

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

60th Anniversary: "Praise – Love – Share"

BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH, TEMPE

December 27, 2020

10:00 a.m.



No Longer a Slave

AS WE GATHER

The Epistle for the First Sunday after Christmas brings a one-sentence summary of the Christmas message as Paul writes it to the Christians of Galatia. "But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son" (Galatians 4:4). God knew the exact right time for His beloved Son to come to earth, this sin-filled world. God had a plan for salvation that was carried out faithfully and completely by Jesus. In the days after Christmas, we have the opportunity to reflect on the importance of the Christmas message. We have received the greatest of all gifts. Through Jesus Christ, we are heirs of God and have an eternal inheritance!

PRELUDE "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" —(*Polish Carol*)-Arr. Fred Bock

PASTORAL WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN

"Angels From the Realms of Glory" LSB #367, St. 1-3

1 Angels from the realms of glory, Wing your flight o'er all the earth; Ye who sang creation's story, Now proclaim Messiah's birth. Refrain

Refrain

Come and worship, come and worship; Worship Christ, the newborn King.

2 Shepherds in the field abiding, Watching o'er your flocks by night, God with us is now residing, Yonder shines the Infant Light. Refrain

3 Sages, leave your contemplations, Brighter visions beam afar; Seek the great Desire of nations, Ye have seen His natal star. 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. 52:10

The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations,

and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

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.

The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations,

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

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 O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature. Grant that we may ever be alive in Him who made Himself to be like us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 61:10—62:3

¹⁰I will greatly rejoice in the LORD; my soul shall exult in my God, for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

¹¹For as the earth brings forth its sprouts, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to sprout up before all the nations.

^{62:1}For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a burning torch.

²The nations shall see your righteousness, and all the kings your glory, and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give.

³You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING

Galatians 4:4–7

⁴But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. ⁶And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” ⁷So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Mary’s Boy Child” -Jester Hairston

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 2:22–40

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²²And when the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, [Mary and Joseph] brought [Jesus] up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³(as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”) ²⁴and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.” ²⁵Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. ²⁶And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Christ. ²⁷And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, ²⁸he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

²⁹“Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace,
according to your word;
³⁰for my eyes have seen your salvation
³¹that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,
³²a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and for glory to your people Israel.”

³³And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. ³⁴And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed ³⁵(and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.”

³⁶And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, ³⁷and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.

³⁹And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLE’S CREED

All: 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. (Sit)

SERMON HYMN

“Joy to the World” LSB #387

- 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.**

SERMON “When the Fullness of time had come” Galatians 4:4–7

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

“I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day” –(English Carol)

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.)*

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

“Go Tell It on the Mountain” LSB #388

Refrain

**Go tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and ev’rywhere;
Go tell it on the mountain That Jesus Christ is born!**

**1 While shepherds kept their watching O’er silent flocks by
night, Behold, throughout the heavens There shone a holy
light. Refrain.**

**2 The shepherds feared and trembled When lo, above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus That hailed our Savior’s birth.
Refrain.**

**3 Down in a lonely manger The humble Christ was born;
And God sent us salvation That blessed Christmas morn.
Refrain.**

POSTLUDE

“Joy to the World” -Franklin Ritter

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Visitors, please sign (with a complete address) our **Guest Book** on the podium in the entryway before you leave and/or complete a **grey “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).

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 12-20-20 Bible Study—NA, Worship Service—31
Income report for 12-20-20: Loose Plate \$42, Weekly Envelopes \$2350,
Designated Gifts \$300, Other: Advent: \$110; Total \$2802.**

THIS WEEK AT BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

December 27, Sunday

NO Adult Bible Study until January 3rd

10 AM The First Sunday after Christmas Worship (*Also, being streamed on Facebook online*)

January 1, Friday

New Years Day – Office Closed

January 3, Sunday

8:30 AM Adult Bible Study

10 AM The Second Sunday after Christmas Worship w/ Holy Communion

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; **Dominic** in Phoenix Children's Hospital on a ventilator, great nephew of Debbie O'Neill. Carlin's nephew, **John** in the hospital after a bad stroke.

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 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 - KFNX RADIO (1100) @ 10 AM:

January 3 "Too Much" Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. The Gospel according to St. Mark shows us the Savior Who is always on the move.

(Mark 1:1 - 2:12)