

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

March 17, 2024

10:00 a.m.



To Give His Life.

As We Gather

For the third time in three chapters, Jesus announced clearly and directly His impending rejection, condemnation, suffering, and death. This time the silence was as uncomfortable as the announcement, so two of the disciples did what all of us do, they changed the subject. When we change the subject too quickly from the ugliness of the cross to its beauty, or from suffering to glory (as James and John tried to do), problems arise. We need to call the cross what it is: Terrible, awful, and tragic. But in that terrible, awful and tragic thing, we find Hope. Jesus' resurrection means our own. We too who suffer for a little while (see 1 Peter 5:10), will rise from the dead and live under Jesus in His Kingdom for all eternity. On that day there will never again be any need to change the subject ever again.

PRELUDE

"Be Thou My Vision" -Fred Bock

PASTORAL WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

Pastor: Though you are God, with all the influence and status that the name implies, you refused to pull rank, and parade your power among us. Instead, you chose to step down into our experience, living among us, as one of us, with all the struggle and suffering that goes with being human. More than that, you adopted the role of slave, washing feet, serving people of no reputation or social standing, and giving of yourself completely. As incredible as it sounds, you are the God who serves, and we can respond in no other way than to give ourselves to you in praise.

People: Amen.

OPENING HYMN

"In Christ Alone" words and music by Keith Getty & Stuart Townend

- 1. In Christ alone, my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This cornerstone, this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My comforter, my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand.**
- 2. In Christ alone, who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied**

**For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live.**

**3. There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.**

**4. No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.**

Keith Getty, Stuart Townend

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Stand

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

People: **Amen.**

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 116:1–4, 8; antiphon: Psalm 43:1*

Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly people,

from the deceitful and unjust man deliver me!

I love the LORD, because he has heard

my voice and my pleas for mercy.

Because he inclined his ear to me,

therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;

I suffered distress and anguish.

Then I called on the name of the LORD:

“O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!”

For you have delivered my soul from death,

my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.

**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.**

Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly
|people,

from the deceitful and unjust man deliver me!

Stand

KYRIE (*Sing*)

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

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.

Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon
Your people that we may be governed and preserved
evermore in body and soul; 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 40:31–34

³¹“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a

new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, ³²not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

Hebrews 5:1–10

¹Every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. ²He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. ³Because of this he is obligated to offer sacrifice for his own sins just as he does for those of the people. ⁴And no one takes this honor for himself, but only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

⁵So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him,

"You are my Son, today I have begotten you";

⁶as he says also in another place,

"You are a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek."

⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. ⁸Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. ⁹And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him, ¹⁰being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

Stand

GOSPEL READING

Mark 10:32–45

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

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

³²And they were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them. And they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid. And taking the twelve again, he began to tell them what was to happen to him, ³³saying, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death and deliver him over to the Gentiles. ³⁴And they will mock him and spit on him, and flog him and kill him. And after three days he will rise."

³⁵And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." ³⁶And he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?"

³⁷And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." ³⁸Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" ³⁹And they said to him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized, ⁴⁰but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." ⁴¹And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. ⁴²And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. ⁴³But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴and

whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

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

“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing” LBS #686, St. 1-4

- 1 Come, Thou Fount of ev’ry blessing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace; Streams of mercy, never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise. While the hope of endless glory Fills my heart with joy and love, Teach me ever to adore Thee; May I still Thy goodness prove.**
- 2 Here I raise my Ebenezer, Hither by Thy help I’ve come; And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, Safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger, Wand’ring from the fold of God; He, to rescue me from danger, Interposed His precious blood.**
- 3 Oh, to grace how great a debtor Daily I’m constrained to be; Let that grace now like a fetter Bind my wand’ring heart to Thee: Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; Prone to leave the God I love. Here’s my heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts above.**
- 4 Oh, that day when freed from sinning, I shall see Thy lovely face; Clothed then in the blood-washed linen, How I’ll sing Thy wondrous grace! Come, my Lord, no longer tarry; Take my ransom’d soul away; Send Thine angels soon to carry Me to realms of endless day.**

SERMON For Whom it has been prepared. Mark 10:32-45

OFFERTORY HYMN *(Sing)*

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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

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Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy 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)*

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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

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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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PAX DOMINI (*Spoken*)

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

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI (*Sing*)

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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) "The Son of God" -Arr. Gloria Roe

2) "One Bread, One Body" WOV #710, St. 1-3

Refrain: One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless. And we, though many, throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.

1 Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man no more.

Refrain

2 Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all.

Refrain

3 Grain for the fields, scattered and grown, gathered to one for all.

Refrain

3) “Christ Be My Leader” LSB #861, St. 1-3

1 Christ be my Leader by night as by day; Safe through the darkness, for He is the way. Gladly I follow, my future His care, Darkness is daylight when Jesus is there.

2 Christ be my Teacher in age as in youth, Drifting or doubting, for He is the truth. Grant me to trust Him; though shifting as sand, Doubt cannot daunt me; in Jesus I stand.

3 Christ be my Savior in calm as in strife; Death cannot hold me, for He is the life. Nor darkness nor doubting nor sin and its stain Can touch my salvation: with Jesus I reign.

Stand

NUNC DIMITTIS (*Sing*)

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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 **Pages 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

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Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with thy spirit**

Pastor: Bless we the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

BENEDICTION

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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

"O Christ the Same" WOV #778, St. 1-3

1 O Christ the same, through all our story's pages, our loves and hopes, our failures and our fears; eternal Lord, the King of all the ages, unchanging still, amid the passing years: O living Word, the source of all creation, who spread the skies, and set the stars ablaze; O Christ the same, who wrought our whole

salvation, we bring our thanks for all our yesterdays.

- 2 O Christ the same, the friend of sinners, sharing our inmost thoughts, the secrets none can hide; still as of old upon your body bearing the marks of love, in triumph glorified:
O Son of Man, who stooped for us from heaven, O Prince of life, in all your saving power, O Christ the same, to whom our hearts are given, we bring our thanks for this the present hour.
- 3 O Christ the same, secure within whose keeping our lives and loves, our days and years remain, our work and rest, our waking and our sleeping, our calm and storm, our pleasure and our pain: O Lord of love, for all our joys and sorrows, for all our hopes, when earth shall fade and flee, O Christ the same, beyond our brief tomorrows, we bring our thanks for all that is to be.

POSTLUDE

"Little Prelude in A Minor"-J.S.Bach

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 18th at noon, in the fellowship hall. We will study Mary of Bethany. All BSLC women and friends are invited to attend.

Lenten Midweek Services: Join us each Wednesday 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. 5:30 PM 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.

"Living da Vinci" Rehearsal: Wednesday March 20th at 7:30pm.

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.

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
Organist/Dir. of Music:	Ellen Brown
Song Leader:	Marshann Donahue
Special Music:	The Choir & Congregation
Lector & Assisting Elder:	Derek Benson
Greeter:	Kathy Held
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: 3-10-2024; Bible Class—10; Worship Service—51; 3-11-2024 Women’s Bible Study—5; 3-6-2024 Lent Worship—37; 3-7-24 La Mesa meal—112; La Mesa Worship—35; La Mesa Baptism—NA. 3-13-2024—36.

Weekly Envelopes - Income report for 3-10-24: Loose Plate \$57; Weekly Envelopes \$3212; Designated Gifts \$181; Other \$; Total \$3450. 3/6/24 Loose Plate \$466;

THIS WEEK AT BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

March 17, Sunday

8:30 AM Adult Bible Study

9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal

10 AM The Fifth Sunday in Lent w/Holy Communion

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

March 18, Monday

12 PM Women's Bible Study

5 PM Council Meeting

March 20, Wednesday

5:30 PM Serving Dinner

6 PM Choir Rehearsal in the Church

6:30 PM Lenten Worship Service

March 21, Thursday

4-7 PM La Mesa

March 22, Friday

Church & Offices Cleaned

March 24, Sunday

10 AM Palm Sunday Worship

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

***Teenager** from Gethsemane Church was hit by a car has serious injuries,
Roanne Monson, for the mother of Caleb & family, Roann Monson, Joe Carlin recovering from a procedure, ***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 Anderson** bad heart & arthritis, ***Wendy Sievers; *Grace Timm, *Glenn Brown, *Bev Dase, Blue Sky, Charlotte's, grand baby, Ken & Janis Clark** with MS; for **Blue Sky & Amina Kruck** at home;

For ***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 Family of *Pastor Schultz, for the family of *Doris Reith, for ***Pam** who passed away from cancer; **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 - KFNN RADIO (1100) @ 10 AM

March 17 "The Strangest Request" Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Hector Hoppe
God promised to make Abraham the father of many nations through the gift of a son named Isaac. But then God asked Abraham to return that gift in a most shocking way. (Genesis 22:1-14)



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.