

# THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

### Tempe, AZ

April 26, 2025

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.*

**PRELUDE**

“Sheep May Safely Graze” - J.S. Bach

**PASTORAL WELCOME**

**HYMN OF INVOCATION**

“See This Wonder in the Making”  
**LSB #593, v. 1-4**

- 1 See this wonder in the making:  
God Himself this child is taking  
As a lamb safe in His keeping,  
His to be, awake or sleeping.**
- 2 Miracle each time it happens  
As the door to heaven opens  
And the Father beams, “Belovèd,  
Heir of gifts a king would covet!”**
- 3 Far more tender than a mother,  
Far more caring than a father,  
God, into Your arms we place him/her/them,  
With Your love and peace embrace him/her/them.**
- 4 Here we bring a child of nature;  
Home we take a newborn creature,  
Now God’s precious son or daughter,  
Born again by Word and water.**

## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

### **INVOCATION**

**LSB 167**

**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.*

### **CONFESSION**

**LSB 167**

**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.**

### **ABSOLUTION**

**LSB 167**

**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.**

**INTROIT**

*Psalm 95:1–3, 6–7a; antiphon: John 10:14, 15b*

I am the good shepherd.

**I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life for the sheep.**

Oh come, let us sing to the Lord;

**let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!**

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

**let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

For the Lord is a great God,

**and a great King above all gods.**

Oh come, let us worship and bow down;

**let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!**

For he is our God,

**and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.**

**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.**

I am the good shepherd.

**I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life for the sheep.**

**KYRIE***(Sung)*

**LSB 168-169**

**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.**

## **SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

## **FIRST READING**

*Acts 2:42–47*

<sup>42</sup>They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. <sup>43</sup>And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being

done through the apostles. <sup>44</sup>And all who believed were together and had all things in common. <sup>45</sup>And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup>And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup>praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God**

### **EPISTLE READING**

*1 Peter 2:19–25*

<sup>19</sup>This is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. <sup>20</sup>For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. <sup>21</sup>For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. <sup>22</sup>He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. <sup>23</sup>When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. <sup>24</sup>He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. <sup>25</sup>For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God**

### **SPECIAL MUSIC**

“I Just Wanna Be A Sheep”

Chorus

**I just wanna be a sheep.**

**Baa baa baa baa baa.**

**I just wanna be a sheep.  
Baa baa baa baa baa.  
I pray the Lord my soul to keep,  
I just wanna be a sheep.  
Baa baa baa baa baa.**

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**ALLELUIA AND VERSE** (*Sung*)

**LSB 173**

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

**HOLY GOSPEL**

*John 10:1–10*

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

**C Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus said:] “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. <sup>2</sup>But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup>To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup>When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. <sup>5</sup>A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” <sup>6</sup>This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

<sup>7</sup>So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. <sup>8</sup>All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup>I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup>The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **APOSTLE'S CREED**

**C** 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**

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

### **HYMN OF THE DAY**

**"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"  
LSB #709, v. 1, 3, 4 & 6**

- 1** The King of love my shepherd is,  
Whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am His  
And He is mine forever.
  
- 3** Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,  
But yet in love He sought me  
And on His shoulder gently laid  
And home rejoicing brought me.
  
- 4** In death's dark vale I fear no ill  
With Thee, dear Lord, beside me,

Thy rod and staff my comfort still,  
Thy cross before to guide me.

- 6 And so through all the length of days  
Thy goodness faileth never;  
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise  
Within Thy house forever!

**SERMON**

“Life Lived Abundantly”

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY** (*Sung*) "The New 23rd" - A Setting of Psalm 23  
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**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

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

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

**LSB 179**

- 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.

**BENEDICTION**

**LSB 183**

- 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.

## **CLOSING HYMN**

**“Shepherd of Tender Youth”  
LSB #864, v. 1-5**

- 1 Shepherd of tender youth,  
Guiding in love and truth  
Through devious ways;  
Christ, our triumphant king,  
We come Your name to sing  
And here our children bring  
To join Your praise.**
  
- 2 You are the holy Lord,  
O all-subduing Word,  
Healer of strife.  
Yourself You did abase  
That from sin’s deep disgrace  
You so might save our race  
And give us life.**
  
- 3 You are the great High Priest;  
You have prepared the feast  
Of holy love;  
And in our mortal pain  
None calls on You in vain;  
Our plea do not disdain;  
Help from above.**
  
- 4 O ever be our guide,  
Our shepherd, and our pride,  
Our staff and song.  
Jesus, O Christ of God,  
By Your enduring Word  
Lead us where You have trod;  
Make our faith strong.**

**5 So now, and till we die,  
Sound we Your praises high  
And joyful sing:  
Infants and all the throng,  
Who to the Church belong,  
Unite to swell the song  
To Christ, our king!**

**POSTLUDE**

“Rigadon” - Henry Purcell

### **THIS WEEK AT BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR**

#### **Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>**

**8:30 AM** Sunday Morning Bible Study

**9:30 AM** Choir Rehearsal

**10 AM** 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter Worship

**11:30 AM** Fellowship

#### **Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup>**

**12 PM** LWML Women’s Bible Study

**7 PM** The Evening Word Bible Study

#### **Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup>**

**4-7 PM** La Mesa

#### **Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>**

**10 AM** GriefShare 13-Week Program

#### **Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**8:30 AM** Sunday Morning Bible Study

**9:30 AM** Choir Rehearsal

**10 AM** 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter Worship

**11:30 AM** Fellowship- *Birthday and Anniversary Celebration*

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**Serving us at Worship:**

<b>Pastor:</b>	Rev. Tim Anderson
<b>Dir. of Music /Pianist:</b>	Ellen Brown
<b>Song Leader:</b>	Donna Evans
<b>Lector Reader:</b>	Benjamin Greer
<b>Special Music:</b>	The Beautiful Savior Singers
<b>Acolyte:</b>	Dakota Meeks
<b>Greeter:</b>	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).

**Giving Electronically** please go to [easytithe.com/BSLCTempe](http://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 of 04-19-2026:**

**Sunday Bible Study— 10**

**Sunday Worship Service— 52**

**LWML Women's Bible Study— 8**

**GriefShare (04-18-2026)— 8**

**La Mesa Attendance for 04-16-26**

**Meal— 155**

**Worship— 38**

**Income report for 04-19-2026**

**Designated Gifts: \$59.00**

**Loose Plate: \$142.32**

**Weekly Envelopes: \$1996.00**

**Total: \$2197.32**

**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; Rick Frank; Jan Safford; Marion Trautmann; Scharlene Wallace; Michael Tiberg; Erika Guzzi; Pastor Jonathan Stites

**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; John Pope and his family

**For Comfort:**

The Lohmeyer family; The Muntzinger and Schumm Families; the Spallek family and friends; The Watnick and Brown families at the passing of Barbara Watnick

**In Thanksgiving:**

For Pastor Vince Harman's successful surgery

**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.