

THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

Tempe, AZ

September 13, 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

“How Majestic Is Your Name”

Chorus

**Oh Lord, our Lord,
how majestic is Your name in all the earth!
Oh Lord, our Lord,
how majestic is Your name in all the earth!
Oh Lord, we praise Your name!
Oh Lord, we magnify Your name!
Prince of Peace, Mighty God,
Oh, Lord God Almighty!**

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“Father Abraham”

Chorus

**Father Abraham had many sons.
Many sons had Father Abraham.
I am one of them, and so are you.
So let’s all praise the Lord!
Right arm!**

Father Abraham had many sons.

**Many sons had Father Abraham.
I am one of them, and so are you.
So let's all praise the Lord!
Right arm, left arm!**

**Father Abraham had many sons.
Many sons had Father Abraham.
I am one of them, and so are you.
So let's all praise the Lord!
Right arm, left arm, right foot!**

**Father Abraham had many sons.
Many sons had Father Abraham.
I am one of them and so are you.
So let's all praise the Lord!
Right arm, left arm, right foot, left foot!**

**Father Abraham had many sons.
Many sons had Father Abraham.
I am one of them, and so are you.
So let's all praise the Lord!
Right arm, left arm, right foot, left foot,
Say Amen!**

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"Your Grace is Enough"

Verse 1

**Great is Your faithfulness, O God
You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart.
You lead us by still waters into mercy
And nothing can keep us apart.**

Pre-Chorus

(So) remember Your people,

**Remember Your children,
Remember Your promise, O God.**

Chorus 1

**Your grace is enough.
Your grace is enough.
Your grace is enough for me.**

Verse 2

**Great is Your love and justice God of Jacob
You use the weak to lead the strong
You lead us in the song of Your salvation**

And all Your people sing along *Pre-Chorus, Chorus 1*

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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 We come before a God who does not keep a record of our wrongs against us.
C **He is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**
P We come as people who have been forgiven more than we could ever repay.
C **In Christ, our debt has been canceled, and our sins are covered by His grace.**
P So today we strive to lay down the scorecards we carry; the grudges,

the judgments, the offenses we have counted and recounted.

C Because we belong to Jesus, and He has called us to live as people who have been forgiven.

P Come, let us worship the One who turns evil toward good, who welcomes the weak and the strong, and whose mercy has no end.

C We come to worship Jesus Christ, our Savior and our Lord.

CONFESSION

P Jesus tells Peter not to forgive merely seven times, but seventy-seven times, not because sin does not matter, but because the mercy of God is greater than the score we keep. Yet we know how easily we remember what others have done to us while forgetting how much we ourselves have been forgiven. Let us confess our sins before God.

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

P Merciful Father,

C We confess that we are often better at keeping score than showing mercy. We remember the words that hurt us. We replay the wrongs done against us. We judge the motives of others and excuse our own. We hold tightly to resentment, even though You have freely forgiven us in Christ.

Forgive us for the times we have judged our brothers and sisters, refused to release a grudge, or demanded from others what we could never repay to You.

Teach us to live like people who have been forgiven. Take the scorecard from our hands, soften our hearts, and give us the mercy of Jesus for one another. For His sake, forgive us and renew us. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

P Hear the good news: God has not dealt with you according to your sins or demanded that you repay the debt you owe. Jesus Christ took

that debt upon Himself. At the cross, He carried your sin, your guilt, and your condemnation, and by His resurrection He has opened the way to life. Because of Christ, the record against you has been canceled. 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.

P You are forgiven. The scorecard is gone. Go forward in the freedom of Christ, and as you have received mercy, be merciful to one another.

C Thanks be to God!

Please Be Seated

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT

Psalm 143:1–2; antiphon: v. 9

Deliver me from my enemies, O Lord!

I have fled to you for refuge!

Hear my prayer, O Lord; give ear to my pleas for mercy!

In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!

Enter not into judgment with your servant,

for no one living is righteous before you.

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.

Deliver me from my enemies, O Lord!

I have fled to you for refuge!

Please Rise

KYRIE (Spoken)

C Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

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.

O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers of Your Church, especially in times of persecution, and grant that what we ask in faith we may obtain; through 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

Genesis 50:15–21

¹⁵When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." ¹⁶So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died, ¹⁷'Say to Joseph, Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.' And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? ²⁰As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. ²¹So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

EPISTLE READING

Romans 14:1–12

¹As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. ²One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. ³Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him.

⁴Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

⁵One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. ⁶The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. ⁷For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. ⁸If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

¹⁰Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; ¹¹for it is written,

“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall confess to God.”

¹²So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Cantad al Señor"-Brazilian Folk Song. (LSB 808)

1 "O Sing to the Lord, O sing God a new song.

"O Sing to the Lord, O sing God a new song.

**"O Sing to the Lord, O sing God a new song.
O sing to our God, O sing to our God."**

**1 Cantad al Señor un cántico nuevo,
(Spanish) Cantad al Señor, un cántico nuevo,
Cantad al Señor, un cántico nuevo,
Cantad al Señor, Cantad al Señor.**

Please Rise

ALLELUIA (Sung)

WOV #612

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

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 18:21–35

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²¹Peter came up and said to [Jesus], "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" ²²Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.

²³"Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. ²⁵And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' ²⁷And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, 'Pay what you owe.' ²⁹So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me,

and I will pay you.’ ³⁰He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. ³²Then his master summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’ ³⁴And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. ³⁵So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”

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

“How Great Thou Art”

**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!**

**3 But when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in—
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin; *Refrain***

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SERMON “Throw Away the Scorecard”

OFFERING HYMN (*Sung*)

"As Incense"

Chorus

As incense

As incense

May my prayer before You rise

The lifting up of my hands

The lifting up of my hands

As the evening sacrifice *Repeat*

Verse

Set a guard over my mouth (oh Lord)

Keep a watch over my lips

May my heart not cry out (oh Lord)

For any evil that there is *Chorus*

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

“Jesus Paid It All (Christ I Owe)”
(Piano Solo)

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“The Lamb”
LSB #547, v. 1-5

1 The Lamb, the Lamb,
O Father, where’s the sacrifice?
Faith sees, believes
God will provide the Lamb of price! *Refrain*

Refrain Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!

2 The Lamb, the Lamb,
One perfect final offering.
The Lamb, the Lamb,
Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing. *Refrain*

3 The Lamb, the Lamb,
As wayward sheep their shepherd kill
So still, His will
On our behalf the Law to fill. *Refrain*

4 He sighs, He dies,
He takes my sin and wretchedness.
He lives, forgives,
He gives me His own righteousness. *Refrain*

5 He rose, He rose,
My heart with thanks now overflows.
His song prolong
Till ev'ry heart to Him belong. *Refrain*

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**“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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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

“I Was There To Hear Your Borning Cry”

WOV #770, v. 1-4

**1 “I was there to hear your birthing cry,
I’ll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized
To see your life unfold.
I was there when you were but a child,
With a faith to suit you well;
In a blaze of light you wandered off
to find where demons dwell.”**

2 “When you heard the wonder of the Word

I was there to cheer you on;
You were raised to praise the living Lord,
To whom you now belong.
If you find someone to share your time
And you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme
From dusk till rising sun."

3 "In the middle ages of your life,
Not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night,
Complete what I've begun.
When the evening gently closes in
And you shut your weary eyes
I'll be there as I have always been
With just one more surprise."

4 "I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized
To see your life unfold."

POSTLUDE

"Halle, Halle, Halle" Reprise

THIS WEEK AT BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

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

Monday, September 14th

12 PM LWML Women's Bible Study

Thursday, September 17th

4-7 PM La Mesa

Sunday, September 20th

8:30 AM Sunday Bible Study

9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal

10 AM 17th Sunday After Pentecost Worship

11:30 AM Fellowship

BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Beautiful Savior Singers

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Acolyte:

Wendell Robson

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Deb McPeters

Communion Elder:

Charles Haynes

Assisting Elder:

Don Calender

Altar:

Wendell Robson, Benjamin Greer, Jan Safford

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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 09-06-2026:

Sunday Bible Study— 11

Sunday Worship Service— 45

La Mesa Attendance for 09-03-26

Meal— 152

Worship— 46

Income report for 09-06-2026

Designated Gifts: \$104.00

Loose Plate: \$52.03

Weekly Envelopes: \$2522.00

Total: \$2678.03

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; Carol Knott, Marc, Kris Lund

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 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.*