

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

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

July 21, 2024

10:00 a.m.



Still Feeding With The Word

As We Gather

That day on the lake Jesus and his disciples were looking for rest, but the crowds were hungry for more of Jesus' words, more of his signs and miracles. They chased the boat and met it on the other side. Mark notes that Jesus had compassion on the crowd because they were "Like sheep without a shepherd." No one to care for them, no one to lead them, no one to guide them, no one to provide for them, protect them and feed them. Speaking of feeding them, when it was time to eat, the disciples saw the problem. These people need to leave. They need to go somewhere else for a meal. But instead, Jesus, the shepherd does what no one else has done for them. He provides and he feeds both their body and their spirit. He provides so much from so little

that there are 12 baskets full of leftovers. The disciples were to continue feeding God's creation, His people both physically and Spiritually. Today, as we welcome the Gideon International Convention to Phoenix and to Beautiful Savior, we celebrate all those who are still feeding God's people with the word of God and with some bread and fish.

PRELUDE: "Your Word Oh Lord, Is Gentle Dew"
-Setting by David Cherwien

PASTORAL WELCOME

Opening Prayer/Call to Worship

Pastor: Heavenly Father, Today we come maybe believing that we are empty, believing that we will never have enough, believing that what we have is unworthy. Today maybe we come fearful of sharing, fearful of losing our tenuous grip on security, fearful of touching and knowing the pain of others. Today we come maybe overwhelmed by hunger, overwhelmed by the suffering of children near and far, overwhelmed by the endless tales of senseless violence, greed, and death. Maybe today we come aching from the weight of the responsibility, aching from the chilling challenge of knowing our abundance, aching from the gnawing awareness that we have much to share. We come clinging to the little we have; bless it, and us. Break it, and us. Share it, and us.

People: Amen.

OPENING HYMN "Praise the One Who Breaks the

- 1 Praise the One who breaks the darkness
With a liberating light; Praise the One who
frees the pris'ners, Turning blindness into
sight. Praise the One who preached the
Gospel, Healing ev'ry dread disease,
Calming storms, and feeding thousands
With the very Bread of peace.
- 2 Praise the One who blessed the children
With a strong, yet gentle, word;
Praise the One who drove out demons
With the piercing, two-edged sword.
Praise the One who brings cool water
To the desert's burning sand;
From this Well comes living water,
Quenching thirst in ev'ry land.
- 3 Let us praise the Word Incarnate,
Christ, who suffered in our place.
Jesus died and rose victorious
That we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness,
Seeing what our God has done;
Let us praise the true Redeemer,
Praise the One who makes us one.

Stand

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*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 (*Read responsively*)

Psalm 147:7–11; antiphon: Psalm 145:16

You open your hand;
you satisfy the desire of every living thing.
Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving;
make melody to our God on the lyre!
He covers the heavens with clouds; he prepares
rain for the earth;
he makes grass grow on the hills.
He gives to the beasts their food,
and to the young ravens that cry.
His delight is not in the strength of the horse,
nor his pleasure in the legs of a man,
but the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear
him,
in those who hope in his steadfast love.
**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.**

You open your hand;
you satisfy the desire of every living thing.

Stand

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)*

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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.

Heavenly Father, though we do not deserve Your goodness, still You provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your gifts, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

GIDEON INTERNATIONAL PRESENTATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Jeremiah 23:1–6*

¹“Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture!” declares the LORD.

²Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who care for my people: “You have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. Behold, I will attend to you for your evil deeds, declares the LORD. ³Then I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴I will set shepherds over them who will care for them, and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall any be missing, declares the LORD.

⁵“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING *Ephesians 2:11–22*

¹¹Remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called “the uncircumcision” by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands—

¹²remember that you were at that time separated from

Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ¹³But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility ¹⁵by abolishing the law of commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, ¹⁶and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. ¹⁷And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. ¹⁸For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, ²⁰built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, ²¹in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. ²²In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Thy Word" -Smith & Grant: Arr. Jack Schrader

ALLELUIA AND VERSE (*Sing*)

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C Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia, alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 6:30–44

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

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

³⁰The apostles returned to Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. ³¹And he said to them, “Come away by yourselves to a desolate place and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. ³²And they went away in the boat to a desolate place by themselves. ³³Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they ran there on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. ³⁴When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. And he began to teach them many things. ³⁵And when it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, “This is a desolate place, and the hour is now late. ³⁶Send them away to go into the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat.” ³⁷But he answered them, “You give them something to eat.” And they said to him, “Shall we go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give it to them to eat?” ³⁸And he said to them, “How many loaves do you have? Go and see.” And when they had found out, they said, “Five, and two fish.” ³⁹Then he commanded them all to sit down in groups on the green grass. ⁴⁰So they sat down in groups, by hundreds and by fifties. ⁴¹And taking the five loaves and the two fish he looked up to heaven and said a blessing and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to set before the people. And he divided the two fish among them all. ⁴²And they all ate and were

satisfied. ⁴³And they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. ⁴⁴And those who ate the loaves were five thousand men.

^{1.}
P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Stand

NICENE CREED (*Spoken*)

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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.

HYMN OF THE DAY

"I Am the Bread of Life" WOV #702, St. 1-5

1 I am the Bread of Life, You who come to Me, shall not hunger; And who believe in Me shall not thirst, No one can come to Me, Unless the Father beckons.

Refrain: And I will raise you up, And I will raise you up, And I will raise you up, On the last day!

2 The bread that I will give, Is My flesh for the life of the world, And if you eat of this Bread, You shall live forever, You shall live forever! Refrain

3 Unless you eat The Flesh of the Son of Man, And drink of His Blood, And drink of His Blood, You shall not have life within you. Refrain

4 I am the Resurrection, I am the Life If you believe in Me, Even though you die, You shall live forever. Refrain

5 Yes, Lord, I believe that you, are the Christ, the Son of God, who has come into the world. Refrain

SERMON

"Thank God it's too much" (Mark 6:30-44)

GATHERING OF OFFERINGS

Stand

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.

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, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to

death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS (*Sing*)

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**C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the
Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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**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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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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."

LORD'S PRAYER (*Spoken*)

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C **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

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.

Sit

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

1) (piano) –

“The Son of God” -D. Thomas/Arr. Gloria Roe

2) **LSB #642, St. 1-4** "O Living Bread from Heaven"-
(Sung to the Tune Angel's Story- #527)

**1 O living Bread from heaven, How well You
feed your guest! The gifts that You have given
Have filled my heart with rest. Oh, wondrous
food of blessing, Oh, cup that heals our woes!
My heart, this gift possessing, With praises
overflows.**

**2 My Lord, You here have led me To this most
holy place And with Yourself have fed me
The treasures of Your grace; For You have
freely given What earth could never buy,
The bread of life from heaven, That now I shall
not die.**

**3 You gave me all I wanted; This food can death
destroy. And You have freely granted
The cup of endless joy. My Lord, I do not merit
The favor You have shown, And all my soul
and spirit Bow down before Your throne.**

**4 Lord, grant me then, thus strengthened
With heav'nly food, while here My course on**

earth is lengthened, To serve with holy fear.
And when You call my spirit To leave this
world below, I enter, through Your merit,
Where joys unmingled flow.

3)

“The Church’s One Foundation” **LSB #644, St.1,2 &5**

- 1 **The Church’s one foundation Is Jesus Christ,
her Lord; She is His new creation
By water and the Word. From heav’n He came
and sought her To be His holy bride; With His
own blood He bought her, And for her life He
died.**
- 2 **Elect from ev’ry nation, Yet one o’er all the
earth; Her charter of salvation: One Lord, one
faith, one birth. One holy name she blesses,
Partakes one holy food, And to one hope she
presses With ev’ry grace endued.**
- 5 **Yet she on earth has union With God, the
Three in One, And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won. O blessèd
heav’nly chorus! Lord, save us by Your grace
That we, like saints before us, May see You
face to face.**

Stand

THANK THE LORD

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- C **Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell
ev’ryone what He has done. Let all who seek
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

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.**

CLOSING HYMN

“Corner Stone” (ccli)

Verse 1

**My hope is built on nothing less, Than Jesus'
blood and righteousness, I dare not trust the
sweetest frame, But wholly trust in Jesus' Name.**

(REPEAT)

Chorus

Christ alone cornerstone

Weak made strong in the Saviour's love

Through the storm He is Lord, Lord of all.

Verse 2

**When darkness seems to hide His face, I rest on
His unchanging grace, In every high and stormy
gale, My anchor holds within the veil,
My anchor holds within the veil.**

Interlude

He is Lord Lord of all

Verse 3

**When He shall come with trumpet sound, Oh may I
then in Him be found, Dressed in His
righteousness alone, Faultless stand before the
throne.**

Edward Mote, Eric Liljero, Jonas Myrin, Reuben Morgan,
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POSTLUDE: Improvisation on “God’s Word is Our
Great Heritage”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

**Christian Education / Sunday School Meeting:
Sunday July 21st, 11:30am. Join us next Sunday,
July 21st after worship as we begin planning for a
Sunday School and Youth Ministry program here**

at Beautiful Savior. With the success of our Vacation Bible School program and the spoken needs of the parents and kids of our VBS to come and join us for more regular youth ministry events, now is the time to plan and launch at least Sunday School if not also, a midweek youth and family, and adult education night.

LWML Women's Weekly Bible Study Monday, July 22nd at noon in the Fellowship Hall will study Judah. All BSLC women and friends are invited to attend.

Brunch and Bibles: On break until September 12th. Enjoy your summer and stay cool.

Church Congregational Meeting: Following worship on July 28th, all members of the church are encouraged to stay and be a part of our Summer Voters' meeting. Hear from our leaders about plans for the rest of the year, and discuss the next steps in our congregational life together as the Spirit shows us how He wants us to serve one another and our community around us.

Memorial for Amina Kruck: Saturday, Aug 17th at 6 p.m. Ability 360 Conference Room. Located at 5031 E. Washington St., Phoenix, AZ 85034

Braille workers are done until September.

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SERVING US AT WORSHIP TODAY:

Preacher and Liturgist: Pastor Tim Anderson
Dir. of Music/Organist: Ellen Brown
Song Leader: Debby Bergman
Special Music: The Beautiful Savior Singers
Lector Reader: Debra McPeters
Acolyte: Charles Haynes
Greeter: Marsha Beetham
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: 7-14-24 Bible Class—6; Worship Service—41; 7-15-2024 Women’s Bible Study—; 7-11 La Mesa meal—105, La Mesa worship—31; La Mesa Baptism—NA.

Income report for 7-14: Loose Plate \$55; Weekly Envelopes \$1006; Designated Gifts \$46; Other \$; Total \$1107.

THIS WEEK AT BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

July 21, Sunday

8:30 AM Adult Bible Study

9:30 AM Music Rehearsal

10 AM The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost w/Holy Communion

*(Also, being streamed on Facebook online) (*Login info below to view online Planet Green -Electronics Recycle Day*

July 22, Monday

12 PM Women's Bible Study

July 25, Thursday

4-7 PM La Mesa

July 28, Sunday

The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

After Worship: Voters Assembly Meeting in the Fellowship Hall

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

- **Roann Monson**, having hip surgery Monday, July 22;
- **Rocio Ramirez** -battling cancer;
- **Jim McWilliams** -hospitalized;
- **Matt Boye** – Job hunting;
- **Vi Pope**, fell during her walk & has a broken hip, we continue to pray for John;
- **Darlene Haynes** - pray medical staff finds the infection and cures for it;
- **Blue Sky**, in rehab after surgery-recovering & on the

passing of his wife **Amina**;

- **Rikki Anderson** – Recuperating from surgery will be
- having more surgery;
- **Beth Givan**, Rachel's mother – Parkinson's disease and cancer, and for Beth's youngest daughter caring for her;
- **Joe Carlin** – **successful surgery, is home improving**;
- **Pat Carlin** – **for strength, comfort and peace**;
- **Annalisa, Brenda Frank, Warren and Cheryl, Jim Schutkowski** – **chemo treatments**;
- Bergman's daughter-in-law **Christy, 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:
*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 July 21 "Unhindered" Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler Dr. Jeff Gibbs and podcaster Jessica Bordeleau join Dr. Michael Zeigler to talk about St. Paul's harrowing journey to Rome. (Acts 27 & 28)

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.*