

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, Tempe

May 1, 2022

10:00 a.m.



Worthy Is the Lamb

AS WE GATHER

In the Reading from Revelation, John reports that he saw God's throne, where the Lamb is the only One worthy to open the sealed scrolls. Not only is Jesus holy in Himself, He makes holy all those whose sins He forgives because of His own sacrifice. Saul is a prime example. He is called by Christ to take the Gospel to the Gentiles, even though he had been looking for Christians to arrest. In their fishing attempt in the Gospel, the disciples learn that even their physical wellbeing depends on trusting their Savior's guidance. For Peter, that would also mean feeding and teaching Jesus' flock. Made worthy because of our incorporation into the Body of Christ, what are we called to do?

PRELUDE

“Lamb of God” –Twila Paris/Arr. John Behnke

PASTORAL WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

Pastor: Heavenly Father, Three times Peter denied Jesus, and yet three times Your Son invited Peter to love again. Three times that Friday, Your Son was mocked amid the three crosses so that in three days he would rise to resurrect those who denied and betrayed, for men and women like us. As Jesus stood that day on the shore, Peter's blame was now forgotten, his shame was now covered, and his sin was now forgiven. Even as Peter leapt into the sea, the water that flowed from Jesus's side had already washed Peter clean. Help us Lord to see and feel that same cleansing water, when we are overwhelmed by remembered cowardice, of failed courage. Help us when hurt by bad dreams of abandonment or the deep sea of pain, to see Jesus once again standing there, instructing us on how to live as we dive towards him and are splashed again with the waters of new hope. Restored in Him, help us to eat together in the fellowship of grace and rehabilitation, of forgiveness and hope, as we are forgiven and seek Your call in our lives. Amen.

OPENING HYMN

“This Joyful Eastertide” **LSB #482, St. 1 & 2**

**1 This joyful Eastertide away with sin and sorrow!
My love, the Crucified, Has sprung to life this morrow:
Refrain.**

Refrain

**Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst His three-day
prison, our faith had been in vain: But now has Christ
arisen, arisen, arisen; But now has Christ arisen!**

**2 Death's flood has lost its chill since Jesus crossed the river;
Lover of souls, from ill my passing soul deliver: Refrain.**

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

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 IF THE WORD

INTROIT *(Read responsively)*

Ps. 145:4–7, 9; antiphon: Ps. 145:10

All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,

and all your saints shall bless you!

One generation shall commend your works to another,
and shall declare your mighty acts.

On the glorious splendor of your majesty,
and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds,
and I will declare your greatness.

They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness
and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

The LORD is good to all,
and his mercy is over all that he has made.

**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.**

All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,
and all your saints shall bless you!

GLORIA PATRI (*Sing*)

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**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*)

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

GLORIA IN eXCELSIS

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

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P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Let us pray.

O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Acts 9:1–22

¹But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ²and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴And falling to the ground he heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?” ⁵And he said, “Who are you, Lord?” And he said, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.” ⁷The men who were traveling with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one. ⁸Saul rose from the ground, and although his eyes were opened, he saw nothing. So they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹And for three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

¹⁰Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, “Ananias.” And he said, “Here I am, Lord.”

¹¹And the Lord said to him, “Rise and go to the street called Straight,

and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul, for behold, he is praying, ¹²and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.” ¹³But Ananias answered, “Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints at Jerusalem. ¹⁴And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on your name.” ¹⁵But the Lord said to him, “Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel. ¹⁶For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.” ¹⁷So Ananias departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him he said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” ¹⁸And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized; ¹⁹and taking food, he was strengthened.

For some days he was with the disciples at Damascus. ²⁰And immediately he proclaimed Jesus in the synagogues, saying, “He is the Son of God.” ²¹And all who heard him were amazed and said, “Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem of those who called upon this name? And has he not come here for this purpose, to bring them bound before the chief priests?” ²²But Saul increased all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Christ.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

Revelation 5:8–14

⁸And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. ⁹And they sang a new song, saying,

“Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals,
for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people

for God from every tribe and language and people and nation,
¹⁰and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God,
and they shall reign on the earth.”

¹¹Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures
and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads
and thousands of thousands, ¹²saying with a loud voice, “Worthy is the
Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and
might and honor and glory and blessing!” ¹³And I heard every creature
in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that
is in them, saying, “To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be
blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!” ¹⁴And the
four living creatures said, “Amen!” and the elders fell down and
worshiped.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SPECIAL MUSIC “Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks” -Donald Fishel

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

C **Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL

John 21:1–14

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twenty-first chapter.

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

¹After this Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of
Tiberias, and he revealed himself in this way. ²Simon Peter, Thomas
(called the Twin), Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee,
and two others of his disciples were together. ³Simon Peter said to
them, “I am going fishing.” They said to him, “We will go with you.” They
went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

⁴Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the
disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵Jesus said to them,
“Children, do you have any fish?” They answered him, “No.” ⁶He said to
them, “Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find

some.” So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish. ⁷That disciple whom Jesus loved therefore said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he was stripped for work, and threw himself into the sea. ⁸The other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred yards off.

⁹When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread. ¹⁰Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.” ¹¹So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, 153 of them. And although there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹²Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” Now none of the disciples dared ask him, “Who are you?” They knew it was the Lord. ¹³Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish. ¹⁴This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

¹⁵When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” He said to him, “Feed my lambs.” ¹⁶He said to him a second time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” He said to him, “Tend my sheep.” ¹⁷He said to him the third time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” and he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep. ¹⁸Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you used to dress yourself and walk wherever you wanted, but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and carry you where you do not want to go.” ¹⁹(This he said to show by what kind of death he was to glorify God.) And after saying this he said to him, “Follow me.”

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.

HYMN OF THE DAY “How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord” LSB #853

- 1 How clear is our vocation, Lord, When once we heed Your call: To live according to Your Word and daily learn, refreshed, restored, that You are Lord of all and will not let us fall.**
- 2 But if, forgetful, we should find Your yoke is hard to bear; If worldly pressures fray the mind, and love itself cannot unwind its tangled skein of care: Our inward life repair.**

- 3 **We marvel how Your saints become in hindrances more sure;
Whose joyful virtues put to shame the casual way we wear
Your name and by our faults obscure Your pow'r to cleanse
and cure.**
- 4 **In what You give us, Lord, to do, together or alone,
In old routines or ventures new, may we not cease to look to
You, the cross You hung upon—All You endeavored done.**

SERMON

Reinstated (John 21:1-19)

OFFERTORY *(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 *(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

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 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.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

(Piano Solo) "Feed My Lambs" -Lana Gibbons

"Just as I Am, without One Plea" **LSB #570, St. 1-6**

- 1 Just as I am, without one plea but that Thy blood was shed for me and that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**
- 2 Just as I am and waiting not to rid my soul of one dark blot, To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**
- 3 Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt, fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**
- 4 Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind; sight, riches, healing of the mind, yea, all I need, in Thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**
- 5 Just as I am, Thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve; because Thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**
- 6 Just as I am; Thy love unknown has broken ev'ry barrier down; now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

NUNC DIMITTIS

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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

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P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C and His mercy endureth forever.

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

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P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Bless we the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

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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

“He Is Arisen! Glorious Word” LSB #488

**1 He is arisen! Glorious Word! Now reconciled is God, my Lord;
The gates of heav’n are open. My Jesus did triumphant die,
And Satan’s arrows broken lie, Destroyed hell’s fiercest
weapon. O hear what cheer! Christ victorious,
Rising glorious, life is giving. He was dead but now is living!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Sunday Bible Study: Join us on Sunday mornings at 8:30am for our bible study on the Parables of Jesus.

New Member Class: Starting May 15th after church, we will gather each Sunday after church for 5 weeks to learn about the history of Beautiful Savior, an overview of Christian teachings, as well as opportunities to serve here at church. Join us starting on May 15th.

Psalms and Sandwiches Midweek Bible Study: Join us on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month at 12:30pm for Psalms and Sandwiches, as we go through the book of Psalms and meet for lunch. We will meet on May 11th. Please give Pastor suggestions this week on where to meet and we will announce it in next week's Bulletin.

Vacation Bible School: Join us the week of July 25th-July 29th for our Monumental 2022 Vacation Bible School where we will "Celebrate God's greatness." We will gather Monday through Friday evening that week from 5-8pm. Sign up to volunteer today in the fellowship hall. Kid registration will open on May 15th.

Digging Deeper in the Confessions "What We Believe." Starting this June, talk to Pastor if interested in this course through the confessions and teachings of the Lutheran Church.

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

POSTLUDE

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SERVING US AT WORSHIP TODAY:

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| Officiant Preacher: | Rev. Tim Anderson |
| Organist/Director: | Ellen Brown |
| Pianist: | Glenn Brown |
| Song Leader: | |
| Special Music: | The Beautiful Savior Singers |
| Assisting Elder/Lector: | Skip McFadden |
| Greeters: | Marsha Beetham |
| 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 4-24-22 week Bible Study—7; Worship Service—47.

Income report for 4-24-22: Loose Plate \$97.25; Weekly Envelopes \$1137; Designated Gifts \$167; Other \$; Total \$1401.25.

THIS WEEK AT BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

May 1, Sunday

8:30 AM Adult Bible Study

9:30 AM Music Rehearsal

10 AM The Third Sunday of Easter w/Holy Communion

May 2, Monday

9 AM – 2 AM Pastor Tim Anderson in the office

May 4, Wednesday

9 AM – 2 AM Pastor Tim Anderson in the office

May 5, Thursday

4-7 PM La Mesa (6 p.m. Homemade Meal; 6:30 PM Worship)

May 6, Friday

9 -11 AM the Church & Offices cleaned

May 8, Sunday

10 AM Fourth Sunday of Easter / Casual Service

Prayer list: Bobbie Littou requests successful results of **friend's son's** exploratory tests; also for her brother **Tony** with dementia; for **Janis** Pastor Tim's mother-in-law preparing for hip surgery on May 8 & his father-in-law, **Michael** the ability to balance medications for chronic leukemia and seizures. Bobbie requests relief and understanding for brother Tony with dementia. Alan Hutson request prayers for relief for **Scot Sage family** of their many tragedies. Prays of thanksgiving for **Bill McShee, John McShee; Thom Witcombe** learning new job in a new career; successful cataract surgery for **Sandra Wardwell** & for Pastor Tim's **cousin** celebrating **her first-born daughter**.

Gerri Davies recovering from a fall, **Tom Hughes, Wendy Sievers, Julia Teuscher, Dorothy McShee, Bev Dase, Maebell Beard, Glenn Brown, Mary Mahr, Irvin Walnick, Rhett Davis, Gloria & Paula**. For comfort and peace for **Doris Reith and Len Lacy** in memory care; and also for cancer patients, **Jim Schutkowski, Tom Hughes, Amina Kruck, Tim Jackson,**

Brenda, and Gerri Koski.

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

May 8 "What the Bible Is Like" Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. The Bible is like an encyclopedia, a love letter, a self-help book, and a Good News article--but these comparisons all fall short. (2 Timothy 3:16-17)



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.*