

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH, TEMPE

December 5, 2021

10:00 a.m.



Glad, Thrilling Repentance

AS WE GATHER

“Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding” (LSB 345) is a cherished Advent hymn. That thrilling voice is that of John the Baptist crying out in the wilderness, “The Savior is near! The kingdom of God is near! Repent, and live out your new life in Christ! Produce fruits worthy of repentance!” In many ways, we still live in the wilderness. Our nation continues to polarize, causing us to lose friends and feel as though we are alone in the world. Many of us walk through the wilderness of serious disease, job loss, or watching our children or grandchildren walk away from faith. There is also the self-created wilderness of our own sin—the damage we have done in relationships with others. But John’s thrilling words bring us hope. While we are powerless to make it through the wilderness ourselves, God is powerful and sees us through. By the gift of repentance in turning to Him in our desperation and pain, God restores a right relationship to us and then sets us free to bear fruit worthy of repentance. We are not stuck. God can change and restore us! A thrilling voice indeed!

PRELUDE

“Lo, How a Rose” -Setting by David Cherwein

PASTORAL WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

Pastor: God in this season suspended between hope and fulfillment, let us never forget what you have done. May we be overwhelmed by your mercy, which flows in wave after wave. May we be honest about the darkness within us, and perceptive of the light around us. May we make straight the path for the Lord, that together we may see God's glory revealed. Amen.

OPENING HYMN “On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry” **LSB #344**

- 1 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry Announces that the Lord is nigh; Awake and hearken, for he brings Glad tidings of the King of kings!**
- 2 Then cleansed be ev'ry life from sin; Make straight the way for God within, And let us all our hearts prepare For Christ to come and enter there.**
- 3 We hail Thee as our Savior, Lord, Our refuge and our great reward; Without Thy grace we waste away Like flow'rs that wither and decay.**
- 4 Lay on the sick Thy healing hand And make the fallen strong to stand; Show us the glory of Thy face Till beauty springs in ev'ry place.**
- 5 All praise, eternal Son, to Thee Whose advent sets Thy people free, Whom with the Father we adore And Holy Spirit evermore.**

Stand

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Having emerged from the waters of Baptism as God's new creation in Christ, we confess our sins to God and one another.

A time of silence is observed.

Pastor: We confess to You, O Lord, that we are captive to sin in thought, word, and deed. We have wandered from You. Our wonderings have at times turned into doubts that drew us away from You.

People: Remember Your mercy, O LORD, and Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

Pastor: Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;

People: according to Your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of Your goodness, O LORD!

Be seated

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. 81:8, 10–11, 13; antiphon: Luke 3:4b

The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

"Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."

Hear, O my people, while I admonish you!

O Israel, if you would but listen to me!

I am the LORD your God, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.

Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.

“But my people did not listen to my voice;

Israel would not submit to me.

Oh, that my people would listen to me,

that Israel would walk in my ways!

**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 voice of one crying in the wilderness:

**“Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths
straight.”**

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 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.

Be seated

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Malachi 3:1–7b

¹“Behold, I send my messenger and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. ²But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner’s fire and like fullers’ soap. ³He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the LORD. ⁴Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

⁵“Then I will draw near to you for judgment. I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired worker in his wages, the widow and the fatherless, against those who thrust aside the sojourner, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

⁶“For I the LORD do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed. ⁷From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING

Philippians 1:2–11

²Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

³I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, ⁴always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, ⁵because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all

partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. ⁹And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, ¹⁰so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, ¹¹filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC "Come On, Ring Those Bells" -Andrew Culverwell

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE *(Sing)*

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C Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 3:1-14

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

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

¹In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, ²during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³And he went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁴As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet,

“The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

⁵Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall become straight,

and the rough places shall become level ways,
⁶and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”

⁷He said therefore to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruits in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham.

⁹Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.”

¹⁰And the crowds asked him, “What then shall we do?” ¹¹And he answered them, “Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise.” ¹²Tax collectors also came to be baptized and said to him, “Teacher, what shall we do?” ¹³And he said to them, “Collect no more than you are authorized to do.” ¹⁴Soldiers also asked him, “And we, what shall we do?” And he said to them, “Do not extort money from anyone by threats or by false accusation, and be content with your wages.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

NICENE CREED

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.

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 The Lord of Love Never Changes. (Mal 3:1-7, Luke 3:1-14)

VOLUNTARY "Oh, How He Loves You and Me" -Kurt Kaiser

Stand

OFFERTORY (*Sing*) **Pages 192-193**

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.)

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 *(Sing)*

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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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PAX DOMINI

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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)*

Be seated

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

(Piano Solo) "Creator of Stars & Night"

"Comfort, Comfort Ye My People" **LSB #347, St. 1 & 4**

1 "Comfort, comfort ye My people, Speak ye peace," thus saith our God; "Comfort those who sit in darkness, Mourning 'neath their sorrows' load. Speak ye to Jerusalem Of the peace that waits for them; Tell her that her sins I cover And her warfare now is over."

4 Make ye straight what long was crooked; Make the rougher places plain. Let your hearts be true and humble, As befits His holy reign. For the glory of the Lord Now o'er earth is shed abroad, And all flesh shall see the token That His Word is never broken.

"Once He Came in Blessing" **LSB #333, St. 1-2 & 4**

1 Once He came in blessing, All our sins redressing;
Came in likeness lowly, Son of God most holy;
Bore the cross to save us; Hope and freedom gave us.

- 2 Now He gently leads us; With Himself He feeds us
Precious food from heaven, Pledge of peace here given,
Manna that will nourish Souls that they may flourish.**
- 4 Come, then, O Lord Jesus, From our sins release us.
Keep our hearts believing, That we, grace receiving,
Ever may confess You Till in heav'n we bless You.**

Stand

NUNC DIMITTIS

Pages 199-200

- 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

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- P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C and His mercy endureth forever.**
- 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

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- P The Lord be with you.
C And with thy spirit.**

P Bless we the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

BENEDICTION

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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 *(Sing)* **Amen, amen, amen.**

Be seated

CLOSING HYMN

"Hark the Glad Sound" LSB #349

- 1 Hark the glad sound! The Savior comes, The Savior promised long; Let ev'ry heart prepare a throne And ev'ry voice a song.**
- 2 He comes the pris'ners to release, In Satan's bondage held. The gates of brass before Him burst, The iron fetters yield.**
- 3 He comes the broken heart to bind, The bleeding soul to cure, And with the treasures of His grace To enrich the humble poor.**
- 4 Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace, Thy welcome shall proclaim, And heav'n's eternal arches ring With Thy beloved name.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

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

Christmas Caroling: Wednesday Dec. 22nd at 4 p.m.

Congregational Christmas Party: Wednesday, Dec. 22nd at 6 p.m.

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

"Go, Tell It on the Mountain" -Spiritual

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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 11-28-21 week Bible Study—7; Worship Service—42; 12-1-20 Midweek Advent 2 Worship—30.

Income report for 11-28-21: Loose Plate \$34; Weekly Envelopes \$960; Designated Gifts \$62; Other \$; Total \$1056. 11-24-21 Worship Service Income report for 11-24-21: Total \$220.

THIS WEEK AT BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

December 5, Sunday

8:30 AM Adult Bible Study

9:30 AM Music Rehearsal

10 AM The Second Sunday in Advent Worship

(Also, being streamed on Facebook online)

December 6, Monday

9 AM – 2 PM Pastor Tim Anderson in the office

December 8, Wednesday

9 AM – 2 PM Pastor Tim Anderson in the office

Noon & 7 PM Midweek 2 Advent Worship (Soup lunch 11 a.m. & Soup dinner 6 p.m.)

December 10, Friday

After noon the Church & Offices cleaned

December 12, Sunday

10 AM The Third Sunday in Advent & Casual Sunday

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. For the family of **Helen,** (Lucy Durham's stepsister), who passed away Wednesday in Indiana. Thanksgiving for Pastor's cousin **Noel & Kenny** who married last week. **Matthew** a friend of Pastor Tim's who celebrated his 40th birthday.

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

December 12 "**When You're Expecting**" Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. The season of Advent is about living in the middle of a story that is still unfolding, between what is already and what is yet to come. (Luke 1:20-80)

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.**



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