

THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

Tempe, AZ

August 23, 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.

PRELUDE

"Prelude on 'Beach Spring' " - David Paxton

PASTORAL WELCOME

HYMN OF INVOCATION

"Christ Is Our Cornerstone"
LSB #912, v. 1-3

- 1 Christ is our cornerstone,
On Him alone we build;
With His true saints alone
The courts of heav'n are filled.
On His great love
Our hopes we place
Of present grace
And joys above.
- 2 Here may we gain from heav'n
The grace which we implore,
And may that grace, once giv'n,
Be with us evermore
Until that day
When all the blest
To endless rest
Are called away.
- 3△ Oh, then, with hymns of praise

**These hallowed courts shall ring;
Our voices we will raise
The Three in One to sing
And thus proclaim
In joyful song,
Both loud and long,
That glorious name.**

Please Rise

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

INVOCATION

LSB 167

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.

CONFESSION

LSB 167

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.**

ABSOLUTION

LSB 167

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.**

Please Be Seated

SERVICE OF THE WORD

LSB 168-173

INTROIT

Psalm 2:6–7; 117; antiphon: Psalm 115:18

But we will bless the Lord

from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the Lord!

As for me, I have set my King

on Zion, my holy hill.

I will tell of the decree:

The Lord said to me, “You are my Son; today I have begotten you.”

Praise the Lord, all nations!

Extol him, all peoples!

For great is his steadfast love toward us,

and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever. Praise 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.

But we will bless the Lord

from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the Lord!

Please Rise

KYRIE*(Sung)*

LSB 168-169

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 171

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

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

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

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

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

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

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life that we may boldly confess Him to be the Christ and steadfastly walk in the way that leads to life eternal; through the same Jesus Christ, 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 51:1–6

¹“Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness,
you who seek the Lord:
look to the rock from which you were hewn,
and to the quarry from which you were dug.

²Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah who bore you;
for he was but one when I called him,
that I might bless him and multiply him.

³For the Lord comforts Zion;
he comforts all her waste places
and makes her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the Lord;
joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

⁴“Give attention to me, my people,
and give ear to me, my nation;
for a law will go out from me,
and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples.

⁵My righteousness draws near,
my salvation has gone out,
and my arms will judge the peoples;
the coastlands hope for me,
and for my arm they wait.

⁶Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
and look at the earth beneath;
for the heavens vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,

and they who dwell in it will die in like manner;
but my salvation will be forever,
and my righteousness will never be dismayed."

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God**

EPISTLE READING

Romans 11:33–12:8

³³Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

³⁴"For who has known the mind of the Lord,
or who has been his counselor?"

³⁵"Or who has given a gift to him
that he might be repaid?"

³⁶For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

¹I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, ⁵so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. ⁶Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; ⁷if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; ⁸the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with

cheerfulness.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God**

SPECIAL MUSIC

"If It Had Not Been for the Lord"

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ALLELUIA AND VERSE (*Sung*)

LSB 173

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

Please Rise

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 16:13–20

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

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

¹³Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." ²⁰Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

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

**"Built on the Rock"
LSB #645, v. 1-2, 5**

- 1 Built on the Rock the Church shall stand
Even when steeples are falling.
Crumbled have spires in ev'ry land;
Bells still are chiming and calling,
Calling the young and old to rest,
But above all the souls distressed,
Longing for rest everlasting.**
- 2 Surely in temples made with hands
God, the Most High, is not dwelling;
High above earth His temple stands,**

All earthly temples excelling.
Yet He who dwells in heav'n above
Chooses to live with us in love,
Making our bodies His temple.

- 5 Grant, then, O God, Your will be done,
That, when the church bells are ringing,
Many in saving faith may come
Where Christ His message is bringing:
“I know My own; My own know Me.
You, not the world, My face shall see.
My peace I leave with you. Amen.”

SERMON “Who He Is and Who We Are”

OFFERING

OFFERTORY (*Sung*)

LSB 176

- 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 177

- 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

LSB 178

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

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

LSB 178

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 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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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."

PAX DOMINI (*Spoken*)

LSB 180

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen

Please Be Seated

AGNUS DEI (*Sing*)

LSB 180

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

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

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

**"Many Gifts, One Spirit" - Al Carmines
Piano Solo**

**"One Bread, One Body"
WOV #710, v. 1-3**

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

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

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

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

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**"Take My Life and Let It Be"
LSB #783, v. 1-6**

**1 Take my life and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments and my days,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

**2 Take my hands and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love;**

**Take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee.**

- 3 Take my voice and let me sing
Always, only for my King;
Take my lips and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee.**
- 4 Take my silver and my gold,
Not a mite would I withhold;
Take my intellect and use
Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.**
- 5 Take my will and make it Thine,
It shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart, it is Thine own,
It shall be Thy royal throne.**
- 6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for Thee.**

Please Rise

THANK THE LORD *(Sing)*

LSB 181

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

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

LSB 183

P Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of

the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; 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

LSB 183

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

“Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”

LSB #909, v. 1-4

- 1 Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ, our head and cornerstone,
Chosen of the Lord and precious,
Binding all the Church in one;
Holy Zion's help forever
And our confidence alone.**
- 2 To this temple, where we call You,
Come, O Lord of hosts, and stay;
Come with all Your loving-kindness,
Hear Your people as they pray;
And Your fullest benediction
Shed within these walls today.**
- 3 Grant, we pray, to all Your faithful
All the gifts they ask to gain;**

**What they gain from You, forever
With the blessed to retain;
And hereafter in Your glory
Evermore with You to reign.**

**4△ Praise and honor to the Father,
Praise and honor to the Son,
Praise and honor to the Spirit,
Ever three and ever one:
One in might and one in glory
While unending ages run!**

POSTLUDE

"Onward Christian Soldiers" - [Tune: St. Gertrude]

THIS WEEK AT BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

Sunday, August 23rd

8:30 AM Sunday Bible Study

9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal

10 AM 13th Sunday After Pentecost Worship

11:30 AM Fellowship

Monday, August 24th

10 AM GLORIA Meeting

Thursday, August 27th

4-7 PM La Mesa

Sunday, August 30th

8:30 AM Sunday Bible Study

9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal

10 AM 14th Sunday After Pentecost Worship

11:30 AM Fellowship

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Acolyte:

Dave Mendham

Greeter:

TBD

Communion Elder:

Dawson Chatfield

Assisting Elder:

Don Calender

Altar:

Don Calender, Benjamin Greer, Jan Safford

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, 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 08-16-2026:

Sunday Bible Study— 8

Sunday Worship Service— 35

La Mesa Attendance for 08-13-26

Meal— 124

Worship— 31

Income report for 08-16-2026

Designated Gifts: \$2361.00

Loose Plate: \$20.00

Weekly Envelopes: \$1096.00

Total: \$3477.00

Raise the Roof Campaign Total: \$60,181.28

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; Brenda Frank; Rynne Flannery; Rick Frank; Marion Trautmann; Scharlene Wallace; Michael Tiberg; Erika Guzzi; Pastor Jonathan Stites; Mike Wake; Mary; Dave Mendham; Marsha Beetham; Ellen Brown; Carolyn Merworth

For Strength and Support:

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

For Comfort:

The families and congregations of Pastor Pope; Jerry and the Miller family

In Thanksgiving:

For the successful surgeries and recoveries of our members

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.*