

HOLY CROSS SUNDAY

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

Tempe, AZ

September 14th, 2025

10:00 AM



AS WE GATHER

The message of the cross is foolishness to the world, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. On this Holy Cross Day, we remember that God's greatest victory was won in what looked like the deepest defeat. Just as the people of Israel looked to the bronze serpent lifted up in the wilderness and were healed, so also we are given life as we look in faith to Jesus lifted up on the cross. In Christ crucified, we see the mercy of God who lifts us from the pit, sets our feet upon the rock, and puts a new song in our mouths. Today, as we gather at the foot of the cross, we find life, forgiveness, and the promise that through the cross, Jesus draws all people to Himself.

CASUAL SUNDAY

PRAISE MEDLEY

“How Deep The Father's Love For Us”

Verse 1

**How deep the Father's love for us
How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure
How great the pain of searing loss
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory**

Verse 2

**Behold the Man upon a cross
My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished**

Verse 3

**I will not boast in anything
No gifts no pow'r no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from His reward
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom**

“Lord, I Lift Your Name On High”

Verse

**Lord I lift Your name on high
Lord I love to sing Your praises
I'm so glad You're in my life
I'm so glad You came to save us**

Chorus

**You came from heaven to earth
To show the way
From the earth to the cross
My debt to pay
From the cross to the grave
From the grave to the sky
Lord I lift Your name on high**

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“Here I Am To Worship”

Verse 1

**Light of the world
You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes let me see
Beauty that made
This heart adore You
Hope of a life spent with You**

Chorus

**So here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down**

**Here I am to say that You're my God
And You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me**

Verse 2

**King of all days
Oh so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above
Humbly You came
To the earth You created
All for love's sake became poor**

Bridge

**And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross
And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross**

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PASTORAL WELCOME

Please Rise

INVOCATION

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

C Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

P Look to the Lord and be saved, all the ends of the earth.

C For Christ was lifted up on the cross to give us life.

P The people looked to the bronze serpent in the wilderness and were healed.

C We look to Jesus crucified and find forgiveness and salvation.

P Come, let us worship the One who draws all people to Himself.

C We lift high the cross and glorify the name of Christ!

CONFESSION

P Long ago, God's people in the wilderness suffered because of their sin, and poisonous serpents came among them. Yet when they looked to the bronze serpent lifted up, they were healed. Today we come before God, looking to Jesus lifted up on the cross, who draws all people to Himself.

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

C Lord God, we admit that we often turn away from You. We grumble, doubt, and trust our own wisdom instead of Your ways. We fail to cling to the cross and forget that in Christ, Your power and mercy are revealed. Forgive us, heal us, and draw us close to You.

ABSOLUTION

P Just as the bronze serpent brought life to God's people, so Jesus brings forgiveness, healing, and eternal life to all who look to Him in faith. He said, "When I am lifted up, I will draw all people to Myself." Your sins are forgiven, and you are drawn into His life. In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen. We are forgiven, healed, and drawn to Jesus, lifted up on the cross for us!

Please Be Seated

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT

Psalm 98:1, 4, 6; antiphon: v. 2

The Lord has made known his salvation;
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things!
His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

With trumpets and the sound of the horn
make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord!
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 Lord has made known his salvation;
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

Please Rise

KYRIE (*Spoken*)

C Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy

GLORIA

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C 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.

Merciful God, Your Son, Jesus Christ, was lifted high upon the cross that He might bear the sins of the world and draw all people to Himself. Grant that we who glory in His death for our redemption may faithfully heed His call to bear the cross and follow Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Please Be Seated

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Numbers 21:4–9

⁴From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. ⁵And the people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food.” ⁶Then the Lord sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. ⁷And the people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned, for we have spoken against the Lord and against you. Pray to the Lord, that he take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸And the Lord said to Moses, “Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live.” ⁹So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 1:18–25

¹⁸The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,

and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are called,

both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God**

SPECIAL MUSIC

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Please Rise

ALLELUIA (*Sung*)

"Alleluia No. 1 (Alleluia Alleluia Give Thanks)"

Chorus

Alleluia, alleluia!

Give thanks to the Risen Lord!

Alleluia, alleluia!

Give praise to His Name!

Verse 1

Jesus is Lord of all the earth.

He is the King of creation. *Chorus*

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HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 17:1–9

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the seventeenth chapter.

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

²⁰Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. ²¹So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." ²²Philip went

and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³And Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

²⁷“Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven: “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” ²⁹The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” ³⁰Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not mine. ³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” ³³He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

APOSTLE’S CREED

C **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.

Please Be Seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Cornerstone"

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 Savior'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. *Chorus***

Interlude

He is Lord, Lord of all. *Chorus x2*

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. *Chorus***

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SERMON

“Lifted Up To Draw Us In.”

OFFERING HYMN (*Sung*)

“Jesus Paid It All (Christ I Owe)”

Verse 1

**I hear the Savior say
Thy strength indeed is small
Child of weakness watch and pray
Find in Me thine all in all**

Chorus

**Jesus paid it all
All to Him I owe
Sin had left a crimson stain
He washed it white as snow**

Verse 2

**Lord, now indeed I find
Thy power and Thine alone
Can change the leper's spots
And melt the heart of stone. *Chorus***

Verse 3

**For nothing good have I
Whereby Thy grace to claim
I'll wash my garments white
In the blood of Calvary's Lamb *Chorus***

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Please Rise

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

*(Congregation response to petitions: **Hear our prayer**)*

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.

BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION

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

“Lead Me To The Cross”

Verse 1

**Savior I come, quiet my soul.
Remember redemption's hill
Where Your blood was spilled
For my ransom.**

Pre-Chorus

**Ev'rything I once held dear
I count it all as loss**

Chorus

**Lead me to the cross,
Where Your love poured out.
Bring me to my knees.
Lord, I lay me down.
Rid me of myself;
I belong to You.
Oh, lead me.
Lead me to the cross**

Verse 2

**You were as I, tempted and tried.
Human,
The word became flesh,
Bore my sin in death.
Now You're risen**
Pre-Chorus, Chorus

Bridge

**To Your heart
To Your heart
Lead me to Your heart
Lead me to Your heart**
Chorus x2

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POSTLUDE

“Cornerstone” Reprise

ANNOUNCEMENTS

On the bulletin board in the Narthex are sign up sheets to reserve a time to take your directory photo in September! Days available are Sunday, and Wednesday through Friday for the entire month of September. It is reservation-based first, but also welcome to walk-ins. We start taking photos this week!

Join us on Sundays at 8:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall for our Bible Study on Isaiah. We started diving into the Messianic prophecies portion of Isaiah so it's the perfect time to join on in.

Join us for our Monday Bible Study "The Evening Word" for those who work during the day. We meet every 2nd and 4th Monday of the Month at 7:00pm at church as we study the book of Genesis. Join us here next week, September 22nd at 7:00pm.

Brunch and Bibles is studying the book of Romans together the season and will meet once again on September 25th at noon. This group meets at local restaurants for a time of bible study and discussion. We will be meeting at Chili's located at 400 W. University Dr., Tempe, AZ 85281

Beautiful Savior members and friends are invited to attend the Senior Adult Ministry (SAM) meeting Thursday, Sept. 18th, at 1 PM at Gethsemane Church, 1035 E Guadalupe Rd, Tempe, AZ 85283. The speaker will be Sandy Rosenbaum talking about the Gethsemane preschool program. You are also invited to join the group for lunch at 11:30 AM at Rigatony's. If you wish to attend the lunch, contact Charlotte Grefe to reserve a place (480-688-1898 or iowagal@cox.net)

THIS WEEK AT BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

Sunday, September 14th
8:30 AM Bible Study

9:30 AM Music Rehearsal

10 AM Holy Cross Worship

11:30 AM Fellowship Hour

Monday, September 15th

12 PM LWML Women's Bible Study

5 PM Council Meeting

Thursday, September 18th

4-7 PM La Mesa

Sunday, September 14th

8:30 AM Bible Study

9:30 AM Music Rehearsal

10 AM Feast of St. Matthew Worship

11:30 AM Fellowship Hour

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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).

Giving Electronically please go to easytithe.com/BSLCTempe and choose “One-Time” or “Recurring” before choosing a fund: General Budget, LWML, Missions, Air conditioners, La Mesa, Staff Continuing Education, Memorial, and Other. Please specify when selecting Other.

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.

Prayer Cards: In the pews are a prayer card that can be filled out and placed in the offering plate. Please check the box at the bottom of the card if you want the prayer to be added to our Email Prayer Chain.

Attendance for week: 9-7-25

Worship Service— 35

Sunday Bible Class— 8

LWML Bible Class— 6

La Mesa Attendance for 9-4-2025

Meal— 104

Worship— 33

Income report for 9-7-2025:

Designated: \$338.00

Loose Plate: \$23.00

Weekly Envelopes: \$2457.00

Total: \$2818.00

PRAYER LIST

For Healing:

Christy Bergman; Rikki Anderson; Cindy Koch; Wendy Sievers; Pam; Debbie Jonas; Paul Beetham; Barbara Willford; Marianne Lemkau; Nolan Conley; Pat Carlin; André Safford; Gilbert Bergman; Dawn Robson; Kayla Reddy; Bev Dase; Tim Timm; Jacob Hutson; Audrey Brutlag; Brenda Frank

For Comfort:

The Kruck family and friends

Joe Pruit

The family of Blaire

For Strength and Support:

Rachel Givan; Dave Mendham; Beth Hutson; Brenda Frank and her family

In Thanksgiving:

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 call for a new pastor.

For the World:

For the victims' families in the Minnesota school shooting.

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, paramedics, and law enforcement;

Peace among all nations