

THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

Tempe, AZ

September 6, 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

Chorale Prelude on "My Soul, Now Praise Your Maker"
-[*Nun Lob', Mein' Seel', Den Herren*]- by J.G. Walther

PASTORAL WELCOME

Please Rise

HYMN OF INVOCATION

"God Bless Our Native Land"
LSB #965, v. 1-2

- 1 God bless our native land;
Firm may she ever stand
Through storm and night.
When the wild tempests rave,
Ruler of wind and wave,
Do Thou our country save
By Thy great might.**
- 2 So shall our prayers arise
To God above the skies;
On Him we wait.
Thou who art ever nigh,
Guarding with watchful eye,
To Thee aloud we cry:
God save the state!**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

INVOCATION

LSB 184

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

C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C Who made heaven and earth

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

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

CONFESSION

LSB 184

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being.

ABSOLUTION

LSB 185

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I 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

INTROIT

Psalm 92:1–4; antiphon: v. 5

How great are your works, O Lord!

Your thoughts are very deep!

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,

to sing praises to your name, O Most High;

to declare your steadfast love in the morning,

and your faithfulness by night,

to the music of the lute and the harp,

to the melody of the lyre.

For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work;

at the works of your hands I sing for joy.

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.

How great are your works, O Lord!

Your thoughts are very deep!

Please Rise

KYRIE*(Sung)*

LSB 186

**C Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord,
have mercy upon us.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

LSB 187

P Glory be to God on high:

**C And on earth peace, goodwill toward men. We praise Thee, we
bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to
Thee, for Thy great glory.**

**O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the
only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son
of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy
upon us.**

**Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the father, have mercy
upon us.
For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the
glory of God the Father. Amen**

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit**

P Let us pray.

O God, from whom all good proceeds, grant to us, Your humble servants, Your holy inspiration, that we may set our minds on the things that are right and, by Your merciful guiding, accomplish them; 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

Ezekiel 33:7–9

⁷“So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. ⁹But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.”

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God**

EPISTLE READING

Romans 13:1–10

¹Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. ²Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. ³For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, ⁴for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer. ⁵Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience. ⁶For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. ⁷Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God**

ALLELUIA AND VERSE (*Sung*)

LSB 190

C **Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Please Rise

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 18:1–20

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

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

¹At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" ²And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them ³and said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. ⁴Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

⁵"Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, ⁶but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.

⁷"Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes! ⁸And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. ⁹And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire.

¹⁰"See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven. ¹¹For the Son of Man came to save the lost. ¹²What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? ¹³And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. ¹⁴So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

¹⁵"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. ¹⁶But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly, I say to you, whatever

you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”

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

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

LSB #709, v. 1-6

- 1**
(All) **The King of love my shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am His
And He is mine forever.**
- 2**
(Choir) **Where streams of living water flow,
My ransomed soul He leadeth
And, where the verdant pastures grow,
With food celestial feedeth.**
- 3**
*(Women
and
Children)* **Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
But yet in love He sought me
And on His shoulder gently laid
And home rejoicing brought me.**
- 4**
(Men) **In death's dark vale I fear no ill
With Thee, dear Lord, beside me,
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,
Thy cross before to guide me.**
- 5**
(Choir) **Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
Thine unction grace bestoweth;
And, oh, what transport of delight
From Thy pure chalice floweth!**

Organ Interlude

- 6** **And so through all the length of days**

(All) **Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise
Within Thy house forever!**

SERMON **“The One He Brings Home”**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY (*Sung*) **LSB 192-193**

C **Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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

Please Rise

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

LSB 194

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

C **It is meet and right so to do.**

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 195

C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

LORD'S PRAYER (*Spoken*)

LSB 196

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 197

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

C O Christ Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

Please be Seated

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

**“You Are My All In All”
(Piano Solo)**

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“Mighty To Save”

Verse 1

**Ev’ryone needs compassion,
Love that's never failing,
Let mercy fall on me.
Ev’ryone needs forgiveness,
The kindness of a Saviour,
The hope of nations.**

Chorus

**Saviour, He can move the mountains.
My God is mighty to save!
He is mighty to save!
Forever, Author of salvation.
He rose and conquered the grave!
Jesus conquered the grave!**

Verse 2

So take me as You find me,

**All my fears and failures.
Fill my life again.
I give my life to follow.
Ev'rything I believe in,
Now I surrender. *Chorus***

Bridge

**Shine your light and let the whole world see!
We're singing, For the glory of the risen King!
Jesus, Shine your light and let the whole world see!
We're singing, For the glory of the risen King! *Chorus***

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**“Amazing Grace”
LSB #744, v. 1-5**

- 1 Amazing grace—how sweet the sound—
 That saved a wretch like me!
 I once was lost but now am found,
 Was blind but now I see!**
- 2 The Lord has promised good to me,
 His Word my hope secures;
 He will my shield and portion be
 As long as life endures.**
- 3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares
 I have already come;
 His grace has brought me safe thus far,
 His grace will lead me home.**
- 4 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail
 And mortal life shall cease,
 Amazing grace shall then prevail**

In heaven's joy and peace.

- 5 When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.

Please Rise

NUNC DIMITTUS (*Sing*)

LSB 199-200

- C** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THANKSGIVING

LSB 200-201

- P** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

- C** **And His mercy endureth forever.**

- 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**

SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

LSB 201-202

- P** The Lord be with you.

- C** **And with thy spirit.**

- P** Bless we the Lord.

- C** **Thanks be to God.**

BENEDICTION

LSB 202

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.

AMEN (*Sung*)

LSB 202

C Amen. Amen. Amen.

Please Be Seated

CLOSING HYMN

“How Great Thou Art”

LSB #801, v. 1-2

1 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works Thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy pow’r throughout the universe displayed;

Refrain Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

2 When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; *Refrain*

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POSTLUDE “Work, For the Night is Coming”- setting by Gordon Young

THIS WEEK AT BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

Sunday, September 6th

8:30 AM Sunday Bible Study

9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal

10 AM 15th Sunday After Pentecost Worship

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

Thursday, September 10th

4-7 PM La Mesa

Sunday, September 13th

8:30 AM Sunday Bible Study

9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal

10 AM 16th Sunday After Pentecost Worship

11:30 AM Fellowship

BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Greeter:

Gladys Meyer

Communion Elder:

Dawson Chatfield

Assisting Elder:

Skip McFadden

Altar:

Charlotte Grefe, Bobbie Littou, 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).

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 08-30-2026:

Sunday Bible Study— 9

Sunday Worship Service— 37

La Mesa Attendance for 08-27-26

Meal— 121

Worship— 33

Income report for 08-30-2026

Designated Gifts: \$5026.00
Loose Plate: \$162.00
Weekly Envelopes: \$3475.00

Total: \$8663.00

Raise the Roof Campaign Total: \$65,348

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; Carolyn Merworth

For Strength and Support:

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

For Comfort:

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

In Thanksgiving:

For us reaching our Raise the Roof campaign goals

For the Church:

For our sister congregations and their ministries;

For the World:

Nepal after intense flooding; 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.*