

# THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH, TEMPE

May 9, 2021

10:00 a.m.



*Seeing as God Sees, Loving as God Loves*

## AS WE GATHER

"In the sight of God" is a phrase used throughout Scripture. It reminds us of God's unceasing care and concern for His creation. In Proverbs: "Let not steadfast love and faithfulness forsake you; bind them around your neck; write them on the tablet of your heart. So, you will find favor and good success in the sight of God and man" (Proverbs 3:3–4). All our life is in God's amazingly loving sight as He watches over all His creation and especially over people. Out of love for Christ and one another, we can strive to see others around us in the same way that God sees them.

## CASUAL SUNDAY

### PRAISE MEDLEY

1. "For All the Faithful Women" -LSB #855, St. 1, 13, 6 & 3

1 For all the faithful women Who served in days of old,  
To You shall thanks be given; To all, their story told.  
They served with strength and gladness In tasks Your  
wisdom gave. To You their lives bore witness,  
Proclaimed Your pow'r to save.

13 For Eunice and for Lois We sing our thanks and praise.  
Young Timothy they nurtured And led him in Your ways.  
Raise up in ev'ry household True teachers of Your Word  
Whose lives will bear clear witness To Christ, our risen Lord.

6 To Hannah, praying childless Before Your throne of grace,  
You gave a son and called him To serve before Your face.  
Grant us her perseverance; Lord, teach us how to pray  
And trust in Your deliv'rance When darkness hides our way.

3 O God, for saints and servants, Those named and those  
unknown In whom through all the ages Your light of glory  
shone, We offer glad thanksgiving And fervent prayer we  
raise That, faithful in Your service, Our lives may sing Your  
praise.

1. "This Is The Day" -TOSB #234

**This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made, that  
the Lord hath made.**

**I will rejoice, I will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it.  
This is the day that the Lord hath made, we will rejoice and  
be glad in it.**

**This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made.**

**3. “Love, Love Love” –TOSB #134, St. 1, 2 & 3**

- 1. Love, Love, Love! That’s what it’s all about! ‘Cause God loves us, we love each other, Mother, father, sister brother, Ev’rybody sing and shout ‘Cause that’s what it’s all about! It’s about love, love, love! It’s about love, love, love!**
- 2. Peace, Peace, Peace! That’s what it’s all about! ‘Cause God loves us, we love each other, Mother, father, sister brother, Ev’rybody sing and shout ‘Cause that’s what it’s all about! It’s about Peace, peace, peace! It’s about Peace, peace, peace!**
- 3. Joy, Joy, Joy! That’s what it’s all about! ‘Cause God loves us, we love each other, Mother, father, sister brother, Ev’rybody sing and shout ‘Cause that’s what it’s all about! It’s about Joy, Joy Joy! It’s about Joy, Joy, Joy!**

**4 “My Jesus I Love Thee” –TOSB #144, St. 1, 2 & 4**

- 1 My Jesus, I love Thee; I know Thou art mine. For Thee all the follies of sin I resign. My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou; If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, ‘tis now.**
- 2 I love Thee because Thou hast first loved me And purchased my pardon on Calvary’s tree. I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow; If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, ‘tis now.**
- 3 In mansions of glory and endless delight, I’ll ever adore Thee in heaven so bright. I’ll sing with the glittering crown on my brow, “If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, ‘tis now.”**

**PASTORAL WELCOME**

## OPENING PRAYER

Pastor: Dear Lord, today you remind us that there is no greater love, than the love that lays down its life for a friend. Lord on this Mother's Day, we thank you for all our moms that gave us life, who tenderly and patiently cared for us, even at times at their own expense. Please bless all women of our church, those who have loved us as they reflect your greater love, and help us to see and give thanks for every mom, every woman, and every christian who lays down their life to love another, just as you laid down your life for us all. In Jesus name. Amen.

*(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.

## OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: Praise the LORD!

**People: Praise the LORD, O my soul!**

Pastor: I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

**People: I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

Pastor: Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,

**People: whose hope is in the LORD his God.**

Pastor: The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations.

**People: Praise the LORD!**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: As penitent people, we ask God for His grace and mercy.

Pastor: Let us now confess our sin to God, our merciful Father.

**People: Gracious God, in heartfelt repentance we admit and confess our sinfulness. We are sin-stained people by**

nature. Each day we have sinned and done things we ought not to have done and have not done that which we are to have been doing as Your servants. We have not seen people in the loving way that You see them. We have not always been ready to care and quick to help. We do indeed deserve Your punishment in this life and for eternity. Trusting in Your mercy, we come to You for forgiveness. Our trust is in the merits of Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Grant us forgiveness of all our sins, and by the power of the Holy Spirit at work within our hearts and lives, lead us into ways that reflect Your goodness and love.

Pastor: God is loving and merciful. He sees us with loving eyes and graciously hears our supplications. By the command of our Lord and as His called and ordained servant, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

*Be Seated*

**INTROIT** (*Read responsively*)      *Ps. 66:1–2, 8–9, 20; antiphon: Ps. 66:16*

Come and hear, all you who fear God,

**and I will tell what he has done for my soul.**

Shout for joy to God, all the earth;

**sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise!**

Bless our God, O peoples;

**let the sound of his praise be heard,**

who has kept our soul among the living

**and has not let our feet slip.**

Blessèd be God,

**because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me!**

**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.**

**Come and hear, all you who fear God,  
and I will tell what he has done for my soul.**

**KYRIE** (*Read responsively*)

Pastor: O Lord,

**People: have mercy on us.**

Pastor: O Christ,

**People: have mercy on us.**

Pastor: O Lord,

**People: have mercy on us, and give us Your peace. Amen.**

**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS** (*Sing*)

**Pages 187-189**

**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.**

*Stand*

**SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

P Let us pray.

O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; 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 10:34–48*

<sup>34</sup>Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), <sup>37</sup>you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup>And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup>And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

<sup>44</sup>While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. <sup>45</sup>And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. <sup>46</sup>For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then

Peter declared, <sup>47</sup>“Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” <sup>48</sup>And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## **EPISTLE READING**

*1 John 5:1–8*

<sup>1</sup>Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. <sup>2</sup>By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. <sup>3</sup>For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. <sup>4</sup>For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. <sup>5</sup>Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

<sup>6</sup>This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. <sup>7</sup>For there are three that testify: <sup>8</sup>the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## **SPECIAL MUSIC**

“The Light of Christ” -Donald Fishel

*Stand*

**GRADUAL** *adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6*

P Christ has risen from the dead.

**C God the Father has crowned Him with glory and honor,  
He has given Him dominion over the works of His hands;**

**He has put all things under His feet.**

**HOLY GOSPEL**

*John 15:9–17*

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

**C** **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>9</sup>[Jesus said:] “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup>These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

<sup>12</sup>“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>Greater love has no one than this, that someone lays down his life for his friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup>No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. <sup>16</sup>You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. <sup>17</sup>These things I command you, so that you will love one another.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

**APOSTLE’S CREED**

**All:** 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.**

*Be seated*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**“What Wonderous Love” -LSB #543**

- 1 What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this, O my soul! What wondrous love is this That caused the Lord of bliss To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul, To bear the dreadful curse for my soul!**
- 2 When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,  
When I was sinking down, sinking down, When I was sinking down Beneath God’s righteous frown, Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul, Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.**
- 3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; To God and to the Lamb I will sing; To God and to the Lamb, Who is the great I AM, While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing, While millions join the theme, I will sing.**
- 4 And when from death I’m free, I’ll sing on, I’ll sing on;  
And when from death I’m free, I’ll sing on. And when from death I’m free, I’ll sing His love for me, And through eternity I’ll sing on, I’ll sing on, And through eternity I’ll sing on.**

**SERMON**

**No Greater Love**

*John 15:9–17*

**OFFERING / VOLUNTARY**

**“Take My Life and Let It Be” -Havergal & Malan**

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH** *(Stand)*

**Pastor:** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus

and for all people according to their needs.

We thank God for the Church and pray that God's people live confidently and joyfully share the message of salvation in word and deed. Gathered by the Holy Spirit, we pray that we be blessed with all grace and evidence the fruit of the Spirit in our lives. Lord, be with us and bless us.

Pastor: We pray for our families, especially for mothers, grandmothers, and great-grandmothers on this special day. We ask the blessing of our bounteous God on all those who share in our Christian fellowship and join with us in worship and for all who are part of the household of faith. Also we pray for those with special concerns and needs this day: those who are hospitalized or shut-in, those who are grieving, the unemployed and underemployed, the chronically ill and shut-in, and all those whose needs are known to us, . . .  
Lord, grant that we bring Your blessing to situations of need in all places. Lord, be with us and bless us.

Pastor: Most merciful God, we thank You for all those faithful people whose words and actions have guided us in the past, especially remembering those no longer with us on earth, who now share in Your eternal presence. By the working of Your Holy Spirit, direct us to walk Your servant way throughout our lives, seeing each person through Your loving eyes, until that day when we stand in Your glorious presence in heaven.

People: **Amen.**

### **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.**

## **BENEDICTION**

Pastor: 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.

**People: Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN** (Congregation joins on Refrains only) “

“I am the Resurrection” – Words & Music by Ray Repp

***Congregation Sing on Refrains:***

**I am the Resurrection and the Life, All  
who believe in me will never die. (repeat)**

1 (Praise Team) I have come to bring the truth; I have come to bring you life. If you believe, then you shall live. ***Refrain.***

2 (Praise Team) In my Word all men will come to know; Here is love that makes the spirit grow. If you believe, then you shall live. ***Refrain.***

3 (Praise Team) Keep in mind the things that I have said;  
Remember Me in the breaking of the bread. If you believe, then you shall live. ***Refrain.***

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## **POSTLUDE**

“Great and Mighty Is He” -Todd Pettygrove

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**SERVING US AT WORSHIP TODAY:**

**Officiant Preacher:** Rev. Tim Anderson  
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Bergman, Praise Band Music, Praise Band Banjo and Bass Guitar  
**Lector:** Debby Bergman  
**Greeters:** Marsha Beetham  
**Acolyte:** Joe 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).

**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 5-2-21: Bible Study—7; Worship Service—37.**  
**Income report for 5-2-21: Loose Plate \$105; Weekly Envelopes \$2657; Designated Gifts \$275; Other \$; Total \$3037.**

## **THIS WEEK AT BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR**

### **May 9, Sunday**

8:30 AM Adult Bible Study

**10 AM The Sixth Sunday of Easter - Casual Worship** (*Also, being streamed on Facebook online*)

11:30 AM Stewardship Committee Meeting

### **May 10, Monday & May 12, Wednesday**

9 AM-2 PM Pastor Tim Anderson in the office

### **May 11, Tuesday**

5:30 PM Board of Elders Meeting

7 PM Board of Finance Meeting

### **May 13, Thursday**

**The Ascension of Our Lord**

### **May 14, Friday**

11AM Church & Offices cleaned

### **May 16, Sunday**

8:30 AM Adult Bible Study in Fellowship Hall

**10 AM The Ascension of Our Lord Worship w/Holy Communion**

### **May 19, Wednesday**

7 PM Council Meeting

**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 - KFNN RADIO (1100) @ 10 AM:**

May 16 "Gain a Heart of Wisdom" Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler  
Fear, love, and trust in the Lord is the way to Wisdom in person, and we meet God's eternal wisdom in Jesus, the Messiah. (Psalm 90:12)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**May 22, Saturday**

**10:00-11:30. Choir Rehearsal.**

**June 14, Monday**

**10:00-Noon. GLORIA Worship Team Mtg.  
Fuerbringer Fellowship Hall.**