

THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD SUNDAY

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

January 8, 2023

10:00 a.m.



An Epiphany Moment

AS WE GATHER

The darkness of sin and death are as hidden to us as the darkness of night is hidden by the artificial lights of a city. The revelation of God is not only that God is light and in Him is no darkness but that we are in darkness and have no light. The Epiphany moment is that the true light, He who is the light of the world, has come, and in Him we are made light by Baptism and faith. Today, we pray for that light to fill our darkness that we may know the fullness of the revelation of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. His light is so great that it overcomes every enemy and bridges the distance between all cultures and all peoples. We pray the Lord that we may walk in His light even to everlasting life.

PRELUDE

CASUAL SUNDAY

PASTORAL WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

Pastor: Oh Lord, It's always been about the light with you, hasn't it? Magi, braving distance and desert to find you, and bewildered shepherds, compelled by an angel's invitation, allowed light to be their guide. It is still the light that calls us to you; the light of beauty that whispers its truth in surprising ways and places; the light of compassion that kneels, and washes road-soiled, life-battered feet; the light of joy that glows even in the darkness of grief and suffering; the light that seeks to shine within us, and through us into the dark corners of our world. It's always been about the light with you, Jesus; may it always be about your light for us. Please lead us, now and always, out of darkness and into your marvelous light. In your holy name we pray. Amen.

CONFESSIOIN AND ABSOLUTION

Silence for reflection on God's Word.

Pastor: Let us confess our sins unto the Lord.

People: I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

Pastor: The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of

the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: May He who began this good work within you bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 60:1–6

- ¹Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.
- ²For behold, darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the LORD will arise upon you,
and his glory will be seen upon you.
- ³And nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your rising.
- ⁴Lift up your eyes all around, and see;
they all gather together, they come to you;
your sons shall come from afar,
and your daughters shall be carried on the hip.
- ⁵Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and exult,
because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.
- ⁶A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.
They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall bring good news, the praises of the LORD.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

AN EPIPHANY MUSICAL PRESENTATION

THE STAR SHINES IN THE EAST

Reading: Matt. 2:1-2

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, saying where is he that is born King of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.

Choir: "Behold That Star"-Spiritual

KING HEROD SENDS THE WISE MEN TO FIND THE BABY JESUS

Reading: Matt. 2: 3-8

When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. When he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born. And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judea: for thus it was written by the prophet, And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Judea, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel. Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, enquired of them diligently what time the star appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found him, bring me word again that I may come and worship him also.

Choir: "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

PROCESSION OF THE MAGI

Reading: Matt. 2: 9-11

When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.

Choir and Congregation: "We Three Kings of Orient Are"

(WOV #646)

1. (All) **We three kings of Orient are, bearing gifts we traverse afar,
Field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder
star.**

REFRAIN

**Star of wonder, star of night, Star of royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding, Guide us to Thy perfect light.**

2. (Women) **Born a King on Bethlehem's plain, GOLD I bring to
Crown Him again, King forever, ceasing never, Over
us all to reign. REFRAIN.**
3. (Men) **FRANKINCENSE to offer have I, incense owns a Deity
nigh. Pray'r and praising, All men raising, Worship Him,
God most high. REFRAIN.**
4. (Women) **MYRRH is mine, its bitter perfume Breathes of life of
gathering gloom; Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
Sealed in the stone-cold tomb. REFRAIN.**
5. (Men) **Glorious now behold Him arise, King and God and
Sacrifice. Alleluia, Alleluia, Earth to heav'n replies.
REFRAIN.**

MARY, JOSEPH AND CHILD JESUS ESCAPE TO EGYPT

Reading: Matt. 2:1-12.

And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod,
They departed into their own country another way.

Choir and Congregation: "This Little Light of Mine" (TOSB #235)

1. **This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine (repeat)
Let it shine, let is shine, let it shine.**
2. **Don't you try to blow it out; I'm going to let it shine (repeat)
Let it shine, let is shine, let it shine.**

3. **Hide it under a bushel? No! (repeat)**
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
4. **All around the neighborhood; I'm going to let it shine. (repeat)**
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
5. **Hold it high so all can see; I'm going to let it shine; (repeat)**
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

BAPTISM OF NOLAN EUGENE THOMAS CONLEY

RECOGNITION OF BAPTISM FOR JULIETTE PATRICIA CONLEY **-May 4, 2020**

HYMN OF THE DAY

“The Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning”

- 1 **Brightest and best of the stars of the morning, Dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid; Star of the East, the horizon adorning, Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.**
- 2 **Cold on His cradle the dewdrops are shining; Low lies His head with the beasts of the stall; Angels adore Him in slumber reclining, Maker and Monarch and Savior of all.**
- 3 **Shall we not yield Him, in costly devotion, Fragrance of Edom and off'rings divine, Gems of the mountain and pearls of the ocean, Myrrh from the forest and gold from the mine?**
- 4 **Vainly we offer each ample oblation, Vainly with gifts would His favor secure. Richer by far is the heart's adoration; Dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.**
- 5 **Brightest and best of the stars of the morning, Dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid; Star of the East, the horizon adorning, Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.**

SERMON

What Only God Can Show Us!

Matthew 2:1–12

OFFERTORY *(Sing)*

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.*)**

Pastor: Having been bidden by the Spirit, let us pray to the Lord of light on behalf of all who sit in darkness and the shadow of death.

Silence for prayer and meditation.

Pastor: O Light of light, shine with the brightness of the one true light, that those who live in darkness may be granted the light of life. Embolden Your Church that we with confidence and joy proclaim this saving Gospel to all the world and bring together the divided into the one people of Your grace in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: O Lord of power and might, shine Your light into the nations and give to all peoples wise and faithful servants to govern with integrity and mercy. Raise up people of honor to serve us on Your behalf and give Your blessing to those who protect us at home and abroad. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: O Lord of grace, You made Your Church from many to be one people and in Christ united them from all nations and tribes. Give unity of faith and doctrine to Your Church and able servants who will preach and teach faithfully the Good News of Christ, our Savior. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: O Lord of mercy, You forgave us in Christ and still forgive us of all our sins. Give to us hearts of repentance, and fill us with faith that we who know Christ may walk worthy of Him who is our righteousness and be kept blameless and holy until He

comes again. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: O Lord of love, You sought us out when we had nothing to commend us. Continue to seek out and comfort the sick and those who grieve, the dying in their final hours, and those troubled in mind, . . . Give them grace sufficient for their need and faith to sustain them in their trials. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: O Lord of hope, You create us anew in the waters of Baptism. The divisions that once marked us have been overcome in Christ. Keep from us, we pray, all bitterness, doubt, and fear, and bring us at last into Your eternal presence, with those who lived and died in Christ and now rest in their labors. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Grant to us all things needful and keep from us all things harmful, O Lord, for we trust in Your goodness and in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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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.

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.

CLOSING HYMN

“Shine, Jesus, Shine” WOV #651

**Refrain: Shine, Jesus, shine Fill this land with the Father's glory
Blaze, Spirit, blaze Set our hearts on fire Flow, river, flow
Flood the nations with grace and mercy Send forth your
Word Lord, and let there be light**

**1 Lord, the light of your love is shining In the midst of the
darkness, shining Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us
Set us free by the truth you now bring us Shine on me, shine on
me**

**2 As we gaze on your kingly brightness So our faces display your
likeness Ever changing from glory to glory Mirrored here may
our lives tell your story Shine on me, shine on me**

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**Sunday Bible Study: Our Sunday Bible Study on the Gospel of
John on Sunday at 8:30 a.m.**

**Brunch and Bibles: Our midweek bible study resume on January
11th at 12:30 a.m. We will meet at Netta Cheta's at 3224 S. Mill
Ave., Tempe, AZ 85282. Please let Kathryn know if you will be
attending by noon on Monday (she needs to know, so she can give
them a count)at 602-510-2885 or email: Kathryn.odle@asu.edu**

**Blessing Of The Animals and Pet Adoption Drive: Saturday
January 14th, 11AM - 2PM. Join us on January 14th as we give
thanks to God for the blessings of Creation and especially our
Pets and Animals. We will have animal blessings, treats and
snacks for our pets, food, drinks, and the Maricopa County
Humane Society here with Animals to Adopt. If interested in
volunteering, talk to Don and Phyllis Schinke or Pastor Tim.**

Please discontinue using your 2022 envelopes and only use you're the 2023 envelopes. This will ensure your contribution goes under your name.

Fellowship Hour: If you would like to bring something in to share during fellowship, please sign your name on the date you would like. The calendar is on the fellowship board. Questions, talk to Debbie O'Neill.

Church Members and others who wish to "give electronically" can now do so by going to: easytithe.com/BSLCTempe.

On the giving page, click on "Fund" and select the appropriate fund from the drop-down list.

The funds are: General, LWML, Missions, Air Conditioners, Memorials for Lucy Durham.

Then follow the directions to complete your transaction.

POSTLUDE

"In Thee is Gladness" -J.S. Bach

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SERVING US AT WORSHIP TODAY:

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Sandra Wardwell

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Alternate

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Bobbie Littou

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 #480-536-2256.

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 week: 1-1-23 Bible Study—NA; Worship Service—45; Proverbs & Sandwiches Bible Study—NA; Income report for 2-1-23: Loose Plate \$218; Weekly Envelopes \$1600; Designated Gifts \$100; Other \$; Total \$1918;

THIS WEEK AT BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

January 8, Sunday

8:30 am Adult Bible Study

9:30 AM Music Rehearsal

10 AM The Epiphany of Our Lord

(Also, being streamed on Facebook online)

January 9, Monday

Pastor Anderson in office 9 AM-2 PM

10 AM GLORIA Meeting

January 10, Tuesday

5:30 PM Board of Elder’s Meeting

7 PM Board of Finance Meeting

January 11, Wednesday

9AM-3 PM Pastor Tim in the office

12:30 PM “Brunch & Bibles” Mid-week Bible Study at Netta Cheta’s at 3224 S. Mill Ave., Tempe. Let Kathryn Odle know if you are attending.

January 12, Thursday

4-5 PM Set up and La Mesa is from 6-7:30 PM

January 13, Friday

9AM-11 AM Church Offices Cleaned

January 15, Sunday

10 AM The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Prayer List:

We pray for strength, comfort and healing for:

- **Pat Carlin**- now at home recovering.
- **Ken** who is suffering from MS.
- David Bomhoff fin hospital in Minnesota – several infections, will be hospitalized indefinitely;
- **Carol Hurley**, daughter of Donna Evans, - diagnosed with alopecia, (losing of hair).
- **William**, son of Donna Evans – rapid heartbeat, going through tests.
- **Barbara Willford, Cheryl Rice, Wendy Sievers, Glenn Brown, Lois Sunderman, Bev Dase** – medical issues.
- **Doris Reith and Len Lacy** – memory care.
- **Beth Hutson, Jim Schutkowski, Sherryl Ellis, Gerri Koski, Warren and Cheryl** -- chemo treatment.
- Prayers are requested for Beth Ruettinger, former member of Beautiful Savior Church, by Bev Dase. Beth will be diagnosed soon to determine if she has bone cancer. We pray, Lord, that You will watch over her giving her strength, comfort and healing.

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.

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

January 15 "Gifts to Share" Lutheran Hour Speaker: [Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler](#) A body of water becomes stagnant when there is no outflow. The same could be said of us. (Colossians 1:29)

Thanks, Beautiful Congregation!

It is with heartfelt gratitude that we express our Thanks and Appreciation to the Beautiful Savior Congregation for their kind and generous Christmas cards and gifts. You made our celebration of the holiday very special and we love you for it !

Sincerely, Your BSLC Staff: Pastor Tim & Annie, Marsha, Joe & Pat and Ellen