

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH, TEMPE



Good to Be Here

AS WE GATHER

On the Mount of Transfiguration, Peter blurted out that it was good the disciples were there so they could build shelters for Jesus, Moses, and Elijah. Our being close to our Lord, though, is not good so that we might do something for Him; rather, it is good because we know He has done so much for us. Moses, the greatest prophet according to the reading from Deuteronomy, spoke God's Word, but Jesus is the Word, effecting our forgiveness and salvation in His sacrifice for us. His "departure," as Luke puts it in the Gospel, is literally His exodus, not from slavery in Egypt like Moses, but from sin and death through His sacrifice on the cross. Our Lord is the builder of His "house," the Church. Only because we have been forgiven is it good for us to be here, for as the psalm reminds us, "the LORD our God is holy!"

PRELUDE "All Praise to Thee, Eternal Christ" -Georg Boehm

PASTORAL WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

Pastor: God of glory, your son took his friends with him when he went to pray on the mountain. You revealed to them the glory of Jesus, your beloved Son, on his way to the cross. We do not live on mountaintops, but we, too, would glimpse your glory in the ordinary days of our lives, and in the community of your Son in which you have chosen to dwell still among us by the power of your Spirit. We know that you are the God who meets us in the broken places. We ask you to shine the light of Christ deep into our lives, so we may carry that light into dark places and point to the One whose was broken and died so that we might live and be made whole.

OPENING HYMN "O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair" LSB 413

- 1 O wondrous type! O vision fair Of glory that the Church may share, Which Christ upon the mountain shows, Where brighter than the sun He glows!**
- 2 With Moses and Elijah nigh The incarnate Lord holds converse high; And from the cloud the Holy One bears record to the only Son.**
- 3 With shining face and bright array Christ deigns to manifest today What glory shall be theirs above Who joy in God with perfect love.**
- 4 And faithful hearts are raised on high By this great vision's mystery, For which in joyful strains we raise the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.**

**5 O Father, with the eternal Son And Holy Spirit ever one,
We pray Thee, bring us by Thy grace To see Thy glory face to
face.**

Stand

CONFESsION AND ABSOLUTION

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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 If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**
- Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*
- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name.**
- Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Be seated

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT (*Read responsively*)

Ps. 84:1–2, 9, 11; antiphon: Ps. 84:4

Blessèd are those who dwell in your house,
ever singing your praise!

How lovely is your dwelling place,
O LORD of hosts!

My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.

Behold our shield, O God;
look on the face of your anointed!

For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honor.

No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly.

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.

Blessèd are those who dwell in your house,
ever singing your praise!

KYRIE (*Chanted*)

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P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C Amen.

Stand

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

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P Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

C Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father: We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God: You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.

For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, 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, in the glorious Transfiguration of Your beloved Son You confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah. In the voice that came from the bright cloud You wonderfully foreshowed our adoption by grace. Mercifully make us co-heirs with the King of His glory and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Be Seated

RECEPTION OF MEMBERS BY TRANSFER OR PROFESSION OF FAITH

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Deuteronomy 34:1–12

¹Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho. And the LORD showed him all the land, Gilead as far as Dan, ²all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the western sea, ³the Negeb, and the Plain, that is, the Valley of Jericho the city of palm trees, as far as Zoar. ⁴And the LORD said to him, “This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, ‘I will give it to your offspring.’ I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not go over there.” ⁵So Moses the servant of the LORD died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the LORD, ⁶and he buried him in the valley in the land of Moab opposite Beth-peor; but no one knows the place of his burial to this day. ⁷Moses was 120 years old when he died. His eye was undimmed, and his vigor unabated. ⁸And the people of Israel wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days. Then the days of weeping and mourning for Moses were ended.

⁹And Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands on him. So the people of Israel obeyed him and did as the LORD had commanded Moses. ¹⁰And there has not arisen a prophet since in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face, ¹¹none like him for all the signs and the wonders that the LORD sent him to do in the land of Egypt, to Pharaoh and to all his servants and to all his land, ¹²and for all the mighty power and all the great deeds of terror that Moses did in the sight of all Israel.

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

EPISTLE READING

Hebrews 3:1–6

¹Therefore, holy brothers, you who share in a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession, ²who

was faithful to him who appointed him, just as Moses also was faithful in all God's house. ³For Jesus has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses—as much more glory as the builder of a house has more honor than the house itself. ⁴(For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.) ⁵Now Moses was faithful in all God's house as a servant, to testify to the things that were to be spoken later, ⁶but Christ is faithful over God's house as a son. And we are his house if indeed we hold fast our confidence and our boasting in our hope.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Alleluia Canon” -W.A. Mozart, adapted

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE & sing)

C Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 9:28–36

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the ninth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁸Now about eight days after these sayings [Jesus] took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray.

²⁹And as he was praying, the appearance of his face was altered, and his clothing became dazzling white. ³⁰And behold, two men were talking with him, Moses and Elijah, ³¹who appeared in glory and spoke of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³²Now Peter and those who were with him were heavy with sleep, but when they became fully awake they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³And as the men were parting from him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for

Elijah”—not knowing what he said.³⁴As he was saying these things, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud.³⁵And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is my Son, my Chosen One; listen to him!”³⁶And when the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and told no one in those days anything of what they had seen.

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

" 'Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here " -LSB #414

- 1 'Tis good, Lord, to be here! Thy glory fills the night;
Thy face and garments, like the sun, Shine with unborrowed light.
- 2 'Tis good, Lord, to be here, Thy beauty to behold
Where Moses and Elijah stand, Thy messengers of old.
- 3 Fulfiller of the past And hope of things to be,
We hail Thy body glorified And our redemption see.
- 4 Before we taste of death, We see Thy kingdom come;
We long to hold the vision bright And make this hill our home.
- 5 'Tis good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not remain;
But since Thou bidst us leave the mount, Come with us to the plain.

SERMON **Good To Be Here, Better To Be There**

(Luke 9)

OFFERING / VOLUNTARY

"Jesus' Welcoming Glow"

Stand

OFFERTORY (Sing)

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C What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?
I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people, in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

(Congregation response to petitions: Hear our prayer.)

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

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- 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 pow'r and might:
Heaven and earth with full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna.
Hosanna in the highest, Blessed is He who comes in the
name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

LORD'S PRAYER

- 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. 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 Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Be seated

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

- 1 (Piano Solo) "Praise is Rising" -Brown & Baloche/Arr, C. Tornquist
2 "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" **LSB #739, St. 3**

- 3 When the darkness appears And the night draws near
And the day is almost gone, At the river I stand;
Guide my feet, hold my hand, Take my hand, precious Lord;
lead me home.

3. Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks" WOV #671, St. 1, 4 & 5

Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen
Lord. Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his
Name.

1. Jesus is Lord of all the earth. He is the King of creation.
Refrain.
4. God has proclaimed the just reward: life for all people,
alleluia. **Refrain.**

5. Come, let us praise the living God, joyfully sing to our Savior. Refrain.

Stand

NUNC DIMITTIS

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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.

BENEDICTION

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**P 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 "Alleluia, Song of Gladness" **LSB #417**, St. 1-3

- 1 Alleluia, song of gladness, Voice of joy that cannot die;
Alleluia is the anthem Ever raised by choirs on high;
In the house of God abiding Thus they sing eternally.**
- 2 Alleluia, thou resoundest, True Jerusalem and free;
Alleluia, joyful mother, All thy children sing with thee,
But by Babylon's sad waters Mourning exiles now are we.**
- 3 Alleluia cannot always Be our song while here below;
Alleluia, our transgressions Make us for a while forgo;
For the solemn time is coming When our tears for sin must flow.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Sunday Bible Study: Bible Study on Parables from 8:30-9:30am in the fellowship hall.

New Member Sunday: Today we welcome our new members into our family of faith here at Beautiful Savior. If you are interested in becoming a part of the Beautiful Savior family, talk to Pastor Tim.

Partnership Potluck: TODAY Sunday Feb. 27th at 2:00pm. Join us as we celebrate one year of working together as God's people here at Beautiful Savior and at Mountain View. Burgers and Hot Dogs will be provided. Sign up in the Narthex to bring a desserts.

Shrove Tuesday (Fat Tuesday) Pancake Dinner: Tuesday March 1st from 5-6pm. Hosted by the Trustees and the PTC, proceeds will support the ministry work of Beautiful Savior. Please invite your friends and family.

Midweek Bible Study: Psalms and Sandwiches will not meet during Lent.

The Stewardship Committee invites you to join in to help the Justa Center during the month of February. You may give an offering any Sunday in February and after the month is over, we will take those offerings and buy for the Justa Center their most urgent needs. Just use your "Designated Funds" envelope and write, "Justa Center" on it and put it in the offering plate. We thank you in advance for your generosity.

St. Patty's Day Celebration: On Wednesday March 16th, we will be offering Corned Beef and Cabbage meals for both Lunch and Dinner before our Midweek Lent service. Join us for lunch at 11:00 am or for Dinner at 5:00 pm. Worship that evening will be on the back patio at 5:30 pm.

POSTLUDE

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Kathy Held

Acolyte:

Joe Carlin

Altar:

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. Cell phone #480596-2256.

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 2-20-22 week Bible Study—7; Worship Service—47.
Midweek Bible Study—10.**

**Income report for 2-20-22: Loose Plate \$480; Weekly Envelopes \$2200;
Designated Gifts \$292; Other \$; Total \$2972.**

THIS WEEK AT BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

February 27, Sunday

8:30 AM Adult Bible Study

9:30 AM Music Rehearsal

10 AM The Transfiguration of our Lord Sunday Worship w/Holy Communion & New Member Sunday (Also, being streamed on Facebook online)

February 28, Monday

9 AM – 2 PM Pastor Tim Anderson in the office

March 1, Tuesday

5-6 PM Shrove Tuesday-PTC will be serving a Pancake & Sausage dinner

March 2, Wednesday

9 AM – 2 PM Pastor Tim Anderson in the office

Noon & 7 PM Ash Wednesday Worship

March 4, Friday

After noon the Church & Offices cleaned

March 6, Sunday

10 AM The First Sunday in Lent w/Holy Communion

Prayer list: Continued recovery for all who have medical issues: **Wendy Sievers, Julia Teuscherm Bill McShee, Dorothy McShee, Bev Dase, Maebell Beard, Doug Bergman, Glenn Brown, Mary Mahr & Joe Schutkowski.** For comfort and peace for **Doris Reith and Len Lacy** in memory care facilities and also for cancer patients, **Jim Schutkowski, Tim Jackson, Tom Hughes, Amina Kruck and Gerri Koski.** Be with Haynes' granddaughters **Vada & Lily** w/pneumonia.

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:

March 6 "Spiritual Warfare" Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. God will act as a warrior, but His ultimate goal isn't to win a war—it's to build a life. (Luke 11: 14-36)



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 your preference..
- 3) Children and adults not instructed or confirmed are still encouraged to approach The Table to receive a blessing.

