

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

60th Anniversary: "Praise – Love – Share"

BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH, TEMPE

May 2, 2021

10:00 a.m.



Growing in Grace

AS WE GATHER

The images Jesus uses as He proclaims the kingdom of God often come from the world of agriculture. His parables are filled with plants and trees and birds and animals. Grapes, grapevines, and vineyards are all used as illustrations by Jesus as He teaches the people who are His first hearers and us also. As people who have been grafted as branches into Christ the Vine through Holy Baptism, we seek ways to strengthen that connection as the Holy Spirit works in and through us. We now nourish our faith as branches in Christ's vineyard as we grow in Him by Word and Sacrament.

PRELUDE

“Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring” -J.S. Bach

PASTORAL WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

Pastor: Opening Prayer: Heavenly Father, help us to live our lives as unto the Lord. Help us to honor You. Help us to glorify Your name and to carry out the work that You have prepared for us to do, to Your praise and to Your glory. Father, we know that we can only produce spiritual fruit that glorifies You as we learn to depend fully upon You. As we learn to rest in Your love, to abide in You and to allow You to live Your life through us, as we humbly submit to Your leading and guidance. Help us we pray to bear much fruit to Your praise and glory - in Jesus name, Amen.

OPENING HYMN

“Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen” *LSB #474*

**1 Alleluia! Jesus is risen! Trumpets resounding in glorious light! Splendor, the Lamb, Heaven forever!
Oh, what a miracle God has in sight! Refrain**

Refrain

**Jesus is risen and we shall arise: Give God the glory!
Alleluia!**

**3 Jesus the vine, We are the branches; Life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree; Heaven to earth, Christ to the people,
Gift of the future now flowing to me. Refrain**

**5 City of God, Easter forever, Golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb, River of life, Saints and archangels,
Sing with creation to God the I AM! Refrain**

(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 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.

P 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.

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.

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.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT (*Read Responsively*) Ps. 145:1–2, 8, 10, 21; antiphon: John 16:16

A little while, and you will see me no longer;

and again a little while, and you will see me.

I will extol you, my God and King,

and bless your name forever and ever.

Every day I will bless you

and praise your name forever and ever.

The LORD is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,
and all your saints shall bless you!
My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD,
and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.
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.

A little while, and you will see me no longer;
and again a little while, and you will see me.

GLORIA PATRI (*Sing*) **Page 186**

C **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.

KYRIE (*Sing*) **Page 186**

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

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (*Sing*)

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 also with you.

P Let us pray.

O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will.

Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Be seated

FIRST READING

Acts 8:26–40

²⁶Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” This is a desert place. ²⁷And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹And the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over and join this chariot.” ³⁰So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” ³¹And he said, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. ³²Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this:

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter and like a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he opens not his mouth.

³³In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.”

³⁴And the eunuch said to Philip, "About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" ³⁵Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?" ³⁸And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. ³⁹And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

1 John 4:1–11

¹Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. ²By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, ³and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. ⁴Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.

⁵They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. ⁶We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love,

not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Alabaré"

-Choir sings verses, Congregation joins in Refrains

Refrain: Alabaré Alabaré Alabaré a mi Señor.

Alabaré Alabaré Alabaré a mi Señor.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE (*Stand & sing*)

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C Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 15:1-8

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

¹[Jesus said:] "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. ²Every branch of mine that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, 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 “Fruitful Trees the Spirits Sowing” LSB #691

- 1 Fruitful trees, the Spirit’s sowing, May we ripen and increase,
Fruit to life eternal growing, Rich in love and joy and peace.**
- 2 Laden branches freely bearing Gifts the Giver loves to bless;
Here is fruit that grows by sharing, Patience, kindness,
gentleness.**

- 3 Rooted deep in Christ our Master, Christ our pattern and our goal, Teach us, as the years fly faster, Goodness, faith, and self-control.
- 4 Fruitful trees, the Spirit's tending, May we grow till harvests cease; Till we taste, in life unending, Heaven's love and joy and peace.

SERMON

Abide in the Vine

John 15:1-8

OFFERING VOLUNTARY

"I Am the Vine" -Knowles Shaw

OFFERTORY (*Stand & Sing*)

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- 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.**

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

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

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.**

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and

bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore, with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS *(Sing)*

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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)*

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

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

AGNUS DEI *(Sing)*

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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. (Sit)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS (Duet) "Deep Harmony" –Handel Parker

"Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love" -With One Voice #765 -Tune:
CHEREPONI; Text: Tom Colvin ~ Music: Ghanaian Folk Tune,
Arr. Jane Marshall

***Refrain: Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve
the neighbors we have from you.***

- 1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet,
master who pours out himself for them. ***Refrain.***
- 2 Neighbors are wealthy and poor, varied in color and race,
neighbors are nearby and far away. ***Refrain.***
- 3 These are the ones we will serve, these are the one we will love;
all these are neighbors to us and you. ***Refrain.***
- 4 Kneel at the feet of our friends, silently washing their feet: this is
the way we will live with you. ***Refrain.***

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"At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing" –LSB #1, 4 & 7

- 1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to our victorious
King, Who has washed us in the tide Flowing from His pierced
side. Alleluia!**
- 4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Paschal victim,
paschal bread; With sincerity and love Eat we manna from
above. Alleluia!**
- 7 Easter triumph, Easter joy! This alone can sin destroy;
From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free, Newborn souls in You to
be. Alleluia!**

NUNC DIMITTIS *(Stand & sing)*

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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

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.**

SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Bless we the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.

C **Amen, amen, amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

"Thine Is the Glory" – LWB #145

Words by Edmond Budry; Music by G.F. Handel

1 Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son; Endless is the vict'ry Thou o'er death hast won. Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away. Kept the folded grave-clothes where Thy body lay.

Refrain: Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son; Endless is the vict'ry Thou o'er death hast won.

2 Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb; Lovingly He greets us, scatters fear and gloom; Let His church with gladness hymns of triumph sing, For the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting. *Refrain.*

3 No more we doubt Thee, glorious Prince of Life! Life is naught without Thee; aid us in our strife. Make us more than conquerors thru Thy deathless love; Bring us safe thru Jordan to Thy home above. *Refrain.*

POSTLUDE

"What a Fellowship!"

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Greeters:
Acolyte:
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Visitors, please sign (with a complete address) our Guest Book on the podium in the entryway before you leave and/or complete a grey “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 4-25-21: Bible Study—8; Worship Service—43.
Income report for 4-25-21: Loose Plate \$345; Weekly Envelopes \$1482;
Designated Gifts \$286; Other \$; Total \$2113.**

THIS WEEK AT BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

May 2, Sunday

8:30 AM Adult Bible Study,

10 AM The Fifth Sunday of Easter Worship – w/Holy Communion (*also streamed online*)

11:30 AM Board of Christian Education Meeting

May 3, Monday

9 AM-2PM Pastor Anderson in the office

May 4, Tuesday

Pastor Anderson at Circuit Pastors’ Meeting

May 7, Friday

Church & building cleaned 9 AM-11 PM

May 9, Sunday

10 AM The Sixth Sunday of Easter Worship - Casual Worship

Prayer list: For Marie, Pastor Tim's friend; who has a rare disease: Continued recovery & strength for **Maebell Beard, Glenn Brown, Rev. Friedrich Charlotte Grefe, Dorothy McShee**; Strength and peace for **Gerri Koski, Tim Jackson and Amina Kruck**;

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, try refreshing the page. The video of the service will remain on the page if you would like to view it at a later time, or to replay it again at your discretion.**

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

May 9 "**Seriously?**" Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. A preacher who gets upset when people take his message seriously--that's the story of Jonah. (Jonah 1-4)



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*