

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

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.

April 7, 2024

10:00 a.m.



Peace Given to Believe.

AS WE GATHER

There's something about showing off scars. In 1989, the legendary motorcycle stuntman Evel Knievel was caught in a lawsuit over his scars. In court, the police officer stated that he had not seen any scars, which annoyed Knievel so much he asked if he could "take my shirt off right now..." saying "These scars can be seen from here to the door!" Scars legitimize experience. They remind us of the past but they also remind us of the future. A future we hope will be more meaningful and perhaps stronger with those scars. So it is with Jesus. Thomas tells the other disciples, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe." Thomas gets his wish. Eight days later, Jesus appears to Thomas, saying,

“Put your finger here and see my hands, and put out your hand and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve but believe.” *Why* does Jesus still have his scars? What if his scars are left on purpose? To emphasize the beauty of Jesus through his work to save the lost and raise the dead? Jesus’ scars proclaim the truth that we broken sinners now belong to him forever.

PRELUDE

"Meditation" -Sigfrid Karg-Elert

PASTORAL WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

Pastor: Do we believe?

People: Yes, in spite of ourselves, we do believe!

Pastor: While some follow fad and fashion, changing with the seasons in Paris, London and New York,

People: we follow the man from Nazareth.

Pastor: While some put their hope in a big lotto win, or chase profits, no matter the cost to self or family,

People: we put our hope in loving one another as our Christ has loved us.

Pastor: While some may give in to a sophisticated cynicism, or some fall into apathy or despair,

People: We put our faith in God who has given us his only true son.

Pastor: While some may boast of their superior education, culture, or living standard,

People: We boast in the self-giving of the Son on a Cross.

Pastor: While some try to justify themselves by prizing fame or power, or by claiming superior morals

People: The grace of our Lord Jesus justifies us and frees us

from our sin.

Pastor: Because of Jesus,

People: And through the power of the spirit, we believe in the living God

Pastor: Who renews, reforms, remakes, redeems and resurrects

People: Both us and His church. Amen

OPENING HYMN

“Scatter the Darkness, Break the Gloom” **LSB # 481, St.1-3**

- 1 Scatter the darkness, break the gloom; Sun, reveal an empty tomb Shining with joy for all our sorrows, Hope and peace for all tomorrows, Life unclipped by doubt and dread: Christ has risen from the dead!**
- 2 Bearing the standard from on high As the Lamb of God to die; He who for us, so cruelly treated, Lives again—our foes defeated! Where is your sting, O death and grave? Christ has shown His strength to save!**
- 3 Banners of triumph, be unfurled! Trumpets, sound throughout the world! Crying and sighs, give way to singing: Life from death, our Lord is bringing! Let there begin the jubilee— Christ has gained the victory!**

Stand

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION (Spoken)

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

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

C Amen.

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

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Sit

INTROIT *(Read responsively)* *Psalm 105:1–5, 8; antiphon: 1 Peter 2:2–3*

Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation—

if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;

make known his deeds among the peoples!

Sing to him, sing praises to him;

tell of all his wondrous works!

Glory in his holy name;

let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

Seek the LORD and his strength;

seek his presence continually!

Remember the wondrous works that he has done,
his miracles, and the judgments he uttered.
He remembers his covenant forever,
the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.

**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.**
Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you
may grow up to salvation—
if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Stand

KYRIE (Sing)

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P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

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

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church
of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

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

C Lord, have mercy.

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C Amen.

THIS IS THE FEAST (Sing)

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

**C Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us
free to be people of God.**

**Power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and
blessing and glory are His.**

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

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia, alleluia.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sit

FIRST READING

Acts 4:32–35

³²The full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. ³³And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold ³⁵and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING

1 John 1:1—2:2

¹That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with

our hands, concerning the word of life— ²the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us— ³that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

⁵This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. ⁷But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

¹My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. ²He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Because He Lives” -Wm. & Gloria Gaither

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE (Sing)

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C Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 20:19–31

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁹On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ²⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." ²²And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld."

²⁴Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe."

²⁶Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, 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

“O Sons and Daughters of the King” LSB #470 St. 1, 5-8

- 1 O sons and daughters of the King, Whom heav'nly hosts in glory sing, Today the grave has lost its sting!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**
- 5 When Thomas first the tidings heard That they had seen the risen Lord, He doubted the disciples' word.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**
- 6 “My piercèd side, O Thomas, see, And look upon My hands,**

My feet; Not faithless but believing be.”

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**7 No longer Thomas then denied; He saw the feet, the hands,
the side; “You are my Lord and God!” he cried.**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**8 How blest are they who have not seen And yet whose faith
has constant been, For they eternal life shall win.**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**9 On this most holy day of days Be laud and jubilee and praise:
To God your hearts and voices raise.**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

SERMON

Relax Guys, It's Me!

John 20:19-31

Stand

OFFERTORY HYMN (Sing)

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**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.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

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P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P 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, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS *(Sing)*

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**C Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heav'n and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the
highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood

as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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P 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."

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

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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C 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, grant us peace.

Sit

DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

1) (piano) "Forever Reign" -Ingram & Morgan

2) Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness **LSB #636, St. 1, 6 & 7**

1 Soul, adorn yourself with gladness, Leave the gloomy haunts of sadness, Come into the daylight's splendor, There with joy your praises render. Bless the One whose grace unbounded This amazing banquet founded; He, though heav'nly, high, and holy, Deigns to dwell with you most lowly.

6 Jesus, sun of life, my splendor, Jesus, friend of friends, most tender, Jesus, joy of my desiring, Fount of life, my soul inspiring: At Your feet I cry, my maker, Let me be a fit partaker Of this blessed food from heaven, For our good, Your glory,

given.

7 Lord, by love and mercy driven, You once left Your throne in Heaven On the cross for me to languish And to die in bitter anguish, To forego all joy and gladness And to shed Your blood in sadness. By this blood redeemed and living, Lord, I praise You with thanksgiving.

3) “We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight” (Sung to the tune of “Amazing Grace) WOV#675, St. 1-4

- 1 We walk by faith and not by sight: with gracious words draw Near, O Christ, who spoke as none e’er spoke: “My peace be with you here.**
- 2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor follow where you Trod; but in your promise we rejoice, and cry, “My Lord and God!”**
- 3 Help then, O Lord, our unbelief’ and may our faith abound to Call on you when you are near and seek where you are found;**
- 4 That, when our life of faith is done, in realms of clearer light We may behold you as you are, with full and endless sight.**

Stand

THANK THE LORD (Sing)

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C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev’ryone what He has done. Let ev’ryone who seeks the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name. He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

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A 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.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

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P 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.

C Amen.

Sit

CLOSING HYMN “Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen” LSB #474, St. 1, 2, 4, 5

1 Alleluia! Jesus is risen! Trumpets resounding in glorious light! Splendor, the Lamb, Heaven forever! Oh, what a miracle God has in sight! Refrain

**Refrain: Jesus is risen and we shall arise: Give God the glory!
Alleluia!**

2 Walking the way, Christ in the center Telling the story to open our eyes; Breaking our bread, Giving us glory: Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise. Refrain

4 Weeping, be gone; Sorrow, be silent: Death put asunder, and Easter is bright. Cherubim sing: “O grave, be open!” Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light. Refrain

5 City of God, Easter forever, Golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb, River of life, Saints and archangels, Sing with creation to God the I AM! Refrain

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday Bible Study: We finished our study on the Book of Revelation today. Join us as we'll 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 8th** at noon in the Fellowship Hall. We will study Mary Magdalene. All BSLC women and friends are invited to attend.

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

All BSLC women and friends are invited to the Lutheran Women in Mission (LWML) meeting Saturday, April 13th, 10 AM in the fellowship hall. We will have an opening devotion, refreshments, and updates about our activities. Don't know what the LWML is about? Come and see how you can serve Beautiful Savior and support mission outreach as well as sharing time with each other. Not able to attend but want to know more? Contact Sandra Wardwell, s.wardwell@asu.edu, 480-334-4176.

Chosen Night: Join us on Saturday April 13th in the Fellowship Hall 5 pm 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.

New Member Classes start up Again on Sunday April 14th. Anyone interested in joining our church or learning more about who we are here at Beautiful Savior, what we do and what we

believe is encouraged to come to our New Member meetings following fellowship this Sunday and the next few weeks in Fellowship Hall.

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.

POSTLUDE

"Come Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain"-Setting by David Cherwien

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SERVING US AT WORSHIP TODAY:

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| Officiant Preacher: | Rev. Tim Anderson |
| Organist/Dir. of Music: | Ellen Brown |
| Song Leader: | Charles Haynes |
| Special Music: | The Beautiful Savior Singers |
| Lector: | Charlotte Grefe |
| Assisting Elder: | Derek Benson |
| Greeter: | Marsha Beetham |
| Altar: | Bobbie Littou & Charlotte Grefe |

Visitors, please sign (with a complete address) our **Guest Book** on the podium in the entryway before you leave and/or complete a **grey/cream “Worship Information” card** found in the pew in front of you. Members are also encouraged to complete a “Worship Information” card (you can update address and phone number, request a pastoral visit)

Pastor Tim's New Office Hours: Now that Pastor Tim is full-time with us here at Beautiful Savior, he has new office hours. He 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.

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: 3-28-24; Worship Service—76; Easter Worship Services—95. 4-1-2024 Women's Bible Study—5 Brunch & Bibles Midweek Bible Study—NA; La Mesa Attendance 3-14-2024—Meal 125; Worship—31. Good Friday—52; Easter Vigil—10;

Income report for Maundy Thursday 3-28-24: Loose Plate \$1330.12; Weekly Envelopes \$300; Designated Gifts \$142.55; Other \$; Total \$1772.67; 3-29-2024 Loose Plate \$37; Weekly Envelopes \$280, Designated \$. Total \$317. 3/31/2024; Easter Worship Loose Plate \$186.51; Designated Gifts \$20; Weekly Envelopes \$2395.; Total \$2601.51

THIS WEEK AT BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

April 7, Sunday

8:30 AM Adult Bible Study

9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal

10 AM Second Sunday of Easter Worship w/Holy Communion

(Also, being streamed on Facebook online)

April 8, Monday

10 AM Pastor Anderson at meeting out of office

12 PM Women's Bible Study led by Sandra Wardwell

April 9, Tuesday

10:30 AM Pastor Anderson at Ghrist Greenfield, Gilbert

5:30 PM VBS Meeting

7 PM Board of Finance

April 11, Thursday

12 PM Brunch & Bibles Cracker and Co Cafe on Elliot

4-7 PM La Mesa

April 12, Friday

9AM-11 AM Church Offices Cleaned

April 13, Saturday

Join us on Saturday April 13th in the Fellowship Hall 5 pm for our next Chosen Night (Dinner & the Movie)

April 14, Sunday

10 AM Third Sunday of Easter Worship – Casual Worship

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;

Wendy McWilliams **pray for her husband** in the hospital, **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, **Cindy Koch, Rikki Anderson, 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, Mason Midkiff** – 8 months old - difficulty swallowing;

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;

Wendy, safe travels to & from ND;

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 - KFNX RADIO (1100) @ 10 AM: April 7 "Raise the Flag" Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
Learn how the followers of Christ are raising God's flag in the world. (Acts 1:1-11)



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.

