THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church
Tempe, AZ

September 20, 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 "Come, Sweet Peace of God" - Ed. Broughton

PASTORAL WELCOME

Please Rise

HYMN OF INVOCATION "By Grace I'm Saved"
LSB #566, v. 1, 3, & 6

1 By grace I'm saved, grace free and boundless;
My soul, believe and doubt it not.
Why stagger at this word of promise?
Has Scripture ever falsehood taught?
No! Then this word must true remain:
By grace you too will life obtain.

3 By grace God's Son, our only Savior,
Came down to earth to bear our sin.
Was it because of your own merit
That Jesus died your soul to win?
No, it was grace, and grace alone,
That brought Him from His heav'nly throne.

6 By grace! On this I'll rest when dying;

In Jesus' promise I rejoice;
For though I know my heart's condition,
I also know my Savior's voice.
My heart is glad, all grief has flown
Since I am saved by grace alone.

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

SERVICE OF THE WORD **LSB 186-191**

INTROIT *Psalm 116:12–13, 15–16; antiphon: v. 17*

I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call on the name of the Lord.
What shall I render to the Lord
for all his benefits to me?
I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the Lord.
Precious in the sight of the Lord
is the death of his saints.
O Lord, I am your servant;
I am your servant, the son of your maidservant. You have loosed my bonds.
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.
I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call on the name of the Lord.

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.
Lord God, heavenly Father, since we cannot stand before You relying on anything we have done, help us trust in Your abiding grace and live according to Your Word; 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 55:6–9*

6 "Seek the Lord while he may be found;
call upon him while he is near;
7 let the wicked forsake his way,
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;
let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him,

and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
[8]For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord.
[9]For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts."

R This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God

EPISTLE READING *Philippians 1:12–14, 19–30*

[12]I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, [13]so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. [14]And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear. . .

[19]for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, [20]as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. [21]For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. [22]If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. [23]I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. [24]But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. [25]Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, [26]so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.

[27]Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, [28]and not frightened in anything by

your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. [29]For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, [30]engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

R This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God

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ALLELUIA AND VERSE *(Sung)* **LSB 190**
C Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Please Rise

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 20:1–16*
P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twentieth chapter.
C Glory to You, O Lord.

[1][Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. [2]After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. [3]And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, [4]and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ [5]So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. [6]And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ [7]They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’ [8]And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the

laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.' [9]And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. [10]Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. [11]And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, [12]saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' [13]But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? [14]Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. [15]Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?' [16]So the last will be first, and the first last."

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 "How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord"
LSB #853, v. 1-4

1 How clear is our vocation, Lord,
When once we heed Your call:
To live according to Your Word
And daily learn, refreshed, restored,
That You are Lord of all
And will not let us fall.

2 But if, forgetful, we should find
Your yoke is hard to bear;
If worldly pressures fray the mind,
And love itself cannot unwind
Its tangled skein of care:
Our inward life repair.

3 We marvel how Your saints become
In hindrances more sure;
Whose joyful virtues put to shame
The casual way we wear Your name
And by our faults obscure
Your pow'r to cleanse and cure.

4 In what You give us, Lord, to do,
Together or alone,
In old routines or ventures new,
May we not cease to look to You,
The cross You hung upon—
All You endeavored done.

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SERMON "When God Is Too Generous"

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.

AGNUS DEI *(Sing)* **LSB 198**

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

"Come to the Table"

Piano Solo

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"The Old Rugged Cross"

HYLTS #6, v. 1-4

1 On a hill far away
Stood an old rugged cross,
The emblem of suffering and shame;
And I love that old cross
Where the dearest and best
For a world of lost sinners was slain.

Chorus So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
Till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
And exchange it someday for a crown.

2 Oh, that old rugged cross,
So despised by the world,
Has a wondrous attraction for me; For the dear Lamb of God
Left His gloy above
To bear it to dark Clavary. *Chorus*

3 In the old rugged cross,
Stained with blood so divine,
A wondrous beauty I see;
For 'twas on that old cross
Jesus suffered and died
To pardon and sanctify me. *Chorus*

4 To the old rugged cross
I will ever be true,
Its shame and reproach gladly bear;
Then He'll call me some day
To my home far away,
Where His glory forever I'll share. *Chorus*

"Seek Ye First"
LSB #712, v. 1-3

1 Seek ye first the kingdom of God,
And His righteousness.
And all these things shall be added unto you!
Allelu, Alleluia!

2 Ask and it shall be given unto you,
Seek and ye shall find,
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you,
Allelu, Alleluia!

3 Man does not live by bread alone,
But by ev'ry word

That proceeds for the mouth of the Lord,
Allelu, Alleluia!

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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 & 4

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!

4 When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim: "My God, how great Thou art!" *Refrain*

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POSTLUDE "He Is Exalted" (Toccata Jubilate)
-Twila Paris / Arr. Fred Bock

THIS WEEK AT BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

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
Monday, September 21st
12 PM LWML Women's Bible Study
Thursday, September 24th
4-7 PM La Mesa
Sunday, September 27th
8:30 AM Sunday Bible Study
9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal
10 AM St Michael and All Angels Worship
11:30 AM Fellowship

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Serving us at Worship:

Pastor:	Rev. Tim Anderson
Dir. of Music /Organist:	Ellen Brown
Song Leader:	Donna Evans
Special Music:	Beautiful Savior Singers
Lector Reader:	Audra Littou
Acolyte:	Dakota Meeks

Greeter: Charlotte Grefe
Communion Elder: Don Calender
Assisting Elder: Wendell Robson
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 "giving.myamplify.io/app/giving/bslctempe" and choose "One-Time" or "Recurring" before choosing a fund: General Budget, Pastor John Pope Memorial, LWML, Missions, 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 09-13-2026:
Sunday Bible Study— 9
Sunday Worship Service— 36
LWML Women's Bible Study— 6

La Mesa Attendance for 09-10-26
Meal— 136

Worship— 31

Income report for 09-13-2026
Designated Gifts: $632.00
Loose Plate: $10.00
Weekly Envelopes: $1010.00
Total: $1652.00

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; Ryanne 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 Lind, Donna Smiley

For Strength and Support:
Beth Hutson; the Frank family; Mark, Libby, and Waylon; Cari, Michelle, and Dave

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:
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.*