

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

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

April 28, 2024

10:00 a.m.



Connected To The Vine

AS WE GATHER

At the beginning of his gospel, John reveals God has chosen to dwell among us. Throughout the gospel, we see this wonder unfold. Jesus enters into places and engages in conversations with people. He sits at the side of a well in Samaria. He walks along the Sea of Galilee. He shares the joy of a wedding and the grief of a funeral. That Jesus dwells among us is a wonder. Though we are lost in sin, He comes to find us in grace. Yet, Jesus reveals something more. He has not just come to dwell among us. No, He has also chosen to dwell within us. "I am the vine; you are the branches," Jesus says. Branches have no life of their own. Their life flows from the vine. So, too, we have no life of our own. Our life comes from Jesus. His resurrection from the dead has revealed that He is the source of all life. The life He gives is not just life after death. No, it is life now in the world, in the unfolding of His Kingdom.

PRELUDE "Now the Green Blade Rises" -Setting by
David Cherwien

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

Vicar: God of love, plant us in the soil of your grace. Nurture us with the strength of Christ, the vine of everlasting life. Enlighten us with the wisdom of your Spirit, which flows through us today and all days. Abide in us, that we may abide in you and live in your love. In your holy name, we pray.

People: Amen.

OPENING HYMN

"Fruitful Trees, the Spirit Sowing" **LSB #691, St. 1-4**

- 1 Fruitful trees, the Spirit's sowing,
May we ripen and increase,
Fruit to life eternal growing,
Rich in love and joy and peace.**
- 2 Laden branches freely bearing
Gifts the Giver loves to bless;
Here is fruit that grows by sharing,
Patience, kindness, gentleness.**
- 3 Rooted deep in Christ our Master,
Christ our pattern and our goal,
Teach us, as the years fly faster,
Goodness, faith, and self-control.**
- 4 Fruitful trees, the Spirit's tending,
May we grow till harvests cease;**

**Till we taste, in life unending,
Heaven's love and joy and peace.**

Stand

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

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

C Amen.

V Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

V If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore, You are feared.

V Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

V Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily

and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

Sit

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT (*Read responsively*)

Psalm 145:1–2, 8, 10, 21; antiphon: John 16:16

A little while, and you will see me no longer;

and again a little while, and you will see me.

I will extol you, my God and King,

and bless your name forever and ever.

Every day I will bless you

and praise your name forever and ever.

The LORD is gracious and merciful,

slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,

and all your saints shall bless you!

My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD,

and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.

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.

A little while, and you will see me no longer;

and again a little while, and you will see me.

Stand

KYRIE (*Sing*)

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C Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord,

have mercy.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (Sing)

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C 1 To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth; Goodwill from God in heaven Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!

We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name, we sing— Our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our heav'nly King.

2 To You, O sole-begotten, The Father's Son, we pray; O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away. Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heartfelt cry, Where You in pow'r are seated At God's right hand on high—

3 For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord. Forever and forever, Be worshiped and adored; You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High, In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

V The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

V Let us pray.

O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; 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

FIRST READING

Acts 8:26–40

²⁶An angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” This is a desert place. ²⁷And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹And the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over and join this chariot.” ³⁰So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” ³¹And he said, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. ³²Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this:

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter
and like a lamb before its shearer is silent,
so he opens not his mouth.

³³In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth.”

³⁴And the eunuch said to Philip, “About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” ³⁵Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “See, here is water! What prevents me

from being baptized?” ³⁸And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. ³⁹And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

1 John 4:1–21

¹Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. ²By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, ³and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. ⁴Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. ⁵They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. ⁶We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through

him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. ¹⁵Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. ¹⁶So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. ¹⁷By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. ¹⁸There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. ¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. ²¹And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Sit

SPECIAL MUSIC "His Banner Over Me is Love"

ALLELUIA AND VERSE (Sing)

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C Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

These things are written that you may believe

**that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Stand

HOLY GOSPEL

John 15:1–8

**V The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the
fifteenth chapter.**

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹[Jesus said:] “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. ²Every branch of mine that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.”

V This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise 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 “At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing” **LSB #633, St. 1,2,7, & 8**

- 1 At the Lamb’s high feast we sing Praise to our victorious King, Who has washed us in the tide Flowing from His piercèd side. Alleluia!**
- 2 Praise we Him, whose love divine Gives His sacred blood for wine, Gives His body for the feast—Christ the victim, Christ the priest. Alleluia!**
- 7 Easter triumph, Easter joy! This alone can sin destroy; From sin’s pow’r, Lord, set us free, Newborn souls in You to be. Alleluia!**
- 8Δ Father, who the crown shall give, Savior, by whose death we live, Spirit, guide through all our days: Three in One, Your name we praise. Alleluia!**

SERMON “Are you Listening?” Acts 8:26-40.

Stand

OFFERING MUSIC (Sing)

“We Give Thee But Thine Own” **LSB #781, St. 1 & 2**

- 1 We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift
may be; All that we have is Thine alone,
A trust, O Lord, from Thee.**
- 2 May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true
receive and gladly, as Thou blessest us,
To Thee our first-fruits give!**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH (*Congregation
response to petitions:* Hear our Prayer)

LORD'S PRAYER(*Spoken*) **Page 209**

- C 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.**

BENEDICAMUS & BENEDICTION **Page 212**

V Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

V 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

“Blessed Assurance” TOSB #16. St. 1-3

1 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine: O what a foretaste of glory divine! Heir of salvation, purchase of God; born of His Spirit, washed in His blood. Chorus.

Chorus: This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long; This is my story, This is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long.

2 Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture burst on my sight; angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love. Chorus.

3 Perfect submission, all is at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blessed; watching and waiting, looking above, filled with His goodness, lost in His love. Chorus.

POSTLUDE

II. (Allegro) from “*Suite Gothique*” Leon Boellmann

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 not meeting today. We'll meet again on Sunday May 5th. 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 next Sunday.

Women's Weekly Bible Study will meet Monday, April 29th at noon in the Fellowship Hall. We will study Priscilla. All BSLC women and friends are invited to attend.

The Quarterly Voters meeting will be held Sunday, April 28th, 11:30 AM. In the Fellowship Hall.

LWML Regular Meeting Saturday, May 4th at 10 a.m., in the Fellowship Hall.

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.

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.

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:	Vicar Geoff Nedry
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Lector Reader & Acolyte	Charles Haynes
Song Leader:	Marshann Donahue
Special Music:	The Beautiful Savior Singers
Acolyte:	Charles Haynes
Greeter:	Rikkie Anderson
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: 4-21-2024; 4-21-24 Bible Class—11; Worship Service—42; 4-15-2024 Women’s Bible Study—7; 4-18-24 La Mesa meal—129, La Mesa worship—34; La Mesa Baptism—NA.

Income report for 4-21-24: Loose Plate \$15; Weekly Envelopes \$3120; Designated Gifts \$134; Other \$; Total \$3269.

THIS WEEK AT BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

April 28, Sunday

8:30 AM Adult Bible Study

9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal

10 AM Fifth Sunday of Easter Worship

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

April 29, Monday

12 PM Women's Bible Study

April 30, Tuesday

May 2, Thursday

4-7 PM La Mesa

May 3, Friday

Church & Offices Cleaned

May 5, Sunday

10 AM The Sixth Sunday of Easter w/Holy Communion

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

Katheryn Odle not feeling well & having tests, **Judy Mahr**-broken hip, **Cyndi Callender, Cindy Koch, Bobbie Littou, Nolan Conley, Blue Sky & Amina Kruck, Joe Carlin, Kevin**– infection in leg, Charlotte's grand baby, **Marianne Lemkau, Nola** vision problems, **Mary Tarsitano, Carol Hurley, Josh, Ken, Rikkie Anderson, Christy**, daughter-in-law of Bergmans, **Glenn Brown, Bev Dase, Grace Timm, Ken & Janis Clark w/MS;**

Pastor Pope in hospice care;

Rachel Givan's mother **Beth w/Parkinson's & cancer, Nicole McClain, Annalisa Durnan, Brenda Frank, Warren, Cheryl, Jim Schutkowski** – cancer treatments;

Len Lacy - memory care;

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 - KFNB RADIO (1100) @

10 AM April 28 "We Can't Stop Talking" Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Jesus calls His followers to undergo transformation, endure opposition, and engage others in conversation.

(Acts 4:20)