THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

March 10, 2024 10:00 a.m.



Lifted Up To Give Us Life

AS WE GATHER

We hear today of eternal life that is given to us because of God's great love for us, shown to us in perhaps the most famous Bible verse, John 3:16. This verse speaks of God's genuine love for us and the world shown in Jesus' death on the cross for us. The love of God never ends. God's love is present here and now and extends into eternal life as eternal love. May we be so encouraged by God's love to share it with others. Thanks be to God for such love!

CASUAL SUNDAY

PRAISE MEDLEY

- 1) "Gather Us In" (Here in This Place) -WOV #718, St. 1,2 & 4
- 1 Here in this place new light is streaming, now is the darkness vanished away; see in this space our fears and our dreamings brought here to you in the light of this day. Gather us in, the lost and forsaken, gather us in, the blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall awaken, we shall arise at the sound of our name.
- We are the young, our lives are a mystery, we are the old who yearn for your face; we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry; called to be light to the whole human race. Gather us in, the rich and the haughty, Gather us in, the proud and the strong; Give us a heart, so meek and so lowly, Give us the courage to enter the song.
- 4 Not in the dark of buildings confining,
 Not in some heaven, light years away-here in this place the new light is shining,
 Now is the kingdom, now is the day.
 Gather us in and hold us forever,
 gather us in and make us your own;
 gather us in, all peoples together,
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.
- 2) "For God So Loved the World" -TOSB #123

- 1 For God so loved the world He gave His only Son To die on Calv'ry's tree, From sin to set me free;
- 2 Some day He's coming back What glory that will be! Wonderful His love to me.
- 3) "How Deep the Father's Love for Us"

Verse 1

How deep the Father's love for us How vast beyond all measure That He should give His only Son To make a wretch His treasure How great the pain of searing loss The Father turns His face away As wounds which mar the Chosen One Bring many sons to glory

Verse 2

Behold the Man upon a cross My sin upon His shoulders Ashamed I hear my mocking voice Call out among the scoffers It was my sin that held Him there Until it was accomplished His dying breath has brought me life I know that it is finished

Verse 3

I will not boast in anything No gifts no pow'r no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from His reward I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart His wounds have paid my ransom

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PASTORAL WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

Pastor: God so loved the world that he gave his only Son that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

People: Let those who know they are redeemed celebrate it!

Those who have been reclaimed from deep trouble!

Pastor: Though we were as good as dead, God made us alive with the

grace of Christ through whom we are rescued and healed.

People: O give thanks to God for such unswerving love,

for such wonderful deeds for the children of earth.

Stand

OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: God so loved the world,

People: that He gave His only Son,

Pastor: that whoever believes in Him should not perish

People: but have eternal life.

Pastor: Our Lenten journey leads us to the cross where Jesus

gave His life,

People: and then to the resurrection and eternal life.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Though Christ has loved us with this genuine love that gives

us eternal life, we sometimes ignore His love and refuse to share Christ's love with others. Still, our heavenly Father is merciful, and He invites us to draw near to Him in hope and

confidence to ask for His grace.

Silence for reflection.

Pastor: Heavenly Father,

People: we have sinned against You and against our neighbors.

We have not loved You with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not loved our enemies. Forgive us, renew our love, on

account of Jesus. Amen.

Pastor: Jesus Christ was lifted up on the tree of the cross so that we

might be forgiven. His genuine love is for the world and is for you. 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. We are forgiven by the genuine love of Jesus.

Sit

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT (Read Responsively)

Psalm 27:3–5; antiphon: v. 1

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.

One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,

to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple.

For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;

he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock.

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.

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Stand

KYRIE (Spoken)

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

SALUTATION AND COLLECTOF THE DAY

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Let us pray.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; 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

Numbers 21:4-9

⁴From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. ⁵And the people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food." ⁶Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. ⁷And the people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live." ⁹So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

Ephesians 2:1-10

¹And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ²in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—³ among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. ⁴But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— ⁶ and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, 7so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. 8For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC: "Worthy is the Lamb"

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Stand

LENTEN REFRAIN: "Open Our Eyes" -Bob Cull -TOSB #157

Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus, To reach out and touch Him and say that we love Him. Open our ears, Lord, help us to listen. Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.

HOLY GOSPEL John 3:14–21

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁴[Jesus said:] "As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. ²¹But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his deeds have been carried out in God."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

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.

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Lead Me To the Cross"

Verse 1

Saviour I come quiet my soul. Remember redemption's hill' Where Your blood was spilled' For my ransom.

Pre-Chorus

Ev'rything I once held dear, I count it all as loss.

Chorus Lead me to the cross, Where Your love poured out. Bring me to my knees, Lord I lay me down, Rid me of myself, I belong to You. Oh, lead me lead me. To the cross.

Verse 2

You were as I, tempted and tried, human. The word became flesh, Bore my sin in death. Now, You're risen. "Repeat: Pre Chorus & Chores"

Bridge

To Your heart To Your heart Lead me to Your heart Lead me to Your heart **Repeat Chores 2x**

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So Loved. (John 3:14-21) SERMON

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

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"God, Your Blessings Overflow!

"For the Beauty of the Earth") Used by Permission.

God, your blessings overflow! What can we begin to say? How can we begin to show all our gratitude this day? God, we join to worship you, giving thanks for all you do. Thank you for the life you give, for each friend and family,

For the land in which we live, for your love that sets us free. Thank you, God, for daily bread, and for feasts of joy you spread.

Yet at tables where we share, sometimes there is also pain. There may be an empty chair: when will we feel whole again? When our days of grief are long, thank you that your love is strong.

So we join in thanks this day, and your gifts we freely share, So we follow Christ the Way, loving serving everywhere. Spirit, may our lives express all our daily thankfulness.

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ, as we come before You with our prayers and petitions, we thank You for Your genuine love, and we pray, Jesus, may our hearts be burning

People: with more fervent love for You.

Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ, show Your love to all those who have experienced broken families, homes, and churches. Surround them with Your love and with people who will love them as You love them. Jesus, may our hearts be burning

People: with more fervent love for You.

Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ, extend Your love to all those who have abandoned the faith. Strengthen us to lovingly invite them toward Your genuine love for the world. Jesus, may our hearts

be burning

People: with more fervent love for You.

Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ, in Your earthly life You experienced the death of those You loved. Bring Your comfort to all those who are suffering in such grief, [especially . . .]. Point them to the hope of eternal life with You. Jesus, may our hearts be burning

People: with more fervent love for You.

Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ, be present with all those who are single. Encourage them with the love of friends and family. Provide caring people to remind them that they are not alone. Jesus, may our hearts be burning

People: with more fervent love for You.

Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ, You have prepared many good works for us to do in our earthly lives. Give us courage to do those good works with joy, expecting nothing in return, knowing we are saved by grace alone. Jesus, may our hearts be burning

People: with more fervent love for You.

Pastor: Lord, look with favor upon all who are sick, injured, and recovering, [especially . . .]. Have mercy upon them and restore them to health according to Your wisdom. Jesus, may our hearts be burning

People: with more fervent love for You.

Pastor: Lord Jesus, we commend all of these people and situations into Your hands, for You have promised in love to hear our prayers; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

Sit

CLOSING HYMN

"10,000 Reasons" - Matt Redman

Chorus: Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; Worship His holy name. Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship your holy name.

- 1. The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning, it's time to sing Your song again. Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me, let me be singing when the evening comes. Chorus.
- 2. You're rich in love and You're slow to anger. Your name is great and Your heart is kind. For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing; Ten Thousand Reasons for my heart to find. Chorus.
- 3. And on that day, when my strength is failing, the end draws near, and my time has come; Still, my soul will sing Your

praise unending ten thousand years and then forevermore! Chorus.

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POSTLUDE

"10,000 Reasons" Reprise

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, March 11th at noon, in the fellowship hall. We will study Martha. All BSLC women and friends are invited to attend.

Lenten Midweek Services: Join us each <u>Wednesday at 6:30pm</u> for midweek Lenten services. Our theme this year is "The Garden's 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. <u>5:30 PM we will be having dinner</u> before each week's service. We will be asking different ministries and committee's to host each week's dinner.

"Living da Vinci" Rehearsal: Wednesday March 13th at 7:30pm. Anyone interested in being a part of our Living da Vinci cast is invited to an info meeting and "audition" on Wednesday March 6th after our midweek service. Pastor will talk through the whole show and what we will need in regards to staging, costuming and we will figure out who we still need to cast. If you have questions, please reach out to Pastor Tim.

Brunch and Bibles: Join us on Thursday March 14th at noon at Cracker's and Co. Cafe on Elliot as we continue our study on the Book of Daniel. Please let Kathryn Odle know if you plan on attending.

5:30 PM March 20th Beautiful Savior's Elders Chili Cookoff before the Worship Service.

Easter Egg Hunt: Sat. March 30th at 10am. Our Annual Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for Holy Saturday. We will need donations of candy (please no chocolate... it melts!) as well as volunteers on Wednesday March 20th at 4:00pm (before midweek dinner) to begin stuffing eggs. Please have candy here at church by March 20th and volunteer to help us on the 30th.

Holy Week Schedule: This year's Holy Week Schedule is as follows...

Maundy Thursday: March 28th The Living da Vinci... Worship with La Mesa. 6:00pm Dinner and worship at 6:30 in the dining room. Volunteers from both BSLC and La Mesa will bring da Vinci's painting of the last supper to life as we worship together with our friends from La Mesa Tempe. Join us as we fill our sanctuary to remember the night Christ connected his body to that bread and his blood to that wine for us.

Good Friday March 29th 3pm Service: Good Friday from the Cross. Join us as we experience Good Friday from the cross with the sights and sounds of that day. As we hold the crown of thorns and the nails, smell the wine vinegar and hear the words "It is finished."

Good Friday Tenebrae: March 29th 6:30pm. Join us for our traditional Tenebrae service as we focus in on Jesus the light of the world, and see him give up his light and life for us, so that we

might shine in the courts of God's house forever even as we hear the words, "Today you will be with me in paradise."

Saturday Easter Vigil: March 30th at 6:30pm. Join us as we share the story of salvation starting at creation and we remind ourselves of the story of Scripture that brings us to the empty tomb and the Easter Announcement that "He is Risen." a truly unique worship experience once held dear by the ancient church and being brought back by Pastor Tim and Ellen to strengthen our faith today.

Easter Sunday: March 31st, 8am Sunrise Service: Come join us outside on Eastern morning as the women go to the tomb and find out that Jesus is alive.

Easter Sunday: March 31st 10am: Easter Celebration Worship: Join us at 10am in the sanctuary for our Easter Celebration Worship, as we celebrate the Risen Jesus.

The LWML Pacific Southwest District Convention theme this year is "Jesus; the Hope of All Nations" and is based on 1 Peter 1:3. Know that *You* are a reborn child of our merciful God who promises a living, unchanging hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Come to the convention and be encouraged to share this message of God's love with the world. Plan to attend, June 7-9, 2024 in sunny Rosemead, California. If you would like to serve as a Beautiful Savior delegate, please contact Sandra Wardwell. Scholarships are available to help with registration and meal costs.

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: Pastor Tim Anderson

Pianist/Dir. of Music: Ellen Brown

Guitarist: Christy Arnold

Song Leader: Donna Evans

Special Music: The Beautiful Savior Singers

Lector: Bobbie Littou

Greeter: Debra McPeters

Altar: Bobbie Littou & Charlotte Grefe

<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: 3-3-2024; Bible Class—8; Worship Service—55; 2-26-2024 Women's Bible Study—8; 2-29 La Mesa meal—118, 2-29 La Mesa worship—31; La Mesa Worship—31; La Mesa Baptism—NA. Lent 3, 2/28/24 Loose Plate \$31; Weekly Envelopes \$355; Designated Gifts \$235Total---\$621: 3-6-2024 Worship Service—37.

Income report for 3-3-24: Loose Plate \$203; Weekly Envelopes \$2297; Designated Gifts \$88; Other \$; Total \$2588.

THIS WEEK AT BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

March 10, Sunday

8:30 AM Adult Bible Study

9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal

10 AM The Fourth Sunday in Lent – Casual Worship

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

March 11, Monday

12 PM Women's Bible Study

March 13, Wednesday

5:30 PM Serving Dinner

6 PM Choir Rehearsal in Fellowship Hall

6:30 PM Lenten Worship Service 4

March 14, Thursday

12 PM "Brunch & Bibles" at Crackers & Co, Café, 1285 W. Elliot Rd.,

Tempe

4-7 PM La Mesa

March 15, Friday

Church & Offices Cleaned

March 17, Sunday

10 AM The Fifth Sunday in Lent

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

Roanne Monson, Caleb & family, his mother may have had a stroke or a seizure, Roann Monson, Joy Allen, Cyndi Calender, Judy Mahr, Bobbie Littou, Nolan Conley, Kevin, Carol Hurley, Mason Midkiff — 8 months old, Janis Clark with MS, Shari fell, Mark Edwin, Rikki bad heart & arthritis, Grace Timm, Glenn Brown, Bev Dase, Blue Sky, Charlotte's, grand baby, Ken & Janis Clark with MS;

Pastor Pope in hospice care;

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

Len Lacy - memory care;

Prayers for the family of Doris Reith, passed away last 2-24, Gerry Reddinger, a former member of BSLC passed away 2-22;

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.

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

March 3 "Included in Such Company" Lutheran Hour Speaker: <u>Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler</u>. The more you listen to the life of Jesus, the more you admire Him and the more grateful you are to be included in His company. (Mark 10:13-45)