

**Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church  
Tempe, Arizona  
Advent Wednesday Evening Service**

**December 2, 2017**

**7:00 p.m.**

**PRELUDE** "A Shepherd's Evening Prayer" -George Nevin

**OPENING HYMN** "On Jordan's Bank, the Baptist Cry" LSB #344

- 1 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry Announces that the Lord is nigh; Awake and hearken, for he brings Glad tidings of the King of kings!**
- 2 Then cleansed be ev'ry life from sin; Make straight the way for God within, And let us all our hearts prepare For Christ to come and enter there.**
- 3 We hail Thee as our Savior, Lord, Our refuge and our great reward; Without Thy grace we waste away Like flow'rs that wither and decay.**
- 4 Lay on the sick Thy healing hand And make the fallen strong to stand; Show us the glory of Thy face Till beauty springs in ev'ry place.**

**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 – Isaiah 2: 1-5**

1. This is what Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem:
2. In the last days the mountain of the LORD's temple will be Established as chief among the mountains; it will be raised above the hills, and all nations will stream to it.
3. Many peoples will come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob. He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths." The law will go out from Zion, the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

4. He will judge between the nations and will settle disputes for many peoples. They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore.

5. Come, O house of Jacob, let us walk in the light of the LORD.

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 – 1st Article and Martin Luther's meaning**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

What does this mean?

**I Believe that God has made me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.**

**He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life**

**He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.**

**This is most certainly true.** *(Sit)*

**HOMILY – Time for a Beating /** Isaiah 2:1-5

## **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**

### ***Refrain***

**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**

"All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night"  
-[TALLIS' CANON] =Setting by Paul Manz

## **SERVING US AT WORSHIP TODAY:**

**Officiant / Preacher:**

Pastor Peter Spallek

**Organist/Director:**

Ellen Brown

**Acolyte:**

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## ADVENT SERVICES SCHEDULE - 2020

<b>Midweek Advent 1 Worship</b>	<b>Dec. 2</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
<b>Second Sunday in Advent w/Holy Communion</b>	<b>Dec. 6</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Midweek Advent 2 Worship</b>	<b>Dec. 9</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
<b>Third Sunday in Advent (Casual Service)</b>	<b>Dec. 13</b>	<b>10 a.m.</b>
<b>Midweek Advent 3 Worship</b>	<b>Dec. 16</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
<b>Fourth Sunday in Advent w/Holy Communion</b>	<b>Dec. 20</b>	<b>10 a.m.</b>
<b>Christmas Eve Worship</b>	<b>Dec. 24</b>	<b>8 p.m.</b>
<b>Christmas Day Worship w/Holy Communion</b>	<b>Dec. 25</b>	<b>10 a.m.</b>

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