

# THE ACCENSION OF OUR LORD

## Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

May 21, 2023

10:00 a.m.

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



### *The King Takes His Throne*

#### **AS WE GATHER**

Ascension Day is an opportunity for God's people to celebrate Christ the King taking His throne in glory, honor, and authority at God the Father's right hand. Like the ancient believers, who clapped their hands and shouted praises to God at the coronation of their king, we rejoice in the victory King Jesus earned for us, His people, by means of His death and resurrection. Our praises keep rolling from our Easter celebration some forty days ago, all the way to today and even beyond, as we witness Jesus now seated in glory and majesty. Shout your praises to God! The same King who is exalted over all things in heaven and on earth is the King who stoops to serve us as we gather to worship Him!

## **PRELUDE**

"Look Ye Saints, the Sight is Glorious" –Ralph Vaughan Williams

## **VICAR WELCOME**

## **OPENING PRAYER**

Vicar: Heavenly Father, we thank you for the wonder of Ascension, the marvelous yet mysterious moment in the life of the Apostles which left them gazing heavenwards in confusion yet departing in joy. We thank you for the way that it signifies Jesus' oneness with you. We thank you that through Jesus' Ascension, He is no longer bound to a particular place or time, but with us always - able to reach even to the ends of the earth. We thank you that through his departing, Jesus prepared for his coming again: through his Spirit, his Church, and his own coming again in glory. Like the Apostles, O God, we may never fully understand all Ascension means. Help us, despite our uncertainty, to hold firm to the great truth that the wonder of Christ Jesus goes far beyond anything we can ever imagine, and in that faith may we live each day to his glory and honour: **Amen.**

## **OPENING HYMN "A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing" LSB #493, V. 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!**

**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!**

**INVOCATION** *(Stand)*

Vicar: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

Vicar: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**People: who made heaven and earth.**

Vicar: If you, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**People: But with your there is forgiveness; therefore, you are feared.**

Vicar: 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.

*Silence For Reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

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

Vicar: 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.

**People: Amen.** *(Sit)*

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

**INTROIT** (*Read responsively*)

*Psalm 110:1, 4–5; antiphon: Psalm 47:5*

Vicar: God has gone up with a shout,

**People: the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.**

Vicar: The LORD says to my Lord: “Sit at My right hand,

**People: until I make Your enemies Your footstool.”**

Pastor: The LORD has sworn and will not change His mind, “You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.”

**People: 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.**

Pastor: God has gone up with a shout,

**People: 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** (*Stand*)

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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**

**V** The Lord be with you.

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

**V** 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.** *(Sit)*

## **FIRST READING**

*Acts 1:1–11*

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

<sup>4</sup>And 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; <sup>5</sup>for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

<sup>6</sup>So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" <sup>7</sup>He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But 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." <sup>9</sup>And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup>And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, <sup>11</sup>and 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*

<sup>15</sup>For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, <sup>16</sup>I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, <sup>17</sup>that 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, <sup>18</sup>having 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, <sup>19</sup>and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might <sup>20</sup>that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup>far 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. <sup>22</sup>And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, <sup>23</sup>which 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**

“How Could You Love Me So Much?” –by Mark Zehnder

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**VERSE** (Spoken) (*Stand*)

*Romans 6:9; Matthew 28:20b*

Vicar: Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him.  
Alleluia.

**People: Behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.**

## Alleluia.

### HOLY GOSPEL

*Luke 24:44–53*

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

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

<sup>44</sup>Then [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.” <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup>And 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.”

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

V This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to You, O Christ.**

### NICENE CREED

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**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. *(Sit)*

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

“Crown Him with Many Crowns” LSB #633, v. 1, 4 & 5

- 1 Crown Him with many crowns, The Lamb upon His throne;  
Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns All music but its  
own. Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee,  
And hail Him as thy matchless king Through all eternity.**
- 4 Crown Him the Lord of life, Who triumphed o'er the grave  
And rose victorious in the strife For those He came to  
save. His glories now we sing, Who died and rose on high,  
Who died eternal life to bring And lives that death may  
die.**
- 5 Crown Him the Lord of heav'n, Enthroned in worlds  
above, Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n  
The wondrous name of Love. Crown Him with many  
crowns as thrones before Him fall; Crown Him, ye kings,  
with many crowns, for He is king of all.**

## **SERMON**

“Not goodbye, but see you later!”



## OFFERTORY HYMN *(Sing)*

“Take My Life and Let It Be” **LSB #784, v. 1, 4 & 6**

- 1 Take my life and let it be Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;  
Take my moments and my days, Let them flow in  
ceaseless praise, Let them flow in ceaseless praise.**
  
- 4 Take my silver and my gold, Not a mite would I withhold;  
Take my intellect and use Ev’ry pow’r as Thou shalt  
choose,  
Ev’ry pow’r as Thou shalt choose.**
  
- 6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour At Thy feet its treasure  
store;  
Take myself, and I will be Ever, only, all for Thee,  
Ever, only, all for Thee.**

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Vicar: The King invites His people to boldly pray and seek His will for our lives.

Loving Father, You sent Your Son, Jesus Christ, into this world to bear our sins and to be our Savior. By His death, He has destroyed death. By His rising to new life, He has given to us the guarantee of life forever with You. By His ascension to heaven’s glorious throne, He has proven that He is King of kings and Lord of lords. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: reign in our hearts.**

Vicar: Sovereign of all, we thank You that nothing is hidden from Your sight. In mercy, You have redeemed Your fallen creation by reconciling sinners to their Creator through the sacrifice of Christ upon the cross. Look with favor upon us and our families, our congregation and our community, guiding our steps in the way of peace. Grant boldness to all who bear Your name, raising up faithful men and women who serve in

positions of leadership among us, that we each may live out our callings under Your authority and care. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: reign in our hearts.**

Vicar: Restoring Redeemer, the brokenness of our lives bears witness to the fact that, without You holding us together, we are lost and hopeless. Rescue those who despair, and grant patience to those suffering in times of trial, anguish, and loss. Comfort those who are saddened by the death of those they love. Fill with perfect peace those who belong to You, [*including . . .*]. Let all who hunger and thirst for what You alone can give find their solace and rest in You. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: reign in our hearts.**

Vicar: Crucified, risen, and exalted King, our Lord Jesus, with the ancient worshipers who clapped their hands and shouted their praises at the coronation of their sovereign, we rejoice in Your exaltation to the Father's glory and in Your promise to come again. Preserve us in faith until that coming, glorious, and awesome Day! Instill in us an ever-deepening reliance upon Your Word and Spirit. Create in us hearts that are ready to receive Your presence as You draw near to us again this day in Your body and blood. Make us one, Lord, even as You are one. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: reign in our hearts.**

Vicar: With confidence in the King who reigns supreme and governs all things in heaven and on earth for the benefit of His people, we entrust our prayers into Your care, O gracious Father, for You live and reign with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

**SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT** (*Stand*)

## PREFACE

LSB 208

V The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

V Lift up your hearts.

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

V Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

## PROPER PREFACE

V: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, 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, to humble Himself for our salvation and now reign on His glorious throne as King of kings and Lord of lords. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

## **SANTCUS** *(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!**

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

V Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

Having revealed Your glory in the face of Your only-begotten Son, who suffered, died, and rose for our salvation, You have exalted Him to the highest majesty at Your right hand, that He might

graciously fill all things.

Grant us faithfully to eat and drink this Holy Supper, trusting our reigning Savior Jesus, who, though unseen in His ascended glory, is here present to save by His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

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

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**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 and ever. Amen.**

**THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

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Vicar: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the New Testament in My † blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

**PAX DOMINI**

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V The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C Amen.** (*Sit*)

**AGNUS DEI** (*Sing*)

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**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.**

## **DISTRIBUTION**

**1) "Come Share the Lord"**

### **Chorus 1**

**We gather here in Jesus' name His love is burning in our hearts like living flame For through His loving Son the Father makes us one Come take the bread come drink the wine Come share the Lord**

### **Chorus 2**

**We'll gather soon where angels sing We'll see the glory of our Lord and coming King Now we anticipate the feast for which we wait Come take the bread come drink the wine Come share the Lord**

### **Bridge**

**For He will feed us with His presence here This bread and wine will do us good Our deepest hungers He will satisfy For He is life and peace and rest and drink and food**

### **Chorus 3**

**He joins us here He breaks the bread The Lord who pours the cup is risen from the dead The One we love the most is now our gracious host Come take the bread come drink the wine Come share the Lord**

### **Bridge**

**No one is a stranger here Ev'ryone belongs Finding our forgiveness here We in turn forgive all wrongs We are now the family Of which the Lord is head Though unseen He meets us here**

## **In the breaking of the bread**

### **Ending**

**Come take the bread Come drink the wine Come share the Lord**

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### **2) "Eat This Bread" LSB #638, v. 1, 2 & 5**

**Refrain: Eat this bread, drink this cup,  
Come to Him and never be hungry.  
Eat this bread, drink this cup,  
Trust in Him and you will not thirst.**

- 1 This is His body given for you; this is His blood that was shed for you. Refrain**
- 2 As often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you show His death until He comes again. Refrain**
- 5 If we believe and eat this bread, we will have eternal life. Refrain**

**NUNC DIMITTIS** (*Sing*) (*Stand*)

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**C O Lord, now let Your servant Depart in heav'nly peace,  
For I have seen the glory Of Your redeeming grace:  
A light to lead the Gentiles Unto Your holy hill,  
The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.**

**All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son,  
All glory to the Spirit, Forever Three in One;  
For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be,  
God's triune name resounding Through all eternity.**

**POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

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**V Let us pray.**

**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**

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V Let us bless the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**BENEDICTION**

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V 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 T give you peace.

**C Amen.** *(Sit)*

**CLOSING HYMN**      “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing” **LSB #643, v. 1, 2**

**1 Sent forth by God’s blessing, Our true faith confessing,  
The people of God from His dwelling take leave.  
The Supper is ended. O now be extended  
The fruits of this service in all who believe.  
The seed of His teaching, Receptive souls reaching,  
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.  
His grace did invite us, His love shall unite us  
To work for God’s kingdom and answer His call.**

**2 With praise and thanksgiving To God ever-living,  
The tasks of our ev’ryday life we will face.  
Our faith ever sharing, In love ever caring,  
Embracing His children of each tribe and race.  
With Your feast You feed us, With Your light now lead us;  
Unite us as one in this life that we share.  
Then may all the living With praise and thanksgiving  
Give honor to Christ and His name that we bear.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**Women's Weekly Bible Study will meet on Monday May 22 at noon. This week we will be studying, Leah. All Beautiful Savior women and friends are welcome to attend!**

**Stewardship Committee is collecting cash for TCAA during the month of May. Please put offering in a Designated Offering envelope and write TCAA on it. We will purchase the items they are in need of.**

**VBS Planning Meeting, Wed., May 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm Anyone interested in volunteering or helping with this year's Vacation Bible School "Twists & Turns" is encouraged to attend a planning team meeting on Wed. We will discuss among other items, the creation of a donation wish list, funding, Thrivent Action Teams, Meals and more. If interested and unable to attend, please reach out to Pastor Tim.**

**VBS Volunteer Registration Now Open: If you would like to register to help with our VBS program June 26th-30th from 5-7:30pm here at Beautiful Savior. Registration Sheets are now available in the narthex. We will need help with adult chaperones as well as assistants for each station (i.e. crafts, games, bible study, worship, etc) who can help the station leaders. Questions talk to Pastor Tim.**

**VBS Dinners Help: As a part of our VBS program June 26th-30th we will be offering free meals to all participants, parents and volunteers each night at 5:00pm. As such we need volunteers to help us prepare and serve each meal. Talk to Darlene Haynes or Pastor if interested in helping.**



**Thrivent Members:** Are you a Thrivent member? If so, we would like to know and could use your help. As a member of Thrivent you may be eligible for a Thrivent Action Team Card. This seed money of up to \$250 can be used for a ministry event here at Beautiful Savior. Our hope is to use a few to help pay for meals and supplies during VBS. Please let us know if you can help us today by talking to Pastor Tim.

**Brunch and Bibles:** Will meet on May 25th at 12:30pm at Netta Cheta's on Mill. Please let Kathryn Odle know if you will be attending. 602-510-2885 or email: [kaythryn.odle@asu.edu](mailto:kaythryn.odle@asu.edu).

Sat. June 3<sup>rd</sup> 2023 at 5pm, "The Chosen" Night. Once a month on Saturday Evening, Pastor will be hosting "The Chosen" nights here at church while we watch one or two episodes of the show, highlighting the Gospels and the life of Christ. After watching the episode(s) we will follow that time with food and discussion.

**New Member Classes Starting Soon:** Are you a guest or visitor who is interested in knowing more about who we are here at Beautiful Savior. Pastor Tim will be starting new member classes again after Easter to talk about the history of our congregation, our mission now, and what we believe. If interested please reach out to Pastor Tim at [PastorTimAnderson@gmail.com](mailto:PastorTimAnderson@gmail.com).

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).

POSTLUDE

"We Walk in the Light"

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**SERVING US AT WORSHIP TODAY:**

<b>Officiant Preacher:</b>	Vicar Geoff Nedry
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<b>Song Leader:</b>	Charles Haynes
<b>Special Music:</b>	The Beautiful Savior Singers
<b>Lector Reader:</b>	Cyndi Calender
<b>Assisting Elders:</b>	Don Calender & Skip McFadden
<b>Greeter:</b>	Kathy Held
<b>Acolyte:</b>	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'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.**

**Attendance for week: 5-14-23 Bible Study—7; Worship Service—40; 5-11-23 Brunch & Bibles Midweek Bible Study—7; Income report for 5-14-23: Loose Plate \$97; Weekly Envelopes \$1970; Designated Gifts \$328; Other \$; Total \$2395.**

## **THIS WEEK AT BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR**

### **May 21, Sunday**

9:30 AM Music Rehearsal

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

*(Also, being streamed on Facebook online)*

### **May 22, Monday**

**12 PM Women’s Bible Study led by Sandra Wardwell**

### **May 25, Thursday**

12:30 PM “Brunch & Bibles” Mid-week Bible Study at Netta Cheta’s at 3224 Mill Ave., Tempe. Let Kathryn Odle know if you are attending

4-7 PM La Mesa

### **May 26, Friday**

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

### **May 28, Sunday**

**10 AM The Day of Pentecost Sunday Worship w/Holy Communion**

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

**Walker Hurley, Jeanne Wilson, Nila Rodriguez, Connie Laird, Grace Timm, Kathryn Odle, Phyllis Schinke, Stan, Rick Schinke, Vicki, Nancy, Tom Kruck & Amina Kruck, Pat Carlin, Wendy Sievers, Glenn Brown, Cheryl Rice, Don Calender, Bev Dase, Lois Sunderman, Lance, Beth Hutson, Beth Ruettinger, Sherry Ellis, Warren and Cheryl, Doris Reith, Len Lacy, Mark, Vernice, David Bomhoff, Michael Donahue, Mike , Ken, Mark.**

**FOR AT HOME WORSHIPERS WHO MAY 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:**

May 14 "**Reason to Hope**" Lutheran Hour Speaker: **Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler**. A brand-new violin needs to mature through time and use. The same goes for followers of Christ. (1 Peter 3:15)



## **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*