

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church
Tempe, Arizona
Advent Wednesday Service
December 16, 2017 7:00 p.m.

PRELUDE "Of the Father's Love Begotten" -Wilbur Held

OPENING HYMN "Hark the Glad Sound" LSB #349

- 1 Hark the glad sound! The Savior comes, The Savior promised long; Let ev'ry heart prepare a throne And ev'ry voice a song.**
- 2 He comes the pris'ners to release, In Satan's bondage held. The gates of brass before Him burst, The iron fetters yield.**
- 3 He comes the broken heart to bind, The bleeding soul to cure, And with the treasures of His grace To enrich the humble poor.**
- 4 Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace, Thy welcome shall proclaim, And heav'n's eternal arches ring With Thy belovèd name.**

OPENING VERSES (*Stand*)

P: This is the day which the Lord has made;

C. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

P: From the rising of the sun to its setting

C: The name of the Lord is to be praised.

P: Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth

C. Our God shall come; He does not keep silence

P: Prepare the way of the Lord.

C: Make his paths straight

P: Shower, O heavens, and let the skies rain down righteousness.

C: Let the earth open, that salvation may sprout forth.

P: From the rising of the sun to its setting

C: The name of the Lord is to be praised

P: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,

C: And to the Holy Spirit

P: As it was in the beginning

C: Is now and ever will be, world without end. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT CANTICLE

P: The Lord God is my strength and Song. He has become my salvation.

C: With joy will you draw water from the wells of salvation. And you will say in that day: "Give thanks to the Lord, call upon His name, make known His deeds among his peoples, and proclaim that his name is exalted."

P: The Lord God is my strength and Song. He has become my salvation.

C: Sing praises to the Lord, for He has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth. Shout and sing for joy, O inhabitants of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

P: The Lord God is my strength and Song. He has become my salvation.

SCRIPTURE READING – Philipians 1:2-11

²Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

³I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, ⁴always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, ⁵because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. ⁹And it is my

prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, ¹⁰so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, ¹¹filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

P: This is the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORY

P: Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch.

C: This is the name by which he will be called: The Lord is our righteousness.

P: He shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.

C: This is the name by which He will be called: The Lord is our righteousness.

**APOSTLE'S CREED –3rd Article and Martin Luther's meaning
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.**

What does this mean?

I believe that that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.

In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers.

On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

This is most certainly true.

This is most certainly true. *(Sit)*

HOMILY – You are Complete / Philippians 1:2-11

OFFERING / VOLUNTARY

PRAYER *(Stand)*

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the Holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For those in need, for the hungry and the homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the sick and dying, and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

COLLECT FOR THE WORD

Blessed Lord, You have caused all Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your Holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT CANTICLE

P: Christ has been raised from the dead. Alleluia. Alleluia.

C: Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed. Raised from the dead, He will never die again. Death has no more dominion over Him.

P: Christ has been raised from the dead. Alleluia. Alleluia.

C: Dying, Christ dies to sin, once for all. Living, He lives to God. Count yourselves as dead to sin and alive again in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

P: Christ has been raised from the dead. Alleluia. Alleluia.

LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER

I thank you my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that you would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

BENEDICTION

P: The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the † Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

C: Amen

CLOSING HYMN

O Come, Oh Come, Emmanuel, LSB #357, St. 1, 3, 5 & 7

**1 O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here Until the Son of God appear.
Refrain**

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Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!

**3 O come, O come, Thou Lord of might, Who to Thy tribes on
Sinai's height In ancient times didst give the Law
In cloud and majesty and awe. Refrain**

**5 O come, Thou Key of David, come, And open wide our heav'nly
home; Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the path to misery. Refrain**

**7 O come, Desire of nations, bind In one the hearts of all mankind;
Bid Thou our sad divisions cease, And be Thyself
our King of Peace. Refrain**

POSTLUDE "The Advent of Our God is Nigh" –Arr. Richard Warner

SERVING US AT WORSHIP TODAY:

Officiant / Preacher:

Pastor Tim Ahlman

Organist/Director:

Ellen Brown

Acolyte:

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ADVENT SERVICES SCHEDULE - 2020

Midweek Advent 3 Worship	Dec. 16	7 p.m.
Fourth Sunday in Advent w/Holy Communion	Dec. 20	10 a.m.
Christmas Eve Worship	Dec. 24	8 p.m.
Christmas Day Worship w/Holy Communion	Dec. 25	10 a.m.

**Sundays before Christmas - 9:40 - 10:00 AM Pre-Service Advent
Christmas Carol Sing-A-Longs!!**