

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH, TEMPE

November 28, 2021

10:00 a.m.



Days More Important Than Others

AS WE GATHER

Advent is a season for us to grow in hope. We gather amid a world that in many ways seems hopeless. Extremists on both ends of the political spectrum seem to control almost everything we hear, read, and see. Deep divisions over race, politics, and economics loom over us like a dark storm cloud. How can the Church possibly make a difference in all of this? Today's Readings acknowledge the distress and fear that the world's foundations are being shaken. And right in the middle of it all, there is hope. Jesus says, "Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away" (Luke 21:33). The prophet Jeremiah declares God's promise to restore His people and all creation. If we were left to ourselves, there would be little room for such hope. But God does not leave us alone. By His Word and Sacraments, God establishes our hearts and prepares us for Jesus' coming final restoration. Until that day, we wait, we pray, we hope.

PRELUDE

"Divinum Mysterium" -Fred Bock

PASTORAL WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

Pastor: Holy God of Peace, We seek your peace in these darkening days. We seek a calm within, and an absence of conflict between people and nations. But more deeply, we seek your shalom – the deep and abiding peace that will come only through the justice of your kingdom. Amen.

OPENING HYMN

"10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)"

–Words and Music by Jonas Myrin and Matt Redman

**Chorus: Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;
Worship His holy name. Sing like never before, O my soul;
I'll worship your holy name.**

- 1. The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning, it's time to sing Your song again. Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me, let me be singing when the evening comes. Chorus.**
- 2. You're rich in love and You're slow to anger. Your name is great and Your heart is kind. For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing; Ten Thousand Reasons for my heart to find. Chorus.**
- 3. And on that day, when my strength is failing, the end draws near, and my time has come; Still, my soul will sing Your praise unending__ ten thousand years and then forevermore! Chorus.**

Stand

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

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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 Hope within our world.
Hope that heard the ages' call As the stars and planets whirled
Shine within our hearts today Come, O Hope, to us, we pray.**

Be seated

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT (*Read responsively*) *Ps. 89:6, 14–16, 18; antiphon: Zech. 9:9b, alt.*

Behold, your king is coming to you;

righteous and having salvation.

Who in the skies can be compared to the LORD?

Who among the heavenly beings is like the LORD,

Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne;

steadfast love and faithfulness go before you.

Blessèd are the people who know the festal shout,

who walk, O LORD, in the light of your face,

who exult in your name all the day

and in your righteousness are exalted.

For our shield belongs to the LORD,

our king to the Holy One of Israel.

**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.

Behold, your king is coming to you;

righteous and having salvation.

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.**

Stand

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

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P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Let us pray.

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Be seated

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 33:14–16

¹⁴“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah.

¹⁵In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

1 Thessalonians 3:9–13

⁹What thanksgiving can we return to God for you, for all the joy that we feel for your sake before our God, ¹⁰as we pray most earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith?

¹¹Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, ¹²and may the Lord make you increase and

abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, ¹³so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

"O Come, Emmanuel"

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE *(Sing)*

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C Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 19:28–40

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

C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

²⁸When he had said these things, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰saying, "Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' you shall say this: 'The Lord has need of it.'" ³²So those who were sent went away and found it just as he had told them. ³³And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, "Why are you untying the colt?" ³⁴And they said, "The Lord has need of it." ³⁵And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶And as he rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road. ³⁷As he was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, ³⁸saying, "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" ³⁹And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said

to him, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples.” ⁴⁰He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, 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.

Be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Come To Us” -With music & words by Greg & Mary Walton

- 1. Scattered and broken, bent in our way, we are Your people gathered to praise You. A vineyard uprooted, narrow in sight. Come, Lord of glory! Come Lord of light!**

CHORUS (Advent)

Come to us, O Lord of glory and shine in our hearts. Come to us, O Lord of glory and make us anew. Lord, we wait for You. Lord, we wait for You. Lord, we wait for You. Come, Lord of glory.

- 2. Come, Lord, our dayspring, come from on high, as we Your people gather to praise You. Unworthy to taste from Your**

heavenly vine, But Your word will heal us. Come, light divine. Chorus.

3. Come, Root of Jesse; Come, David's son; Come, Star of Morning; We come to praise You. Hope of creation, of all humankind, reign over body, spirit and mind. Chorus.

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SERMON

"One Day"

Jeremiah 33:14-16

VOLUNTARY

"From Thy Throne So High" -C.W. Gluck

Stand

OFFERTORY (*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 (*Congregation response to petitions:*
Hear our prayer.)

LORD'S PRAYER

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. Amen.

SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

A 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.

Be Seated

CLOSING 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**

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Sunday Bible Study: "The Book of Acts" Sundays from 8:30-9:30am in fellowship hall.

TODAY: Special Congregation Voters' Meeting - to approve 2022 Budget & La Masa Ministries Partnership Proposal

Midweek Advent Worship begins Wed., Dec 1st with services at 12:00pm and 7:00pm. We will also worship at those times on Dec. 8th and Dec. 15th. Everyone is also invited to join us for soup lunch and dinner at 11:00a.m. and 6:00p.m. before worship.

Advent Paint and Sip: Friday Dec. 3rd at 10:00am. Join us as Annie Anderson teaches us how to paint a Beautiful Christmas painting of a tree and ornament. We will also have snacks, coffee, mimosas and other fun and festive drinks. Please sign up in the Narthex so we can make sure we have supplies.

All are invited to come help decorate the church & fellowship hall, etc. When: Saturday, December 4, 2021, Time: 10:00 a.m. After decorating there will be a Soup Lunch

Christmas Caroling: Wednesday Dec. 22nd with two opportunities to serve. Earlier in the afternoon we will go and carol outside the homes of some of our homebound members. In the evening we will carol in our community and gather for candy canes, Hot Cocoa and other Christmas goodies. More information coming soon.

Midweek Bible Study: "Psalms & Sandwiches" This group will meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the Month at 12:30 for Lunch with Pastor and to go through the book of Psalms. We will not be meeting again until January 2022.

POSTLUDE

“We Walk in the Light”

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SERVING US AT WORSHIP TODAY:

Officiant Preacher:	Rev. Tim Anderson
Organist/Director:	Ellen Brown
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Lector & Song Leader:	Donna Evans
Greeters:	Kathy Held
Acolyte:	Joe 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/cream “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 Tim Anderson is available to you for pastoral and spiritual needs (prayer support, hospital calls, counseling, private communion, etc). He can be reached at the office Monday & Wednesday, 9 AM – 2 PM. Cell phone #480596-2256.

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 11-21-21 week Bible Study—8; Worship Service—42
Income report for 11-21-21: Loose Plate \$415; Weekly Envelopes \$1007;
Designated Gifts \$115; Other \$57.50; Total \$1594.50.**

THIS WEEK AT BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

Nov. 28, Sunday

8:30 AM Adult Bible Study

9:30 AM Music Rehearsal

10 AM The First Sunday in Advent Worship

(Also, being streamed on Facebook online)

After Worship: Special Congregation Voters' Meeting - to approve 2022

Budget & La Masa Ministries Partnership Proposal

November 29, Monday

9 AM – 2 PM Pastor Tim Anderson in the office

December 1, Wednesday

9 AM – 2 PM Pastor Tim Anderson in the office

Noon & 7 PM Midweek Advent Worship (Soup lunch 11 a.m. & Soup dinner 6 p.m.)

December 3, Friday

After noon the Church & Offices cleaned

December 5, Sunday

10 AM The Second Sunday in Advent w/ Holy Communion

Prayer list: For continued recovery for **Pastor Tim & Annie, Kathryn Odle** positive Covid test, Ruth Lacy, Lis & Ken. Also, for **Dorothy McShee** at home, **Cyndi Calendar, Bev Dase, Maebell Beard, Glenn Brown, & Lisa Miguel.** For **Doris Reith & Len Lacy** in memory care facilities. For strength, comfort & healing for those who have cancer **Alice, Tim Jackson, Gerri Koski & Amina Kruck** . Thanksgiving for the birth of **baby boy Bauer David** to David & Ryanne Flanery.

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

December 5 "**Because We Belong**" Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler.
The world tells us we must be useful in order to belong, but that's now
how God sees us. (Luke 1:5-25)

**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.**