

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

January 28, 2024

10:00 AM



Astonished at His Teaching

AS WE GATHER

In a world where there is nothing new under the sun, we still run to anything that appears to be new. When Jesus taught in the synagogue, the hearers heard a man speak with the authority of the author of the Scriptures. They were surprised and even more surprised when His Word was not simply theoretical but silenced an unclean spirit and relieved the man of this demon. In their amazement, they could not help but tell the story to any who would listen. Yet even as Jesus' fame spread, so did opposition to His teaching and preaching.

PRELUDE

"Thy Word" -Amy Grant & Michael Smith

PASTORAL WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

Pastor: Speak with authority in our lives, Christ. Speak to us, and to what is in us, so that we might be whole. Speak to us, with love, with hope, and with strength, so that we might hear you, and know, deep inside, that we are your people, and that you are our God. In your Holy Name we pray. **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN

"Thy Strong Word" **LSB #578, St.1-6**

All:

**1 Thy strong word did cleave the darkness;
At Thy speaking it was done. For created light
we thank Thee, While Thine ordered seasons run. Alleluia,
alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send! Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia without end!**

Women:

**2 Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness, Dark as night and deep as
death, Broke the light of Thy salvation,
Breathed Thine own life-breathing breath. Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise to Thee who light dost send! Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia
without end!**

All:

**3 Thy strong Word bespeaks us righteous; Bright with Thine own
holiness, Glorious now, we press toward glory,
And our lives our hopes confess. Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise to Thee who light dost send! Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia
without end!**

Men:

4 From the cross Thy wisdom shining Breaketh forth in

**conqu'ring might; From the cross forever beameth
All Thy bright redeeming light. Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise to Thee who light dost send! Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia
without end!**

Choir:

**5 Give us lips to sing Thy glory,
Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,
Throats that shout the hope that fills us,
Mouths to speak Thy holy name.
Alleluia, alleluia!
May the light which Thou dost send
Fill our songs with alleluias, Alleluias without
end!**

All:

**6ΔGod the Father, light-creator, To Thee laud and honor be.
To Thee, Light of Light begotten, Praise be sung eternally.
Holy Spirit, light-revealer, Glory, glory be to Thee.
Mortals, angels, now and ever Praise the holy Trinity!**

Stand

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

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive
ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: 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.

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our
Father.

**People: 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.**

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

Sit

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT

Psalm 32:1–2, 5–7; antiphon: v. 10

Many are the sorrows of the wicked,
**but steadfast love surrounds the one who
trusts in the LORD.**

Blessèd is the one whose transgression is for- given,
whose sin is covered.

Blessèd is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity;
**I said, “I will confess my transgressions to
the LORD,” and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time
when you may be found;

**surely in the rush of great waters, they
shall not reach him.**

You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

**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.**

Many are the sorrows of the wicked,
**but steadfast love surrounds the one who
trusts in the LORD.**

KYRIE *(Sing)*

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Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray
to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: 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.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

People: Amen.

This Is the Feast

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P This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

C **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.

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. Amen.

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

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Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Deuteronomy 18:15–20

¹⁵“The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen— ¹⁶just as you desired of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.’ ¹⁷And the LORD said to me, ‘They are right in what they have spoken. ¹⁸I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. ¹⁹And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him. ²⁰But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in my name that I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die.’”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

1 Corinthians 8:1–13

¹Concerning food offered to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” This “knowledge” puffs up, but love builds up. ²If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know. ³But if anyone loves God, he is known by God.

⁴Therefore, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “an idol has no real existence,” and that “there is no God but one.” ⁵For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as indeed there are many “gods” and many “lords”— ⁶yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

⁷However, not all possess this knowledge. But some, through former association with idols, eat food as really offered to an idol, and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. ⁸Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. ⁹But take care that this right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. ¹⁰For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating

in an idol's temple, will he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? ¹¹And so by your knowledge this weak person is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. ¹²Thus, sinning against your brothers and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. ¹³Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Ancient Words” by Lynn DeShazo

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ALLELUIA AND VERSE *(Sing)*

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

Stand

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 1:21–28

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²¹They went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath [Jesus] entered the synagogue and was teaching. ²²And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes. ²³And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, ²⁴“What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God.” ²⁵But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” ²⁶And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, “What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands

even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” ²⁸And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLE’S CREED

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People: 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.

Sit

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens” **LSB #589, 1-4**

1 Speak, O Lord, Your servant listens,
Let Your Word to me come near;
Newborn life and spirit give me,
Let each promise still my fear.
Death’s dread pow’r, its inward strife,
Wars against Your Word of life;
Fill me, Lord, with love’s strong fervor
That I cling to You forever!

2 Oh, what blessing to be near You

And to listen to Your voice; Let me ever love
and hear You, Let Your Word be now my
choice! Many hardened sinners, Lord,
Flee in terror at Your Word;
But to all who feel sin's burden
You give words of peace and pardon.

3 Lord, Your words are waters living
When my thirsting spirit pleads.
Lord, Your words are bread life-giving;
On Your words my spirit feeds.
Lord, Your words will be my light
Through death's cold and dreary night;
Yes, they are my sword prevailing
And my cup of joy unfailing!

4 As I pray, dear Jesus, hear me;
Let Your words in me take root.
May Your Spirit e'er be near me
That I bear abundant fruit.
May I daily sing Your praise,
From my heart glad anthems raise,
Till my highest praise is given
In the endless joy of heaven.

SERMON What do you have to do with us, Jesus?

OFFERTORY HYMN *(Sing)*

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People: What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?
I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the
name of the Lord. I will take the cup of salvation and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows to the
Lord now in the presence of all His people, in the courts of
the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:

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

LORD'S PRAYER

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People: 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.**

BENEDICTION

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN “Son of God, Eternal Savior” LSB #842, St. 1-4

- 1 Son of God, eternal Savior, Source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us Hallows all our human
race, You our Head, who, throned in glory, For Your own will
ever plead: Fill us with Your love and pity, Heal our wrongs,
and help our need.**
- 2 As You, Lord, have lived for others, So may we for others live.
Freely have Your gifts been granted; Freely may Your servants
give. Yours the gold and Yours the silver, Yours the wealth of
land and sea; We but stewards of Your bounty Held in solemn**

trust will be.

- 3 Come, O Christ, and reign among us, King of love and Prince of Peace; Hush the storm of strife and passion, Bid its cruel discords cease. By Your patient years of toiling, By Your silent hours of pain, Quench our fevered thirst of pleasure, Stem our selfish greed of gain.**
- 4 Son of God, eternal Savior, Source of life and truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth among us Hallows all our human race: By Your praying, by Your willing That Your people should be one, Grant, O grant our hope's fruition: Here on earth Your will be done.**

Sit

POSTLUDE

"God's Word is Our Great Heritage"-Improvisation

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join us for Sunday Bible study on the book of Revelation. We continue to meet at 8:30AM.

The Quarterly Voters meeting will be today Sunday, January 28th, 11:30 AM.

Women's Weekly Bible Study will meet Monday, Jan. 29th at noon in the fellowship hall. We will study. All BSLC women and friends are invited to attend.

The Stewardship committee will be collecting for the Justa Center during the month of February. Please consider contributing to this organization that helps homeless seniors. Place any offering you may want to give in a "Designated Funds" envelope, write "Justa Center" on it, and put in the offering plate. We thank you for your generosity. Thank you.

February 3, Saturday, 10:30 AM Handbell Choir Rehearsal in Sanctuary

Chosen Night at the Movies: Saturday Feb. 3rd at 1pm. Join us for the premiere of Season 4 of the chosen at Cinemark Mesa 16, (1051 N Dobson Rd, Mesa AZ 85201). This 3.5 hour event will include the first three episodes of season 4. If you have one, wear your Beautiful Savior T-shirt and let's watch it together. Following the showing, anyone who would like to can join us as we go and get dinner together and discuss the episodes.

Lenten Midweek Services: Begin Wednesday Feb. 14th on Ash Wednesday. Join us each week at 6:30pm for midweek Lenten services. Our theme this year is "The Gardens of God" as we see how in Christ, God makes all things new. We will not be having a noontime service, but will be coordinating rides to church for anyone who does not feel comfortable driving at night. Also we will be having dinner before each week's service. We will be asking different ministries and committees to host each week's dinner.

Blessing of the Animals: We are waiting to hear back from Maricopa County Humane Society before setting a new date for this community event.

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 schedule is on the fellowship board. Questions, talk to Pastor Tim.

Donate to Beautiful Savior: Church Members and others who wish to "give electronically" can do so by going to: easytithe.com/BSLCTempe. Then choose the 'Recurring' or 'One-Time' giving option and choose a Fund. The Funds are:

General Budget, LWML, Missions, Air conditioners, La Mesa, Staff Continuing Education, and Other. When selecting Other, please specify how your donation should be used. Thank you!!

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SERVING US AT WORSHIP TODAY:

Officiant Preacher:	Pastor Tim Anderson
Dir. of Music / Organist:	Ellen Brown
Song Leader:	Debby Bergman
Special Music:	The Beautiful Singers
Acolyte & Lector:	Derek Benson
Greeter:	Marsha Beetham
Altar:	Bobbie Littou & Charlotte Grefe

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 Office Hours: Pastor Tim is available Monday through Thursday, 10am - 3pm as well as by appointment. 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: 1-21-2024 Bible Class—8; Worship Service—49; 1-22-2024 Women's Bible Study—10; 1-25-2024 La Mesa meal—no info; 1-25-2024 La Mesa worship—no info.

Income report for 1-21-24: Loose Plate \$125; Weekly Envelopes— \$1170; Designated Gifts \$51; Other \$no info; Total \$1346.

THIS WEEK AT BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

January 28, Sunday

8:30 AM Adult Bible Study

9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal

10 AM The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany & National Bible Sunday
(Also, being streamed on Facebook online) (*Login info below to view online)

11:30 AM Congregation Voter's Meeting in the fellowship hall

January 29, Monday

12 PM Women's Bible Study

January 30, Tuesday

9:30 AM Braille Group

February 1, Thursday

4-7 PM La Mesa

February 2, Friday

Church & Offices Cleaned

February 3, Saturday

10:30 AM Handbell Choir Rehearsal in Sanctuary

February 4, Sunday

10 AM The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany w/Holy Communion

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

Rikki bad heart & arthritis, **Grace Timm**, **Judy Mahr**-broken hip, **Bobbie Littou**, **Nolan Conley**, **Blue Sky**, **Charlotte's grand baby**, **Marianne Lemkau**, **Nola** vision problems, **Mary Tarsitano**, **Carol Hurley**, **Josh**, **Ken**, **Mason Midkiff**, **Wendy Sievers**, **Bev Dase**, **Ken w/MS**, **Kathy Held** recovering after surgery;

Pastor Pope in hospice care;

Nicole McClain, **Mindy**, **Amina Kruck**, **Annalisa Durnan**, **Jan Buel**, **Randy**, **Beth Ruettinger**, **Brenda Frank**, **Warren**, **Cheryl**, **Jim Schutkowski** – cancer treatments;

Doris Reith and **Len Lacy** - memory care;

For the family of **Alice** who passed away.

All nations dealing with hardships and for military deployed to areas of conflict;

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/

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.

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January 28 "Forgiveness Is a Gift from Far Away" Guest Speaker: Rev.

Dr. Daniel Paavola. Forgiveness is a gift Christ won for us on a cross,

thousands of miles away and two thousand years ago. (Psalm 103:11-12)