Search "Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church - Tempe, AZ" OR "@BSLCTempe". The profile picture will feature our lovely stained glass Jesus.**

**3.) Click on the profile and voila!**

**Optional: Consider subscribing if you haven't already! It tells Youtube that you want to see our content and to recommend it to others!**

**Keep an eye and ear out for more announcements regarding our Youtube Live!"**

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\*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/](https://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  
August 25 "When the Monsters Come"**

**Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer**

**Archives August:** We can never be too vigilant against the devil's attacks but in Christ we can always be confident that the victory is ours. (Job 40:15-41:34)