

THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, Tempe

May 29, 2022

10:00 a.m.



Witnesses

AS WE GATHER

What have you witnessed? Jesus' disciples witnessed Jesus teach with authority, feed the five thousand with a few loaves of bread and some fish, heal people of a variety of diseases, and even bring Lazarus back to life. Yet, in spite of what they witnessed, they struggled to believe the story would continue after Jesus was crucified on Good Friday. Surprise! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Following the resurrection, they witnessed more amazing things Jesus said and did, and now they would get their chance to share what they had seen and heard. What have you seen and heard about Jesus? What have you seen and heard Jesus do in your life? Who can you share with what you have witnessed?

PRELUDE

"Alleluia! Give Thanks" -Donald Fishel

PASTORAL WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER:

Pastor: Lord of life, we do not know the face of the future, any more than your disciples did. Like them, we have many questions: how to live, how to bear witness. Like them, we thirst for the spring waters of the Spirit to inspire us in our living to give us the words to speak in our testimony. You have been raised in glory that we might rise with you and as you go, you promise us your spirit, so that one day we will be with you forever even as we trust that you are with us now. Amen.

OPENING HYMN "A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing" LSB #493, St. 1, 4-6

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

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore, You are feared.

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT *(Read responsively)*

Ps. 110:1, 4–5; antiphon: Ps. 47:5

God has gone up with a shout,

the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

The LORD says to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand,
until I make your enemies your footstool."
The LORD has sworn and will not change his mind,
"You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek."
The Lord is at your right hand;
he will shatter kings on the day of his wrath.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
God has gone up with a shout,
the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

KYRIE (*Sing*)

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C Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (*Sing*)

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**C To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth;
Goodwill from God in heaven Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name we sing—
Our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our heav'nly King.**
**To You, O sole-begotten, The Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in pow'r are seated At God's right hand on high—
For You alone are holy, You only are the Lord. Forever and
forever, Be worshiped and adored; You with the Holy Spirit
Alone are Lord Most High, In God the Father's glory. "Amen!"
our glad reply.**

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, as Your only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ,

ascended into the heavens, so may we also ascend in heart and mind and continually dwell there with Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

FIRST READING

Acts 1:1–11

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

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

⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” ⁹And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, ¹¹and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

Ephesians 1:15–23

¹⁵For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for

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

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Oh, He Is King of Kings" -Spiritual

ALLELUIA AND VERSE (*Sing*)

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C Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 24:44–53

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

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

of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

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

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

NICENE CREED

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, Whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life † of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Look, Ye Saints, the Sight Is Glorious” **LSB #495, St. 1 & 4**

1 Look, ye saints, the sight is glorious; See the Man of Sorrows now! From the fight returned victorious, ev’ry knee to Him shall bow. Crown Him! Crown Him! (3X)

Crowns become the victor’s brow. (2X)

4ΔHark, those bursts of acclamation! Hark, those loud triumphant chords! Jesus takes the highest station; Oh, what joy the sight affords! Crown Him! Crown Him! (3X)

King of kings and Lord of lords! (2X)

SERMON

Ready...Set...

OFFERING VOLUNTARY

“Ancient of Days” -J. Harvill & G. Sadler

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

(Congregation response to petitions: Hear our prayer.)

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the

dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS *(Sing)*

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C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored; Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name. Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord; Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

LORD'S PRAYER *(Spoken)*

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**C Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PAX DOMINI

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P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

AGNUS DEI *(Sing)*

**C O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away; O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away; Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.**

Be seated

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

1 (Piano solo) "I Am the Bread of Life" -Suzanne Toolan

2 "Hail Thee, Festival Day" **LBS #489, St. 1 & 2**

Refrain (Ascension)

**Hail thee, festival day! Blest day to be hallowed forever;
Day when our risen Lord Rose in the heavens to reign.**

Stanza 1 (Ascension)

**He who was nailed to the cross Is ruler and Lord of all
people. All things created on earth
Sing to the glory of God: Refrain.**

Stanza 2 (Ascension)

**Daily the loveliness grows, Adorned with the glory of
blossom; Heaven her gateway unbars,
Flinging her increase of light: Refrain.**

"You Are the Way; through You Alone" **LSB# 526, St. 1-4**

- 1 You are the way; through You alone Can we the Father find;
In You, O Christ, has God revealed His heart and will and mind.**
- 2 You are the truth; Your Word alone True wisdom can impart;
You only can inform the mind And purify the heart.**
- 3 You are the life; the empty tomb Proclaims Your conqu'ring
arm, And those who put their trust in You Not death nor hell
shall harm.**
- 4 You are the way, the truth, the life; Grant us that way to know,
That truth to keep, that life to win Whose joys eternal flow.**

NUNC DIMITTIS

**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

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P Let us pray.

P We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION

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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

"Christ Is the World's Redeemer" LSB #539 (*Sung to Tone: AURELLS #644*)

**1 Christ is the world's Redeemer, The lover of the pure,
The font of heav'nly wisdom, Our trust and hope secure,
The armor of His soldiers, The Lord of earth and sky,
Our health while we are living, Our life when we shall die.**

- 2 Christ has our host surrounded With clouds of martyrs bright,
Who wave their palms in triumph And fire us for the fight.
Then Christ the cross ascended To save a world undone
And, suff'ring for the sinful, Our full redemption won.**
- 3 Down through the realm of darkness He strode in victory,
And at the hour appointed He rose triumphantly.
And now, to heav'n ascended, He sits upon the throne
Whence He had ne'er departed, His Father's and His own.**
- 4Δ Glory to God the Father, The unbegotten One,
All honor be to Jesus, His sole-begotten Son,
And to the Holy Spirit—The perfect Trinity.
Let all the worlds give answer: Amen! So let it be.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

New Member Class: May 15-June 12, 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.

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 June 8, 2022 location TBA.

Last Sunday the Stewardship Committee will be collecting money for Tempe Community Action Agency (TCAA); please use your Designated Offering envelope for donations and write TCAA on it.

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

"Arm Forces Medley" (Use insert)

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SERVING US AT WORSHIP TODAY:

Officiant Preacher:	Rev. Tim Anderson
Organist/Director:	Ellen Brown
Song Leader:	Debby Bergman
Special Music:	The Savior's Singers Choir
Assisting Elder/Lector:	Charles Haynes
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 #480-536-2256.

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 5-22-22 week Bible Study—10; Worship Service—33. Income report for 5-22-22: Loose Plate \$70; Weekly Envelopes \$2825; Designated Gifts \$313; Other \$; Total \$3208.

THIS WEEK AT BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

May 29, Sunday

8:30 AM Adult Bible Study

9:30 AM Music Rehearsal

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

(Also, being streamed on Facebook online) & **LWML Mite Box Sunday**

May 30, Monday

9 AM – 2 PM Pastor Tim Anderson in the office

June 1, Wednesday

9 AM – 2 PM Pastor Tim Anderson in the office

June 2, Thursday

4-5 PM Set up and La Mesa is from 6-7:30 PM

June 3, Friday

9 -11 AM Church & Offices cleaned

7:30 PM LWML Worship Service at Embassy Suites Hotel

June 5, Sunday

10 AM The Day of Pentecost w/Holy Communion

LWML District Convention 6/3-5/2022

Prayer List: Prayers for **Gene** the Carlin's son's father-in-law. In the hospital with low oxygen levels. For peace & comfort for the family of **Maebell Beard** she passed away Friday early morning.

- We continue to pray for strength, peace and healing for **Adelle** (daughter of Deb & Doug Bergman. **Donna Evans, Dorothy McShee, Justine Schultz, Wendy Sievers, Julia Teuscher, Lois Sunderman, Gerri Davies, Bev Dase, Glenn Brown, Irvin Walnick, Rhett Davis and Zac Hood.**

- Also for comfort and peace for **Doris Reith and Len Lacy** in memory care. We pray for cancer patients: **Beth Hutson, Jim Schutkowski, Amina Kruck, Tim Jackson, and Gerri Koski.**

- Prayer of thanks giving for **Pastor Boye's** safe arrival in Starrs, Connecticut.

- **Safe travels for those traveling** over the Memorial Day Weekend

- **Safe travels for all those attending the LWML convention in Tempe.** We also pray for a successful convention on June 1-3.

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

June 5 "A Place in the Choir" Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler.

God's world is like a big, beautiful choir in which everyone has a place and a part to sing. (Colossians 1:15-20)



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." (1 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.*