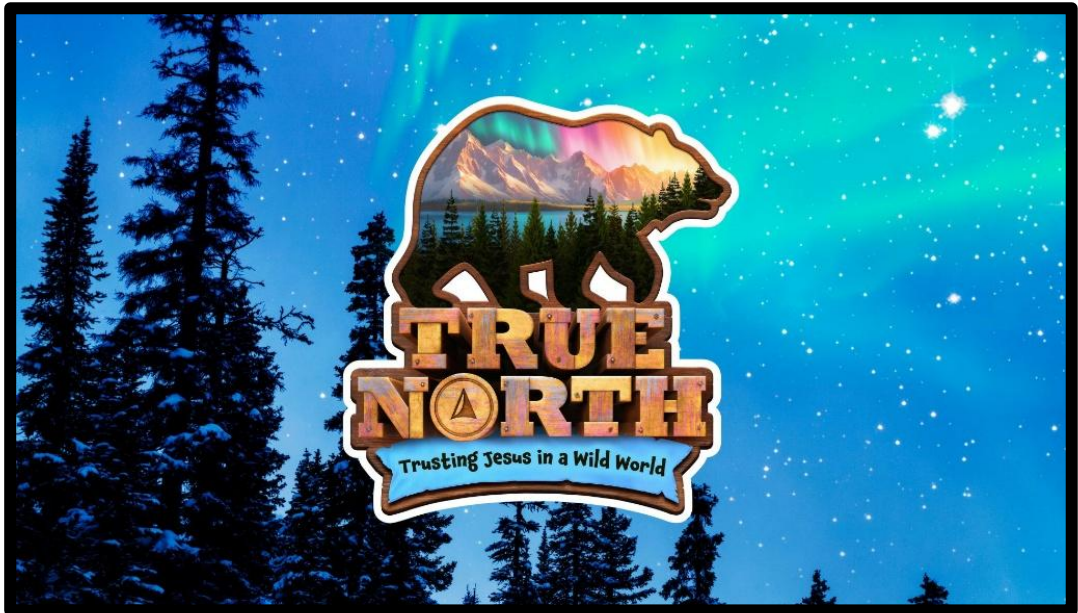


VBS SUNDAY
Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church
Tempe, AZ

July 6, 2025

10:00 AM



AS WE GATHER

As we gather this Independence Day Weekend, we give thanks for the freedoms we enjoy as citizens of this nation; and even more, for the true freedom we have in Christ. Just as a compass points us to true north, God's Word points us to our Savior, guiding us through life's uncertainties with His unchanging truth. As our congregation prepares for this week's True North Vacation Bible School, we are reminded that while earthly nations rise and fall, God remains our constant guide. Today, we celebrate both the blessings of our country and the greater joy of belonging to God's eternal kingdom, where Christ leads us in freedom, hope, and truth.

PRELUDE

"Variations on AMERICA"

David N. Johnson

PASTORAL WELCOME

Please Rise

HYMN OF INVOCATION

"This Is The Day"

TOSB #234

- 1 This is the day, this is the day
that the Lord has made, that the Lord has made.
I will rejoice, I will rejoice
And be glad in it, and be glad in it,
This is the day that the Lord has made,
We will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day
That the Lord has made. Repeat**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

INVOCATION

LSB 151

P In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Come, people of God, let us lift our hearts in praise!

C **For the Lord is our true North—our steady guide in all seasons.**

P On this Independence Day weekend, we thank God for the freedoms we enjoy in this land.

C **Amen. And we praise Him for the greater freedom we have through Christ. Freedom from sin and death.**

P As we prepare to share God's love through our Vacation Bible School program, we remember that God's truth never changes.

C **In a world that shifts and sways, our God is faithful and His Word is sure.**

P Yet we shift and sway all the time, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, as well as trustworthy and true, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P So, as we come before our Trustworthy God, let us remember that true freedom is not found in our accomplishments, nor in our nation's strength, but in Christ alone. He is our True North. He is our constant guide when we stray and our Savior when we fall. Let us come before Him in humble confession.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

CONFESSION

LSB 151 (Adapted)

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 have often looked to the world instead of to You for direction. We have misused the freedom You have given us, choosing selfishness over service, comfort over courage, and our ways over Your way. We have not always walked the path You set before us. Instead, we justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. Yet, for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, turn our hearts again to Your truth so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Be our compass, our rock, and our Redeemer. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

LSB 151 (Adapted)

P Hear the Good News: Jesus Christ has set you free—not with the power of armies or laws, but by His death and resurrection. In Him, your sins are forgiven. In Him, you are made new. And in

Him, you are guided daily by His Spirit, and by His grace and truth. 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.

Please Be Seated

SERVICE OF THE WORD

LSB 152-153

INTROIT

Psalm 19:2, 4–6; antiphon: v. 1

The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.

Day to day pours out speech,
and night to night reveals knowledge.

Their measuring line goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.

In them he has set a tent for the sun,
which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber,
and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy.

Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them,

and there is nothing hidden from its heat.

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 heavens declare the glory of God,
and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.

Please Rise

KYRIE*(Sung)*

LSB 151

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

LSB 155

C This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, You have built Your Church on the foundation of the apostles and prophets with Christ Jesus Himself as the cornerstone. Continue to send Your messengers to preserve Your people in true peace that, by the preaching of Your Word, Your Church may be kept free from all harm and danger; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Please Be Seated

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 66:10–14

¹⁰“Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her,
all you who love her;

rejoice with her in joy,
all you who mourn over her;

¹¹that you may nurse and be satisfied
from her consoling breast;
that you may drink deeply with delight
from her glorious abundance.”

¹²For thus says the Lord:

“Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river,
and the glory of the nations like an overflowing stream;
and you shall nurse, you shall be carried upon her hip,
and bounced upon her knees.

¹³As one whom his mother comforts,
so I will comfort you;
you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.

¹⁴You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice;
your bones shall flourish like the grass;
and the hand of the Lord shall be known to his servants,
and he shall show his indignation against his enemies.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Galatians 6:1–10, 14–18

¹Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. ²Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. ³For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. ⁴But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor. ⁵For each will have to bear his own load.

⁶One who is taught the word must share all good things with the one who teaches. ⁷Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. ⁸For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. ⁹And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. ¹⁰So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith. . . .

¹⁴But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. ¹⁵For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. ¹⁶And as for all who walk by this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God.

¹⁷From now on let no one cause me trouble, for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus.

¹⁸The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers. Amen.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

"God Bless the U.S.A."

Lee Greenwood

Chorus

**And I'm proud to be an American, where at least I know I'm free.
And I won't forget the ones who died, who gave that right to me.
And I'll gladly stand up, next to you, and defend her still today.
'Cause there ain't no doubt I love this land.
God Bless the U.S.A!**

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Please Rise

ALLELUIA AND VERSE *(Sung)*

LSB 156

**C Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of
eternal life. Alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 17:1–9

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the tenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to go. ²And he said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. ³Go your way; behold, I am sending you out as lambs in the midst of wolves. ⁴Carry no moneybag, no knapsack, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. ⁵Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace be to this house!' ⁶And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest upon him. But if not, it will return to you. ⁷And remain in the same house, eating and drinking what they provide, for the

laborer deserves his wages. Do not go from house to house. ⁸Whenever you enter a town and they receive you, eat what is set before you. ⁹Heal the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' ¹⁰But whenever you enter a town and they do not receive you, go into its streets and say, ¹¹'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet we wipe off against you. Nevertheless know this, that the kingdom of God has come near.' ¹²I tell you, it will be more bearable on that day for Sodom than for that town.

¹³"Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. ¹⁴But it will be more bearable in the judgment for Tyre and Sidon than for you. ¹⁵And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? You shall be brought down to Hades.

¹⁶"The one who hears you hears me, and the one who rejects you rejects me, and the one who rejects me rejects him who sent me."

¹⁷The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!" ¹⁸And he said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. ¹⁹Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you. ²⁰Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

NICENE CREED

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.

Please Be Seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Todah Yahweh”

Verse 1

**Your love is great Greater than all things
Jesus, You are with us in this place
Yes, You gave Your life
So we could walk in light
Alleluia, Lord, You came to save**

Chorus

**God, we need You every day
With one voice we sing Your praise**

**Full of mercy, full of grace
Todah Yahweh
In our weakness, You are strong
In Your presence, we belong
Full of mercy, full of grace
Todah Yahweh**

Verse 2

**You know our needs
You know our every fear
Lord, You know each one of our mistakes
Yes, You know our flaws You know our every sin
Jesus, still You offer us Your grace *Chorus***

Bridge

**Holy, Holy
You are Worthy
God, Almighty
Jesus, have Your way
Holy, Holy
You are Worthy
God, Almighty
Jesus, forever reign *Repeat, Chorus***

Tag

**Full of mercy, full of grace Todah Yahweh
Full of mercy, full of grace Todah Yahweh
God, we need You every day
Todah Yahweh**

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SERMON

“Trust Jesus In This Wild World”

OFFERTORY *(Sung)*

LSB 159-160

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.

Please Rise

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

(Congregation response to petitions: Hear our prayer)

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

LSB 160

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.

PROPER PREFACE

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 saying:

SANCTUS**LSB 161**

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**LSB 161**

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

LORD'S PRAYER (*Spoken*)**LSB 162**

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 (*Spoken*)

LSB 163

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen

Please Be Seated

AGNUS DEI (*Sing*)

LSB 163

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.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"United in Christ"
(Piano Solo)

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"'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"

Verse 1

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus.
Just to take Him at His word.
Just to rest upon His promise.
Just to know thus saith the Lord.

Chorus

Jesus, Jesus how I trust Him
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er.
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus,
O, for grace to trust Him more.

Verse 2

O, how sweet to trust in Jesus.
Just to trust His cleansing blood.

**Just in simple faith to plunge me
'Neath the healing cleansing flood *Chorus***

Verse 3

**Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus.
Just from sin and self to cease.
Just from Jesus simply taking
Life and rest and joy and peace. *Chorus***

Verse 4

**I'm so glad I learned to trust Thee.
Precious Jesus, Savior, Friend.
And I know that Thou art with me,
Wilt be with me to the end *Chorus***

**“Renew Me, O Eternal Light
LSB #704, v. 1-4**

- 1 Renew me, O eternal Light,
And let my heart and soul be bright,
Illumined with the light of grace
That issues from Your holy face.**
- 2 Remove the pow'r of sin from me
And cleanse all my impurity
That I may have the strength and will
Temptations of the flesh to still.**
- 3 Create in me a new heart, Lord,
That gladly I obey Your Word.
Let what You will be my desire,
And with new life my soul inspire.**
- 4 Grant that I only You may love
And seek those things which are above
Till I behold You face to face,**

O Light eternal, through Your grace.

Please Rise

THANK THE LORD (*Sing*)

LSB 164

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

LSB 166

P Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION

LSB 166

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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.

Please Be Seated

CLOSING HYMN

“Lift Every Voice and Sing”

LSB #964, v. 1-3

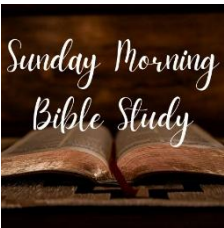
- 1 Lift ev'ry voice and sing
Till earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of liberty.
Let our rejoicing rise
High as the list'ning skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
Facing the rising sun
Of our new day begun,
Let us march on till victory is won.**
- 2 Stony the road we trod,
Bitter the chast'ning rod
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
Yet with a steady beat,
Have not our weary feet
Come to the place for which our parents sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered;
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the
slaughtered,
Out from the gloomy past,
Till now we stand at last
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.**
- 3 God of our weary years,
God of our silent tears,
Thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;
Thou who hast by Thy might
Led us into the light,
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met
Thee;
Lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget
Thee;**

Shadowed beneath Thy hand,
May we forever stand,
True to our God, true to our native land.

POSTLUDE

"America the Beautiful"

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Join us for Sunday Bible study on the book of Isaiah. We continue to meet at 8:30AM in the Fellowship Hall.

Join us for our new Monday Bible Study "The Evening Word" for those who work during the day. We meet Every 2nd Monday of the Month this summer at 7:00pm at church as we study the book of Genesis. Join us here July 14th at 7:00pm.



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.

Our True North VBS starts this week! It goes from July 7th-11th, from 5:00-7:30pm each night. Thank you all for your donations and prayers!





Church Members and others who wish to "give electronically" can do so by going to: easytithe.com/BSLCTempe. Then choose the 'Recurring' or 'One-Time' giving option and choose a Fund. The Funds are: General Budget, LWML, Missions, Air conditioners, La Mesa, Staff

Continuing Education, Memorial, and Other. When selecting Other, please specify how your donation should be used. Thank you!!

This week, the office will be open from 11:00am to 3:00pm as we make sure each day of VBS is ready for success.



THIS WEEK AT BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

Sunday, July 6th

8:30 AM Adult Bible Study

9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal

10 AM VBS Sunday Worship

11:30 AM Fellowship hour- *Birthdays and Anniversaries*

11:30 AM VBS Set-Up

11:30 AM New Membership Class

Monday, July 7th

5-7:30pm True North VBS

Tuesday, July 8th

5-7:30pm True North VBS

Wednesday, July 9th

3pm Executive Meeting

5-7:30pm True North VBS

Thursday, July 10th

4-7 PM La Mesa

5-7:30pm True North VBS

Friday, July 11th

5-7:30pm True North VBS

Sunday, July 13th

8:30 AM Adult Bible Study

9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal

10 AM 5th Sunday After Pentecost Worship

11:30 AM Fellowship hour

11:30 AM New Membership Class

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Assisting Elder:

Charles Haynes

Acolyte:

Wendell Robson

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 office hours. He is available Monday through Thursday, 10am - 3pm as well as by appointment. Pastor Tim will use the rest of his time to make house visits for the sick and shut in, meet with our members and guests, attend meetings, leading worship and other ministries, and creating connections for the church in our community. Cell phone #480-536-2256.

Hearing Assistance: 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: 6-29-25

Bible Study— 7

Worship Service— 42

La Mesa Attendance for 6-26-2025

Meal— 121

Worship— 35

Income report for 6-29-2025:

Loose Plate: \$146.00

Designated: \$157.00

Weekly Envelopes: \$1875.00

Other:

Total: \$2178.00

ONLINE WORSHIP INSTRUCTIONS

Facebook Live Stream instructions:

- 1) Type or paste the following link into your browser search bar:
www.facebook.com/BeautifulSaviorLutheranChurchTempe/
- 2) **Option 1** - Scroll until you find a post that shows a "Live" feed titled for the Sunday service, or
- 3) **Option 2** - Click on the "Videos" button on the left-hand sidebar (ignore anything asking you to sign up or sign in to Facebook)
- 4) Look for the video titled for the date of the Sunday service.

The Live 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 for a month and posted on Youtube if you would like to view it later, or to replay it again at your discretion.

YouTube instructions:

- 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.

PRAYER LIST

For Healing:

Tom Kruck; Christy Bergman; Rikki Anderson; Cindy Koch; Wendy Sievers; Ryanne Flanery; Pam; Debbie Jonas; Paul Beetham; Barbara Willford; Marianne Lemkau; Nolan Conley; Pat Carlin; André Safford; Doug Bergman's father;

For Comfort:

For Judy's Family

For the Smith family

For the family of Officer Gabriel Facio and the Apache Junction

For Strength and Support:

Rachel Givan

Dave Mendham

In Thanksgiving:

For all the children and families registered for our Vacation Bible School and for all those still to register.

For those volunteering their time, talents, and treasure for VBS.

For all those who work to keep us cool, safe and hydrated during the warm summer here in the Tempe area.

For the Church

For our sister congregations and their ministries.

For Gethsemane as they enter the call process for a new pastor.

For the World:

Our nation and our leaders to govern with a mindset that reflects the heart of Christ;

All nations dealing with hardships;

All those who serve our nation in the armed forces and locally as firefighters and law enforcement;

Peace among all nations.



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.