

EASTER SUNDAY – EARLY MORNING OUTDOOR WORSHIP

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church – Tempe, AZ

The Mission of Beautiful Savior is to Serve the Lord,
Extend the Gospel and Make Jesus alive in the
community.

March 31, 2024

8:00am



AS WE GATHER

“Jesus Christ is the Light of the world; the light no darkness can overcome.” We are Easter people this day—people of the resurrection who are walking in the light of Christ. Joining our voices in praise at this, the earliest service of our Christian Year, is truly fitting. With the words of Evening Prayer, we pray to our victorious Lord: “Let Your light scatter the darkness and illumine Your Church.” The day of resurrection is just beginning! Let us keep the feast with sincerity and truth!

PRELUDE

"Morning Has Broken" -Irish Melody

RINGING OF THE BELLS

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Were You There," **LSB #456, St. 4**

- 4** Were you there when God raised Him from the tomb?
Were you there when God raised Him from the tomb?
Oh . . .Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble,
tremble.
Were you there when God raised Him from the tomb?

PASTORAL WELCOME

OPENING SEQUENCE

- P** May the light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.
The Light of Christ.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

OPENING HYMN

"I Know That My Redeemer Lives" **LSB #461, St. 1, 2, 5 & 8**

- 1** I know that my Redeemer lives; What comfort this sweet sentence gives! He lives, He lives, who once was dead; He lives, my ever-living head.
- 2** He lives triumphant from the grave; He lives eternally to save; He lives all-glorious in the sky; He lives exalted there on high.
- 5** He lives to silence all my fears; He lives to wipe away my tears; He lives to calm my troubled heart; He lives all blessings to impart.
- 8** He lives, all glory to His name! He lives, my Jesus, still the same; Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives: I know that my Redeemer lives!

INVOCATION

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

People Amen

OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor This is the day the Lord has made.

People **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Pastor Christ has risen from the dead.

People **God the Father has crowned Him.**

Pastor He has made Him ruler over the works of His hands.

People **He has put everything under His feet.**

Pastor I will sing to the LORD, for He has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider He has thrown into the sea.

People **The LORD is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation.**

Men Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power, Your right hand, O LORD, shatters the enemy.

Women You have led in Your steadfast love the people whom You have redeemed; You have guided them by Your strength to Your holy abode.

Men You will bring them in and plant them on Your own mountain, the place, O Lord, which You have made for Your abode,

Women the sanctuary, O Lord, which Your hands have established. The Lord will reign forever and ever.

People **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, for He has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider He has thrown into the sea.**

SALUTATION

Pastor The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor Let us pray.

Almighty God, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life. We humbly pray that we may live before You in righteousness and purity forever; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever,

People **Amen.**

SERVICE OF THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 15:1–11

¹Then Moses and the people of Israel sang this song to the LORD, saying,

“I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously;
the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.

²The LORD is my strength and my song,
and he has become my salvation;
this is my God, and I will praise him,
my father’s God, and I will exalt him.

³The LORD is a man of war;
the LORD is his name.

⁴“Pharaoh’s chariots and his host he cast into the sea,
and his chosen officers were sunk in the Red Sea.

⁵The floods covered them;
they went down into the depths like a stone.

⁶Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power,
your right hand, O LORD, shatters the enemy.
⁷In the greatness of your majesty you overthrow your
adversaries;
you send out your fury; it consumes them like stubble.
⁸At the blast of your nostrils the waters piled up;
the floods stood up in a heap;
the deeps congealed in the heart of the sea.
⁹The enemy said, 'I will pursue, I will overtake,
I will divide the spoil, my desire shall have its fill of them.
I will draw my sword; my hand shall destroy them.'
¹⁰You blew with your wind; the sea covered them;
they sank like lead in the mighty waters.
¹¹"Who is like you, O LORD, among the gods?
Who is like you, majestic in holiness,
awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders?"

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

1 Corinthians 5:6b–8

⁶Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump?
⁷Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really
are unleavened. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed.
⁸Let us therefore celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven, the
leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity
and truth.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Easter Bells With Joy Are Ringing" -Douglas Wagner

PLEASE RISE FOR THE READING OF THE HOLY GOSPEL

GOSPEL READING

John 20:1–18

Pastor The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.
People **Glory to You, O Lord.**

20 Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. ² So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” ³ So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. ⁴ Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, ⁷ and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus^[a] head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. ⁸ Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹ for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰ Then the disciples went back to their homes.

¹¹ But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. ¹² And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. ¹³ They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” ¹⁴ Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵ Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned and said to him in Aramaic,^[b] “Rabboni!” (which means Teacher). ¹⁷ Jesus said to

her, “Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” ¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”—and that he had said these things to her.

Pastor This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to You O Christ.

NICENE CREED

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

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

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and

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

HYMN OF THE DAY “Christ the Lord is Risen Today,” **LSB 463, St. 1-4**

- 1 Christ the Lord is ris’n today; Alleluia! Christians, hasten on your way; Alleluia! Offer praise with love replete, Alleluia! At the paschal victim’s feet. Alleluia!**
- 2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Alleluia! Sinless in the sinner’s stead. Alleluia! Christ the Lord is ris’n on high; Alleluia! Now He lives, no more to die. Alleluia!**
- 3 Hail, the victim undefiled, Alleluia! God and sinners reconciled, Alleluia! When contending death and life, Alleluia! Met in strange and awesome strife. Alleluia!**
- 4 Christians, on this holy day, Alleluia! All your grateful homage pay; Alleluia! Christ the Lord is ris’n on high; Alleluia! Now He lives, no more to die. Alleluia!**

SERMON

“He Calls Your Name”

John 20:1–18

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.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Heavenly Father, we pray for the Church, that the light of Christ may shine throughout all the world and that we rejoice together with all who believe in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, our victorious Savior. Lord, in Your mercy,

People hear our prayer.

Pastor We pray for the nations of the world, that all may know times of peace and security. Grant that Your plan for our world unfold without hindrance so that Your gracious will is done on earth as in heaven. Lord, in Your mercy,

People hear our prayer.

Pastor We pray for all workers in the Church, that they be bearers of Your light into places where darkness and sorrow are experienced. Grant that a sense of devotion and dedication be the hallmark of Your people as they live out their faith in whatever calling is theirs. Lord, in Your mercy,

People hear our prayer.

Pastor We pray for our world on this bright Easter Day, that we treasure all of creation and be good stewards of the many gifts we have been given by our loving God. Lord, in Your mercy,

People hear our prayer.

Pastor We pray for special situations of need and concern, that there may be comfort for all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity, [especially...] Give us compassionate hearts to bring the light of Christ to those who face darkness in their

lives, sharing with them Your tender care. Lord, in Your mercy,

People hear our prayer.

Pastor We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served You on earth, who now rest from their labors, [especially...] Keep us in fellowship with all Your saints and bring us at last to the light of Your heavenly kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,

People hear our prayer.

Pastor All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People Amen.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

Pastor The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Pastor Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

THE PROPER PREFACE

Pastor 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. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying he has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore, with Mary

Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify your glorious name, ever more praising You and singing

SANCTUS *(Sing)*

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People Holy, holy, holy Lord God of power and might: Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Pastor 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."

LORD'S PRAYER *(Spoken)*

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.

PAX DOMINI

Pastor The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People Amen.

AGNUS DEI (*Sing*)

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People Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

**1) Solo - "An Easter Hallelujah!"-Lyrics by Kelley Mooney,
Music by Leonard Cohen**

2) "The Day of Resurrection" LSB #478, St. 1-4

**1 The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad,
The passover of gladness, The passover of God.
From death to life eternal, From sin's dominion free,
Our Christ has brought us over
With hymns of victory.**

**2 Let hearts be purged of evil That we may see aright
The Lord in rays eternal Of resurrection light
And, list'ning to His accents, May hear, so calm and plain,
His own "All hail!" and, hearing, May raise the victor strain.**

**3 Now let the heav'ns be joyful, Let earth its song begin,
Let all the world keep triumph And all that is therein.
Let all things, seen and unseen, Their notes of gladness blend;
For Christ the Lord has risen, Our joy that has no end!**

4 All praise to God the Father, All praise to God the Son,

**All praise to God the Spirit, Eternal Three in One!
Let all the ransomed number Fall down before the throne
And honor, pow'r, and glory Ascribe to God alone!**

Pastor 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.

People Amen.

EASTER AFFIRMATION

Romans 6:5, 9.

Pastor Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Pastor We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again;

People death no longer has dominion over Him.

Pastor For if we have been united with Him in a death like His,

People we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His.

CLOSING PRAYER

Pastor Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the universe. In love You have given Your Son, Jesus Christ, into death for us and raised Him to life again; so raise us from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit. Grant that the light of Christ shine in our hearts now and forever; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People 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 "He's Risen, He's risen" LSB # 480, St. 1-3

- 1 He's risen, He's risen, Christ Jesus, the Lord;
 He opened death's prison, the incarnate, true Word.
 Break forth, hosts of heaven, in jubilant song
 And earth, sea, and mountain their praises prolong.**
- 2 The foe was triumphant when on Calvary
 The Lord of creation was nailed to the tree.
 In Satan's domain did the hosts shout and jeer,
 For Jesus was slain, whom the evil ones fear.**
- 3 But short was their triumph; the Savior arose,
 And death, hell, and Satan He vanquished, His foes.
 The conquering Lord lifts His banner on high;
 He lives, yes, He lives, and will nevermore die.**

SENDING

Pastor Alleluia, Christ is risen.
People He is risen indeed, Alleluia.
Pastor Go in peace, serve the Lord
People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: "Christ Arose!" - Robert Lowry

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday Bible Study: We'll be finishing our study on the Book of Revelation next Sunday, April 7th. Join us as we begin our new

study on the books of Ezra and Nehemiah starting on Sunday April 14th. Sunday Bible Study meets at 8:30am in Fellowship Hall.

Women's Weekly Bible Study will meet Monday, April 1st at 12 noon in the Fellowship Hall. We will study 'The Widow with The Two Coins'. All BSLC women and friends are invited to attend.

VBS Meeting: Tuesday April 2nd at 5:30pm. Join Pastor Tim and Annie Anderson for our second planning meeting as we get ready for Scuba VBS this summer. We have some updates on Set plans and will be discussing next steps in our planning process.

Brunch and Bibles: Will meet on Thursday April 11th at Cracker and Co Cafe on Elliot as we continue our study of the Book of Daniel. If interested, please contact Kathyryn Odle at 602-510-2885 or email kathyryn.odle@asu.edu

Chosen Night: Join us on Saturday April 13th for our next Chosen Night, as we watch the TV show "The Chosen" together. This show chronicles the life of Jesus through the eyes of his disciples. We will eat dinner together as we watch episode 3x03 "Physician, Heal Yourself" and discuss.

Planet Green recycle container is in the Fellowship Hall by the thermostats, and remains there.

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. Memorial account to EasyTithe for Doris Reith. All funds will go to the choir, per the family's wishes. When selecting Other, please specify how your donation should be used. Thank you!!

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.

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SERVING US AT WORSHIP TODAY:

Officiant Preacher:	Rev. Tim Anderson
Pianist/Dir. of Music:	Ellen Brown
Song Leader & Soloist:	Charles Haynes
Special Music:	The Beautiful Savior Singers
Assisting Elder:	Wendell Robson & Skip McFadden
Lector:	Bobbie Littou
Greeter:	Marsha Beetham
Acolyte:	Charles Haynes

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. 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.

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**Attendance for week: 3-24-24 Bible Study—9; Worship Service—50; 3-??-23 Brunch & Bibles Midweek Bible Study—; Midweek 3-20-24—
Income report for 3-24-23: Loose Plate \$130.25; Weekly Envelopes \$1395; La Mesa Attendance 3-14-2024—Meal 125; Worship—31.
Designated Gifts \$317; Other \$; Total \$1842.25. Midweek 5 Loose Plate \$69; Weekly Envelopes \$470, Designated \$38. Total \$527.**

THIS WEEK AT BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

March 31, Sunday

8 AM The Easter Sunrise Service on the Patio

9 AM Easter Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall

10 Am Easter Celebration Service

(Also, being streamed on Facebook online)

April 1, Monday

12 PM Women's Bible Study led by Sandra Wardwell ?

April 2, Tuesday

5:30 PM VBS Meeting

7 PM Board of Finance

April 4, Thursday

4-7 PM La Mesa

April 5, Friday

9AM-11 AM Church Offices Cleaned

April 7, Sunday

10 AM 2nd Sunday of Easter Worship / w/Holy Communion

Prayer List: Dear Heavenly Father: We pray for peace between nations and leaders, and for Your presence, Lord, with all who are ailing and suffering;

Christy The Bergman's daughter-in-law, **Tom** (pneumonia) & **Amina** (high fever & immune system is depleted) **Kruck** -back in the hospital, **Teenager** from Gethsemane Church was hit by a car has serious injuries, **Rikki Anderson, Joe Carlin** recovering, **Cindy Koch, Judy Mahr, Bobbie Littou, Nolan Conley, Kevin, Carol Hurley, Cyndi Calender, Wendy Sievers; Grace Timm, Glenn Brown, Bev Dase**- medical issues, Charlotte's, **grand baby;**

For **Ken, Janis Clark** with MS

Pastor Pope in hospice care;

Nicole McClain, Beth Ruettinger, Annalisa Durnan, Brenda Frank, Warren, Cheryl, Jim Schutkowski – cancer treatments;

Len Lacy - memory care;

Prayers Family of Rev. Michael Scholz, for the family of Doris Reith, for Pam who passed away from cancer;

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

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

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE YOU CAN GO ONLINE & VIEW AT

1) Open a webpage browser (internet explorer, chrome, Firefox,

etc.)

2) Type or paste the following link into your address bar:

www.facebook.com/BeautifulSaviorLutheranChurchTempe/

3) Option 1 - Scroll until you find a post that shows a “Live” feed titled for the Sunday service, or

4) Option 2 - Click on the “Videos” button on the left-hand sidebar (ignore anything asking you to sign up or sign in to Facebook)

5) Look for the video titled for the date of the Sunday service. Video stream will be live starting at or around 10am. If it does not show up, try refreshing the page. The video of the service will remain on the page if you would like to view it at a later time, or to replay it again at your discretion.

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

March 31 "Eucatastrophe" Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
The top three best-selling books all present visions of hope, but how they hope to achieve it is a much different story. (Mark 16:6-7)



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 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.*