

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

December 3, 2023

10:00am.



AS WE GATHER

We are surrounded with people who need to hear the story, people who need to meet the one from Nazareth, Jesus our Lord. This Advent season, may we make this place of worship a place of hospitality and welcome. Make our words and actions be words and actions of invitation to our neighbors, friends and family. Like Philip, let us say, "Come and see." We ask that the spirit of God would use our God given gifts to gather and invite others to "Come to Bethlehem and See, Him whose birth the Angels Sing." Let us invite others to the Newborn king this Advent and Christmas season.

PRELUDE

“Behold, a Rose Is Blooming” –Johannes Brahms

PASTORAL WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

Pastor: let us pray, Gather us in, O God the brokenhearted and the joyful.

People: Gather us in, the weak and the strong.

Pastor: Gather us in, the fearful and the brave.

People: Gather us in, the young and the old.

Pastor: Gather us in, to sing of God’s works.

People: Gather us in, to praise Jesus Christ.

Pastor: Gather us in, to worship and wonder.

People: Gather us in, to know of God’s love.

Pastor: Gather us in, as we pause, and as we wait and invite others to wait this Advent, for your Son to come again with all of your promises for us that are already true and are yet still to come.

People: Amen.

OPENING HYMN

“Gather Us In”. WOV #718 V. 1-4

1 Here in this place, new light is streaming, now is the darkness, vanished away, see, in this space, our fears and our dreamings, brought here to you in the light of this day.

Gather us in, the lost and forsaken; gather us in, the blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall awaken, we shall arise at the sound of our name.

2 We are the young, our lives are a mystery; we are the old, who yearn for your face, we have been sung throughout all of history, called to be light to the whole human race.

Gather us in, the rich and the haughty; gather us in, the proud and the strong; give us a heart so meek and so lowly, give us the courage to enter the song.

- 3 Here we will take the wine and the water, here we will take the bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daughters, call us anew to be salt for the earth. Give us to drink the wine of compassion, give us to eat, the bread that is you; nourish us well, and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.
- 4 Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven light years away, but here in this place, the new light is shining, now is the kingdom, now is the day. Gather us in, and hold us forever; gather us in, and make us your own; gather us in, all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

Stand

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal

punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you 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.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT

Pastor: Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation.

People: To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

Pastor: O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me.

People: Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame; they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

People: 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.

Pastor: Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation.

KYRIE *(Sing)*

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Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the

Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

People: Amen.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty God, Advent is a time of hope and waiting. For centuries your people waited in hope for the Messiah to come. As we gather today, help us to be people of hope even though we live in the midst of a world fraught with troubles. Although the darkness is powerful, we implore you to open our eyes, Lord, to the light of your presence. Give us faith to stand against the voices of division and violence. Through your Spirit remake us into hope-filled disciples, discovering lives attune to your wonder, and sparking in others a desire to know you more. In the name of the One who comes to us, we pray,

People: Amen.

Be seated

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Pastor: We begin this season, focusing on our Lord's coming, by lighting a candle of hope—hope found in Jesus Christ alone.

People: For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all people.

(The first blue candle is lit.)

Pastor: This hope teaches us to hold on in the chaos of this life, trusting in the promises of our savior. It teaches us to trust and to invite others to trust in Him as well.

People: While we wait for the blessed hope—the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ,

Pastor: Who gave himself for us to redeem us from sin, death and the devil, to gather to himself a people who are his very own.

People: O Lord, enter our hearts and join our voices with those of all times and all places who have hoped in You as we sing...

*Light one candle for HOPE, one brightcandle for HOPE,
He brings HOPE to every Heart, He comes, He comes.*

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 60:1-16

60 Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon
you.

² For 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.

³ And nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your rising.

⁴ Lift 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.

⁵ Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and exult,^[a]

because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

⁶ A 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.

⁷ All the flocks of Kedar shall be gathered to you;
the rams of Nebaioth shall minister to you;
they shall come up with acceptance on my
altar, and I will beautify my beautiful house.

⁸ Who are these that fly like a cloud,
and like doves to their windows?

⁹ For the coastlands shall hope for me,
the ships of Tarshish first,
to bring your children from afar,
their silver and gold with them,
for the name of the Lord your God,
and for the Holy One of Israel,
because he has made you beautiful.

¹⁰ Foreigners shall build up your walls,
and their kings shall minister to you;
for in my wrath I struck you,
but in my favor I have had mercy on you.

¹¹ Your gates shall be open continually;
day and night they shall not be shut,
that people may bring to you the wealth of the nations, with their kings
led in procession.

¹² For the nation and kingdom
that will not serve you shall perish;
those nations shall be utterly laid waste.

¹³ The glory of Lebanon shall come to you,
the cypress, the plane, and the pine,
to beautify the place of my sanctuary,
and I will make the place of my feet

glorious.

¹⁴ The sons of those who afflicted you
shall come bending low to you,
and all who despised you
shall bow down at your feet;
they shall call you the City of the Lord,
the Zion of the Holy One of Israel.

¹⁵ Whereas you have been forsaken and hated,
with no one passing through,
I will make you majestic forever,
a joy from age to age.

¹⁶ You shall suck the milk of nations;
you shall nurse at the breast of kings;
and you shall know that I, the Lord, am your Savior
and your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

Romans 10:14-21

¹⁴ How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? ¹⁵ And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!" ¹⁶ But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?" ¹⁷ So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

¹⁸ But I ask, have they not heard? Indeed they have, for

"Their voice has gone out to all the earth,
and their words to the ends of the world."

¹⁹ But I ask, did Israel not understand? First Moses says,

“I will make you jealous of those who are not a nation; with a foolish nation I will make you angry.”

²⁰ Then Isaiah is so bold as to say,
“I have been found by those who did not seek me;
I have shown myself to those who did not ask for me.”

²¹ But of Israel he says, “All day long I have held out my hands to a disobedient and contrary people.”

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“You are My Light” Dave & Jean Perry

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE *(Sing)*

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People: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

GOSPEL READING

John 1:43–51

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.

People: Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

⁴³ The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.” ⁴⁴ Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵ Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.” ⁴⁶ Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” ⁴⁷ Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, “Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!” ⁴⁸ Nathanael said to him, “How do you know me?” Jesus answered him, “Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.” ⁴⁹ Nathanael answered him, “Rabbi, you are the Son of

God! You are the King of Israel!” ⁵⁰ Jesus answered him, “Because I said to you, ‘I saw you under the fig tree,’ do you believe? You will see greater things than these.” ⁵¹ And he said to him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, ^[m] you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to Thee, O Christ.**

NICENE CREED

People: **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.**

HYMN OF THE DAY "Savior of the Nations Come" LSB #332 V. 1, 5-8

- 1 Savior of the nations, come, Virgin's Son, make here Your
home! Marvel now, O heav'n and earth, That the Lord chose
such a birth.**
- 5 God the Father was His source, Back to God He ran His course.
Into hell His road went down, Back then to His throne and
crown.**
- 6 For You are the Father's Son Who in flesh the vict'ry won. By
Your mighty pow'r make whole All our ills of flesh and soul.**
- 7 From the manger newborn light Shines in glory through the
night. Darkness there no more resides; In this light faith
now abides.**

**8Δ Glory to the Father sing, Glory to the Son, our king,
Glory to the Spirit be Now and through eternity.**

SERMON Come and know Him better!

John 1:43–51

OFFERTORY HYMN *(Sing)*

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**People: What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?
I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the
name of the Lord. I will take the cup of salvation and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows to the
Lord now in the presence of all His people, in the courts of
the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**

Stand

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:

Pastor: Almighty God, as we prepare to celebrate the Savior's birth, we know that Angers invited and gathered shepherds to come and see the newborn king, we know that with the leading of a star you revealed your Son to the nations of the world; lead us also to a clearer vision of your presence. Thank you for your apostles who carried your word to distant lands; but we ask that you would bless your church today, that she may shine still this Advent with your Son's light out into the world. Lord in your mercy:

People: Hear our prayer

Pastor: Be with all pastors and servants of the church in every congregation in this land. Help them to speak your word in truth and power and care for the flocks entrusted to them. Lord in your mercy:

People: Hear our prayer

Pastor: Revive and refresh us by your Holy Spirit so that we can confess your name before others, pray fervently for our neighbor, and demonstrate your love through good works.

We pray for all whom we know that are seeking guidance in their lives; for the sick and the homebound remembering especially those on our prayer list and those we name before you (-----) for all who struggle with doubts about their faith; we commend to you all who do not yet believe, but are searching, that even while they still walk in darkness that you would make light shine upon their path. Lord in your mercy:

People: Hear our prayer

Pastor: How blessed we are to enjoy the freedoms and prosperity of this country. Bless this land, all who live in it, all who visit it, and all who lead our nations affairs, in particular our President, our Governor, our Mayor, our elected politicians, and our leaders in business and society. Give them a love of truth and justice. Help all citizens to serve their neighbors through their vocations. Help those who are unemployed or whose work is difficult, dangerous or stressful. Grant to the wealthy the further blessing of generosity. Strengthen all families and the bond of marriage. Give all children and young people a renewed respect for their parents, and guide all parents in raising their children. Lord in your mercy:

People: Hear our prayer

Pastor: How great is your power that you guide the nations of the world. In your mercy, curb the evil of man, and bring oppression, violence and greed to an end. Give success to all who work for peace and to all who strive to recognize each person's common humanity. Lord in your mercy:

People: Hear our prayer

Pastor: Lord God, since you have called us and received us as your disciples, keep us true to our calling. Build us up in trust in you, and in love towards each other, until we finally see you face to face. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

LSB 177

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our
God.

**People: It is right to give Him thanks
and praise.**

Pastor: It is truly good, 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)*

LSB 178

**People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might: Heav'n
and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

LSB 178

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER

People: 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 and ever. Amen.

PAX DOMINI

LSB 180

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI *(Sing)*

LSB 180

People: Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Sit

DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

1) All My Hope (Song Sheet)

Verse 1

**Light in my darkness Peace for my Soul You are my rescue
You've never let go (REPEAT)**

Chorus 1

**All my hope is in You All my strength is in You With every
breath my soul will rest in You**

Verse 2

**Here in my weakness Always the same
Your love is my shelter Your life is my way**

Bridge

Constant Saviour Friend forever

**Lord You have my heart Sure foundation Never failing Lord
You have my heart (REPEAT)**

Chorus 2

**All my hope is in You All my strength is in You With every
breath my soul will rest in You All the earth beneath You All
my life before You With every breath my soul will rest in You
With every breath my soul will rest in You**

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2) “O Come, O Come Emmanuel” LSB #357 V. 1-3

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

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!

**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. Refrain**

**3 Soon will come that hour When with mighty power Christ will
come in splendor And will judgment render, With the faithful
sharing Joy beyond comparing. Refrain**

Stand

THANK THE LORD (Sing)

LSB 181

People: Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell everyone what He has done. Let everyone who seeks the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name. He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

Pastor: Let us pray.

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.

People: 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

“Arise, O Christian People” **LSB #354 V. 1-4**

- 1 Arise, O Christian people! Prepare yourselves today; Prepare to greet the Savior, Who takes your sins away. To us by grace alone The truth and light were given; The promised Lord from heaven To all the world is shown.**
- 2 Prepare the way before Him; Prepare for Him the best. Cast out what would offend Him, This great, this heav’nly guest. Make**

**straight, make plain the way: The lowly valleys raising,
The heights of pride abasing, His path all even lay.**

- 3 The humble heart and lowly God raises up on high; Beneath
His feet in terror The haughty soul shall lie. The heart sincere
and right, That heeds God's invitation And makes true
preparation—It is the Lord's delight.**
- 4 Prepare my heart, Lord Jesus; Turn not from me aside,
And help me to receive You This blessed Adventtide.
From stall and manger low Come now to dwell within me;
I'll sing Your praises gladly And forth Your glory show.**

POSTLUDE "Let Christians All With Joyful Mirth" -James Mansfield

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Join us for Sunday Bible study on the book of Revelation. We will
gather each Sunday at 8:30am to go through this oft-
misunderstood book of the Bible, and the hope we have in Christ
at the end.**

**Christmas Decorating at Beautiful Savior: Stick around today after
church and help us as we decorate our church for the advent and
Christmas season.**

**New Member Class: Pastor is looking to offer new member
classes for anyone interested in joining our congregation. If
interested please connect with him after church. Classes would
last five weeks and would begin in November 19th.**

**Women's Weekly Bible Study will meet Dec. 4th at noon. We will
study The Shulammite Woman. All Beautiful Savior women and
friends are welcome to attend!**

**A Night In Bethlehem at St. Luke in Mesa. Join our Sister
congregation on Friday Dec. 8th for A Night In Bethlehem. This
free event goes from 6:00-8:30pm. Make crafts in the shops of**

Bethlehem, pet live animals, and sing Christmas favorites at the beautiful Songs & Stories experience in their worship center. Top it all off with hot chocolate, coffee, and cookies. St. Luke is located at 807 N Stapley Dr. Mesa, AZ 85203

Hosanna Christmas Cantata. Join our friends at Hosanna Lutheran Church on Saturday Dec. 9th for their annual Christmas Cantata. This year's theme is "O Holy Light." by Mary McDonald. The concert starts at 3pm.

Christmas Poinsettias: Order forms will be available starting next Sunday Dec. 10th. We will need all order forms back by no later than Dec. 20th. Please be on the lookout.

Advent Midweek Services: Dec. 6 with services at 12:00pm and 7:00pm. In our Midweek worship series for Advent, "The Light of Grace", we celebrate that Jesus is the Light of the World who shines on us with his amazing grace. Through Scripture, song and reflections, we are reminded that Jesus makes his grace known through the undeserved gifts of hope, peace, joy and love—gifts revealed in special ways in the lives of Zechariah, Isaiah, and Elizabeth. We will also have dinner each week before the evening service starting at 6:00pm.

Congregational Christmas Party: Dec. 20th at 6pm. Join us on Dec. 20th at 6pm for our annual Beautiful Savior Christmas Party. This event is potluck and everyone is encouraged to bring a dish to share. We will also once again be having our Gift Exchange. Please bring an item worth between \$15-\$20 if you plan on being a part of the exchange. Any questions, contact Pastor Tim.

Christmas Paint and Sip: Saturday Dec. 16th at 10:00am. Join us as we gather to paint our 2023 Christmas Painting and share a continental breakfast with mimosas and wine! Sign up in the Narthex starting on Nov. 26th.

Christmas Eve Worship: Join us this Christmas Eve with services at 10am, 7pm and 11pm. Our morning service will be a different liturgy than our evening service so join us more than once on Sunday Dec. 24th and hear the Good News of Great Joy for all people.

Christmas Day Worship: Monday Dec. 25th at 10am. Come and hear the great news that God had taken on flesh to dwell with us, and among us as our savior. He knows what it means to be human and yet is still fully God and able to offer the sacrifice for sin that we could never make. Join us on Christmas Day at 10am.

Planet Green recycle container is in the fellowship hall by the thermostats.

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 schedule is on the fellowship board. Questions, talk to Pastor Tim.

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

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Acolyte:	TBA
Altar:	Bobbie Littou, Charlotte Grefe

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's Office Hours: Pastor Tim is available Monday through Thursday, 10am - 3pm as well as by appointment. 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: 11-22-2023 Thanksgiving Eve—23 11-26-23 Bible Study—6; Worship Service—39; 11-27-2023 Women’s Bible

Study—6; 11/23 La Mesa meal—93, La Mesa worship—29; La Mesa Baptism—NA.

Income report for 11-26-23: Loose Plate \$122; Weekly Envelopes \$1730; Designated Gifts \$13; Other \$; Total \$1865.

THIS WEEK AT BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

December 3, Sunday

8:30 AM Adult Bible Study

9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal

10 AM All The First Sunday in Advent w/Holy communion

(Also, being streamed on Facebook online)

December 4, Monday

12 PM Women's Bible Study

December 6 Wednesday

12 PM & 7 PM Advent Midweek 2 Worship Service

December 7 Thursday

4-7 PM La Mesa

December 31, Friday

Church & Offices Cleaned

December 10, Sunday

10 AM The Second Sunday in Advent – Casual Worship

Prayer List: We pray for strength, comfort and healing for:

Tim Tomaszewski dealing with ALS; Marianne Lemkau, Nola vision problems, Nolan Conley-serious esophagus problems, Mary Tarsitano comfort & healing after a fall & the family Bobbie Littou, Natalia's daughter Lara, also her sister Adriana, Carol Hurley, Josh, Ken, Grace Timm, Jane Schutkowski, Mason Midkiff, Dee's husband, Phyllis Schinke, Wendy Sievers, Bev Dase; Ken w/MS;

Pastor Pope in hospice care;

Thanksgiving for Kevin, Les Carlson now at home.

Amina Kruck very ill, Annalisa Durnan, Nicole McClain, Jan Buel, Alice & her husband Randy, Beth Ruettinger also back problem, Brenda Frank, Warren, Cheryl, Jim Schutkowski – cancer treatments;

Doris Reith and Len Lacy - memory care;

Kevin out of the hospital, Les Carlson at home.

Roberta's friend, being deployed into an area of conflict.

Prayers for all nations dealing with hardships and for military deployed to areas of conflict;

FOR AT HOME WORSHIPERS WHO MAY 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 - KFNX RADIO (1100) @ 10 AM December 3
"Before They Call" Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. SOS
and Mayday are distress signals that cry out for rescue. So is "Lord, have
mercy!" (Isaiah 64:4)**



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