

# THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: "Praise – Love – Share"

BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH, TEMPE

May 16, 2021

10:00 a.m.



*Jesus Is Enough*

## AS WE GATHER

"I'll see you soon!" So says the parent, spouse, or friend leaving for an errand or a short trip, with certainty that time together will soon be had again. "I'll see you soon!" so says Jesus as He departs and ascends into heaven. And though it has not been hours or days or even weeks, rather nearly two thousand years later, we still hold to the certainty of His promise that we shall see Him again soon at His time. Until that day, though, we are wise to not stay looking up into the sky, as the disciples began to do long ago. Rather, we heed His mission to make disciples and keep ourselves prepared for that day. Even as we long to see Him soon, we know that Jesus is enough for us every day, and we take comfort in the fact that our ascended Lord Jesus remains present with us now, in this life, even amid troubles and trials. We hold on to His promises by the faith given, and we anticipate that joyful day when He will come again in the same way He was taken up into heaven.

**PRELUDE** "Improvisation on "Hail Thou Once Despised Jesus"

**PASTORAL WELCOME**

**OPENING PRAYER**

Pastor: Gracious God, Father of the Risen and Ascended Christ, you surround us with witnesses who have shown us the way. Inspire us with your Spirit to stop looking into the heavens and start doing the work of the kingdom. Help us to seek justice, becoming a people who nourish and clothe and lament. Help us to love kindness, becoming a people who forgive and accept forgiveness, a people who show mercy and live in charity. Help us to walk humbly with you, so that in our living we may reflect Christ within us, and by your spirit help us to continue to proclaim your message of salvation to the world. Amen.

**OPENING HYMN** "Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor" LSB #534

- 1 Lord, enthroned in heav'nly splendor, First-begotten from the dead, You alone, our strong defender, Lifting up Your people's head. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Jesus, true and living bread! Jesus, true and living bread!**
- 2 Though the lowliest form now veil You As of old in Bethlehem, Here as there Your angels hail You, Branch and flow'r of Jesse's stem. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! We in worship join with them; We in worship join with them.**
- 3 Paschal Lamb, Your off'ring, finished Once for all when You were slain, In its fullness undiminished Shall forevermore remain, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Cleansing souls from ev'ry stain; Cleansing souls from ev'ry stain.**

**4 Life-imparting heav'nly manna, Stricken rock with streaming side, Heav'n and earth with loud hosanna Worship You, the Lamb who died, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!  
Ris'n, ascended, glorified! Ris'n, ascended, glorified!**

*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

*Be seated*

**INTROIT** (*Read responsively*)

*Ps. 110:1, 4–5; antiphon: Ps. 47:5*

God has gone up with a shout,

**the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.**

The LORD says to my Lord: “Sit at my right hand,

**until I make your enemies your footstool.”**

The LORD has sworn and will not change his mind,

**“You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.”**

The Lord is at your right hand;

**he will shatter kings on the day of his wrath.**

**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.**

God has gone up with a shout,

**the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.**

**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.**

*Stand*

## **SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, as Your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, ascended into the heavens, so may we also ascend in heart and mind and continually dwell there with Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

*Be Seated*

## **FIRST READING**

*Acts 1:1–11*

<sup>1</sup>In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, <sup>2</sup>until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. <sup>3</sup>To them he presented himself alive after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

<sup>4</sup>And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, “you heard from me; <sup>5</sup>for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

<sup>6</sup>So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” <sup>7</sup>He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” <sup>9</sup>And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a

cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup>And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, <sup>11</sup>and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## **EPISTLE READING**

*Ephesians 1:15–23*

<sup>15</sup>For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, <sup>16</sup>I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, <sup>17</sup>that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, <sup>18</sup>having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, <sup>19</sup>and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might <sup>20</sup>that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup>far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. <sup>22</sup>And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, <sup>23</sup>which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## **SPECIAL MUSIC**

"Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine" - Crosby & Knapp

*Stand*

### **ALLELUIA AND VERSE** *(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**

*Luke 24:44–53*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

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

<sup>44</sup>Then [Jesus] said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup>And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

<sup>50</sup>Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. <sup>51</sup>While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. <sup>52</sup>And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, <sup>53</sup>and were continually in the temple blessing God.

**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.**

*Be seated*

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

**“Up through Endless Ranks of Angels” LSB #491**

- 1 Up through endless ranks of angels, Cries of triumph in His ears, To His heav’nly throne ascending, Having vanquished all their fears, Christ looks down upon His faithful, Leaving them in happy tears.**
- 2 Death-destroying, life-restoring, Proven equal to our need, Now for us before the Father As our brother intercede; Flesh that for our world was wounded, Living, for the wounded plead!**



**3 To our lives of wanton wand'ring Send Your Spirit, promised  
guide; Through our lives of fear and failure With Your pow'r  
and love abide; Welcome us, as You were welcomed,  
To an endless Eastertide.**

**4 Alleluia, alleluia! Oh, to breathe the Spirit's grace!  
Alleluia, alleluia! Oh, to see the Father's face!  
Alleluia, alleluia! Oh, to feel the Son's embrace!**

**SERMON**

**Up and Up**

*Luke 24:44-53*

**VOLUNTARY**

"He Is Lord"

*Stand*

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

**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.**

**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:

**SANCTUS** *(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)*

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**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)***

*Be seated*

## DISTRIBUTION

1 (*Piano solo*) "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"

2 "Beautiful Savior" LSB #537

- 1 **Beautiful Savior, King of creation, Son of God and Son of Man! Truly I'd love Thee, Truly I'd serve Thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.**
- 2 **Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands, Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring; Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.**
- 3 **Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight, Bright the sparkling stars on high; Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer Than all the angels in the sky.**
- 4 **Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man! Glory and honor, Praise, adoration Now and forevermore be Thine!**

3 "Jesus Shall Reign" LSB #832St, 1, 4 & 5

- 1 **Jesus shall reign where'er the sun Does its successive journeys run; His kingdom stretch from shore to shore Till moons shall wax and wane no more.**
- 4 **Blessings abound where'er He reigns: The pris'ners leap, unloose their chains, The weary find eternal rest, And all who suffer want are blest.**
- 5 **Let ev'ry creature rise and bring Honors peculiar to our King; Angels descend with songs again, And earth repeat the loud amen.**

*Stand*

**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**

**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.**

*Be seated*

## **CLOSING HYMN**

"Hymns of Glory Let Us Sing" LSB #493, St. 1, 4, 5 & 6

- 1 A hymn of glory let us sing! New hymns throughout the world shall ring: Alleluia, alleluia! Christ, by a road before untrod, Ascends unto the throne of God. Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**
- 4 "You see Him now, ascending high Up to the portals of the sky." Alleluia, alleluia! "Hereafter Jesus you shall see Returning in great majesty." Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**
- 5 Be now our joy on earth, O Lord, And be our future great reward. Alleluia, alleluia! Then, throned with You forever, we Shall praise Your name eternally. Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**
- 6 O risen Christ, ascended Lord, All praise to You let earth accord: Alleluia, alleluia! You are, while endless ages run, With Father and with Spirit one. Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**POSTLUDE** "We Know That Christ is Raised and Dies No More" -:  
Improvisation on ENGELBERG

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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**SERVING US AT WORSHIP TODAY:**

<b>Officiant Preacher:</b>	Rev. Tim Anderson
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<b>Special Music:</b>	Joe Carlin
<b>Lector/Assisting Elder:</b>	Skip McFadden
<b>Greeters:</b>	Joe & Pat Carlin
<b>Acolyte:</b>	Joe Carlin
<b>Altar Care:</b>	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 4-11-21: Bible Study—6; Worship Service—37.**

**Income report for 4-11-21: Loose Plate \$270; Weekly Envelopes \$1486; Designated Gifts \$; Other \$; Total \$1486.**

## **THIS WEEK AT BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR**

### **May 16, Sunday**

8:30 AM Adult Bible Study

9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal

**10 AM The Ascension of our Lord Worship w/Holy Communion** (*Also, being streamed on Facebook online*)

11 AM Board of Trustees Meeting

### **May 17, Monday**

9 AM-2 PM Pastor Anderson in the office

### **May 19, Wednesday**

9 AM-2 PM Pastor Anderson in the office

7 PM Council Meeting

### **May 21, Friday**

9 -11 AM Church & Offices cleaned

### **May 22, Saturday**

9 AM Congregation Work Day

### **May 23, Sunday**

**10 AM The Day of Pentecost Worship w/Holy Communion**

**Prayer list:** For **Sarah** Phyllis Schinke's granddaughter recovering after surgery; Continuing recovery for **Maebell Beard, Rev. Friedrich, Glenn Brown, Dorothy McShee**, Charlotte Grefe, **Tina Davis** for strength and healing of medical issues; Strength and peace for **Gerri Koski, Tim Jackson and Amina Kruck. Marie**, Pastor's friend with a rare disease that she stays mindful of the limitations; We also pray for a diagnosis for Ashley Conley's sister, **Rosa**, in the hospital going through test.

**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/](http://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 23 "**Wisdom Knows When**" Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler.  
Does someone need to hear words of rebuke-or redemption? A message about harsh words, gentle answers, and the wisdom of God. (Proverbs 15:1)





## **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 to approach The Table to receive a blessing.*