

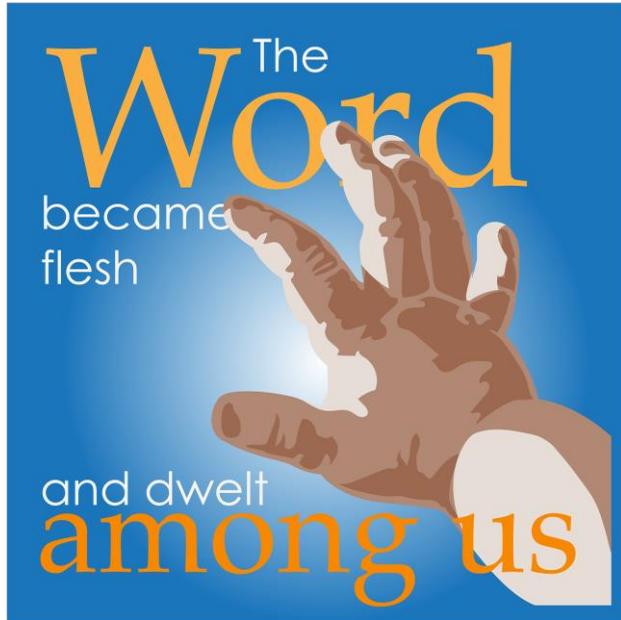
THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

60th Anniversary: “Praise – Love – Share”

BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH, TEMPE

December 25, 2020

10:00 a.m.



AS WE GATHER

Glory is the theme of both John's account and Luke's familiar details of the Savior's birth. They are not mutually exclusive but speak of the same event. The surprise is that glory is not where we would have expected it or what we would have expected it to be. Hidden in the manger is the Word made flesh, the same creating Word that spoke all things into being. Hidden in the flesh of a baby is the glory of the God who becomes His people's Savior. Hidden in the faith that trusts this Word are eyes to see and ears to hear the glory as of the only Son of the Father, full of grace and truth. In the Word made flesh, God has displayed His glory, and that glory appeared in order to give us the right to become the children of God.

PRELUDE

"Pastorale on 'Gesù Bambino' " -Piero Yon

PASTORAL WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN

"O Come, All Ye Faithful" LSB #379

- 1 O come, all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant!
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem; Come and behold Him
Born the king of angels: Refrain**

Refrain

**O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!**

- 2 Highest, most holy, Light of Light eternal, Born of a virgin, a
mortal He comes; Son of the Father Now in flesh appearing!
Refrain**
- 3 Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation, Sing, all ye citizens
of heaven above! Glory to God In the highest: Refrain**
- 4 Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, Born this happy morning;
Jesus, to Thee be glory giv'n! Word of the Father
Now in flesh appearing! 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 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.

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.

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 *(Read responsively)*

Ps. 98:1– 4; antiphon: Is. 9:6

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given;

and the government shall be upon his shoulder,

and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor,

Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things!

His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

The LORD has made known his salvation;

he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;

**break forth into joyous song and sing praises!
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.**

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given;
**and the government shall be upon his shoulder,
and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

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

**Light a candle bright and tall For the Christ we greet today
Christ has come, our all and all. With the angels, let us say:
Shine within our hearts today Come, O Christ, to us, we pray.**

KYRIE *(Chanted)*

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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.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS *(Sing)*

P Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

**C Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father:
We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your
glory.**

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God: You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.

**For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

P Almighty God, grant that the birth of Your only-begotten Son in the flesh may set us free from the bondage of sin; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 62:10–12

¹⁰Go through, go through the gates; prepare the way for the people;
Build up, build up the highway; clear it of stones; lift up a signal
over the peoples.

¹¹Behold, the LORD has proclaimed to the end of the earth:
Say to the daughter of Zion,

“Behold, your salvation comes; behold, his reward is with him,
and his recompense before him.”

¹²And they shall be called The Holy People, The Redeemed of the
LORD; and you shall be called Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING

Titus 3:4–7

⁴When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior

appeared, ⁵he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, ⁶whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

ALLELUIA AND VERSE (*Stand & sing*)

C Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 2:15–20

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁵When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.” ¹⁶And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. ¹⁷And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. ¹⁸And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. ²⁰And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

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

“Once In Royal David’s City” LSB #333

- 1 Once in royal David’s city Stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her baby In a manger for His bed:
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.**
- 2 He came down to earth from heaven, Who is God and Lord of
all, And His shelter was a stable, And His cradle was a stall;
With the poor and mean and lowly Lived on earth our Savior
holy.**
- 3 For He is our childhood’s pattern, Day by day like us He grew;
He was little, weak, and helpless, Tears and smiles like us He
knew; And He feels for all our sadness, And He shares in all
our gladness.**

**4 And our eyes at last shall see Him, Through His own
redeeming love; For that child so dear and gentle Is our Lord
in heav'n above; And He leads His children on To the place
where He is gone.**

**5 Not in that poor, lowly stable With the oxen standing by
Shall we see Him, but in heaven, Set at God's right hand on
high. Then like stars His children, crowned, All in white, His
praise will sound!**

SERMON **Word and Jesus Go Together!** *Luke 2:15–20*

OFFERING VOLUNTARY

“Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light” -J.S. Bach

OFFERTORY (*Stand & sing*)

**C What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?
I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the
name of the Lord. I will take the cup of salvation and will call
on the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows to the Lord now
in the presence of all His people, in the courts of the Lord's
house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**

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

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.

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, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for in the mystery of the Word made flesh You have given us a new revelation of Your glory that, seeing You in the person of Your Son, we may know and love those things which are not seen. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing: *(Sit)*

SANCTUS *(Sing)*

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.

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

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

AGNUS DEI

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. *(Sit)*

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

1 *(Piano solo)* "Joy Has Dawned" -Getty & Townend/Tornquist

2 "Once He Came in Blessing" LSB #333, St. 1 & 2

**1 Once He came in blessing, All our sins redressing;
Came in likeness lowly, Son of God most holy;
Bore the cross to save us; Hope and freedom gave us.**

**2 Now He gently leads us; With Himself He feeds us
Precious food from heaven, Pledge of peace here given,
Manna that will nourish Souls that they may flourish.**

3 "Angels We Have Heard on High" LSB #368, St. 1-3

**1 Angels we have heard on high, Sweetly singing o'er the
plains, And the mountains in reply, Echoing their joyous
strains.**

Refrain

Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

**2 Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains
prolong? What the gladsome tidings be Which inspire your
heav'nly song?**

**3 Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn
King.**

THANK THE LORD

**C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He
has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear
His name. He recalls His promises and leads His people
forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.**

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.

BENEDICTION

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

“Joy to the World” LSB #387, St. 1-4

- 1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and
nature sing.**
- 2 Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let men their songs
employ, While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.**
- 3 No more let sins and sorrows grow Nor thorns infest the
ground; He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as the curse is found.**

4 He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the nations prove The glories of His righteousness And wonders of His love, And wonders of His love, And wonders, wonders of His love.

POSTLUDE "Improvisation on 'Let Our Gladness Have No End' "

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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

Sunday, December 27th is the First Sunday after Christmas. Join your fellow-believers and bring a friend. Worship time is 10 a.m.

**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/**
- 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 left-hand 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.**

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.