

LENTEN MIDWEEK 2

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, Tempe, AZ

February 24, 2021

7:00 p.m.



I AM The Light of the World

AS WE GATHER

As we journey through this Lenten season and as we focus on the “I AM” statements of Jesus, tonight we focus on darkness and light. The beginning of John’s Gospel tells us that “Light has come into the world, and the darkness did not understand it.” (John 1:5). So often we get wrapped up by darkness and in darkness. The darkness of our lives, the darkness of our world, with sickness and pain, the darkness that comes from brokenness of our relationships, and the darkness of our own hearts. But tonight, we hear Jesus say that he is “the Light of the World”, and no darkness can overcome his light. As we follow him, we still see darkness, but we have the light of life.

PRELUDE

“A Lenten Prelude” -Chopin /Arr, Lani Smith

HYMN

“Light of Light, O Sole Begotten” LSB #914

- 1 Light of Light, O Sole-Begotten Radiance of the Father’s face,
Word made flesh, who lived among us Full of truth and full of
grace, Shine upon our human darkness; Pierce the night that
shrouds our race.**
- 2 Word eternal, through Your being God created all we see,
When the empty spaces echoed With the Father’s “Let there
be . . . ” Light and life burst from the glorious Power of Your
majesty!**
- 3 Still Your brooding Spirit hovers Over chaos, dark and deep,
Calling out with invitation: “Rise, awaken from your sleep;
Christ the Lord will shine upon you And from death your soul
shall keep.”**
- 4 Come, Lord Jesus, by Your Spirit In our hearts Your work begin,
Bring the healing restoration Of Your image lost by sin;
From Your fullness all receiving Grace on grace, new life within!**

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the
Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

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Pastor: O Lord, open my lips,

People: and my mouth will declare Your praise.

Pastor: Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

People: make haste to help me, O Lord.

**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. Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our
salvation.**

† PSALMODY †

PSALM: *The LORD Is My Light and My Salvation OF DAVID.* Psalm 27

¹The LORD is my light and my salvation;

whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life;

of whom shall I be afraid?

²When evildoers assail me

to eat up my flesh,

my adversaries and foes,

it is they who stumble and fall.

³Though an army encamp against me,

my heart shall not fear;

though war arise against me,

yet I will be confident.

⁴One thing have I asked of the LORD,

that will I seek after:

that I may dwell in the house of the LORD

all the days of my life,

to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD

and to inquire in his temple.

⁵For he will hide me in his shelter

in the day of trouble;

he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;

he will lift me high upon a rock.

⁶And now my head shall be lifted up

above my enemies all around me,

and I will offer in his tent

sacrifices with shouts of joy;

I will sing and make melody to the LORD.

⁷Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud;

be gracious to me and answer me!

⁸You have said, "Seek my face."

My heart says to you,

“Your face, LORD, do I seek.”

⁹Hide not your face from me.

Turn not your servant away in anger,

O you who have been my help.

Cast me not off; forsake me not,

O God of my salvation!

¹⁰For my father and my mother have forsaken me,

but the LORD will take me in.

¹¹Teach me your way, O LORD,

and lead me on a level path because of my enemies.

¹²Give me not up to the will of my adversaries;

for false witnesses have risen against me, and they breathe out violence.

¹³I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the LORD

in the land of the living!

¹⁴Wait for the LORD;

be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!

HYMN

“We Walk in the Light”

***Refrain:* We walk in the Light, Beautiful Light, Come where the dewdrops of mercy shine bright. Shine all around us by day and by night, Jesus, the Light of the World.”**

† READINGS †

READING

Isaiah 56:1–8 (The house of the Lord is for all nations and peoples.)

¹Thus says the LORD:

“Keep justice, and do righteousness, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed.

²Blessed is the man who does this, and the son of man who holds it fast, who keeps the Sabbath, not profaning it, and keeps his hand from doing any evil.”

³Let not the foreigner who has joined himself to the LORD say, “The LORD will surely separate me from his people”; and let not the eunuch say, “Behold, I am a dry tree.”

⁴For thus says the LORD:

“To the eunuchs who keep my Sabbaths, who choose the things that please me and hold fast my covenant,

⁵I will give in my house and within my walls a monument and a name better than sons and daughters; I will give them an everlasting name that shall not be cut off.

⁶“And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it, and holds fast my covenant—

⁷these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.”

⁸The Lord GOD,

who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares, “I will gather yet others to him besides those already gathered.”

Lector: O Lord, have mercy on us.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

READING *1 Peter 1:13–21* (Ransomed by the precious blood of Christ, we are called to act in holiness.)

¹³Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ¹⁴As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, ¹⁵but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, ¹⁶since it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.” ¹⁷And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one’s deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile,

¹⁸knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. ²⁰He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for your sake, ²¹who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

Lector: O Lord, have mercy on us.

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING John 8:12-20 (Jesus is the light of the world)

¹²Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.” ¹³So the Pharisees said to him, “You are bearing witness about yourself; your testimony is not true.” ¹⁴Jesus answered, “Even if I do bear witness about myself, my testimony is true, for I know where I came from and where I am going, but you do not know where I come from or where I am going. ¹⁵You judge according to the flesh; I judge no one. ¹⁶Yet even if I do judge, my judgment is true, for it is not I alone who judge, but I and the Father who sent me. ¹⁷In your Law it is written that the testimony of two men is true. ¹⁸I am the one who bears witness about myself, and the Father who sent me bears witness about me.” ¹⁹They said to him therefore, “Where is your Father?” Jesus answered, “You know neither me nor my Father. If you knew me, you would know my Father also.” ²⁰These words he spoke in the treasury, as he taught in the temple; but no one arrested him, because his hour had not yet come.

Pastor: O Lord, have mercy on us.

People: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORY

LSB #231

Pastor: Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.

People: Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.

Pastor: In You, O Lord, do I put my trust, leave me not, O Lord, my God.

People: Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.

Pastor: Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.

People: Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.

SERMON HYMN “O Christ, Our True and Only Light LSB #839

- 1 O Christ, our true and only light, Enlighten those who sit in night; Let those afar now hear Your voice And in Your fold with us rejoice.**
- 2 Fill with the radiance of Your grace The souls now lost in error’s maze; Enlighten those whose inmost minds Some dark delusion haunts and blinds.**
- 3 O gently call those gone astray That they may find the saving way! Let ev’ry conscience sore oppressed In You find peace and heav’nly rest.**
- 4 Shine on the darkened and the cold; Recall the wand’ers to Your fold. Unite all those who walk apart; Confirm the weak and doubting heart,**
- 5 That they with us may evermore Such grace with wond’ring thanks adore And endless praise to You be giv’n By all Your Church in earth and heav’n.**

SERMON

I AM The Light of the World

John 8:12-20

† CANTICLE †

Old Testament Canticle (Congregation sings on Refrains.)

Refrain: The Lord God is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation.

(Cantor); 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 the peoples, proclaim that His name is exalted." ***Refrain.***

(Cantor): 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. ***Refrain.***

(Cantor) 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. A-men.

Refrain.

OFFERTORY

"Create in Me" Page 102

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 †

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People: Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9-13*

People: 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.**

COLLECTS

Pastor: O Lord, hear my prayer.

People: **And let my cry come to You.**

Pastor: Almighty God, grant that in the midst of our failures and weaknesses we may be restored through the passion and intercession of Your only-begotten Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: O God, You sent Your Son to restore Your house to be a house of prayer for all nations. Give us courage to approach Your throne in prayer and to invite all nations to be Your people; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

BENEDICAMUS

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The grace of our Lord †Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN “The Day Thou Gavest” LSB #886, St. 1-4

- 1 The day Thou gavest, Lord, is ended, The darkness falls at Thy behest; To Thee our morning hymns ascended, Thy praise shall sanctify our rest.**
- 2 We thank Thee that Thy Church, unsleeping While earth rolls onward into light, Through all the world her watch is keeping, And never rests by day or night.**
- 3 As o’er each continent and island The dawn leads on another day, The voice of prayer is never silent, Nor dies the strain of praise away.**
- 4 The sun, that bids us rest, is waking Thy saints beneath the western skies, And hour by hour, as day is breaking, Fresh hymns of thankful praise arise.**

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LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICES

7 P.M. WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH LENTEN MIDWEEK 2

10 A.M. SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

7 P.M. WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3RD LENTEN MIDWEEK 3

**10 A.M. SUNDAY, MARCH 7TH THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
W/HOLY COMMUNION**

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10 A.M. SUNDAY, MARCH 14TH FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

7 P.M. WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17TH LENTEN MIDWEEK 5

**10 A.M. SUNDAY, MARCH 21ST FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT
W/HOLY COMMUNION**

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