

**THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT**  
**60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: “Praise – Love – Share”**  
**BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH, TEMPE**

December 20, 2020

10:00 a.m.



***The Best Mystery, Revealed***

**AS WE GATHER**

We stand at the threshold not only of an old and familiar story but also that of an old yet familiar mystery, the greatest mystery ever told. It doesn't appear on any list of greatest novels or plays written by earthly authors. It is the mystery of God. More specifically, it is the mystery of His love for the salvation of the world. But as we prepare to review the mystery of God—the Son of God becoming incarnate in our human flesh and born of the Virgin Mary—the greater mystery is that He, Jesus, looks over your shoulder now in the retelling and hearing of Christmas. The greater mystery is that you not only know the old, familiar story but also that you believe it. And believing brings about the best mystery of all—that your sins are forgiven, that you have a new, eternal life, that you are forever a child, a son, a daughter born of God. The Gospel—the wisdom and mystery of God—is no longer a secret. For it is told by your own mouth singing of God's love and salvation in Jesus Christ.

## **PRELUDE**

"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" -Setting by David Cherwien

## **PASTORAL WELCOME**

Pastor: Almighty and everlasting God, you choose the humble to do great things for you. Please, dear Lord, may we be the humble instruments that you call us to be, and to serve you with kindness and confidence that your grace is sufficient. This we ask in the Name of Jesus. **Amen**

## **OPENING HYMN "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" LSB #357, St. 1-5**

**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!**

**2 O come, Thou Wisdom from on high, Who ord'rest all things  
mightily; To us the path of knowledge show, And teach us in  
her ways to go. Refrain**

**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**

**4 O come, Thou Branch of Jesse's tree, Free them from Satan's  
tyranny That trust Thy mighty pow'r to save, And give them  
vict'ry o'er the grave. 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**

*Stand (The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.)*

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

**C Amen.**

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C who made heaven and earth.**

P 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.**

P 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.**

P 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.**

**INTROIT** *(Read responsively)*

*Ps. 19:1, 4c, 5–6; antiphon: Is. 45:8a, b*

Shower, O heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain down righteousness;

**let the earth open, that salvation and righteousness  
may bear fruit.**

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.

**In them he has set a tent for the sun,**  
which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber,  
**and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy.**  
Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the  
end of them,

**and there is nothing hidden from its heat.**

**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.**

Show, O heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain down  
righteousness;

**let the earth open, that salvation and righteousness  
may bear fruit.**

### **LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH** *(Tune "As with Gladness) (Sing)*

**Light a candle bright and tall For a Love which knows no end.  
Love that comes to one and all Fear and hatred to upend. Shine  
within our hearts today Come, O Love, to us, we pray.**

**KYRIE** *(Sing)*

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**C Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

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

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray.

**P** Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come and help us by Your might,  
that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your  
grace and mercy; for You live and reign with the Father and the  
Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.** *(Sit)*

### **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*2 Samuel 7:1–11, 16*

<sup>1</sup>Now when the king lived in his house and the LORD had given him

rest from all his surrounding enemies, <sup>2</sup>the king said to Nathan the prophet, “See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwells in a tent.” <sup>3</sup>And Nathan said to the king, “Go, do all that is in your heart, for the LORD is with you.”

<sup>4</sup>But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan, <sup>5</sup>“Go and tell my servant David, ‘Thus says the LORD: Would you build me a house to dwell in? <sup>6</sup>I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent for my dwelling. <sup>7</sup>In all places where I have moved with all the people of Israel, did I speak a word with any of the judges of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, “Why have you not built me a house of cedar?”’ <sup>8</sup>Now, therefore, thus you shall say to my servant David, ‘Thus says the LORD of hosts, I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, that you should be prince over my people Israel. <sup>9</sup>And I have been with you wherever you went and have cut off all your enemies from before you. And I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. <sup>10</sup>And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may dwell in their own place and be disturbed no more. And violent men shall afflict them no more, as formerly, <sup>11</sup>from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel. And I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. . . . <sup>16</sup>And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever.’”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## **EPISTLE READING**

*Romans 16:25–27*

<sup>25</sup>Now to him who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages <sup>26</sup>but has now been disclosed and through the prophetic writings has been made known

to all nations, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith— <sup>27</sup>to the only wise God be glory forevermore through Jesus Christ! Amen.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## **SPECIAL MUSIC**

“Christmas Hallelujah” -Lyrics: Cloverton; Music, Leonard Cohen

**ALLELUIA AND VERSE** (*Stand & 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.**

## **HOLY GOSPEL**

*Luke 1:26–38*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the first chapter.

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

<sup>26</sup>In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, <sup>27</sup>to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin’s name was Mary. <sup>28</sup>And he came to her and said, “Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!” <sup>29</sup>But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup>And the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup>And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. <sup>32</sup>He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, <sup>33</sup>and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.”

<sup>34</sup>And Mary said to the angel, “How will this be, since I am a virgin?”

<sup>35</sup>And the angel answered her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore,

the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. <sup>36</sup>And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. <sup>37</sup>For nothing will be impossible with God.” <sup>38</sup>And Mary said, “Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.” And the angel departed from her.

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. *(Sit)***

**HYMN OF THE DAY** “A Great and Mighty Wonder” LSB #383, St. 1-3

**1 A great and mighty wonder, A full and holy cure:  
The virgin bears the infant With virgin honor pure!**

**Refrain**

**Proclaim the Savior’s birth: “To God on high be glory  
And peace to all the earth!”**

**2 The Word becomes incarnate And yet remains on high,  
And cherubim sing anthems To shepherds from the sky.  
Refrain**

**3 While thus they sing your Monarch, Those bright angelic  
bands, Rejoice, O vales and mountains, And oceans, clap  
your hands. Refrain.**

**SERMON**

**“How will this be?”**

*Luke 1:26–38*

**ORGAN VOLUNTARY** “My Soul Doth Magnify the Lord” –M. Dupre

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH** *(Stand)* **(Congregation response to  
petitions: Hear our prayer.)**

**SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT**

**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.**

**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.**



**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

**SANCTUS** (*Sing*)

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**C** Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored; Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name. Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord; Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

**LORD'S PRAYER** (*Sing*)

**C** Our Father which 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 debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

**THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

**PAX DOMINI**

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**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

## **AGNUS DEI** *(Sing)*

**C** O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away; O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away; Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray. *(Sit)*

## **DISTRIBUTION HYMN**

1 *(Piano solo)* "Mary's Song"

2 "Thee We Adore, O Hidden Savior" LSB #640, St. 1, 4 & 5

**1** Thee we adore, O hidden Savior, Thee, Who in Thy Sacrament art pleased to be; Both flesh and spirit in Thy presence fail, Yet here Thy presence we devoutly hail.

**4** Fountain of goodness, Jesus, Lord and God: Cleanse us, unclean, with Thy most cleansing blood; Increase our faith and love, that we may know The hope and peace which from Thy presence flow.

**5** O Christ, whom now beneath a veil we see, May what we thirst for soon our portion be: To gaze on Thee unveiled and see Thy face, The vision of Thy glory, and Thy grace. Amen.

3 "What Child is This " LSB #370, St. 1-3

**1** What child is this, who, laid to rest, On Mary's lap is sleeping? Whom angels greet with anthems sweet While shepherds watch are keeping? This, this is Christ the king, Whom shepherds guard and angels sing; Haste, haste to bring Him laud, The babe, the son of Mary!

**2 Why lies He in such mean estate Where ox and ass are feeding? Good Christian, fear; for sinners here The silent Word is pleading. Nails, spear shall pierce Him through, The cross be borne for me, for you; Hail, hail the Word made flesh, The babe, the son of Mary!**

**3 So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh; Come, peasant, king, to own Him. The King of kings salvation brings; Let loving hearts enthrone Him. Raise, raise the song on high, The virgin sings her lullaby; Joy, joy, for Christ is born, The babe, the son of Mary!**

**NUNC DIMITTIS** (*Stand & sing*)

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**C O Lord, now let Your servant Depart in heav'nly peace, For I have seen the glory Of Your redeeming grace: A light to lead the Gentiles Unto Your holy hill, The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.**

**All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son, All glory to the Spirit, Forever Three in One; For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be, God's triune name resounding through all eternity.**

### **POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

**P** Let us pray.

**P** We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

### **BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION**

**A** 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.**

## **CLOSING HYMN**

"My Soul Rejoices" LSB #933, St. 1 & 2

**1 My soul rejoices, My spirit voices—Sing the greatness of the Lord! For God my Savior Has shown me favor—Sing the greatness of the Lord! With praise and blessing, Join in confessing God, who is solely Mighty and holy—O sing the greatness of God the Lord! His mercy surely Shall rest securely On all who fear Him, Love and revere Him—O sing the greatness of God the Lord!**

**2 His arm now baring, His strength declaring—Sing the greatness of the Lord! The proud He scatters, Their rule He shatters—Sing the greatness of the Lord! Oppression halted; The meek exalted. Full are the hungry; Empty, the wealthy—O sing the greatness of God the Lord! Here is the token All that was spoken To Abr'ham's offspring God is fulfilling—O sing the greatness of God the Lord!**

## **POSTLUDE**

"From Heaven Above" -Wilbur Held

## **ADVENT SERVICES SCHEDULE - 2020**

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| <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> |

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**SERVING US AT WORSHIP TODAY:**

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| <b>Officiant Preacher:</b>     | Rev. Dave Poedel |
| <b>Organist/Director:</b>      | Ellen Brown      |
| <b>Special Music:</b>          | Cyndi Calender   |
| <b>Assisting Elder/Lector:</b> | Skip McFadden    |
| <b>Greeters:</b>               | Don Schumm       |
| <b>Acolyte:</b>                | Joe Carlin       |
| <b>Altar Care:</b>             | Pat Carlin       |

**Pastor Spallek** is available to you for pastoral and spiritual needs (prayer support, hospital calls, counseling, private communion, etc). By appointment any time during the week, if needed, he will meet with anyone at the church. You may reach him through the office.

**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 12-13-20: Bible Study—NA; Worship Service—30; Income report for 12-13-20: Loose Plate \$67; Weekly Envelopes \$1630; Designated Gifts \$300; Other Advent 2 \$250; Total \$2247. Advent 3 \$785**

**THIS WEEK AT BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR**

**December 20, Sunday**

**NO Adult Bible Study until January 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**10 AM The Fourth Sunday in Advent Worship w/Holy**

**Communion** (*Also, being streamed on Facebook online*)

**December 24, Thursday**

**8 PM Christmas Eve – Candlelight Service**

**December 25, Friday**

**10 AM Christmas Day Worship w/Holy Communion**

**Church Offices Closed for Christmas Holiday**

**December 27, Sunday**

**NO Adult Bible Study until January 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**10 AM The First Sunday after Christmas Worship**

**Prayer List: Gerri Koski, Amina Kruck;** For continued recovery for **Susan** Dorothy McShee's daughter, **Blue Sky (Tom) Kruck, Glenn Brown, Larry Wroblewski, Maebell Beard;** **Susan Witcombe** in the hospital for tests including a COVID 19 one; for comfort for the family of **Judy Pfeil** who passed away Tuesday.

**FOR AT HOME WORSHIPERS WHO STILL 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/](http://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 lefthand 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:**

December 27 "**Welcome to the Family!**" Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Anthony (Tony) Cook. The book of Galatians gives us a glimpse inside the family of God. It describes the Christian family as one that stands firm in Christ's freedom, walks united in the Spirit, and bears one another's burdens in love. (Galatians 4:4-7)



## **HOLY 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 and common cup. Please choose you preference..*
- *3) Children and adults not instructed or confirmed are still encouraged to approach The Table to receive a blessing.*

