

EASTER SUNDAY
Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church
Tempe, AZ

April 5, 2026

10:00 AM

As we worship together, please respond to the Pastor (“P”) or the Reader (“R”) in the bolded sections labeled “C” for Congregational Response.

SOLO

“Were You There” - LSB #456, v. 4
Donna Evans

JOYOUS BELLS

OPENING HYMN

“Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”
LSB #465, v. 1-4

- 1 Now all the vault of heav’n resounds
In praise of love that still abounds:
“Christ has triumphed! He is living!”
Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!
Repeat their song of glory here:
“Christ has triumphed! Christ has triumphed!”
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

- 2 Eternal is the gift He brings,
Therefore our heart with rapture sings:
“Christ has triumphed! He is living!”
Now still He comes to give us life
And by His presence stills all strife.
Christ has triumphed! He is living!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

- 3 O fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;
Set heart and will on things above**

**That we conquer through Your triumph;
Grant grace sufficient for life's day
That by our lives we truly say:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**4△ Adoring praises now we bring
And with the heav'nly blessed sing:
"Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!"
Be to the Father and our Lord,
To Spirit blest, most holy God,
All the glory, never ending!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

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PASTORAL WELCOME

INVOCATION

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

C **Amen.**

P Christ is Risen!

C **He is Risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P He is risen, just as He said!

C **Alleluia! Alleluia!**

CONFESSION

P In the joy of Christ's resurrection, yet mindful that we still struggle with sin, let us confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Merciful Father, You have loved us with an everlasting love and raised Your Son from the dead to bring us new life. Yet we confess that we still cling to sin and fear and set our minds on earthly things rather than on things above. Forgive us for the**

sake of Jesus Christ, who was crucified for our sins and raised for our justification. Renew us by Your Spirit that we may live as Your Easter people; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

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

ABSOLUTION

P Do not be afraid. Christ is not in the tomb; He is risen! Because Jesus died for your sins and was raised from the dead, your life is hidden with Him in God. 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.

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 16

Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you."

As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight.

The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names on my lips.

The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.

I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.

I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure.

For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption.

You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

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.

KYRIE*(Sung)*

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

LSB 171

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.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray together the prayer of the day,

C Almighty God the Father, through Your only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 31:1-6

“At that time, declares the LORD, I will be the God of all the clans of Israel, and they shall be my people.”

² Thus says the LORD:

“The people who survived the sword
found grace in the wilderness;
when Israel sought for rest,

³ the LORD appeared to him from far away.

I have loved you with an everlasting love;
therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.

⁴ Again I will build you, and you shall be built,
O virgin Israel!

Again you shall adorn yourself with tambourines
and shall go forth in the dance of the merrymakers.

⁵ Again you shall plant vineyards
on the mountains of Samaria;
the planters shall plant
and shall enjoy the fruit.

⁶ For there shall be a day when watchmen will call
in the hill country of Ephraim:
‘Arise, and let us go up to Zion,
to the LORD our God.’”

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

EPISTLE READING

Colossians 3:1-4

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. ³ For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley"
- Arr. Jack Schrader

Please Rise

ALLELUIA AND VERSE (Sung)

LSB 173

C Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 28:1–10

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ² And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴ And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. ⁵ But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I

know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you.” ⁸ So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ And behold, Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

NICENE CREED

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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

**"I Know That My Redeemer Lives"
LSB #461, v. 1-2, 6, 8**

- 1 I know that my Redeemer lives;
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;
He lives, my ever-living head.**

- 2 He lives triumphant from the grave;
He lives eternally to save;
He lives all-glorious in the sky;
He lives exalted there on high.**

- 6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;
He lives and loves me to the end;
He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing;
He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.**

- 8 He lives, all glory to His name!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same;
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:
I know that my Redeemer lives!**

SERMON

OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN

"Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia"

**1 Christ has arisen, alleluia.
Rejoice and praise Him, alleluia.
For our Redeemer burst from the tomb,
Even from death, dispelling its gloom. *Refrain***

**Refrain Let us sing praise to Him with endless joy;
Death's fearful sting He has come to destroy.
Our sin forgiving, alleluia!
Jesus is living, alleluia!**

**5 Christ has arisen; He sets us free;
Alleluia, to Him praises be.
Jesus is living! Let us all sing;
He reigns triumphant, heavenly King. *Refrain***

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P Gathered around Christ crucified and risen, let us pray for the whole people of God, the earth, and all who cry out for healing.

Awaken the church, that it may boldly proclaim the new creation we celebrate on this resurrection day. We pray for Pastors, ministers and all those who volunteer in the Church. Guide those who lead flocks of Christians around the world, that they may be enlivened with Resurrection Joy! Lord, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

P Raise up political and civic leaders who will bring forth a springtime of care for the poor and those most vulnerable among us. That they may lead with humble servant hearts. We pray for our President, members of Congress, our local leaders and all who work to govern our great nation. Lord, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

P Draw to your heart all those weighed down by grief, illness, or anxiety; those absent or forgotten; and those homebound or hospitalized, we pray for all those know to us and those who suffer in silence; for those on our prayer list and those we now name on our lips and in our hearts... that the Resurrection Joy of Christ may shine upon them with hope. Lord, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

P Make yourself known to us as we eat and drink at your table, although we are not worthy to receive your grace, grant us faith that we may live as the risen body of Christ in the world. Lord, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

P We give You thanks for all the saints who have proclaimed the resurrection through their lives of faith. We praise you for their witness to the Resurrection. Grant us grace to entrust them to You and the faith to know that we will be with them again one day because of Your resurrection power. Lord, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

P We give You thanks for all the saints who have proclaimed the resurrection through their lives of faith. We praise you for their witness to the Resurrection. Grant us grace to entrust them to You and the faith to know that we will be with them again one day because of Your resurrection power. Lord, in your mercy,

C Amen.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

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.

PROPER PREFACE

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, Mary the mother of James, Salome, 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, ever more praising You and singing...

SANCTUS *(Sung)*

LSB 178

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

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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."

THE PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

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 judgement. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray.

LORD'S PRAYER (*Spoken*)

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.

PAX DOMINI (*Spoken*)

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen

AGNUS DEI (*Sung*)

LSB 180

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.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"In the Garden" - C. Austin Miles
Soloist: Marshann Donahue

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"
LSB #457, v. 1-4

1 Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!

**Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!**

**2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!**

**3 But the pains which He endured, Alleluia!
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
Now above the sky He's king, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!**

**4Δ Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as His love; Alleluia!
Praise Him, all ye heav'nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!**

**“At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing”
LSB #633, v. 1-8**

**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!**

**3 Where the paschal blood is poured,
Death's dread angel sheathes the sword;**

**Israel's hosts triumphant go
Through the wave that drowns the foe.
Alleluia!**

**4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed,
Paschal victim, paschal bread;
With sincerity and love
Eat we manna from above.
Alleluia!**

**5 Mighty Victim from the sky,
Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie;
You have conquered in the fight,
You have brought us life and light.
Alleluia!**

**6 Now no more can death appall,
Now no more the grave enthrall;
You have opened paradise,
And Your saints in You shall rise.
Alleluia!**

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE **"At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"**
LSB #633, v. 1-8

**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!**

**8△ 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!**

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P Let us pray.

O God, in the paschal feast, You have restored all creation. Continue to send Your heavenly gifts upon Your people that we may walk in perfect freedom serve You with willing obedience, proclaim Your good news to all the ends of the earth, and be faithful in Christ until we receive the crown of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION

P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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.**

Please Be Seated

CLOSING HYMN

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

LSB #525, v. 1-5

1 **Crown Him with many crowns,**
(All) **The Lamb upon His throne;**
Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns
All music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless king
Through all eternity.

2
(Women & Children)
**Crown Him the virgin's Son,
The God incarnate born,
Whose arm those crimson trophies won
Which now His brow adorn:
Fruit of the mystic rose,
Yet of that rose the stem,
The root whence mercy ever flows,
The babe of Bethlehem.**

3
(Choir)
**Crown Him the Lord of love.
Behold His hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above,
In beauty glorified.
No angels in the sky
Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bend their wond'ring eyes
At mysteries so bright.**

4
(Men)
**Crown Him the Lord of life,
Who triumphed o'er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife
For those He came to save.
His glories now we sing,
Who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring
And lives that death may die.**

5
(All)
**Crown Him the Lord of heav'n,
Enthroned in worlds above,
Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n
The wondrous name of Love.
Crown Him with many crowns
As thrones before Him fall;
Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns,**

For He is king of all.

SENDING

P Alleluia, Christ is Risen!

C **He is Risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P Go in peace, share the good news!

C **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

"Hallelujah Chorus" - G.F.Handel

Those who wish to join in singing the Hallelujah chorus are invited to come forward to sing. Music will be available at the ends of the front pews.

THIS WEEK AT BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

Sunday, April 5th

8 AM Easter Sunrise Worship

9 AM Easter Breakfast

10 AM Easter Day Worship

11:30 AM Fellowship

Thursday, April 9th

12:30 PM Brunch and Bibles

4-7 PM La Mesa

Saturday, April 11th

10 AM GriefShare 13-Week Program

Sunday, April 12th

8:30 AM Sunday Morning Bible Study

9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal

10 AM 2nd Sunday of Easter Worship

11:30 AM Fellowship

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Serving us at Worship:

Preacher

Rev. Tim Anderson

Dir. of Music/Organist:

Ellen Brown

Song Leader:

Donna Evans

Lector Reader:

Dakota Meeks

Acolyte:

TBD

Altar Guild:

Charlotte Grefe, Bobbie Littou, Dave Mendham

Communion Elder:

Derek Benson

Assisting Elder:

Don Calender

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).

Giving Electronically please go to easytithe.com/BSLCTempe and choose “One-Time” or “Recurring” before choosing a fund: General Budget, LWML, Missions, Air conditioners, La Mesa, Staff Continuing Education, Vacation Bible School, and Other. Please specify when selecting Other.

Pastor Tim's 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 attending to members, meetings, and creating connections for the

church in our community. His cell phone number is 480-536-2256.

Prayer Cards: In the pews is a prayer card that can be filled out and placed in the offering plate. Please check the box at the bottom of the card if you want the prayer to be added to our Email Prayer Chain.

Attendance for week: 03-29-26

Palm Sunday Worship Service— 54

Sunday Bible Study— 13

GriefShare— 11

La Mesa Attendance for 03-26-26

Meal— 166

Worship— 31

Income report for 03-25-2026

Loose Plate: \$50.00

Weekly Envelopes: \$280.00

Total: \$330.00

Income report for 03-29-2026

Designated Gifts: \$12.00

Loose Plate: \$58.87

Weekly Envelopes: \$1774.00

Other: \$349.00

Total: \$2193.00

PRAYER LIST

For Healing:

Christy Bergman; Rikki Anderson; Cindy Koch; Wendy Sievers; Pam; Debbie Jonas; Paul Beetham; Barbara Willford; Marianne Lemkau; Pat Carlin; André Safford; Dawn Robson; Bev Dase; Tim Timm; Jacob Hutson; Gladys Meyer; Corsene Grady; Cyndi Calender; Schatzi; Kristen; Ryanne Flannery; Brenda Frank; Barbara Watnick; Rick Frank; Jan

Safford; Marion Trautmann; Scharlene Wallace; Michael Tiberg; Erika Guzzi

For Strength and Support:

Dave Mendham; Beth Hutson; the Frank family; Natalia Goschie; Mark, Libby, and Waylon; Cari, Michelle, and Dave; Natalie Conley; Jeri Meeks

For Comfort:

The Lohmeyer family; The Muntzinger and Schumm Families; the Spallek family and friends; John Pope and his family

In Thanksgiving:

For the wonderful meal people have come together to make for this Easter morning

For the Church

For our sister congregations and their ministries,

For the World:

Our nation and our leaders to govern with a mindset that reflects the heart of Christ; All nations dealing with hardships; All those who serve our nation in the armed forces and locally as firefighters, paramedics, and law enforcement; Peace among all nations.



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.