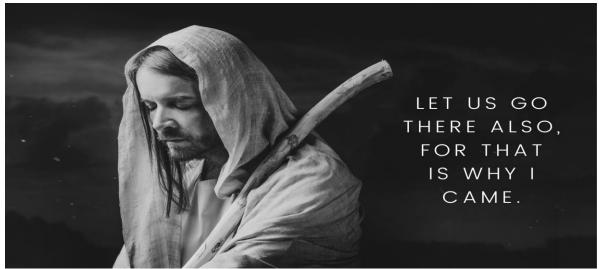
FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

February 4, 2023

10:00 a.m.



Let Us Go There Also

AS WE GATHER

In today's reading, we see the beginning of Jesus' ministry and it starts in disordered and distressed social spaces. The synagogue, the home, the city... all are not what they should be. Jesus has come to His Father's world, yet it is going to take time to settle in. The demons know who He is, but he will not allow them to speak (verse 34). People will not learn about Jesus from the mouth of a demon. Instead, they will learn about Jesus from His mouth and from His hands and from His heart as He goes about His work. Jesus is about the business of remaking creation, one synagogue, one house, one city at a time. This is how Mark invites us to see the beginning of Jesus' ministry. It is an act of restoration. Jesus is coming to the world and transforming it into His home for His people.

This work of Jesus will take Him to the cross, where He will find the outcast, the rejected, the shamed, the abusers, and the abused. And there, on the cross, He will take God's punishment for all sin upon Himself that He might bring God's restoration to the farthest corners of the earth. Sinners and sufferers will all find a place in God's Kingdom where they are welcomed home; not merely tolerated, not merely accepted. No, they will be forgiven and never forsaken. They will be welcomed home.

PRELUDE

"Quiet Meditation:II" -Gilbert Martin

PASTORAL WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ, when you walked on dusty roads or sat by glistening waters, you met people where they were. When you bent down low to touch the leper, or raised your eyes to touch Zacchaeus' heart, heaven and earth were met. So our prayer today is that all the world will know your healing touch and your forgiving heart. Help us O Lord, not get stuck Here, but be willing to go to all the "over there" places that your spirit leads us to. May we be your hands and feet to those who have been hurt by insincere actions and damning words. Send us where you need us to be, so that those whose lives are filled with dark thoughts, or unimaginable fears, will know your peace. Inspire us and encourage us to bend down low; to embrace those for whom society has no time or patience. Where young and old stumble and fall, may we be there to offer support, that all will know your love that transcends all others. Through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen.

OPENING HYMN

"Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness" LSB #849, St. 1-3

- 1 Praise the One who breaks the darkness With a liberating light; Praise the One who frees the pris'ners, Turning blindness into sight. Praise the One who preached the Gospel, Healing ev'ry dread disease, Calming storms, and feeding thousands With the very Bread of peace.
- 2 Praise the One who blessed the children With a strong, yet gentle, word; Praise the One who drove out demons With the piercing, two-edged sword. Praise the One who brings cool water To the desert's burning sand; From this Well comes living water, Quenching thirst in ev'ry land.
- 3 Let us praise the Word Incarnate, Christ, who suffered in our place. Jesus died and rose victorious That we may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and gladness, Seeing what our God has done; Let us praise the true Redeemer, Praise the One who makes us one.

Stand

INVOCATION

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

Spirit.

People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and

confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the

name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

People: who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

People: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

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

Pastor: O almighty God, merciful Father,

People: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins

and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious

and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Pastor: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a

called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy

Spirit.

People: Amen.

Sit

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT. (Read responsively)

Psalm 13:3–5; antiphon: v.6

I will sing to the LORD,

because he has dealt bountifully with me.

Consider and answer me, O LORD my God;

light up my eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death,

lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed over him,"

lest my foes rejoice because I am shaken.

But I have trusted in your steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.

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. I will sing to the LORD,

because he has dealt bountifully with me.

KYRIE (Sing) LSB 186

People: Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon

us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Stand

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (Sing)

LSB 187-189

P Glory be to God on high:

C and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.

We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

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Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Pastor: Let us pray.

O Lord, keep Your family the Church continually in the true faith that, relying on the hope of Your heavenly grace, we may ever be defended by Your mighty power; 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

Isaiah 40:21-31

Do you not know? Do you not hear?
 Has it not been told you from the beginning?
 Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?
 It is he who sits above the circle of the earth,

and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to dwell in;

²³who brings princes to nothing, and makes the rulers of the earth as emptiness.

²⁴Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows on them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

²⁵To whom then will you compare me, that I should be like him? says the Holy One.

²⁶Lift up your eyes on high and see: who created these?

He who brings out their host by number, calling them all by name,

by the greatness of his might, and because he is strong in power not one is missing.

²⁷Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel,

"My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"?

²⁸Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God,

the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable.

- ²⁹He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength.
- ³⁰Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted;
- ³¹but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles;
- they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.
- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

1 Corinthians 9:16–27

¹⁶If I preach the gospel, that gives me no ground for boasting. For necessity is laid upon me. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel!

¹⁷For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward, but not of my own will, I am still entrusted with a stewardship. ¹⁸What then is my reward? That in my preaching I may present the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my right in the gospel.

¹⁹For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. ²⁰To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though not being myself under the law) that I might win those under the law. ²¹To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (not being outside the law of God but under the law of Christ) that I might win those outside the law. ²²To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. ²³I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings.

²⁴Do you not know that in a race all the runners compete, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. ²⁵Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable

wreath, but we an imperishable. ²⁶So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. ²⁷But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

"He Never Failed Me Yet" -Robert Ray

Stand

ALLELUIA (Sing)

LSB 190

C Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia,

GOSPEL READING

Mark 1:29-39

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

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

²⁹Immediately [Jesus] left the synagogue and entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰Now Simon's mother-in-law lay ill with a fever, and immediately they told him about her. ³¹And he came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

³²That evening at sundown they brought to him all who were sick or oppressed by demons. ³³And the whole city was gathered together at the door. ³⁴And he healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons. And he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

³⁵And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed. ³⁶And Simon and those who were with him searched for him, ³⁷and they found him and said to him, "Everyone is looking for you." ³⁸And he said to them, "Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also, for that is why I came out." ³⁹And he went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons.

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

NICENE CREED (Spoken)

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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 "Hail to the Lord's Anointed" LSB #398, St. 1-5

- 1 Hail to the Lord's anointed, Great David's greater Son! Hail, in the time appointed, His reign on earth begun! He comes to break oppression, To set the captive free, To take away transgression And rule in equity.
- 2 He comes with rescue speedy To those who suffer wrong,

To help the poor and needy And bid the weak be strong; To give them songs for sighing, Their darkness turn to light, Whose souls, condemned and dying, Were precious in His sight.

- He shall come down like showers Upon the fruitful earth; Love, joy, and hope, like flowers, Spring in His path to birth. Before Him on the mountains Shall peace, the herald, go; And righteousness in fountains From hill to valley flow.
- 4 Kings shall fall down before Him And gold and incense bring; All nations shall adore Him, His praise all people sing. To Him shall prayer unceasing And daily vows ascend; His kingdom still increasing, A kingdom without end.
- O'er ev'ry foe victorious, He on His throne shall rest, From age to age more glorious, All blessing and all-blest. The tide of time shall never His covenant remove; His name shall stand forever—That name to us is Love.

SERMON

Why He Came.

OFFERTORY HYMN (Sing)

LSB 192-193

People: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

(Congregation response to petitions: Hear our prayer)

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE LSB 194

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And with they spirit.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times

and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when he comes again in glory. 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)

LSB 195

People: Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; Heaven and earth

are full of Thy glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna,

hosanna in the highest.

LORD'S PRAYER

LSB 196

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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PAX DOMINI Spoken

LSB 197

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI (Sing)

LSB 198

People: O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of

the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen

Sit

DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

- 1) (piano) "Living He Loved Me" -M. Hall & M. Bleecker
- 2) "O Savior of Our Fallen Race" LSB #403, St.1-4
 - O Savior of our fallen race, O Brightness of the Father's face, O Son who shared the Father's might Before the world knew day or night, Alleluia!
 - O Jesus, very Light of Light, Our constant star in sin's deep night: Now hear the prayers Your people pray Throughout the world this holy day. Alleluia!
 - 3 Remember, Lord of life and grace, How once, to save our fallen race, You put our human vesture on And came to us as

Mary's son. Alleluia!

- 4 Today, as year by year its light Bathes all the world in radiance bright, One precious truth outshines the sun: Salvation comes from You alone. Alleluia!
- 3) "There Is a Balm in Gilead" LSB #749, St. 1-3

Refrain: There is a balm in Gilead To make the wounded whole; There is a balm in Gilead To heal the sin-sick soul.

- 1 Sometimes I feel discouraged And think my work's in vain, But then the Holy Spirit Revives my soul again. Refrain
- 2 If you cannot preach like Peter, If you cannot pray like Paul, You can tell the love of Jesus And say He died for all. Refrain
- 3 Don't ever feel discouraged, For Jesus is your friend; And if you lack for knowledge, He'll ne'er refuse to lend. Refrain

Stand

NUNC DIMITTIS (Sing)

LSB 199-200

People: Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, A light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THANKSGIVING & POST-COMMUNION COLLECT. LSB 200-201

Pastor: O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good.

People: And His mercy endureth forever.

Pastor: Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever

People: Amen.

SALUTATION & BENEDICAMUS

LSB 201

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit

Pastor: Bless we the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION LSB 202

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face

shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up

His countenance upon you and † give you peace.

People: Amen.

Sit

CLOSING HYMN

"Songs of Thankfulness and Praise" LSB #394, St. 1-5

- 1 Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to Thee we raise, Manifested by the star To the sages from afar, Branch of royal David's stem In Thy birth at Bethlehem: Anthems be to Thee addressed, God in man made manifest.
- 2 Manifest at Jordan's stream, Prophet, Priest, and King

- supreme; And at Cana wedding guest In Thy Godhead manifest; Manifest in pow'r divine, Changing water into wine; Anthems be to Thee addressed, God in man made manifest.
- Manifest in making whole Palsied limbs and fainting soul;
 Manifest in valiant fight, Quelling all the devil's might;
 Manifest in gracious will, Ever bringing good from ill;
 Anthems be to Thee addressed, God in man made manifest.
- 4 Sun and moon shall darkened be, Stars shall fall, the heav'ns shall flee; Christ will then like lightning shine, All will see His glorious sign; All will then the trumpet hear, All will see the Judge appear; Thou by all wilt be confessed, God in man made manifest.
- Grant us grace to see Thee, Lord, Present in Thy holy Word—Grace to imitate Thee now And be pure, as pure art Thou; That we might become like Thee At Thy great epiphany And may praise Thee, ever blest, God in man made manifest.

POSTLUDE

"Jesus, the Light of the World"-Geo. Elderkin

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Women's Weekly Bible Study will meet Monday, Feb. 5 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.

Feb 11th, 2024: The Pacific Southwest LWML and the Orphan Grain Train of California, Arizona, and Nevada are sponsoring their tenth "Undie Sunday." Please consider bringing a package of <u>New</u> underwear or socks for men, women, girls or boys to church to help minister to the needs of people within our district, as well as in places like Mexico and beyond.

Lenten Midweek Services: Dinner will be served at 5:30 PM for each week beginning Wednesday Feb. 14th, 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 committee's to host each week's dinner.

Sunday Feb. 18th, 12:00PM New Member Classes Begin: This Lent, anyone interested in knowing more about our congregation, our history and our beliefs, or those interested in becoming a part of Beautiful Savior are welcome to join our New Member Classes. We will meet for five weeks after church and discuss our faith, our history, and where the spirit is taking us as a church and how to be a part of it. Please let Pastor Tim know if you or anyone you know is interested.

Wed. Feb. 28th at 7:30PM VBS Planning Meeting: Join Annie Anderson and Pastor Tim for our first VBS planning meeting of 2024. We will introduce you to the theme, talk about roles and responsibilities, and lay out the timeline for preparation. Please consider being a part of this outward facing, community minded, children's ministry and event.

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:
Organist/Dir. of Music:
Song Leader:
Special Music:
Lector & Assisting Elder:
Pastor Tim Anderson
Ellen Brown
Debby Bergman
The Beautiful Savior Singers
Don Calender

Greeter: Marsha Beetham Charles Haynes

Altar:

<u>Visitors</u>, 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. <u>Members</u> 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: 1-28-2024; Bible Class—9; Worship Service—; 1-29-2024 Women's Bible Study—10; 1/29 La Mesa meal—110, La Mesa worship—30; La Mesa Baptism—NA.

Income report for 1-28-24: Loose Plate \$140; Weekly Envelopes \$2418; Designated Gifts \$69; Other \$; Total \$2627.

THIS WEEK AT BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

February 4, Sunday

8:30 AM Adult Bible Study

9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal

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

(Also, being streamed on Facebook online) (*Login info below to view online)

February 5, Monday

12 PM Women's Bible Study

February 6, Tuesday

9:30 AM Braille Group

February 8, Thursday

4-7 PM La Mesa

February 9, Friday

Church & Offices Cleaned

February 10, Saturday

10 AM LWML w/Derek Benson

February 11, Sunday

10 AM The Transfiguration of Our Lord

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

Mark Edwin, Rikki bad heart & arthritis, Grace Timm, Judy Mahr, Bobbie

Littou, Nolan Conley, Blue Sky, Charlotte's, grand baby, Marianne

Lemkau, Nola, Mary Tarsitano, Carol Hurley;

Pastor Pope in hospice care;

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

Doris Reith at her daughter's home; and Len Lacy - memory care;

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.

<u>Lutheran Hour Broadcast - KFNX RADIO (1100) @</u>

February 4 "Nature Abhors a Vacuum" Lutheran Hour Speaker: <u>Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler</u>. What fills the heart that has no room to forgive? (Ephesians 4:32)



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 <u>center</u> 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.
- 3) Children and adults not instructed or confirmed are still encouraged to approach The Table to receive a blessing.