

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

60th Anniversary: “Praise – Love – Share”

BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH, TEMPE

February 21, 2021

10:00 a.m.



Even When Something Is Drastically Wrong, God Provides

AS WE GATHER

“By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, of whom it was said, ‘Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.’ He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back” (Hebrews 11:17–19). The writer to the Hebrews makes such a beautiful statement about something that must have been literally gut-wrenching for Abraham. Losing a loved one is hard. Losing a child is incredibly hard. But being asked to sacrifice your one and only son? It seems unfathomable. Yet, this presents a poignant truth for us—when everything looks so wrong, God provides by keeping His promises for us and by being with us.

PRELUDE

"Cantilene Religieuse" -Theo. Dubois

PASTORAL WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

Pastor: Loving and Sustaining God, You call us to follow you in all things; to give up the things we cling to, and to give ourselves wholeheartedly to your purposes. Give us courage to faithfully follow your leading, even when we cannot see the outcome, even when the path you call us to seems impossible to comprehend. Help us to trust you in all things, to let go of everything that would stand in the way of following where you lead. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

OPENING HYMN "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry" LSB #344

- 1 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry Announces that the Lord is nigh; Awake and hearken, for he brings Glad tidings of the King of kings!**
- 2 Then cleansed be ev'ry life from sin; Make straight the way for God within, And let us all our hearts prepare For Christ to come and enter there.**
- 3 We hail Thee as our Savior, Lord, Our refuge and our great reward; Without Thy grace we waste away Like flow'rs that wither and decay.**
- 4 Lay on the sick Thy healing hand And make the fallen strong to stand; Show us the glory of Thy face Till beauty springs in ev'ry place.**
- 5 All praise, eternal Son, to Thee Whose advent sets Thy people free, Whom with the Father we adore And Holy Spirit evermore.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

(Stand) The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.

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

C Amen.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT *(Read responsively)*

Ps. 91:9–13; antiphon: Ps. 91:15–16

When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble;

I will rescue him and honor him.
With long life I will satisfy him
and show him my salvation.
Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place—
the Most High, who is my refuge—
no evil shall be allowed to befall you,
no plague come near your tent.
For he will command his angels concerning you
to guard you in all your ways.
On their hands they will bear you up,
lest you strike your foot against a stone.
You will tread on the lion and the adder;
the young lion and the serpent you will trample
underfoot.
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.
When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in
trouble;
I will rescue him and honor him.
With long life I will satisfy him
and show him my salvation.

KYRIE (*Sing*)

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

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (*Sing*)

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C To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth;
Goodwill from God in heaven Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name we sing—
Our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our heav'nly King.
To You, O sole-begotten, The Father's Son, we pray;

**O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in pow'r are seated At God's right hand on high—**

**For You alone are holy, You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever, Be worshiped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.**

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.** *(Sit)*

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 22:1–18

¹After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." ²He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." ³So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. ⁴On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. ⁵Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you." ⁶And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the

fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. ⁷And Isaac said to his father Abraham, “My father!” And he said, “Here am I, my son.” He said, “Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?” ⁸Abraham said, “God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.” So they went both of them together.

⁹When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. ¹¹But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here am I.” ¹²He said, “Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.” ¹³And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴So Abraham called the name of that place, “The LORD will provide”; as it is said to this day, “On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided.”

¹⁵And the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven ¹⁶and said, “By myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, ¹⁷I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, ¹⁸and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

James 1:12–18

¹²Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he

has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. ¹³Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God," for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. ¹⁴But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. ¹⁵Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.

¹⁶Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. ¹⁷Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC "The Old Rugged Cross" -by George Bennard

ALLELUIA AND VERSE (*Stand & Sing*)

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C Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 1:9–15

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens opening and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

¹²The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness.

¹³And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to

him.

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, ¹⁵and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.”

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. *(Sit)*

HYMN OF THE DAY

“O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days” LSB #418, St. 1-4

- 1 O Lord, throughout these forty days You prayed and kept the fast; Inspire repentance for our sin, And free us from our past.
- 2 You strove with Satan, and You won; Your faithfulness endured; Lend us Your nerve, Your skill and trust In God's eternal Word.
- 3 Though parched and hungry, yet You prayed And fixed Your mind above; So teach us to deny ourselves, Since we have known God's love.
- 4 Be with us through this season, Lord, And all our earthly days, That when the final Easter dawns, We join in heaven's praise.

SERMON

Genesis 22:1-18

“What no parent should ever have to do”

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

“Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Thy Word” –Ron Nelson

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH (*Stand*) (***Congregation response to petitions: Hear our prayer.***)

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

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.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your

boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANTUS *(Sing)*

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C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored; Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name. Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord; Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

LORD'S PRAYER *(Sing)*

C Our Father which 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 debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PAX DOMINI

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P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

AGNUS DEI *(Sing)*

C O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away; O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the

world away; Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray. (*Sit*)

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

1 (*Piano solo*) "Now, My Tongue, the Mystery Telling"

2 "Jesus Comes Today with Healing" LSB #620, St. 1-4

- 1 Jesus comes today with healing, Knocking at my door, appealing, Off'ring pardon, grace, and peace. He Himself makes preparation, And I hear His invitation: "Come and taste the blessed feast."**
- 2 Christ Himself, the priest presiding, Yet in bread and wine abiding In this holy sacrament, Gives the bread of life, once broken, And the cup, the precious token Of His sacred covenant.**
- 3 Under bread and wine, though lowly, I receive the Savior holy, Blood and body, giv'n for me, Very Lamb of God from heaven, Who to bitter death was given, Hung upon the cursèd tree.**
- 4 God descends with heav'nly power, Gives Himself to me this hour In this ordinary sign. On my tongue His pledge receiving, I accept His grace, believing That I taste His love divine.**

3 "In the Cross of Christ I Glory" LSB #427, St. 1-4

- 1 In the cross of Christ I glory, Tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of sacred story Gathers round its head sublime.**
- 2 When the woes of life o'ertake me, Hopes deceive, and fears annoy, Never shall the cross forsake me; Lo, it glows with peace and joy.**

3 When the sun of bliss is beaming Light and love upon my way,
From the cross the radiance streaming Adds more luster to the day.

4 Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure By the cross are sanctified;
Peace is there that knows no measure, Joys that through all time abide.

NUNC DIMITTIS (*Stand & sing*)

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C O Lord, now let Your servant Depart in heav'nly peace, For I have seen the glory
Of Your redeeming grace: A light to lead the Gentiles Unto Your holy hill,
The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.

All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son, All glory to the Spirit,
Forever Three in One; For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding through all eternity.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P Let us pray.

P 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.

BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION

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A Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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.

CLOSING HYMN

"O Christ, You Walked the Road" (sung to the tune: ST THOMAS) **LSB 424**

- 1 O Christ, You walked the road Our wand'ring feet must go.
You faced with us temptation's pow'r And fought our ancient
foe.**
- 2 No bread of earth alone Can fill our hung'ring hearts.
Lord, help us seek Your living Word, The food Your grace
imparts.**
- 3 No blinding sign we ask, No wonder from above.
Lord, help us place our trust alone In Your unswerving love.**
- 4 When lures of easy gain With promise brightly shine,
Lord, help us seek Your kingdom first; Our wills with Yours
align.**
- 5 O Christ, You walked the road Our wand'ring feet must go.
Stay with us through temptation's hour To fight our ancient
foe.**

POSTLUDE

"Psalm of Glory" -William Barnett

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SERVING US AT WORSHIP TODAY:

Officiant Preacher:	Rev. Tim Anderson
Organist/Director:	Ellen Brown
Special Music:	Marshann Donahue, Soprano
Assisting Elder/Lector:	Skip McFadden
Greeters:	Kathy Held
Acolyte:	Joe Carlin
Altar Care:	Pat Carlin

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).

Pastor Tim Anderson is available to you for pastoral and spiritual needs (prayer support, hospital calls, counseling, private communion, etc). He can be reached at the office Monday & Wednesday, 9 AM – 2 PM.

WE CAN ASSIST THOSE UNABLE TO HEAR WELL...We have 3 cordless headsets available to use in the pews. Just let an usher know and they will be happy to bring you one.

Attendance for 2-14-21: Bible Study—8; Worship Service—32.
Income report for 2-14-21: Loose Plate \$60; Weekly Envelopes \$2492;
Designated Gifts \$258; Other \$; Total \$2810.

THIS WEEK AT BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

February 21, Sunday

8:30 AM Adult Bible Study in Fuerbringer Hall

9:30 AM Music Rehearsal

10 AM The First Sunday in Lent Worship w/Holy Communion (*Also, being streamed on Facebook online*)

February 22 Monday

9 AM-1 PM Pastor Tim Anderson in the office

February 24, Wednesday

9 AM-2 PM Pastor Anderson in the office

7 PM Lenten Midweek 2 Worship

February 25, Thursday

9:30 AM-1 PM A.M.O.R.E. Meeting in Fuerbringer Hall

February 26, Friday

9 -11AM Church & Offices cleaned

February 28, Sunday

8:30 AM Adult Bible Study in Fuerbringer Hall

10 AM The Second Sunday in Lent Worship (*Also, being streamed on Facebook online*)

Prayer List: Prayer List: Those with cancer **Gerri Koski, Amina Kruck; Maebell Beard** waiting for the decision from her doctor regarding heart problems; those who had surgery this past week: **Jane Boye** (knee surgery), **Tim Jackson** (removal of mass causing seizure), **Chris Carlin** (knee surgery); healing & recovery for: John McShee, **Nancy Whittenburg**, Nancy's daughter **Chris** back & vertebrae problems, **Len and Ruth Lacy** his care giver), **Blue Sky** (Tom Kruck), **Glenn Brown, Larry Wroblewski.**

**FOR AT HOME WORSHIPERS WHO STILL VIEW SERVICES
ONLINE INSTRUCTIONS ARE BELOW:**

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE YOU CAN GO ONLINE & VIEW AT

1) Open a webpage browser (internet explorer, chrome, Firefox, etc.)

2) Type or paste the following link into your address bar:

www.facebook.com/BeautifulSaviorLutheranChurchTempe/

3) Option 1 - Scroll until you find a post that shows a “Live” feed titled for the Sunday service, or

4) Option 2 - Click on the “Videos” button on the left-hand sidebar (ignore anything asking you to sign up or sign in to Facebook)

5) Look for the video titled for the date of the Sunday service. Video stream will be live starting at or around 10am. If it does not show up,

Lutheran Hour Broadcast - KFAX RADIO (1100) @ 10 AM:

February 28 "**Where a Kid Can Be a Kid**" Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. An impossible situation need not be a hopeless one. (Mark 10)



HOLY COMMUNION. . .OUR UNDERSTANDING

It is the special joy of the baptized and instructed Christian to celebrate Christ in our very midst with the Sacrament of the Altar (Holy Communion). The Scripture clearly and carefully teaches that, in Holy Communion, the very Body and the very Blood of our Lord Jesus are really present in, with, and under the forms of bread and wine. It also teaches that “A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord (acknowledging the Real Presence of Jesus with the elements) eats and drinks judgment on himself.” (I Corinthians 11:28-29).

Communicants, then, are rightfully prepared and “worthy” when they:

- *are truly penitent of their sins;*
- *even now embrace Jesus as their Savior and recognize His Real Presence in the bread and the wine; and*
- *seek to amend their sinful lives, with the assistance of this Meal and the power of the Holy Spirit.*

If you have any further questions, please speak with the Pastor before the service.

Other notes on the distribution of Holy Communion:

- *1) Wine is the Biblical standard for all communicants. However, grape juice is in some glasses and available in the center of each tray for those who have an intolerance to alcohol.*
- *2) The Blood of Christ, in, with and under the wine, is served in individual glasses and common cup. Please choose you preference.*
- *3) Children and adults not instructed or confirmed are still encouraged*