

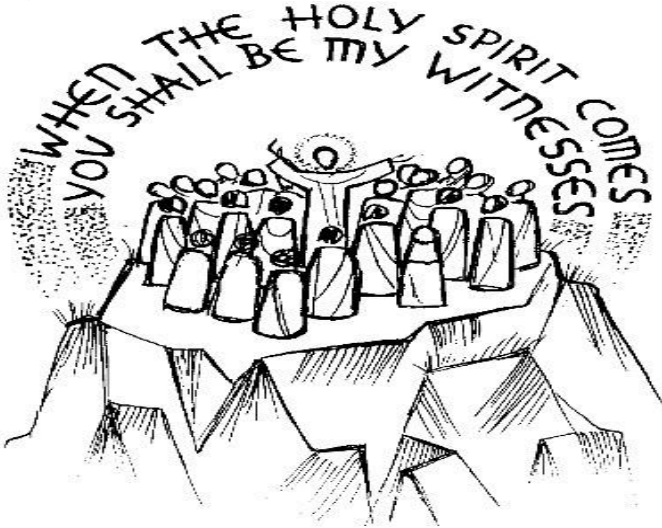
THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

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

May 12, 2024

10:00 a.m.



This Ending Is a New Beginning

AS WE GATHER

While the Ascension is often underappreciated, it is a very important feast, and its message is deeply profound. We tend to think of Jesus' ascension as an ending point, and no one likes to wave goodbye. Even the apostles felt a sense of apprehension. But our Lord prepared them by opening the Scriptures to them so that they might know where to hear His voice even as His visual appearance would not be with them. We know that they understood this, because they returned with joy and not fear, celebrating this event as a new beginning and not an end.

CASUAL SUNDAY

PRAISE MEDLEY

1) "Because He Lives" TOSB #11

VERSE 1:

God sent His Son, they called Him Jesus; He came to love, heal and forgive. He lived and died, to buy my pardon; an empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.

(CHORUS)

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow; Because He lives. all fear is gone. Because I know, He holds the future And life is worth the living Just because He lives.

VERSE 2:

How sweet to hold a newborn baby and feel the pride and joy He gives; but greater still the calm assurance this child can face uncertain days because He lives. (Chorus)

VERSE 3:

And then one day, I'll cross the river; I'll fight life's final war with pain. And then as death gives way to victory, I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He lives. (Chorus)

2) "Great and Mighty is He" CCLI

Chorus

**Great and mighty is He, Great and mighty is He;
Clothed in glory arrayed in splendor, Great and mighty is He.**

(REPEAT)

Verse

**Let us lift His name up high, Celebrate His grace;
For He has redeemed our lives, And He reigns on
high.**

Ending

**Great and mighty is, Great and mighty, is Great
and mighty is He!**

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3) "In Christ Alone" CCLI

- 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 ev'ry 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 His is mine, Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

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

Coda: No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, Can ever pluck me from His hand, Till He returns or calls me home, Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand. Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

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PASTORAL WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ, You were brought low, yet You have been lifted high. You were the servant of all, yet You are above all and beyond all. You were despised and rejected, yet Your name is exalted above all names. Fully human, fully divine. Taken into heaven, yet here by our sides. You are higher than our highest thoughts, greater than our minds could ever grasp. So with all your people in every age, we bow before You

and confess you as our risen Savior, the King of kings, the Lord of lords, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

Stand

CONFESSON AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: we are called here to boldly imagine an impossible world

People: where what is broken is restored to wholeness where what is dead is brought to life

Pastor: here we bring the world's most damaged realities and hold them in faith that they and we will be changed

People: **through the presence of hope and love.**

Pastor: Let us in the presence of God and one another confess our brokenness and strife. Holy One who makes all things new,

People: We confess that we have sinned against you and one another. We have wounded the whole creation by the things we have done and the things we have failed to do. We cannot live up to even our own values and ideals. But you make all things new through your Son our Savior, Jesus Christ. In your infinite compassion, you sent Jesus to live, die, and rise again so that we would be set free from the bondage of sin and shame and that by your spirit, we would be led to live the new life in Christ that you have prepared for us. Amen.

Pastor: As Jesus Christ instructed his followers, that

the forgiveness of sins be proclaimed in his name from Jerusalem to the ends of the earth. Sisters and Brothers, be at peace. Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, and by Christ's authority alone, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord and savior Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit. Hear again the good news: Christ is risen you and has ascended to the father. You are free to live in the freedom that is yours in Christ.

People: Amen.

Sit

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT (*Read responsively*) *Psalm 27:1a, 4–5, 10, 14;*
antiphon: v. 7

Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud;

be gracious to me and answer me!

The LORD is my light and my salvation;

whom shall I fear?

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.

For my father and my mother have forsaken me,
but the LORD will take me in.

Wait for the LORD;

**be strong, and let your heart take courage;
wait for the LORD!**

**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.**

Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud;

be gracious to me and answer me!

Stand

KYRIE (*Spoken*)

**C Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord,
have mercy.**

GLORIA (*Sing*)

"Gloria" (WOV #640)

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the
highest! Glory to God, glory to God. Alleluia!
Alleluia!**

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And Also with you.

P Let us pray.

O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph
far above all heavens, leave us not without
consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom
You promised from the Father; for You live and
reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now
and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

FIRST READING

Acts 1:1–11

¹In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, ²until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³To them he presented himself alive after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

⁴And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, “you heard from me; ⁵for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” ⁹And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, ¹¹and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING

Ephesians 1:15–23

¹⁵For this reason, because I have heard of your

faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, ¹⁷that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, ¹⁸having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might ²⁰that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. ²²And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC "She Will Be Called Blessed"

Prov.31:10-31 Text: Elizabeth deGravelles / Music:

Joseph Barlowe

Stand

"Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks" WOV #671

Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord; alleluia, alleluia, give Praise to His name.

1. Jesus is Lord of all the earth; he is the king of Creation. Refrain

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 24:44–53

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

⁴⁴Then [Jesus] said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

⁵⁰Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. ⁵¹While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵²And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, ⁵³and were continually in the temple blessing God.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

APOSTLE’S CREED

All: 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.

Sit

HYMN OF THE DAY “Before the Throne of God
Above” Song by Sovereign Grace Music

**Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea
A great High Priest whose name is love
Who ever lives and pleads for me
My name is graven on His hands
My name is written on His heart
I know that while in heav'n He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart
No tongue can bid me thence depart**

**When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end to all my sin
Because the sinless Savior died
My sinful soul is counted free
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me
To look on Him and pardon me**

**Behold Him there, the risen Lamb
My perfect, spotless Righteousness
The great unchangeable I Am
The King of glory and of grace
One with Himself, I cannot die
My soul is purchased by His blood
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ my Savior and my God**

**One with Himself, I cannot die
My soul is purchased by His blood
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ my Savior and my God
With Christ my Savior and my God**

**Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea
A great High Priest whose name is love
Who ever lives and pleads for me
Who ever lives and pleads for me**

SERMON Our Turn: (Luke 24:44-53)

OFFERING

Stand

OFFERTORY HYMN (*Sing*)

“For All the Faithfull Women” LSB #855, S. 1,11 & 13

- 1. For all the faithful women Who served in
 days of old, To You shall thanks be given;
 To all, their story told. They served with
 strength and gladness In tasks Your wisdom
 gave. To you their lives bore witness,
 Proclaimed Your pow’r to save.**

11. **We sing Your praise for Mary, Who came at
Easter dawn To look for Jesus' body And
Found her Lord was gone. But, as with joy
She saw Him In resurrection light. May we
By faith behold Him, The Day who ends our
Night!**
13. **For Eunice and for Lois We sing our thanks
and praise. Young Timothy they nurtured
And led him in Your ways. Raise up in ev'ry
household True teachers of Your Word
Whose lives will bear clear witness To Christ,
our risen Lord.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

(Congregation response to petitions:

Hear our Prayer)

BENEDICTION

Pastor: People of God, let's not just stand here,
gazing into heaven as the disciples did after
they saw Jesus leave.

People: **Instead, let's take up the mission Jesus
left us: to be his witnesses, to tell
everyone we meet who Jesus is, and
how he has changed us.**

Pastor: As you go from this place, remember
this: Our God reigns! He is robed with
majesty and armed with strength.

People: **His kingdom is from everlasting to
everlasting. He holds our world and
our lives securely.**

Pastor: So do not be afraid, but go from here with
confidence, knowing that the God who

goes with you is greater and more powerful than anything else you will face. And may the grace of God, the love of Jesus Christ, and the presence of the Holy Spirit go with us all and give us † peace.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“Mighty To Save”

Verse 1

**Ev'ryone needs compassion
Love that's never failing
Let mercy fall on me
Ev'ryone needs forgiveness
The kindness of a Saviour
The hope of nations**

Chorus

**Saviour He can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save
He is mighty to save
Forever Author of salvation
He rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave**

Verse 2

**So take me as You find me
All my fears and failures
Fill my life again
I give my life to follow
Ev'rything I believe in
Now I surrender**

Bridge

Shine your light and let the whole world see

**We're singing
For the glory of the risen King Jesus
Shine your light and let the whole world see
We're singing
For the glory of the risen King**

Ben Fielding, Reuben Morgan

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POSTLUDE "Great and Mighty is He" (reprise)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday Bible Study: Join us for our Bible Study on the books of Ezra and Nehemiah. We meet Sunday morning at 8:30am in the Fellowship Hall.

New Member Class is meeting today. 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 meeting following fellowship this Sunday.

Women's Weekly Bible Study will meet Monday, May 13th at noon in the fellowship hall. We will study Cain & Abel as we continue our study on the 54 men of the Bible. All BSLC women and friends are invited to attend.

Chosen Night, Saturday, May 25th @ 5 p.m. We will watch Season 3 episode 6, "Intensity in Tent City"

Memorial for ASU students: Donations in memory of Nivesh and Gouthan, Sharon Owens' students killed in a car crash, should be sent to the Pacific Southwest District LCMS, 1540 Concordia Drive East, Irvine, CA 92612-3203. Please write in the memo line 'CMC Memorial'. CMC stands for Campus Ministry Coalition.

VBS Planning Meeting: Tuesday, May 22nd @ 6 p.m. Please join us as we continue to plan for our summer VBS.

The VBS donation board is now up in the narthex hallway. Please consider taking an item or two off the board and donating them to Beautiful Savior for our Scuba Vacation Bible School.

VBS Registration now open. If you or anyone you know is interested in signing up family members and kids for our Summer 2024 Scuba VBS, you can do so on our website, www.BeautifulSaviorTempe.org. Scuba VBS is June 17-21st from 5-7:30pm each night and includes a family dinner each evening.

Kitchen Etiquette: If you leave any items in the church kitchen PLEASE label them with what they are to be used for. Thank you!!!

Fellowship Hour: If you would like to bring in something to share during fellowship, please sign your name on the date you would like. The schedule is on the fellowship board. Questions, talk to Pastor Tim.

Donate to Beautiful Savior: Church Members and others who wish to "give electronically" can do so by going to: easytithe.com/BSLCTempe. Then choose the 'Recurring' or 'One-Time' giving option and choose a Fund. The Funds are: General Budget, LWML, Missions, Air conditioners, La Mesa, Staff Continuing Education, Vacation Bible School and Other. When selecting "Other", please specify how your donation should be used. Thank you!!

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SERVING US AT WORSHIP TODAY:

Preacher and Liturgist:	Pastor Tim Anderson
Dir. of Music/Pianist:	Ellen Brown
Guitarist:	Christy Arnold
Lector Reader:	Bobbie Littou
Song Leader:	Donna Evans
Special Music:	The Beautiful Savior Singers
Acolyte:	Charles Haynes
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 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: 5-5-24 Bible Class—10; Worship Service—32; 5-6-2024 Women’s Bible Study—7; 5-9-24 La Mesa meal—, La Mesa worship—; La Mesa Baptism—NA.

Income report for 5-5-24: Loose Plate \$40; Weekly Envelopes \$5390; Designated Gifts \$176.75; Other \$; Total \$5606.75.

THIS WEEK AT BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

May 12, Sunday

8:30 AM Adult Bible Study

9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal

10 AM Ascension Sunday Worship

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

12 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal

May 13, Monday

12 PM Women’s Bible Study

May 14, Tuesday

10 AM Braille Printing Group

May 16, Thursday

12 PM Brunch & Bibles” Mid-week Bible Study at Crackers & Co. Café, 1285 Elliott Rd., Tempe, please let Kathryn Odle know if you are attending

4-7 PM La Mesa

May 19 Sunday

10 AM The Day of Pentecost Worship w/Holy Communion

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

Sharon Owens – **peace and comfort, for families and friends** on the of two students, **Nivesh and Gouthan**, in car accident;

Joe Carlin in the hospital has multiple myeloma in his shoulder & recovering from the stroke; **Bill Christian** in the hospital, **Wendell Robson** at home; **Rikki Anderson** having varicose vein surgery on Tuesday, **Katheryn Odle** tests show problems can be taken care of with medication, **Cyndi Calender** – **back surgery**; **Kevin, Pat and Joe’s nephew** – infection in leg, remove, clean and replace rod etc; **Carol Hurley** Donna Evans daughter w/Ehlers-Daxlos (EDS); prayers for Bev Dase’ nephew **David** is now recovering at home, also for her brother **Fred** having back surgery on May 14;

Jeanne Wilson, Donna's, mother-in-law - in hospice now. **Bergman’s daughter-in-law, Christy, Glenn Brown, Judy Mahr, Blue Sky (Tom), Beth Givan**, with Parkinson’s disease & cancer;

Pastor Pope in hospice care;

Louise & family on the passing of her husband, **Brenda Frank** undergoing testing potential pancreatic cancer; **Beth**

Givan, Rachel's mother – Parkinson's disease and cancer;
Amina Kruck, Annalisa, Jim Schutkowski – chemo treatments;

Len Lacy - memory care;

Ken, Janis Clark – suffering from MS.

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 - KFAX RADIO (1100) @ 10 AM May 12 "Unforecastable" Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler It's been said that God's call often comes as a surprise. In Acts 9, we meet three men who found themselves called in ways they could neither forecast nor control. (Acts 9:31)