

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, Tempe

March 27, 2022

10:00 a.m.



The Father Still Waits

AS WE GATHER

No parable more fully describes the profound character of God's mercy than the prodigal son and the waiting father. We are the rebels who begin to think we deserve our heavenly Father's kindness and who demand from Him what is not our right to claim. But instead of disowning us, He meets us with joy, welcomes us with His forgiveness, restores our tattered righteousness with the robe of Christ's holiness, and sets His Table before us. This is what happens every Sunday as the Lord reclaims us from our sins, restores joy to our heavy hearts, reminds us of His baptismal promise, and feeds our body and soul with the body and blood of His Son. This is the source of our holy joy and this is the peace that passes all understanding.

PRELUDE

“Father, Most Holy” -Setting by David Cherwien

PASTORAL WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

Pastor: Abba, Father, hungering for more than we deserve, we demand our way as we stuff ourselves on the empty husks of pleasure and selfishness, our shallow souls hungering for more. We party our way through life, often unaware of our actions as we then awaken in sin's gutters, our hollow hearts hunger for more. We then come stumbling and stammering, hungering to find our way back to you. Even before we get there, you fling wide the doors and come running to us, dragging your stainless robe through the litter of our sin, running to sweep us up in your arms and carry us home where we will hunger no more. Help us even in our sin and mistakes to see our place with you as you shower us with extravagant grace. We ask for this father in your holy name. Amen.

OPENING HYMN “Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling” **WOV #734**

- 1. Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling— Calling for you and for me; Patiently Jesus is waiting and watching— Watching for you and for me!**

Refrain: Come home! come home! Ye who are weary, come home! Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, Calling, O sinner, come home!

- 2. Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading—Pleading for you and for me? Why should we linger and heed not His mercies— Mercies for you and for me? Refrain**

3. Oh, for the wonderful love He has promised—Promised for you and for me! Though we have sinned, He has mercy and pardon— Pardon for you and for me! Refrain

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.**

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT (*Read responsively*)

Ps. 51:2–6; antiphon: Ps. 51:1

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin!

For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.

Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight,

so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.

Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,
and in sin did my mother conceive me.

Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being,
and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.

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.

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,

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.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 12:1–6

¹You will say in that day: "I will give thanks to you, O LORD, for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away, that you might comfort me.

²"Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation."

³With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

⁴And you will say in that day:

"Give thanks to the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted.

⁵“Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously;
let this be made known in all the earth.

⁶Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion,
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

2 Corinthians 5:16–21

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. ¹⁷Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. ¹⁸All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 15:1–3a, 11–32

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear [Jesus]. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.”

³So he told them this parable: . . .

¹¹“There was a man who had two sons. ¹²And the younger of

them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.' And he divided his property between them. ¹³Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. ¹⁴And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

¹⁷"But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! ¹⁸I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.'" ²⁰And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. ²¹And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' ²²But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. ²³And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. ²⁴For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate.

²⁵"Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. ²⁷And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.' ²⁸But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, ²⁹but he answered his father, 'Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with

prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!’ ³¹And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³²It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.’”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLES CREED

C: 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.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“God Loved the World So That He Gave” **LSB #571, St. 1-4 & 6**

- 1** God loved the world so that He gave His only Son the lost to save, That all who would in Him believe Should everlasting life receive.
- 2** Christ Jesus is the ground of faith, Who was made flesh and suffered death; All then who trust in Him alone Are built on this chief cornerstone.
- 3** God would not have the sinner die; His Son with saving grace is nigh; His Spirit in the Word declares How we in Christ are heaven’s heirs.

4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son Forgives all sins which you have done; And, justified by Jesus' blood, Your Baptism grants the highest good.

**6 Glory to God the Father, Son, And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To You, O blessed Trinity, Be praise now and eternally!**

SERMON The Father Who Gives Us Everything Luke 15:1-3a, 11-12

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.)

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.

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 "You Are My King" (Amazing Love) -Billy J. Foote

Verse

**I'm forgiven Because You were forsaken
I'm accepted You were condemned
I'm alive and well Your Spirit is within me
Because You died And rose again**

Chorus

**Amazing love How can it be That You my King Would die
for me Amazing love I know it's true
It's my joy to honor You In all I do I honor You**

Ending

**You are my King You are my King Jesus You are my King
Jesus You are my King**

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

Lenten Midweek Services: Sent by Our God and Savior. Join us each Wednesday in Lent as we explore how we are loved by God and sent by God into the world to proclaim the message of Jesus. We gather each week at 12:00pm and 7:00pm with lunch at 11:00am and 6:00pm.

Sola Ministries Presentation: The Resurrection; Empty Faith or Empty Tomb. Saturday April 2nd at 10am here at Beautiful Savior. Join Rev. Peter Spallek and Sola Ministries as they

present speaker James Umber and his presentation on the historical evidence for the resurrection of Jesus.

La Mesa Tempe Preview: On Thursday April 7th at 6:00pm, the members and friends of Beautiful Savior are invited by our new partner La Mesa ministries to join in a dry run of the La Mesa experience here at Beautiful Savior. They will serve us dinner, lead us in worship and work through any issues before opening to the community after easter.

Church Clean-up day: On Saturday April 9th at 10:00am, we will be gathering to prepare our church property, both inside and outside for holy week. Please put on your work clothes, and join us for a morning of service to our congregation.

Church Easter Flowers: This Easter you will have the opportunity to donate flowers in celebration of the promise of the Resurrection. Please sign up in the Narthex if you would like to donate today. We will be getting Lilies, Tulips, and Daffodils. Please check the sign up sheet for further information, including pricing.

Community Easter Egg Hunt: Saturday April 16th at 11:00am. We will be inviting our community and children of all ages to an Easter Egg Hunt here at Beautiful Savior on Easter Saturday. Pastor needs volunteers to help with stuffing and hiding eggs, as well as candy donations over the next few weeks (please hard candy only, no chocolate or meltable candy). We will also have a community grill out that day for parents and kids and all who attend the event.

LWML is gathering supplies for 50 Easter Baskets for the International Students at ASU. Sharon Owens of Campus Mission Coalition shares the Gospel message with these students by using the items in each basket to tell of Christ's life

and death and resurrection. **THE COST OF EACH BASKET IS ABOUT \$8.00.** If you would like to help provide baskets to these students, you may make a cash donation by placing it in an envelope marked **“*LWML EASTER BASKETS*”** or you may write a check to **Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church** with **LWML EASTER BASKETS** in the memo and place it in the offering plate. **THANK YOU!**

Interested in helping our *AV* team? We are looking for a few volunteers who would be interested in learning how to stream our worship service onto the internet. Please speak to Don Schumm or Pastor Tim if interested.

Revitalization Team: The BSLC revitalization team is looking for a few new faces of individuals dedicated to helping our congregation in this season of new growth who want to work at finding ways to better serve our members and the community around us. If interested, please speak to Pastor Tim.

Church Members and others who wish to “give electronically” can now do so by going to: easytithe.com/BSLCTempe.

POSTLUDE

“Walk in the Light”

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SERVING US AT WORSHIP TODAY:

Officiant Preacher:	Rev. Tim Anderson
Organist/Director:	Ellen Brown
Song Leader:	Debby & Doug Bergman
Special Music:	The Beautiful Savior Singers
Lector:	Donna Evans
Pianist:	Glenn Brown
Greeters:	Kathy Held
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)

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 3-20-22 week Bible Study—7; Worship Service—52.
Midweek Lent 3—.**

Income report for 3-20-22: Loose Plate \$220; Weekly Envelopes \$3665; Designated Gifts \$687; Other \$; Total \$4572 Lent Midweek 2--Total \$1031.

THIS WEEK AT BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

March 27, Sunday

8:30 AM Adult Bible Study

9:30 AM Music Rehearsal

10 AM The Fourth Sunday in Lent Worship

(Also, being streamed on Facebook online)

March 28, Monday

9 AM – 2 PM Pastor Tim Anderson in the office

March 30, Wednesday

9 AM – 2 PM Pastor Tim Anderson in the office

11 AM & 6 PM Soup Lunch/Dinner served before the service

12:30 PM & 7 PM Midweek Lent 4

April 4, Friday

9 AM-11 PM the Church & Offices cleaned

April 3, Sunday

10 AM The Fifth Sunday in Lent w/Holy Communion

Prayer list: Continued recovery for all who have medical issues: **Sue Jimenez, Wendy Sievers, Julia Teuscher, Bill McShee, Dorothy McShee, Bev Dase, Maebell Beard, Glenn Brown, Mary Mahr, Irvin Walnick, Gladys Meyer's, great grandson Rehet's.** 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.** Pat & Joe Carlin's friend **Gloria** in the hospital w/fluid in lungs, also the Carlins nieces husband **John** in Hospice; **Jacob Hutson's** recovery after oral surgery; Pastor Tim's friends, **Christopher Grant-stroke & Carol Long-heart valve replacement;** for **fire fighters in Comanchi, Texas** dealing w/numerous fires. Mathew & Ashley Hutson-both laid-off their jobs.

**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:

April 3 "**This Is the Feast**" Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. A costly and extravagant meal prepared by a master chef symbolizes the meal Christ serves to His people, the Church. (Luke 22:27)