

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

26th Sunday after Pentecost

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

November 17, 2024

10:00 a.m.



As We Gather:

In our Gospel reading for today, Jesus pictures a horrifying horizon filled with destruction. His disciples have just admired the stones of the Temple, but Jesus warns them it will all be destroyed. There will be wars, earthquakes, famines, even false messiahs. Believers will be persecuted. Jesus' vision is horrifying, but prophetically true. Rome would destroy the temple. Persecution would come for those who follow

Christ, in every generation. But Jesus is not calling us to look. He is calling us to listen. He speaks words of comfort. "Do not be alarmed," "Do not be anxious." Amid our suffering, the Gospel will still be proclaimed. The Holy Spirit will even give us words to say. There will be an end to all our pain, all our suffering, all the destruction, and those who endure to the end will be saved.

PRELUDE "If You But Trust in God to Guide You"
-Setting by David Cherwien

PASTORAL WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

P Heavenly Father, Though the world has been gripped by trouble since early days, and life has often been short and tormented, you have given us a vision of a day beyond the terrors: a day when the heavens and earth will be new again, a day when the sound of weeping will give way to delight, a time when all creation will live in peace. Help us to hold to that vision when the temples about us are falling, and our world is shaken. Strengthen us for the telling of your truth and strengthen us by your spirit to endure to the end. In Jesus Name.

C Amen.

OPENING HYMN

“Blessed Assurance” TOSB #16, St. 1-3

1 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine: O what a foretaste of glory divine! Heir of salvation, purchase of God; born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

**Chorus: This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, This is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.**

2 Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture burst on my sight; angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

3 Perfect submission, all is at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blessed; watching and waiting, looking above, filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

Stand

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION **Page 167**

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

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.

Sit

SERVICE of the WORD

INTROIT

Psalm 48:11–14; antiphon: Mark 13:13b

The one who endures to the end
will be saved.

Let Mount Zion be glad!

**Let the daughters of Judah rejoice
because of your judgments!**

Walk about Zion, go around her, number her
towers,

**consider well her ramparts, go through
her citadels,**

that you may tell the next generation that this
is God, our God forever and ever.

He will guide us forever.

**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.

The one who endures to the end
will be saved.

KYRIE (Chanted)

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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.

THIS IS THE FEAST (Sing)

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P This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

C Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

Power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and blessing and glory are His.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia, alleluia.

SALUTATION and COLLECT of the DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O Lord, by Your bountiful goodness release us from the bonds of our sins, which by reason of our weakness we have brought upon ourselves, that we may stand firm until the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and

the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Daniel 12:1–3*

¹“At that time shall arise Michael, the great prince who has charge of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone whose name shall be found written in the book. ²And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. ³And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING *Hebrews 10:11–25*

¹¹Every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. ¹²But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, ¹³waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. ¹⁴For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

¹⁵And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying,

¹⁶“This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws on their hearts, and write them on their minds,”

¹⁷then he adds,

“I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.”

¹⁸Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

¹⁹Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, ²¹and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²²let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. ²⁴And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, ²⁵not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Sit

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Christ Is Lord”

Words & Music by Ben Walther. CCLI Song #7007280.

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Stand

ALLELUIA and VERSE

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C Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL READING

Mark 13:1–13

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹As [Jesus] came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what wonderful stones and what wonderful buildings!” ²And Jesus said to him, “Do you see these great buildings? There will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.”

³And as he sat on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter and James and John and Andrew asked him privately, ⁴“Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when all these things are about to be accomplished?” ⁵And Jesus began to say to them, “See that no one leads you astray.

⁶Many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. ⁷And

when you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed. This must take place, but the end is not yet. ⁸For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. These are but the beginning of the birth pains.

⁹“But be on your guard. For they will deliver you over to councils, and you will be beaten in synagogues, and you will stand before governors and kings for my sake, to bear witness before them. ¹⁰And the gospel must first be proclaimed to all nations. ¹¹And when they bring you to trial and deliver you over, do not be anxious beforehand what you are to say, but say whatever is given you in that hour, for it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit. ¹²And brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death. ¹³And you will be hated by all for my name’s sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

NICENE CREED

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C **I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the

only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life † of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Rock of Ages” LSB #761, St. 1-3

- 1 Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in Thee; Let the water and the blood, From Thy riven side which flowed, Be of sin the double cure: Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.**
- 2 Not the labors of my hands Can fulfill Thy Law's demands; Could my zeal no respite know, Could my tears forever flow, All for sin could not atone; Thou must save, and Thou alone.**
- 3 Nothing in my hand I bring; Simply to Thy cross I cling. Naked, come to Thee for dress; Helpless, look to Thee for grace; Foul, I to the fountain fly; Wash me, Savior, or I die.**
- 4 While I draw this fleeting breath, When mine eyelids close in death, When I soar to worlds unknown, See Thee on Thy judgment throne, Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in Thee.**

SERMON: "End Times, Good News!"

OFFERTORY (Sing)

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C What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me? I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people, in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *Congregation*

*response to petitions: **Hear our prayer.**)*

SERVICE of the SACRAMENT

PREFACE

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P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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, Lord God of pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament.

Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My † blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

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P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S 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.

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 Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Sit

DISTRIBUTION

1) (piano) “The King of Love My Shepherd is”

2) “One Bread, One Body” WOV #710, St. 1-3

**Refrain: One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many, throughout the
earth, we are one body in this one
Lord.**

1 Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man no more. Refrain

2 Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all. Refrain

**3 Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,
gathered to one for all. Refrain**

3) “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” LSB 770

**1 What a friend we have in Jesus, All our sins
and griefs to bear! What a privilege to carry
Ev’rything to God in prayer! Oh, what peace
we often forfeit; Oh, what needless pain we
bear—All because we do not carry Ev’rything
to God in prayer!**

**2 Have we trials and temptations? Is there
trouble anywhere? We should never be
discouraged—take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful Who will all
our sorrows share? Jesus knows our ev’ry
weakness—Take it to the Lord in prayer.**

**3 Are we weak and heavy laden, Cumbered
with a load of care? Precious Savior, still our
refuge— Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it
to the Lord in prayer. In His arms He’ll take
and shield thee; Thou wilt find a solace
there.**

Stand

THANK the LORD (Sing)

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C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell

ev'ryone what He has done. Let ev'ryone who seeks the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name. He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

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P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

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P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

C Amen.

HYMN to DEPART

"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: "Jesus is All the World to Me"-W.

Thompson, Arr. D. Hustad

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Sunday Bible Study: Join us each Sunday
morning at 8:30am in the Fellowship Hall.**

**No Sunday Bible Study Next Sunday: Nov.
24th. There will be no Bible Study next week as
we instead will be helping out with the opening**

ceremonies of the Thanksgiving Highland Games.

Chosen Nights this November. Join us on Wednesday Nov. 20th for Chosen Nights here at Beautiful Savior. We gather for a meal at 5:30pm, followed by the show and a discussion. and on Nov. 20th we will watch Season 4 episodes 3 and 4. If interested in catching up on The Chosen go to <https://watch.thechosen.tv>

Weekly Prayer Email Updates: If you are not receiving our Beautiful Savior weekly prayer emails and would like to receive it, please give Pastor a copy of your email address. Forms to receive the Weekly prayer email can also be found in the Narthex/Hallway and can be given to Pastor or Marsha.

Rio Salado Scottish Heavy Athletics Veterans Day / Thanksgiving Games Opening Ceremonies. Join us on Sunday Nov. 24th at 9am on the back field here at church for the opening ceremonies of our 2024 Highland Games. Hear the Bagpipes play and be there as Pastor blesses the morning and our athletes together.

Sunday School: Kids are encouraged to join us for Sunday school each week during our

worship service. After our children's message kids will head to Sunday School in Fellowship Hall and will return before the end of service. Any questions, talk to Pastor Tim.

LWML Bible Class will meet Monday, Nov. 18th at noon to study Nathan! All BSLC women and friends are invited to join us.

Blankets and Umbrellas for La Mesa! Beautiful Savior is collecting Blankets and Umbrellas for our La Mesa friends for Thanksgiving. Please bring your donations to the church by Sunday, Nov. 24th.

Advent At Beautiful Savior: Join us on Wednesday December 4th, 11th and 18th at 6:30pm for Advent Midweek Services. Each week before service a soup dinner will be served from 5-6pm.

This year's Advent theme is "His Gospel is Peace", as we focus on how Christ's birth and return bring peace that overcomes fear.

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.

Please take time to look at the newly organized bulletin board out in the Narthex. Especially

notice the big poster board trimmed in gold which is a thank you card from the graduating McKinney Vento seniors of the class of 2024 at Tempe High School. It is nice to have them express their appreciation to us for the help we give them all year.

MOSLEY PEN PAL PROGRAM: Amy Garza of the Tempe Elementary School District is looking for volunteers to participate in the Pen Pal program with 6th, 7th or 8th graders in Melissa Roman-Clarino's class at Mosley. If interested, contact Amy with a few of your interests so you can be matched up with a student, i.e. favorite hobbies, foods, color, music, if you like sports, and which sport or team, if you play or played an instrument or like to travel, speak another language, were a teacher or in the military, etc. We had 5 volunteers last year! Contact Amy at penpals@tempeschools.org or (480) 730-7140.

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SERVING US AT WORSHIP TODAY:

Preacher & Liturgist:	Pastor Jim Toma
Dir. of Music / Organist:	Ellen Brown
Song Leader:	Donna Evans
Special Music:	The Beautiful Savior Singers
Lector Reader:	Skip McFadden
Assisting Elder:	Derek Bensen
Acolyte:	TBA
Greeter:	Rikki Anderson
Altar:	
	Bobbie Littou & Charlotte Grefe & Dave Mendham

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. Cell phone #480-536-2256.

WE CAN ASSIST THOSE UNABLE TO HEAR WELL...We have headsets available to use in the pews. Just let an usher know and they will be happy to bring you one.

**Attendance for week: 11-10-24 Bible Class—8;
Worship Service—36; 11-11-2024 Women's Bible
Study—NA; 11-7-24 La Mesa meal—108, La
Mesa Worship—39; La Mesa Baptism—NA.**

**Income report for 11-10: Loose Plate \$123;
Weekly Envelopes \$3032; Designated Gifts
\$192; Other \$; Total \$3347.**

November 17, Sunday

8:30 AM Adult Bible Study

9:30 AM Music Rehearsal

**10 AM 26th Sunday after Pentecost with Holy
Communion**

(Also, being streamed on Youtube & Facebook online)
See Below for instructions

After Children's message, Sunday School is in the
Fellowship Hall

November 18, Monday

12 PM LWML Women's Bible Study.

November 19, Tuesday

9:30 Braille Group

7 pm Finance Meeting

November 20, Wednesday

5:30 PM Chosen Night

November 21, Thursday

4-7 PM La Mesa

November 24, Sunday

10:00 AM Last Sunday of the Church Year

12 PM Highland Games/Lunch

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

Continue to pray for:

- **Prayer for the Family of Zach Brown**, Gretchen's friend – passed away;
- **We pray for the family of Kathryn Odle's Memorial Service** was on Friday, Nov. 15, 2024; entered into her eternal home on 10/22/2024;
- **Rachel**, Carlin's grandchild–Recovering from w/pelvis fracture & a dislocating hip.
- **Beth Givan** – Rachel's mother – Parkinson's disease;
- **Cindy Koch** – in treatment to build up immune system;
- **Nolan Conley** (2-years old)– will be on feeding tube for 4-6 months;
- **Len Lacy** - memory care;
- **For people who are in recovery disaster of hurricanes and 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!

Facebook instructions:

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,

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.

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler If everything you've ever thought or done was captured in a photo, how many of them would you save for all to see? Hear how God redeems all our snapshots--even those that don't seem "album-worthy." (Genesis 35:3)

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.

