

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT
BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH, TEMPE
"The One Who Endures Shall Be Saved"

December 12, 2021

10:00 a.m.



Joy

AS WE GATHER

Some Advent wreaths have a pink candle for this Third Sunday in Advent. The festive, joyful pink candle reflects today's Readings, which begin to anticipate the unbridled joy that Jesus' birth brings. We do many joyful things during Advent. We sing Christmas carols, bake cookies, decorate our homes inside and out, and travel far and wide to visit those we love. Yet all these joyful things point to an even greater joy—the joy that comes by the Creator of the universe, the Lord almighty, who loves you, forgives you in Jesus, and cares about you beyond human measure! "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice!"

CASUAL SUNDAY

PRAISE MEDLEY

1 "Great Is The Lord" –TOSB #66

Refrain

Great is the Lord, He is holy and just, by His power we trust in His love. Great is the Lord, He is faithful and true, by His mercy He proves He is love.

1. Great is the Lord, and worthy of glory, Great is the Lord and worthy of praise. Great is the Lord, now lift up your voice, Now lift up your voice: Great---is the Lord! Great---is the Lord!
Refrain.

2. Great is the Lord, and worthy of glory, Great is the Lord and worthy of praise. Great are you, Lord, I lift up my voice, I lift up my voice: Great---are you Lord! Great---are you, Lord! **Refrain.**

Coda: Great are you, Lord! Great are you, Lord! Great are you, Lord!

2 "I Have the Joy, Joy " – TOSB #150

I have the joy, joy, joy, joy, Down in my heart, *down in my heart, *Down in my heart; I have the joy, joy, joy, joy, down in my heart, *Down in my heart to stay.

I have the peace that passes understanding, down in my heart, Down in my heart, down in my heart. I have the peace that passes understanding, down in my heart. Down in my heart to stay.

3 "Soon and Very Soon" – WOV #744 Words & Music by Andrae Crouch

1. **Soon and very soon we are going to see the King! (3x)
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We are going to see the King!**

- 2. No more crying there, we are going to see the King! (3x)
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We are going to see the King!**
- 3. No more dying there, we are going to see the King! (3x)
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We are going to see the King!**
- 4. Soon and very soon we are going to see the King! (3x)
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We are going to see the King!**

PASTORAL WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

PASTOR: Almighty God, you are our salvation. In you alone can we trust and not be afraid. Lord, you have redeemed for yourself a people, a remnant, from every tribe, tongue and nation. You are to be praised! Lord, we confess that you are our strength and our song. Without you we could do nothing. Without you our souls would be empty and in despair. Lord, grant your Spirit to come this morning and remind us of the joy of our salvation. Turn us in faith to thanksgiving and proclamation of the glorious works you have done. Help us sing for joy for you have promised us that you will be in our midst as we have gathered here this morning to hear again of your salvation. We ask these things in the name of your Son, our Savior and King, Jesus Christ. Amen

Stand

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart.

People: The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall never again fear evil.

Pastor: “Fear not, O Zion; let not your hands grow weak.

People: The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save;

Pastor: He will rejoice over you with gladness; He will quiet you by His love;

People: He will exult over you with loud singing.

Pastor: I will bring you in, at the time when I gather you together; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes,” says the LORD.

People: We worship You, O Lord!

Be seated

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

**Light a candle bright and tall for the Joy this season brings.
Joy like fountains brimming full. Through our world now let it
ring! Shine within our hearts today Come, O Joy, to us, we pray.**

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT *(Read responsively)*

Ps. 146:5–8; antiphon: Phil. 4:4

Rejoice in the Lord always;

again I will say, Rejoice.

Blessèd is he whose help is the God of Jacob,

whose hope is in the LORD his God,

who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them,

who keeps faith forever;

who executes justice for the oppressed,

who gives food to the hungry.

The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.

The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.

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.

Rejoice in the Lord always;
again I will say, Rejoice.

KYRIE (*Spoken*)

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

Stand

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ,

People: we implore You to hear our prayers

Pastor: and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation;

People: for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Be Seated

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Zephaniah 3:14–20

¹⁴Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem!

¹⁵The LORD has taken away the judgments against you; he has cleared away your enemies.

The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall never again fear evil.

¹⁶On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:

“Fear not, O Zion; let not your hands grow weak.

¹⁷The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.

¹⁸I will gather those of you who mourn for the festival, so that you will no longer suffer reproach.

¹⁹Behold, at that time I will deal with all your oppressors. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth.

²⁰At that time I will bring you in, at the time when I gather you together; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes,” says the LORD.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

Philippians 4:4–7

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Promises” -Terry Dittmer

1. God said “That’s enough, (Echo) Of a world of sin and stuff!”
(Echo) So He sent a flood and then (Echo), The world could all start fresh again. (Echo)

Then He placed a rainbow arc (Echo), In the sky high overhead
(Echo),
And there'd never be a flood (Echo) Like that one back then,"
He said. (Echo)

CHORUS:

**Promises, The Word of God is true, Promises, They're made for
me and you, Promises, A guarantee of love, Promises, A gift
from God above, Promises, They're wonderful and great,
Promises, We shout and celebrate, Promises, Sing Al-le-lu!
Al-le-lu-ia!**

2. Jesus Christ was born (Echo) One early Christmas morn, (Echo)
And He died upon a tree (Echo), He died for you, He died for
me (Echo). And we know that we are saved (Echo) 'Cause He
rose up from the grave (Echo)
And we know we're go'in to heav'n (Echo). That's a promise
we've been giv'n. (Echo) **CHORUS**
3. Promises of hope (Echo). Will put a smile upon your face.
(Echo). Promises that bless (Echo). And promises of joy
(Echo). Promises of God (Echo), Made to every girl and boy.
(Echo) **CHORUS**

Stand

VERSE

Pastor: Alleluia! Alleluia!

People: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Pastor: Behold, I send My messenger before Your face,

**People: who will prepare Your way before You.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 7:18–28

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

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

¹⁸The disciples of John reported all these things to him. And John,
¹⁹calling two of his disciples to him, sent them to the Lord, saying,
“Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?” ²⁰And
when the men had come to him, they said, “John the Baptist has sent
us to you, saying, ‘Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look
for another?’” ²¹In that hour he healed many people of diseases and
plagues and evil spirits, and on many who were blind he bestowed
sight. ²²And he answered them, “Go and tell John what you have
seen and heard: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, lepers
are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, the poor
have good news preached to them. ²³And blessed is the one who is
not offended by me.”

²⁴When John’s messengers had gone, Jesus began to speak to
the crowds concerning John: “What did you go out into the
wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? ²⁵What then did you
go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who are
dressed in splendid clothing and live in luxury are in kings’ courts.
²⁶What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and
more than a prophet. ²⁷This is he of whom it is written,

“Behold, I send my messenger before your face,
who will prepare your way before you.’

²⁸I tell you, among those born of women none is greater than John.
Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he.”

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 Joy in what we see and hear! (Zephaniah 3, Luke 7)

OFFERING MUSIC

"Let Our Gladness Have No End"-Bohemian Carol

Stand

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: As we prepare our hearts and minds for Christ's coming, we turn to the Lord in prayer.

A brief time of silence may be observed.

Pastor: O Wisdom from on high, lead us by Your Spirit to rejoice in all that You have done to demonstrate Your love for us. Move the leaders, pastors, teachers, and all the people of our Synod to rejoice in the Lord always. We pray,

People: hear us, coming Lord.

Pastor: O Desire of nations, bless the leaders of nations, our president and Congress, our governors and local leaders. Move all leaders to cease envy and boastfulness, injustice and corruption. Guide our leaders to be honorable people who do not neglect the poor and who strive toward the flourishing of all human beings. Bless those who serve in our armed forces and lift up refugees and all victims of war. Bring peace between us and our enemies and let Your peace reign over this broken world. We pray,

People: hear us, coming Lord.

Pastor: O Dayspring from on high, come to the aid of all who are in need. As You humbly entered this world as a vulnerable baby, help all of us humbly to enter the lives of those who are sick, facing surgery, or dying, to offer comfort and hope, Bring healing according to Your will and peace to those whose suffering endures. Thank You for the work of doctors, nurses, and other medical professionals who work toward healing and restoration of wholeness. Guide scientists searching for cures for diseases that bring suffering to the world that their work might lead to healing for many. We pray,

People: hear us, coming Lord.

Pastor: O Key of David, let Your joy, forgiveness, and peace flow freely in and among the families of this congregation. Empower parents and grandparents to love their children and children to love their parents. Watch over all who travel and comfort families who are separated by many miles. Guide families to be places where Your love is demonstrated to strangers as well as to friends. We pray,

People: hear us, coming Lord.

Pastor: O Lord of might, help us to see in the miracles of Jesus a sign pointing forward to that Day when He will come again in great glory to restore all creation. Help us to be instruments by which our wandering world may come to see Jesus as the one who alone brings true joy into our lives. We pray,

People: Hear us, coming Lord.

Pastor: O Immanuel, You deliver Your people even from the grip of death. Comfort those who mourn and use us to express the hope that comes from trusting in You. Bring us to be with them on that great day to come, and until that day give us grace to endure life's difficulties, while also abiding in Your love. We pray,

People: hear us, coming Lord.

Pastor: You, O Lord, know the thoughts of our hearts and hear those prayers that come to You in sighs too deep for words. All our prayer we entrust to You in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

People: Amen.

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.**

BENEDICTION

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

Be Seated

CLOSING HYMN

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" -TOSB #118, St. 1 & 2

- 1. Joyful, joyful we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee, Hail Thee, as the sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, Drive the dark of doubt away. Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day!**
- 2. All Thy works with joy surround Thee, Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays, Stars and angels sing around Thee, Center of unbroken praise; Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flow'ry meadow flashing sea, Chanting bird and flowing fountain, Call us to rejoice in Thee.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

Christmas Caroling: Wednesday Dec 22nd at 4:00pm. We will meet at church at 4:00pm to go Christmas caroling in the community as we hand out Christmas Service Invitations and Candy

Canes. Don't want to walk, that's fine. We will have a trailer to ride on as we make our way through the community.

Congregational Christmas Party: Wednesday Dec 22nd at 6:00pm. Join us for our congregational Christmas party in the fellowship hall. Everyone is encouraged to bring an appetizer to share and take part in our white elephant gift exchange. (Please spend no more than \$15-\$20 on your white elephant gift.) We look forward to celebrating together.

Christmas Eve Worship: Join us for worship on Christmas Eve at **7:00pm and 11:00pm** as we worship Christ the Newborn King.

Christmas Day Worship: Join us on Christmas Day at **10:00am** as we worship Jesus, The Word Made Flesh, God among us.

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

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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/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 12-5-21 week Bible Study—8; Worship Service—39; 12-8-20 Midweek Advent 2 Worship—28.
Income report for 12-5-21: Loose Plate \$305; Weekly Envelopes \$2280; Designated Gifts \$159; Other \$100; Total \$2844.**

THIS WEEK AT BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

December 12, Sunday

8:30 AM Adult Bible Study

9:30 AM Music Rehearsal

10 AM The Third Sunday in Advent Worship & Casual Sunday

(Also, being streamed on Facebook online)

December 13, Monday

9 AM – 2 PM Pastor Tim Anderson in the office

December 14, Tuesday

5:30 PM Board of Elders Meeting

December 15, Wednesday

9 AM – 2 PM Pastor Tim Anderson in the office

Noon & 7 PM Midweek 3 Advent Worship (Soup lunch 11 a.m. & Soup dinner 6 p.m.)

December 17, Friday

After noon the Church & Offices cleaned

December 19, Sunday

10 AM The Fourth Sunday in Advent w/Holy Communion

Prayer list: For continued recovery for **Pastor Tim & Annie, Kathryn Odle** positive Covid, Ruth Lacy, Lisa & Ken. Also, for **Dorothy McShee** at home, **Cyndi Calendar, Bev Dase, Maebell Beard, Glenn Brown, & Lisa Miguel.** Prayers for healing & strength for **Jim Schutkowski** who had surgery on his vertebrae. 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 - KFNX RADIO (1100) @ 10 AM:

December 19 "**Charlie Brown Christmas Tree**" Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. The drama surrounding the first airing of "The Charlie Brown Christmas Special" 56 years ago, against all odds, it gave viewers the true story of Christmas and doomed aluminum Christmas trees to near extinction. (Luke 2:1-15)

**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.**