

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

60th Anniversary: "Praise – Love – Share"

BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH, TEMPE

December 6, 2020

10:00 a.m.



In Medias Res

AS WE GATHER

This year, the holy evangelist St. Mark greets us to lead us through a new Church Year. He does not, however, greet us as we might expect. For one thing, he seems to have forgotten all about Christmas! At least Matthew and Luke tell of Mary and Joseph and the baby lying in a manger and of angels and shepherds. But Mark? While Christmas is the earthly “beginning” of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, this preacher means that his entire Gospel, the whole biblical story, is but “the beginning of the Gospel.” It is as if he means to say that the Baptist’s call to repentance comes to us *In Medias Res*, that is, in the middle of everything else, in the middle of the biblical story and in the middle of our lives and activities, right now. He is saying, “Stop what you’re doing. Repent again and welcome the Greater One, Jesus Christ, the Son of God.” The Christian faith and life is one of continual repentance and faith. Watch and listen as our Lord comes to us again, now, by His Spirit in His Word and Sacraments.

PRELUDE

“Divinum Mysterium” -Fred Bock

PASTORAL WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

Pastor: God of faithfulness and truth, You sent your servant John the Baptist to preach in the desert and summon the people to repentance. Make us and all things new, that in the wilderness of our world and in our lives, we also may in this Advent season, prepare a way for Jesus. Amen.

OPENING HYMN

Prepare the Royal Highway *LSB #343*

- 1 Prepare the royal highway; The King of kings is near!
Let ev'ry hill and valley A level road appear!
Then greet the King of Glory Foretold in sacred story:**

Refrain

Hosanna to the Lord, For He fulfills God's Word!

- 2 God's people, see Him coming: Your own eternal king!
Palm branches strew before Him! Spread garments! Shout
and sing! God's promise will not fail you! No more shall doubt
assail you! Refrain**
- 3 Then fling the gates wide open To greet your promised king!
Your king, yet ev'ry nation Its tribute too should bring.
All lands, bow down before Him! All nations, now adore Him!
Refrain**
- 4 His is no earthly kingdom; It comes from heav'n above.
His rule is peace and freedom And justice, truth, and love.
So let your praise be sounding For kindness so abounding:
Refrain**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *(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 Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

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

**Light a candle bright and tall For the Peace we wish to know.
Peace on Earth for great and small God's Good News to us
bestows.**

Shine within our hearts today Come, O Peace, to us, we pray.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT (*Read Responsively*) *Ps. 80:1, 8a, 9b, 7; antiphon: Ps. 80:3*

Restore us, O God;

let your face shine, that we may be saved!

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock!

You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.

You brought a vine out of Egypt;

it took deep root and filled the land.

Restore us, O God of hosts;

let your face shine, that we may be saved!

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.

Restore us, O God;

let your face shine, that we may be saved!

GLORIA PATRI (*Sing*)

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C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

KYRIE (*Sing*)

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

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same 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 7:1-14

When Ahaz son of Jotham, the son of Uzziah, was king of Judah, King Rezin of Aram and Pekah son of Remaliah king of Israel marched up to fight against Jerusalem, but they could not overpower it.

Now the house of David was told, “Aram has allied itself with Ephraim”; so the hearts of Ahaz and his people were shaken, as the trees of the forest are shaken by the wind.

Then the LORD said to Isaiah, “Go out, you and your son Shear-Jashub, to meet Ahaz at the end of the aqueduct of the Upper Pool, on the road to the Launderer’s Field. Say to him, ‘Be careful, keep calm and don’t be afraid. Do not lose heart because of these two smoldering stubs of firewood – because of the fierce anger of Rezin and Aram and of the son of Remaliah. Aram, Ephraim and Remaliah’s son have plotted your ruin, saying, “Let us invade Judah; let us tear it apart and divide it among ourselves, and make the son of Tabeel king over it.”’

Yet this is what the Sovereign LORD says: “It will not take place, it will not happen, for the head of Aram is Damascus, and the head of Damascus is only Rezin. Within sixty-five years Ephraim will be too shattered to be a people. The head of Ephraim is Samaria, and the head of Samaria is only Remaliah’s son. If you do not stand firm in your faith, you will not stand at all.”

Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, “Ask the LORD your God for a sign, whether in the deepest depths or in the highest heights.” But Ahaz said, “I will not ask; I will not put the LORD to the test.”

Then Isaiah said, “Hear now, you house of David! Is it not enough to try the patience of men? Will you try the patience of my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The

virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

Galatians 3:26-4:7

You are all the children of God through faith in Christ Jesus, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Gentile, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

What I am saying is that as long as an heir is a child, he is no different from a slave, although he owns the whole estate. The heir is subject to guardians and trustees until the time set by his father. So also, when we were children, we were in slavery under the basic principles of the world. But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law, that we might receive rights of sons. Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba, Father." So you are no longer a slave, but God's child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Take a Walk Through Bethlehem" -Jarvis/Wilson & Cleveland

ALLELUIA AND VERSE (*Stand & sing*)

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C Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 1:18-25

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

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. Because Joseph her husband was a righteous man and did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.

But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (which means "God with us").

When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. But he had no union with her until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, 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

“Mark How the Lamb of God's Self-Offering” LSB #600

- 1 Mark how the Lamb of God's self-off'ring Our human sinfulness takes on In the birthwaters of the Jordan As Jesus is baptized by John. Hear how the voice from heaven unders, “Lo, this is My belovèd Son.” See how in dovelike form the Spirit Descends on God's Anointed One.**
- 2 From this assurance of God's favor Jesus goes to the wilderness, There to endure a time of testing That readied Him to teach and bless. So we, by water and the Spirit Baptized into Christ's ministry, Are often led to paths of service Through mazes of adversity.**
- 3 Grant us, O God, the strength and courage To live the faith our lips declare; Bless us in our baptismal calling; Christ's royal priesthood help us share. Turn us from ev'ry false allegiance, That we may trust in Christ alone: Raise up in us a chosen people Transformed by love to be Your own.**

SERMON

“God With Us”

Matthew 1:18-25

OFFERING VOLUNTARY

OFFERTORY (*Stand & Sing*)

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C Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

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

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them up unto the Lord.

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

C It is meet and right so to do.

P It is truly meet, 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, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. 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; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the

highest.

LORD'S PRAYER *(Spoken)*

C Our Father who 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

AGNUS DEI *(Sing)*

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C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen. *(Sit)*

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS *(Piano solo)* "How Shall They Hear, Who Have Not Heard" -Arr. Valerie Floeter

"Come, Let Us Eat" –LSB #626

- 1 (Leader) Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,
(All) **Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.**
(Leader) Our Lord's body let us take together,
(All) **Our Lord's body let us take together.**

- 2 (Leader) Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,
(All) **Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured.**
(Leader) Jesus' blood poured let us drink together,
(All) **Jesus' blood poured let us drink together.**
- 3 (Leader) In His presence now we meet and rest,
(All) **In His presence now we meet and rest.**
(Leader) In the presence of our Lord we gather,
(All) **In the presence of our Lord we gather.**
- 4 (Leader) Rise, then, to spread abroad God's mighty Word,
(All) **Rise, then, to spread abroad God's mighty Word.**
(Leader) Jesus risen will bring in the Kingdom,
(All) **Jesus risen will bring in the Kingdom.**

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” LSB #700 sts. 1–2, 4

- 1 **Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down! Fix in us Thy humble dwelling, All Thy faithful mercies crown. Jesus, Thou art all compassion, Pure, unbounded love Thou art; Visit us with Thy salvation, Enter ev'ry trembling heart.**
- 2 **Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit Into ev'ry troubled breast;
Let us all in Thee inherit; Let us find Thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning, Set our hearts at liberty.**
- 3 **Come, Almighty, to deliver; Let us all Thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never, Nevermore Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
Pray and praise Thee without ceasing, Glory in Thy perfect love.**

C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THANKSGIVING

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.

SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Bless we the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.

C Amen, amen, amen.

CLOSING HYMN “Arise, O Christian People” LSB #354, St. 1,2 4

- 1 Arise, O Christian people! Prepare yourselves today;
Prepare to greet the Savior, Who takes your sins away.
To us by grace alone The truth and light were given;
The promised Lord from heaven To all the world is shown.**
- 2 Prepare the way before Him; Prepare for Him the best.
Cast out what would offend Him, This great, this heav’nly
guest. Make straight, make plain the way: The lowly valleys
raising, The heights of pride abasing, His path all even lay.**
- 4 Prepare my heart, Lord Jesus; Turn not from me aside,
And help me to receive You This blessed Adventtide.
From stall and manger low Come now to dwell within me;
I’ll sing Your praises gladly And forth Your glory show.**

POSTLUDE “The Fifers” -Francois Dandrieu/Arr. E. Power Biggs

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Greeters:	Marsha Beetham
Acolyte:	Joe Carlin
Altar Care:	Pat Carlin

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 11-29-20: Bible Study—NA; Worship Service—22.
Income report for 11-29-20: Loose Plate \$6; Weekly Envelopes \$485;
Designated Gifts \$125; Other:Thanksgiving \$370.\$; Total \$986.**

THIS WEEK AT BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

December 6, Sunday

No Adult Bible Study until further notice

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

10 AM The Second Sunday in Advent Worship w/Holy Communion

December 8, Tuesday

5:30 PM Board of Elder’s Meeting

7 PM Board of Finance Meeting

December 9, Wednesday

7 PM Midweek 1 Advent Worship *(Also, streamed)*

December 11, Friday

Church & building cleaned 8 AM-11 PM

December 13, Sunday

8:30 AM Adult Bible Study, in Fuerbringer Hall

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

10 AM The Third Sunday in Advent - Casual Worship

Please Read & Note:

Wednesday, Advent Worship will be held at **7 p.m. only** (NO noon service). **The 7 p.m. service will be streamed online.**

Board of Elders & Pastor Spallek

Prayer List: For **Pastor Peter & family**; on the loss of **Cristina Spallek** who passed away Monday, also for the comfort for the **family of Gerald Goschie** ; **Gerri Koski, Amina Kruck**; Lucy Durham's cousin **Fran** had 2 permanent shunts implanted in the brain; For continued recovery for **Blue Sky (Tom) Kruck**; **Glenn Brown, Larry Wroblewski, Maebell Beard, Judy Pfeil.**

Lutheran Hour Broadcast - KFNX RADIO (1100) @ 10 AM:

December 13 "**The Prophet's Paradox** " Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. The prophet Daniel illustrates how to face the facts while never losing faith in how the story ends. (Daniel: 10, 11 and 12)

**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.

Pre-Service Advent Christmas Carol Sing-A-Longs!!

**Come early (9:40 to 10:00am) to sing your favorite
Christmas Carols**

on the 4 Sundays in Advent: Dec. 6, 13, and 20th.

**Carol Requests may be put on a Carol Request
Form and put in the yellow box in narthex or email it to the
office. Thank you!**

ADVENT SERVICES SCHEDULE - 2020

Midweek Advent 2 Worship	Dec. 9	7 p.m.
Third Sunday in Advent (Casual Service)	Dec. 13	10 a.m.
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!!**



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 your preference..*
- *3) Children and adults not instructed or confirmed are still encouraged to approach The Table to receive a blessing.*

