

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

Tempe, AZ

July 12, 2026

10:00 AM

As we worship together, please respond to the Pastor (“P”) or the Reader (“R”) in the bolded sections labeled “C” for Congregational Response.

CASUAL SUNDAY

PRAISE MEDLEY

“Bless His Holy Name”

Chorus

**Bless the Lord oh my soul
And all that is within me
Bless His holy name**

Verse

**He has done great things
He has done great things
He has done great things
Bless His holy name**

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“God Loves Us So”

Verse

**Even though I don't deserve it
No way that I could earn it
He loves us God loves us so
With grace and full forgiveness**

**He washed away my sin 'cause
He loves us God loves us so**

Chorus

**This is how he loves us so
With love that's unconditional
Not because of what we do or what we've done
This is why he gave his life
Made the greatest sacrifice
Jesus loves us more than we could ever know
(God loves us so)**

Bridge

**This is how he loves us
This is how he loves us so
This is how he loves us
This is how he loves us so *Chorus***

Ending

**Even though I don't deserve it
No way that I could earn it
He loves us God loves us so**

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“Blessed Be Your Name”

Verse 1

**Blessed be Your name
In the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow
Blessed be Your name**

Verse 2

**Blessed be Your name
When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness
Blessed be Your name**

Pre-Chorus

**Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll
Turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in Lord
Still I will say**

Chorus

**Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name**

Verse 3

**Blessed be Your name
When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's all as it should be
Blessed be Your name**

Verse 4

**Blessed be Your name
On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering
Blessed be Your name *Pre-Chorus, Chorus***

Bridge

**You give and take away
You give and take away
My heart will choose to say
Lord blessed be Your name *Chorus***

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 O God, We gather together in Your presence with expectation, hungry for an encounter with You, eager to hear Your Word.

C Open our eyes and ears to the presence of Your Holy Spirit.

P May the seeds of Your Word scattered among us this morning fall on fertile soil.

C May they take root in our hearts and lives, and produce an abundant harvest of good words and deeds. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, our teacher and our Lord. Amen.

CONFESSION

P O Lord, save us from hardness of heart, where your word cannot take root.

C O Lord, save us from shallowness of mind, where your word withers away.

P O Lord, save us from the deceitfulness of riches, where your word is choked by everyday cares.

C But Lord, grant that our hearts may be fertile soil, where your word flourishes and yields a harvest, bringing salvation to ourselves and those about us. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

P We no longer need to live as slaves to our sinful natures. Sin has no

claim on us anymore, because through the power of the Holy Spirit, we have put to death our old ways of acting and thinking. We have been given new life as God's own children. So be at peace: your sins are forgiven!

C Thanks be to God!

Please Be Seated

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT

Psalm 103:15–19; antiphon: v. 8

The Lord is merciful and gracious,

slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

As for man, his days are like grass;

he flourishes like a flower of the field;

for the wind passes over it, and it is gone,

and its place knows it no more.

But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him,

and his righteousness to children's children,

to those who keep his covenant

and remember to do his commandments.

The Lord has established his throne in the heavens,

and his kingdom rules over all.

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 is merciful and gracious,

slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Please Rise

GLORIA

WOV #640

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.

Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; 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 55:10–13

¹⁰“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven
and do not return there but water the earth,

making it bring forth and sprout,

giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,

¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;

it shall not return to me empty,

but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,

and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

¹²“For you shall go out in joy

and be led forth in peace;

the mountains and the hills before you

shall break forth into singing,

and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

¹³Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;

instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;

and it shall make a name for the Lord,

an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God**

EPISTLE READING

Romans 8:12–17

¹²So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. ¹³For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God**

SPECIAL MUSIC

"More Precious Than Silver"

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Please Rise

ALLELUIA (*Sung*)

WOV #612

C **Halle, Halle, Hallelujah** (*Repeat 3x*)
Hallelujah, Hallelujah

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 13:1–9, 18–23

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

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

¹That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ²And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a

boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: “A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, ⁶but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹He who has ears, let him hear. . .

¹⁸“Hear then the parable of the sower: ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, ²¹yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. ²³As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Please Be Seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

Verse 1

“Speak O Lord”

**Speak O Lord as we come to You
To receive the food of Your holy word
Take Your truth plant it deep in us
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith
Speak O Lord and fulfill in us
All Your purposes for Your glory**

Verse 2

**Teach us Lord full obedience
Holy reverence true humility
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity
Cause our faith to rise
Cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority
Words of power that can never fail
Let their truth prevail over unbelief**

Verse 3

**Speak O Lord and renew our minds
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us
Speak O Lord till Your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory**

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SERMON

“Strange Works”

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.

OFFERING HYMN (*Sung*)

**Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring”
WOV #759, v. 1-3**

- 1 Accept, O Lord, the gifts we bring
to place upon your table.
We do not worship as we ought
But only as we're able.**
- 2 The vines were planted, seeds were sown.
They grew in your good pleasure.
What once was common, daily food
Becomes a holy treasure.**
- 3 Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares
We lift in pray'r before you.
Lord, by your grace now come to us,
As humbly we adore you.**

Please Rise

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

(Congregation response to petitions: Hear our prayer)

LORD'S PRAYER *(Spoken)*

LSB 179

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.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

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 We pray, Holy living and loving God, we praise you for creating the heavens and the Earth and for saving us from the power of sin and death. We thank you for your Son Jesus, who, living among us, healed the sick, fed the hungry and with a love stronger than death gave his life for others. Remember, therefore, His life-giving death and glorious resurrection, we await your promised life for this dying world, that one day we will join with Heaven and earth and all the angels evermore praising you and singing...

SANCTUS *(Sung)*

“Holy, Holy”
TOSB #74, v. 1

**1 Holy, holy,
Holy, holy,
Holy, holy, Lord God almighty;
And we lift our hearts before You as a token of our love,
Holy, holy,
Holy, holy**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

AGNUS DEI (*Spoken*)

**C Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us
peace.**

PAX DOMINI (*Spoken*)

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

**"Gift of Finest Wheat"
Piano and Guitar Solo**

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"Ancient Words"

Verse 1

**Holy words long preserved
For our walk in this world
They resound with God's own heart
O let the ancient words impart**

Verse 2

**Words of life words of hope
Give us strength help us cope
In this world where'er we roam**

Ancient words will guide us home

Chorus

**Ancient words ever true
Changing me changing you
We have come with open hearts
O let the ancient words impart**

Verse 3

**Holy words of our faith
Handed down to this age
Came to us through sacrifice
O heed the faithful words of Christ**

Verse 4

**Martyr's blood stains each page
They have died for this faith
Hear them cry through the years
Heed these words and hold them dear *Chorus***

Ending

**We have come with open hearts
O let the ancient words impart
O let the ancient words impart**

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“Come Share The Lord”

Chorus 1

**We gather here in Jesus' name
His love is burning in our hearts like living flame
For through His loving Son the Father makes us one
Come take the bread come drink the wine**

Come share the Lord

Chorus 2

**We'll gather soon where angels sing
We'll see the glory of our Lord and coming King
Now we anticipate the feast for which we wait
Come take the bread come drink the wine
Come share the Lord**

Bridge

**For He will feed us with His presence here
This bread and wine will do us good
Our deepest hungers He will satisfy
For He is life and peace and rest and drink and food**

Chorus 3

**He joins us here He breaks the bread
The Lord who pours the cup is risen from the dead
The One we love the most is now our gracious host
Come take the bread come drink the wine
Come share the Lord**

Bridge

**No one is a stranger here
Ev'ryone belongs
Finding our forgiveness here
We in turn forgive all wrongs
We are now the family
Of which the Lord is head
Though unseen He meets us here
In the breaking of the bread**

Ending

Come take the bread

**Come drink the wine
Come share the Lord**

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Living God, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.

C Amen

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

C Amen.

Please Be Seated

CLOSING HYMN

“They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love”

Verse 1

**We are one in the Spirit
We are one in the Lord
We are one in the Spirit
We are one in the Lord
And we pray that all unity
May one day be restored**

Chorus

**And they'll know we are Christians
By our love, by our love
Yes, they'll know we are Christians
By our love**

Verse 2

**We will walk with each other
We will walk hand in hand
We will walk with each other
We will walk hand in hand
And together we'll spread the news
That God is in our land *Chorus***

Verse 3

**We will work with each other
We will work side by side
We will work with each other
We will work side by side
And we'll guard each man's dignity
And save each man's pride *Chorus***

Verse 4

**All praise to the Father
From whom all things come
And all praise to Christ Jesus
His only Son
And all praise to the Spirit
Who makes us one *Chorus***

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POSTLUDE

“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah” Reprise

THIS WEEK AT BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

Sunday, July 12th

8:30 AM Sunday Bible Study

9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal

10 AM 7th Sunday After Pentecost Worship

11:30 AM Fellowship

Thursday, July 16th

4-7 PM La Mesa

Sunday, July 19th

9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal

10 AM 8th Sunday After Pentecost Worship

11:30 AM Fellowship

BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Serving us at Worship:

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Ellen Brown

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Donna Evans

Guitarist:

Christy Arnold

Lector Reader:

Charlotte Grefe

Acolyte:

Dakota Meeks

Greeter:

Benjamin Greer

Communion Elder:

Don Calender

Assisting Elder:

Wendell Robson

Altar:

Benjamin Greer, Wendell Robson

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 easytithes.com/BSLCTempe and choose “One-Time” or “Recurring” before choosing a fund: General Budget, Peter Spallek Memorial, Raise the Roof Campaign, LWML, Missions, Air conditioners, La Mesa, Staff Continuing Education, Vacation Bible School, and Other. Please specify when selecting Other.

Pastor Tim's 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 attending to members, meetings, and creating connections for the church in our community. His cell phone number is 480-536-2256.

Prayer Cards: In the pews is 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 of 07-05-2026:

Sunday Bible Study— 10

Sunday Worship Service— 36

La Mesa Attendance for 06-25-26

Meal— 132

Worship— 30

La Mesa Attendance for 07-02-26

Meal— 141

Worship— 33

Income report for 07-05-2026

Designated Gifts: \$61.00

Loose Plate: \$22.00

Weekly Envelopes: \$2195.00

Total: \$2248.00

Raise the Roof Campaign Total: \$54,896.28

PRAYER LIST

For Healing:

Christy Bergman; Rikki Anderson; Cindy Koch; Wendy Sievers; Pam; Debbie Jonas; Paul Beetham; Barbara Willford; Marianne Lemkau; Pat Carlin; André Safford; Dawn Robson; Bev Dase; Jacob Hutson; Gladys Meyer; Corsene Grady; Cyndi Calender; Kristen; Ryanne Flannery; Brenda Frank; Rick Frank; Marion Trautmann; Scharlene Wallace; Michael Tiberg; Erika Guzzi; Pastor Jonathan Stites; Mike Wake; Mary; Dave Mendham

For Strength and Support:

Beth Hutson; the Frank family; Natalia Goschie; Mark, Libby, and Waylon; Cari, Michelle, and Dave; Natalie Conley; Pastor John Pope and his family

For Comfort:

The Schutkowski family

In Thanksgiving:

For a wonderful week at VBS

For the Church:

For our sister congregations and their ministries

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, paramedics, and law enforcement; Peace among all nations.



COMMUNION... OUR UNDERSTANDING

According to the Scriptures, by participating in Holy Communion, you are partaking in the Feast to come with believers all over the world- before us and after us. Jesus taught his disciples himself that in, with, and underneath the bread and wine is his own Body and Blood. Therefore, we ought to examine ourselves before communing in three ways:

- *We recognize that we are sinners and ultimately unworthy*
- *We believe in Jesus Christ as our Savior, in his Word, and in his promises*
- *We intend to live as forgiven people guided by the Holy Spirit*

If this is what you believe, if this is what you confess, then we welcome you to join us for the Lord's Supper at the Table. Please speak with Pastor before or after the service if you have any other questions.

Other Notes:

- *White Grape Juice is offered in the place of wine for those who cannot drink wine. These are the cups in the middle of the tray. We do not offer gluten-free communion bread at this time, but please let the pastor know if it is needed for future services.*
- *The Blood of Christ is offered both in individual glasses or with the Common Cup. If you wish to receive from the Common Cup, please lift your eyes and hands as it passes.*
- *Children and Adults not instructed are still encouraged to join us at the Table to receive a separate blessing.*