

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

The First Sunday In Advent

The Mission of Beautiful Savior is
to Serve the Lord, Extend the Gospel and Make
Jesus alive in the community.

December 1, 2024

10:00 a.m.



AS WE GATHER

“The reason I’m here...,” is a short phrase that helps us get to the point, it ends the pleasantries and gets the conversation moving. On the first Sunday of Advent, we have a “The reason I’m here...” moment. Jesus is entering into Jerusalem. But Why start advent here? Should we not be focusing on Mary and Joseph? At the beginning of Advent, this is Christ’s way of saying to us, “This is the reason I’m here... You are the reason I’m here.”

PRELUDE “O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

OPENING PRAYER

P Lord Jesus Christ, we await your coming. We wait filled with hope, knowing your light will shine in the darkness. We wait and we anticipate your peace, believing that one day it will fill our world. We wait and we embrace your love, may we reach out to share it with our neighbors. We wait with joy, bubbling up in us the expectation of your birth and your return. Lord, we wait, as we beg you to come soon and fill us with your spirit, your light, your life and your love.

C Amen.

OPENING HYMN

“Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying” **LSB #516 St.1-3**

- 1** “Wake, awake, for night is flying,” The watchmen on the heights are crying; “Awake, Jerusalem, arise!” Midnight hears the welcome Voices And at the thrilling cry rejoices: “Oh, where are ye, ye virgins wise? The Bridegroom comes, awake! Your lamps with gladness take! Alleluia! With bridal care Yourselves prepare To meet the Bridegroom, who is near.”
- 2** Zion hears the watchmen singing, And all her heart with joy is springing; She wakes, she rises from her gloom. For her Lord

comes down all-glorious, The strong in grace, in truth victorious; Her star is ris'n, her light is come. Now come, Thou Blessed One, Lord Jesus, God's own Son, Hail! Hosanna! We enter all The wedding hall To eat the Supper at Thy call.

- 3 Now let all the heav'ns adore Thee, Let saints and angels sing before Thee With harp and cymbals' clearest tone. Of one pearl each shining portal, Where, joining with the choir immortal, We gather round Thy radiant throne. No eye has seen the light, No ear has heard the might Of Thy glory; Therefore will we Eternally Sing hymns of praise and joy to Thee!

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P "Hear us, Shepherd of Israel,

C You who lead Joseph like a flock.

P Awaken Your might;

C Come and save us." (*Psalm 80:1a,2b*)

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING & HYMN

P The hope of Christ be with you.

C And also with you.

P Today we light one Advent candle. The first candle of Advent is the candle of hope.

C In Christ there is life and light for all people.

P Christ said, "Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will never pass away." (Mark 13:31)

C We lift up our heads and rejoice: our Redeemer is drawing near. (Luke 21)

CANDLE LIGHTING HYMN "Light One Candle"

Light one candle for hope, one bright candle for hope, He brings hope to every heart, He comes! He comes! (Repeat)

Stand

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P Restore us, God Almighty,

C that we may be saved. (Psalm 80:7)

P The hope that we have in Christ is the strongest hope of all. It gives us confidence to come together in a shared confession of sins, with the firm knowledge that we will be forgiven of those sins. We confess together:

C We have sinned and fallen short of Your glory. We are unworthy of Your grace. Savior of the nations, come. Make our hearts Your home. Abide with us, our Lord Immanuel.

(silence for reflection)

P Christ came to earth to save you. He died for your sins. "For in this hope we are saved." As a

called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you of all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen. Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth!

Sit

SERVICE of the WORD

INTROIT

Psalms 89:6, 14–16, 18; antiphon: Zechariah 9:9b, alt.

Behold, your king is coming to you;

righteous and having salvation.

Who in the skies can be compared to the LORD?

**Who among the heavenly beings is like
The LORD?**

Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne;

**steadfast love and faithfulness go before
you.**

Blessèd are the people who know the festal shout,

**who walk, O LORD, in the light of your
face, who exult in your name all the day
and in your righteousness are exalted.**

For our shield belongs to the LORD,

our king to the Holy One of Israel.

**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.**

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

KYRIE (Sing)

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**C Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy.**

SALUTATION and COLLECT of the DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

SERVICE of the WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Jeremiah 33:14–16*

¹⁴“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah.

¹⁵In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved

and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING *1 Thessalonians 3:9–13*

⁹What thanksgiving can we return to God for you, for all the joy that we feel for your sake before our God, ¹⁰as we pray most earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith?

¹¹Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, ¹²and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, ¹³so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Prepare Ye the Way” -Mary Kay Beall

Stand

ALLELUIA and VERSE (*Sing*)

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C Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

C These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of

God.

C Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL READING

Luke 19:28–40

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁸When [Jesus] had said these things, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

²⁹When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰saying, “Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ you shall say this: ‘The Lord has need of it.’” ³²So those who were sent went away and found it just as he had told them. ³³And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, “Why are you untying the colt?” ³⁴And they said, “The Lord has need of it.” ³⁵And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶And as he rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road. ³⁷As he was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, ³⁸saying, “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in

heaven and glory in the highest!" ³⁹And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples." ⁴⁰He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, 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.

Sit

CHILDRENS MESSAGE:

**HYMN OF THE DAY “Savior of the Nations, Come”
LSB #332, St. 1,5-6 & 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.**
- 8 ΔGlory to the Father sing, Glory to the Son,**

our king, Glory to the Spirit be Now and through eternity.

SERMON

OFFERING GATHERED

OFFERTORY “Create in Me” LSB #956

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 sal-va-tion; and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH (*Congregation response to petitions: **Hear our prayer.***)

PREFACE

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P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless

love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. 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 adored; Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name. Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord; Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

PRAYER of THANKSGIVING

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P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your boundless mercy You sent Your servant, John the Baptist, to proclaim that in Christ the kingdom of heaven draws near.

With thankful hearts we pray, "Come, Lord

Jesus,” confident that in His body and blood, given us to eat and drink, we receive the forgiveness of sins and so proclaim His death until He comes again in glory.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

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 and ever. Amen.

THE WORDS of OUR LORD

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P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My T blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

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 1 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.

2 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Sit

Distribution

Distribution Hymns

- 1)** (Solo) (The Wexford Carol)
- 2)** "Come Share the Lord" (CCLI)

Chorus 1

**We gather here in Jesus' name
His love is burning in our hearts like living flame
For through His loving Son the Father makes us
one
Come take the bread come drink the wine
Come share the Lord**

Chorus 2

**We'll gather soon where angels sing
We'll see the glory of our Lord and coming King
Now we anticipate the feast for which we wait
Come take the bread come drink the wine
Come share the Lord**

Bridge

**For He will feed us with His presence here
This bread and wine will do us good
Our deepest hungers He will satisfy
For He is life and peace and rest and drink and
food**

Chorus 3

**He joins us here He breaks the bread
The Lord who pours the cup is risen from the
dead
The One we love the most is now our gracious
host**

**Come take the bread come drink the wine
Come share the Lord**

Bridge

**No one is a stranger here
Ev'ryone belongs
Finding our forgiveness here
We in turn forgive all wrongs
We are now the family
Of which the Lord is head**

**Though unseen He meets us here
In the breaking of the bread**

Ending

**Come take the bread
Come drink the wine
Come share the Lord**

Bryan Jeffery Leech

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3) “Comfort, Comfort Ye My People” LSB #347

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.”

2 Yea, her sins our God will pardon, Blotting out each dark misdeed; All that well deserved His anger He no more will see or heed. She hath suffered many_a day, Now her griefs have passed away; God will change her pining sadness Into ever-springing gladness.

3 Hark, the herald’s voice is crying In the

desert far and near, Calling sinners to
repentance, Since the Kingdom now is here.
O that warning cry obey! Now prepare for
God a way; Let the valleys rise to meet Him
And the hills bow down to greet Him.

- 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.

Stand

NUNC DIMITTIS (*Sing*)

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C 1 O Lord, now let Your servant Depart in
heav'nly peace, For I have seen the glory
Of Your redeeming grace: A light to lead
the Gentiles Unto Your holy hill, The glory
of Your people, Your chosen Israel.

- 2 All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit, Forever Three in
One; For as in the beginning, Is now, shall
ever be, God's triune name resounding
Through all eternity.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P 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.

C Amen.

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P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P 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.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“The Advent of our King” **LSB #331 St.1-6**

- 1 The advent of our King Our prayers must
*now employ, And we must hymns of
welcome sing In strains of holy joy.***
- 2 The everlasting Son Incarnate deigns to be,
Himself a servant’s form puts on To set His
servants free.**
- 3 O Zion’s daughter, rise To meet your lowly
King, Nor let your faithless heart despise
The peace He comes to bring.**
- 4 As judge, on clouds of light, He soon will**

**come again And His true members all unite
With Him in heav'n to reign.**

**5 Before the dawning day Let sin's dark deeds
be gone, The sinful self be put away,
The new self now put on.**

**6Δ All glory to the Son, Who comes to set us
free, With Father, Spirit, ever one Through all
eternity.**

POSTLUDE

"Trumpet Tune on WACHET AUF"- Martha Sobaje

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday Bible Study: Join us each Sunday morning at 8:30am in the fellowship Hall. This December we are looking at "Christ In The Old Testament," a course put together by Rev. Chad Bird and our friends at 1517.

Weekly Prayer Email Updates: If you are not receiving our Beautiful Savior weekly prayer emails and would like to receive them, please give Pastor a copy of your email address. Forms to receive the Weekly prayer email can also be found in the Narthex/Hallway and can be given to Pastor or Marsha.

Sunday School: Kids are encouraged to join us for Sunday school each week during our worship service. After our children's message kids will head to Sunday School in Fellowship Hall and will return before the end of service. Any questions, talk to Pastor Tim.

LWML Bible Class will meet Monday, Dec. 2 at noon to study Solomon! All BSLC women and friends are invited to join us.

Brunch and Bibles: The last brunch and bibles of the year will be on Thursday Dec. 12th as we finish our study of the Book of Daniel. All are invited to attend. If interested in attending, please reach out to Charlotte Grefe or Pastor Tim.

Staff Christmas Gifts: If you would like to contribute toward Christmas gifts for Beautiful Savior staff, please put your donation in a designated envelope and place in the offering plate by December 22nd. Thank you!

Advent At Beautiful Savior: Join us on Wednesday December 4th, 11th and 18th at 6:30pm for Advent Midweek Services. This year's Advent theme is "His Gospel is Peace", as we focus on how Christ's birth and return bring peace that overcomes fear. Each week

before service a soup dinner will be served from 5-6pm.

Congregational Christmas Party and LWML Potluck: Join us on Sunday Dec. 22nd after worship for our annual Christmas Party and LWML potluck. We will have our annual gift exchange as well as a meal to share. If you would like to be a part of the gift exchange, plan to bring a gift valued at about \$15. More information is coming soon, but please save the date and prepare for a great Christmas tradition here at BSLC.

Christmas at Beautiful Savior. Join us this Christmas as we celebrate the birth of Emmanuel, God WITH US! Join us on Christmas Eve, Tuesday Dec. 24th at 7pm and 11pm. Join us on Christmas Day, Wednesday Dec. 25th at 10:00am.

Want to watch our services online? You have 2 choices: Services can now be viewed on

Youtube or Facebook. See end of bulletin for instructions.

Please take time to look at the newly organized bulletin board out in the Narthex. Especially notice the big poster board trimmed in gold which is a thank you card from the graduating

McKinney Vento seniors of the class of 2024 at Tempe High School. It is nice to have them express their appreciation to us for the help we give them all year.

MOSLEY PEN PAL PROGRAM: Amy Garza of the Tempe Elementary School District is looking for volunteers to participate in the Pen Pal program with 6th, 7th or 8th graders in Melissa Roman-Clarino's class at Mosley. If interested, contact Amy with a few of your interests so you can be matched up with a student, i.e. favorite hobbies, foods, color, music, if you like sports, and which sport or team, if you play or played an instrument or like to travel, speak another language, were a teacher or in the military, etc. We had 5 volunteers last year! Contact Amy at penpals@tempeschools.org or (480) 730-7140.

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SERVING US AT WORSHIP TODAY:

Preacher & Liturgist: Pastor Tim Anderson
Dir. of Music / Pianist: Ellen Brown
Song Leader: Donna Evans
Special Music: The Beautiful Savior Singers
Prelude: Charles Haynes & Marshann Donahue
Song Leader: Donna Evans
Lector Reader: Charlotte Grefe
Assisting Elder: Derek Benson
Acolyte: TBA
Greeter: Marsha Beetham
Altar:
Bobbie Littou & Charlotte Grefe & Dave Mendham

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. Cell phone #480-536-2256.

WE CAN ASSIST THOSE UNABLE TO HEAR WELL...We have headsets available to use in the pews. Just let an usher know and they will be happy to bring you one.

Attendance for week: 11-17-24 Bible Class—9; Worship Service—39; 11-17-2024 Women’s Bible Study—6; 11-14-24 La Mesa meal—124, La Mesa Worship—34; La Mesa Baptism—NA.

Income report for 11-24: Loose Plate \$68; Weekly Envelopes \$1985; Designated Gifts \$1532.84; Other \$; Total \$3585.84

December 1, Sunday

8:30 AM Adult Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall;

9:30 AM Music Rehearsal

10 AM First Sunday in Advent w/ Holy Communion

(Also, being streamed on Youtube & Facebook online)

See Below for instructions

After Children’s message, Sunday School is in the Fellowship Hall

12PM Church Decorating stay and help

December 2, Monday

12 PM LWML Women’s Bible Study.

December 4, Wednesday

5-6 PM soup dinner will be served.

6:30 PM Advent Midweek Service 1

December 5, Thursday

4 – 7:30 PM La Mesa

December 7, Saturday

10 AM we are having a Work Saturday, please come & help

December 8, Sunday

10:00 AM Second Sunday in Advent Casual Sunday

11:30 AM Voters Meeting

Prayer List: We pray, Lord, that You be with all who are ill, ailing or needing direction; Continue to pray for:

Prayers for **Steven Middleton, with aggressive form of Gehrig's Disease**, father-in-law of Pastor Tim's best friend, Rev. Wayne Miller.

Blue Sky is in the hospital with pneumonia;

For **Christy** the Bergman's daughter-in-law, pray for continued healing of eye problem;

Beth Givan – Rachel's mother – Parkinson's disease;

Cindy Koch – in treatment to build up immune system;

Nolan Conley (2-years old)– will be on feeding tube for 4-6 months;

Len Lacy - memory care;

People who are in recovery disaster of hurricanes and 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:

Facebook instructions:

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,

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.

Miss a stream? want to hear a sermon again? You can catch up on our Facebook and Youtube! Look up "Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church-Tempe" and for our lovely stained glass Jesus! There are playlists for full services and for our previous sermon series.

December 1 "Will Everything Sad Come Untrue?"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

A mother and her young son trade a life of privilege for one of poverty, a story that is borderline unbelievable, yet nonetheless true. (Jeremiah 33:16)

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.*