

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH, TEMPE

January 23, 2022

10:00 a.m.



Gathered, Hearing, Praising

AS WE GATHER

At Easter, on the road to Emmaus, the Lord Jesus taught us how all the Scriptures ultimately point to Him and His ministry of salvation. Today, we hear the same claim at the beginning of His ministry. Quoting Isaiah 61, He tells His hometown neighbors, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing" (Luke 4:21). They were impressed. But only for a short moment. Not everyone will listen to the Word of God until it first inspires repentance over sin. Only when God gets us to face up to our real need, the forgiveness of sins, does the Spirit of God work true faith in the heart that results in praise of God who saves us. The world wants only to cover up and does not like hearing God call what we are doing and what we are sin. In a strange way, however, the Christian actually likes getting honest and facing up to sin, confessing it in order to receive God's gift of forgiveness and new life. As one Body in Christ, we respond with one voice in praise to God.

PRELUDE

"Choral" -from 2nd Symphony -Louis Vierne

PASTORAL WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

Pastor: Heavenly Father, The Spirit of God is upon us and Christ, Your son has breathed his spirit upon us to proclaim good news. Now You call us, anoint us, you give us this task of proclaiming Good News. You tell us that we are not too young or too old, we are not too rich or too needy to bring good news to the impoverished, to give a hand to the broken-hearted, and to live out freedom and pardon through the gifts of life and salvation that you have given to us. Help us as we gather together to open the scroll, hear the Word of God, receive the message with joy and proclaim it to the least, the little, the lost, the lonely and the broken. By your spirit, send us into the world. Help us know that we are never alone. Help us to know that you, Heavenly Father, walk with us and guide us today, tomorrow, and every day. In your holy name we pray, Amen.

OPENING HYMN "O Word of God Incarnate" **LSB #523, St. 1-3**

- 1 O Word of God incarnate, O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky:
We praise You for the radiance that from the hallowed page,
A lantern to our footsteps, Shines on from age to age.**
- 2 The Church from You, dear Master, Received the gift divine;
And still that light is lifted O'er all the earth to shine.
It is the chart and compass that, all life's voyage through,
Mid mists and rocks and quicksands Still guides, O Christ, to
You.**

**3 O make Your Church, dear Savior, A lamp of burnished gold
To bear before the nations Your true light as of old!
O teach Your wand'ring pilgrims by this their path to trace
Till, clouds and darkness ended, They see You face to face!**

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.

Be seated

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT (*Read responsively*)

Ps. 102:18–22; antiphon: Ps. 102:13

You will arise and have pity on Zion;

it is the time to favor her; the appointed time has come.

Let this be recorded for a generation to come,

so that a people yet to be created may praise the LORD:

that he looked down from his holy height;

from heaven the LORD looked at the earth,

to hear the groans of the prisoners,

to set free those who were doomed to die,

that they may declare in Zion the name of the LORD,

and in Jerusalem his praise,

when peoples gather together,

and kingdoms, to worship the 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.

You will arise and have pity on Zion;

it is the time to favor her; the appointed time has come.

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

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

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P Glory be to God on High,

C and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.

We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee.

we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

**Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our
prayer.**

**Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have
mercy upon us.**

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

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.

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities
and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us;
through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns
with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Be seated

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Nehemiah 8:1–3, 5–6, 8–10

¹All the people gathered as one man into the square before the Water

Gate. And they told Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses that the LORD had commanded Israel. ²So Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could understand what they heard, on the first day of the seventh month. ³And he read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand. And the ears of all the people were attentive to the Book of the Law. . . .

⁵And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was above all the people, and as he opened it all the people stood. ⁶And Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, “Amen, Amen,” lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. . . .

⁸They read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly, and they gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

⁹And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, “This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep.” For all the people wept as they heard the words of the Law. ¹⁰Then he said to them, “Go your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

1 Corinthians 12:12–31a

¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

¹⁴For the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵If the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the

body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? ¹⁸But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰As it is, there are many parts, yet one body.

²¹The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” ²²On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, ²⁴which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, ²⁵that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.

²⁷Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues. ²⁹Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹But earnestly desire the higher gifts.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SPECIAL MUSIC “We All Are One in Mission” (WOV #755)

Congregation is invited to join in stanza 3:

"Now let us be united, and let our song be heard.

Now let us be a vessel for God's redeeming Word.

**We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,
Our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all."**

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE *(Sing)*
C Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

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HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 4:16–30

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

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

¹⁶[Jesus] came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. ¹⁷And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written,

¹⁸"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed,

¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

²⁰And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹And he began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." ²²And all spoke well of him and marveled at the gracious words that were coming from his mouth. And they said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" ²³And he said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Physician, heal yourself.' What we have heard you did at Capernaum, do here in your hometown as well."

²⁴And he said, "Truly, I say to you, no prophet is acceptable in his hometown. ²⁵But in truth, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heavens were shut up three years and

six months, and a great famine came over all the land, ²⁶and Elijah was sent to none of them but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. ²⁷And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian.” ²⁸When they heard these things, all in the synagogue were filled with wrath. ²⁹And they rose up and drove him out of the town and brought him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they could throw him down the cliff. ³⁰But passing through their midst, he went away.

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

“O Christ, Our True and Only Light” **LSB #839, St. 1-3**

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.

SERMON

Homecoming!

Luke 4:16–30

VOLUNTARY

"Here I Am to Worship" -Tim Highes

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.**

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.

Be Seated

CLOSING HYMN

“We Are Called to Stand Together” **LSB #828, 1-5**
Sung to REGENT Square-“Angels From the Realms of Glory” (3367)

- 1 We are called to stand together with the saints of ages past, with the patriarchs and prophets in the faith they once held fast; Promises and hopes they treasured now we find fulfilled at last!**
- 2 Those whom Jesus called apostles journeyed with Him side by side, heard His teaching, felt His power, saw the way He lived and died; then the news of resurrection they delivered far and wide.**
- 3 Through the intervening ages round the world the Gospel spread: Faithful heralds took the message, guided where the Spirit led; so the body grew in stature, serving Christ, the living head.**
- 4 Now in many tongues and cultures songs of celebration ring; Millions who confess our Savior honor Him as Lord and King and, for courage, grace and guidance Ev’ry day their prayers they bring.**

**5 To each coming generation tell the truth, persuade, explain,
Till the time when time is ended, Till the Savior comes again—
Till the saints are all united under Christ's eternal reign!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

After Worship: Congregation Quarterly Voters' Meeting in the fellowship Hall.

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

New member class. Starting Jan. 30th after fellowship.

Midweek Bible Study: "Psalms & Sandwiches" This group meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the Month at 12:30 p.m. for lunch with Pastor and to go through the book of Psalms. We will be meeting again January 26, 2022, at Yvonne's Café at 1725 W University Tempe.

Feb 6th Annual Chili Cook Off during Fellowship Hour

Feb 27th at 2:00pm: Joint Partnership Potluck with Mountain View here at Beautiful Savior, Tempe. Sign up to bring side dishes and desserts. Burgers and Hotdogs will be provided.

The Trustees would like to offer BSLC's Gas Power Lawn Maintenance Equipment to Anyone in the congregation that would like to have them.

The items are: 1 – Mower / 1 Hard Edger / 2 Weed Eaters / 1 Blower.

POSTLUDE

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

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Song Leader:	
Lector:	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 1-16-22 week Bible Study—5; Worship Service— 37.
Income report for 1-16-22: Loose Plate \$120; Weekly Envelopes \$2309;
Designated Gifts \$15; Other \$; Total \$2444.**

THIS WEEK AT BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

January 23, Sunday

8:30 AM Adult Bible Study

9:30 AM Music Rehearsal

10 AM The Third Sunday after Epiphany Worship

(Also, being streamed on Facebook online)

After worship: Congregation Quarterly Voters' Assembly Meeting

January 24, Monday

9 AM – 2 PM Pastor Tim Anderson in the office

January 26, Wednesday

9 AM – 2 PM Pastor Tim Anderson in the office

January 28, Friday

After noon the Church & Offices cleaned

January 30, Sunday

10 AM The Fourth Sunday After the Epiphany

Prayer list: Continued recovery for all who have medical issues: **Jim Schutkowski, Cyndi Calendar, Bev Dase, Maebell Beard, Glenn Brown,** and **Mike,** Caryl Appeld's son & **Linda Schwall** who had broken bones in wrist & finger surgery on Thursday. Also, for recovery & healing for **Wayne Caspers,** in the hospital w/broken ribs, a punctured lung & Covid. For comfort and peace for **Doris Reith and Len Lacy** in memory care facilities and also for cancer patients **Tim Jackson, Amina Kruck and Gerri Koski.** For comfort, strength and healing for **Les Carlson,** brother of Gladys Meyer. For **Dorothy McShee** preparing for heart valve replacement and **Lisa Miquel** for successful surgery to help her hands & feet. For safe travel for **Bobbie Littou** to and from Parker, AZ. For **Pastor Nathan Hughes and Mason,** 3rd grade teacher at Greenfield School, who have tested positive for COVID-19

**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.**