

# THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

## Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

The Mission of Beautiful Savior is to "Serve the Lord, extend the Gospel, and make Jesus alive in the community."

**February 26, 2023**

**10:00 a.m.**



### *The Way of the "Well Pleasing" Son*

#### **AS WE GATHER**

Suffering can shape us. God can take trials in our lives and use them for His good purposes. Ask Israel who learned God provides by being tested for forty years in the wilderness (Deut. 8:3) Ask the apostle Paul who learned God's grace was sufficient for him through a thorn in his flesh (2 Cor. 12:9). Ask Matthew who wants us to see who Jesus is by contemplating His temptations. Jesus is tempted by Satan in the wilderness. As Matthew records these temptations, he reveals something to us about Jesus. Matthew shows us the utter depth of Christ's love: His dedication to God's mission that He save the world by suffering (Matt. 1:21). Of course, as God, Jesus did not need to discover this, but we do. As you read and hear about those temptations today, notice how Matthew has ordered them. The three temptations move outward, like ripples from a stone thrown into a pond. They grow in ever expanding circles and reveal the extent of Jesus' rule and his heart for those he rules.

## **PRELUDE**

“Am I a Soldier of the Cross?” –Fred Bock

## **PASTORAL WELCOME**

### **OPENING PRAYER**

Pastor: Gracious God, as we begin this Lenten journey, steer us through times of temptation and deliver us from evil. Help those being tempted: those tempted to look the other way when wrong is happening; those tempted to misuse their gifts for a vile purposes; those tempted to allow untamed emotions hold sway; those tempted by the corrupting power of money; or those tempted to stay in a rut rather than strike out on new paths for the sake of Your Gospel. We also pray for those who feel pushed and tested, those who feel overloaded to the point of collapse; those pressured from all sides by factions and friction; those suffering and those who must watch a loved one suffer; those who feel they can bear no more; those who are depressed, whose inner being endures a misery which no human word can alleviate. And we pray for those who seem to be in a position of advantage: the happy, that their happiness may always be used for goodwill and compassion; the strong, that their energies may be used wisely and gently; the clever, that they may employ their mental facility for good not evil; the rich, that their wealth may be shared for the uplifting of the poor; the powerful, that they may use their position as a blessing to humanity; and those of strong faith, that they may walk humbly and affirm the weaker souls. Heavenly Father, we pray for each other in this church. None of us knows the extent of the pressures that we are under this very day. Look upon us all, read our thoughts and weigh our feelings, and by your utter resourcefulness, “save us in the time of trial and deliver us from evil.” Through Christ Jesus our Savior and Lord, who withstood all temptations and defeated the evil one. Amen.

## OPENING HYMN

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” LSB #700, v. 1, 2, 4

- 1 **Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav’n, to earth come down! Fix in us Thy humble dwelling, all Thy faithful mercies crown. Jesus, Thou art all compassion, Pure, unbounded love Thou art; Visit us with Thy salvation, Enter ev’ry trembling heart.**
- 2 **Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit Into ev’ry troubled breast; let us all in Thee inherit; let us find Thy promised rest. Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be; End of faith, as its beginning, Set our hearts at liberty.**
- 4 **Finish then Thy new creation, Pure and spotless let us be; Let us see Thy great salvation Perfectly restored in Thee, Changed from glory into glory, Till in heav’n we take our place, Till we cast our crowns before Thee, Lost in wonder, love, and praise!**

## 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**

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**INTROIT** (*Read responsively*)

*Psalm 91:9–13; antiphon: vv. 15–1*

When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble;

**I will rescue him and honor him.**

With long life I will satisfy him

**and show him my salvation.**

Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place—

**the Most High, who is my refuge—**

no evil shall be allowed to befall you,

**no plague come near your tent.**

For he will command his angels concerning you

**to guard you in all your ways.**

On their hands they will bear you up,

**lest you strike your foot against a stone.**

You will tread on the lion and the adder;

**the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.**

**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.**

When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble;

**I will rescue him and honor him.**  
With long life I will satisfy him  
**and show him my salvation.**

**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.**

**THIS IS THE FEAST** (*Sing*)

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Pastor: This is the feast of victory for our God, Alleluia.

**(Congregation)**

- 1. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and blessing and glory are His.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God, Alleluia.**

- 2. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation. Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. A-men.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God, For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

## **SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray.

O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; 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**

*Genesis 3:1–21*

<sup>1</sup>Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made.

He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden’?” <sup>2</sup>And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, <sup>3</sup>but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’” <sup>4</sup>But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. <sup>5</sup>For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” <sup>6</sup>So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. <sup>7</sup>Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

<sup>8</sup>And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. <sup>9</sup>But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?” <sup>10</sup>And he said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.” <sup>11</sup>He said, “Who told you that

you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" <sup>12</sup>The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." <sup>13</sup>Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

<sup>14</sup>The LORD God said to the serpent,

"Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life.

<sup>15</sup>I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."

<sup>16</sup>To the woman he said,

"I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you."

<sup>17</sup>And to Adam he said,

"Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, 'You shall not eat of it,' cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; <sup>18</sup>thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field.

<sup>19</sup>By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

<sup>20</sup>The man called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. <sup>21</sup>And the LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## **EPISTLE**

*Romans 5:12–19*

<sup>12</sup>Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned—<sup>13</sup>for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. <sup>14</sup>Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

<sup>15</sup>But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. <sup>16</sup>And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. <sup>17</sup>If, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

<sup>18</sup>Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. <sup>19</sup>For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## **SPECIAL MUSIC**

“Psalm 139”—Allen Pote

**ALLELUIA AND VERSE** (*Sing*)

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**C** Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

## **HOLY GOSPEL**

*Matthew 4:1–11*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourth chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. <sup>2</sup>And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he

was hungry. <sup>3</sup>And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." <sup>4</sup>But he answered, "It is written,

"Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."

<sup>5</sup>Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple <sup>6</sup>and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written,

"He will command his angels concerning you,"  
and

"On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone."

<sup>7</sup>Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'" <sup>8</sup>Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. <sup>9</sup>And he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me."

<sup>10</sup>Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written,

"You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve."

<sup>11</sup>Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

## **APOSTLE'S CREED**

**All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of**

sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life † everlasting.  
Amen.

## HYMN OF THE DAY

“Before the Throne of God Above” #LSB #574, v. 1, 3-4. 6

- 1 Before the throne of God above I have a strong, a perfect  
plea: A great High Priest, whose name is Love,  
Who ever lives and pleads for me.
- 3 When Satan tempts me to despair, And tells me of the  
guilt within, Upward I look, and see Him there  
Who made an end of all my sin.
- 4 Because the sinless Savior died, My sinful soul is counted  
free; For God, the just, is satisfied To look on Him and  
pardon me.
- 6 At one with Him, I cannot die, My soul is purchased by His  
blood; My life is hid with Christ on high,  
With Christ, my Savior and my God.

SERMON      Ministering to Him, Ministering to Us.      (Matt 4:1-11)

## OFFERING

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.

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*(Congregation response to petitions: **Hear our prayer**)*

## **LORD'S PRAYER** *(Spoken)*

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

## **BENEDICTION**

**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**

“Onward, Christian Soldiers” **LSB #662, 1-4**

**1** Onward, Christian soldiers, Marching as to war,  
With the cross of Jesus Going on before.  
Christ, the royal master, Leads against the foe;  
Forward into battle See His banners go! Refrain

Refrain: Onward, Christian soldiers, Marching as to war,  
With the cross of Jesus Going on before.

**2** Like a mighty army Moves the Church of God;  
Brothers, we are treading Where the saints have trod.  
We are not divided, All one body we,  
One in hope and doctrine, One in charity. Refrain

**3** Crowns and thrones may perish, Kingdoms rise and  
wane, But the Church of Jesus Constant will remain.  
Gates of hell can never 'Gainst that Church prevail;  
We have Christ's own promise, And that cannot fail.  
Refrain

**4** Onward, then, ye faithful, Join our happy throng,  
Blend with ours your voices In the triumph song:

**Glory, laud, and honor Unto Christ, the king;  
This through countless ages Men and angels sing. Refrain**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Sunday Bible Study: Our Sunday Bible Study on the Gospel of John on Sunday at 8:30 a.m.**

**Midweek Lenten Services: Services begin each Wednesday on March 1st at 12:00pm and 7:00pm. We will have dinner at 6:00pm before each 7:00pm service in March. No meal will be served before the 12:00pm services. Our theme this year is "Amazing Grace" as we celebrate the 250th anniversary of the classic hymn, we will explore how those in the Bible who experienced the amazing grace of God. Each week as we hear their stories, we want to realize that though we once were lost in sin, we now have been found by Jesus, and though we once were blind to God's mercy, we now can see his love at work in us through our Savior's death and resurrection. Each service contains a dialogue sermon and as such, Pastor Tim will be looking for volunteers to play the parts of David, Isaiah, The Prodigal Son, The Blind Man, The Woman at the Well, and Paul. Please let me know if you are interested.**

**Brunch and Bibles: Our midweek bible study on Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 a.m. We will meet at Netta Cheta's at 3224 S. Mill Ave., Tempe, AZ 85282. Please let Kathryn know if you will be attending by noon on Monday so she can give them a count on how many are attending) at 602-510-2885 or email: Kathryn.odle@asu.edu**

**Pastor Tim's Installation: President Mike Gibson of the Pacific Southwest District LCMS as well as other local pastors will be here to install Pastor Tim as our full-time pastor on Sunday March 12th at 3:00pm. Please try to be a part of this special day in the life of our congregation as we install him as our next full-time minister**

here at Beautiful Savior. There will be a reception following the service.

Planet Green recycle container is in the fellowship hall by the thermostats, and remain there.

**Fellowship Hour:** If you would like to bring something in to share during fellowship, please sign your name on the date you would like. The calendar is on the fellowship board. Questions, talk to Debbie O'Neill.

**Church Members and others who wish to “give electronically” can now do so by going to: [easytithe.com/BSLCTempe](https://easytithe.com/BSLCTempe).**

On the giving page, click on "Fund" and select the appropriate fund from the drop-down list.

The funds are: General, LWML, Missions, Air Conditioners & EarthQuake Relief (thru March 31, 2023 or you may donate via marked envelope for EarthQuake Relief).

Then follow the directions to complete your transaction.

**POSTLUDE**

“Little Prelude in D Minor” -J.S. Bach

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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's New Office Hours: Now that Pastor Tim is full-time with us here at Beautiful Savior, he has new office hours. He is available Monday through Thursday, 10am - 3pm as well as by appointment. Pastor Tim will use the rest of his time to make house visits for the sick and shut in, meet with our members and guests, attend meetings, leading worship and other ministries, and creating connections for the church in our community. 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.**

**THANK YOU.... from Bill & Carol Christian for all of you that sent anniversary cards to us.**

**Attendance for week: 2-19-23 Bible Study—11; Worship Service—54; 2-19-23 Brunch & Bibles Midweek Bible Study—12; Income report for 2-19-23: Loose Plate \$210; Weekly Envelopes \$2945; Designated Gifts \$271; Other \$; Total \$3426.**

**THIS WEEK AT BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR**

**February 26, Sunday**

8:30 am Adult Bible Study

9:30 AM Music Rehearsal

## **10 AM The First Sunday in Lent Worship**

*(Also, being streamed on Facebook online)*

### **March 1, Wednesday**

## **Noon & 7 PM The First Wednesday of Lent Worship**

## **6 PM Dinner before worship service**

### **March 2, Thursday**

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

### **March 3, Friday**

## **9AM-11 AM Church Offices Cleaned**

### **March 5, Sunday**

## **10 AM The Second Sunday in Lent Worship w/Holy Communion**

**Prayer List:** We pray for strength, comfort and healing for:

who are battling harsh weather conditions:

- **Don Calender** – we pray his partial knee replacement this past week was successful.
- **Eileen**, friend to Bobbie – comfort for loss of great grandchild, little boy, & prayers for continued health for 2nd twin, little girl.
- **Cindy**, Bobbie’s friend – prayers of healing, her brother, who had 2 strokes, he is in rehab center.
- **Bev Dase** – recovering from stroke in a group home, Sunrise Senior Living, 5757 W Chandler Blvd, Chandler, AZ 85226;
- For **Michael** brother-in-law to Marshann Donahue’s with esophageal cancer.
- **David Bomhoff** - in hospital, needs curing meds for infections;
- Barbara Willford - **Alex**, Joe and Pat’s grandson, - successful surgery, back to work, prayer of thanks;
- **Ken** – suffering from MS
- **Doris Reith, Len Lacy, Judy Snedeker** – memory care;
- **Beth Ruettinger, Beth Hutson, Jim Schutkowski, Sherry Ellis, Gerri Koski, Warren and Cheryl** – chemo treatment;
- **Debbie O’Neill, Pat Carlin, Cherryl Rice, Wendy Sievers, Glenn Brown & Lois Sunderman**, - Medical issues;
- **Amina Kruck** – preparing for surgeries;
- **Two oldest granddaughters of Pat and Joe** – we pray they will find jobs to retain their new homes;

**FOR AT HOME WORSHIPERS WHO STILL VIEW SERVICES  
ONLINE INSTRUCTIONS ARE BELOW:**

**SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE YOU CAN GO ONLINE & VIEW AT**

- 1) Open a webpage browser (internet explorer, chrome, Firefox, etc.)**
- 2) Type or paste the following link into your address bar:  
[www.facebook.com/BeautifulSaviorLutheranChurchTempe/](http://www.facebook.com/BeautifulSaviorLutheranChurchTempe/)**
- 3) Option 1 - Scroll until you find a post that shows a “Live” feed titled for the Sunday service, or**
- 4) Option 2 - Click on the “Videos” button on the left-hand sidebar (ignore anything asking you to sign up or sign in to Facebook)**
- 5) Look for the video titled for the date of the Sunday service. Video stream will be live starting at or around 10am. If it does not show up, try refreshing the page. The video of the service will remain on the page if you would like to view it at a later time, or to replay it again at your discretion.**

**Lutheran Hour Broadcast - KFNX RADIO (1100) @ 10 AM:**

March 5 "An Arresting Encounter" Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. A devoutly religious person has an arresting encounter with Jesus and learns what it means to be "born again." (John 3:16)