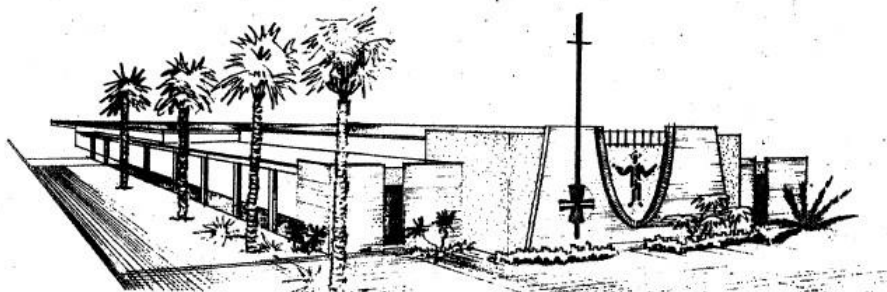


THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church Tempe, AZ

November 30, 2025

10:00 AM



BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

(Missouri Synod)

AS WE GATHER

PRELUDE

"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

Chorale & Settings by David N. Johnson & GERAL NEAR

PASTORAL WELCOME

HYMN OF INVOCATION

"The Advent of Our King"

LSB #331, v. 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.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

INVOCATION

LSB 213

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. 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.

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"

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

CONFESSION **LSB 213**

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.

ABSOLUTION

LSB 214

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.**

SERVICE OF THE WORD

LSB 214-215

INTROIT

Psalm 118:25–28; antiphon: Zechariah 9:9b, alt.

Behold, your king is coming to you;

righteous and having salvation.

Save us, we pray, O Lord!

O Lord, we pray, give us success!

Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

We bless you from the house of the Lord.

The Lord is God, and he has made his light to shine upon us.

Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar!

You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;

you are my God; I will extol you.

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.

**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.**

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.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 2:1–5

¹The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

²It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it, ³and many peoples shall come, and say:

“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.”

For out of Zion shall go the law, and the word

of the LORD from Jerusalem.

⁴He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.

⁵O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

EPISTLE READING

Romans 13:8–14

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. ¹²The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. ¹³Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

ALLELUIA AND VERSE (*Sung*)

“Angels We Have Heard On High”

LSB #368, v. 1

**1 Angels we have heard on high,
Sweetly singing o’er the plains,
And the mountains in reply,
Echoing their joyous strains.**

**Refrain Glo-o-o-oria in excelsis Deo.
Glo-o-o-oria in excelsis Deo.**

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 24:36–44

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fourth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

³⁶[Jesus said:] “But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. ³⁷As were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. ⁴¹Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. ⁴²Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and

would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Prepare the Royal Highway”

LSB #343, v. 1-4

1 Prepare the royal highway; The King of kings is near!

Let ev'ry hill and valley A level road appear!

Then greet the King of Glory Foretold in sacred story:

Refrain Hosanna to the Lord, For He fulfills God's Word!

2 God's people, see Him coming: Your own eternal king!

Palm branches strew before Him! Spread garments! Shout and sing! God's promise will not fail you! No more shall doubt assail you!

Refrain

3 Then fling the gates wide open To greet your promised king!

Your king, yet ev'ry nation Its tribute too should bring.

All lands, bow down before Him! All nations, now adore Him! *Refrain*

4 His is no earthly kingdom; It comes from heav'n above.

**His rule is peace and freedom And justice, truth,
and love.**

**So let your praise be sounding For kindness so
abounding:**

Refrain

CREED (*Sung*)

**“O Come, All Ye Faithful”
LSB #379, v. 2**

**2 Highest, most holy,
Light of Light eternal,
Born of a virgin, a mortal He comes;
Son of the Father
Now in flesh appearing! *Refrain***

**Refrain O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord!**

SERMON

“Hearing The Story Again”

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

**“From Heaven Above to Earth I Come”
LSB #358, v. 1-15**

**4 “He will on you the gifts bestow
Prepared by God for all below,
That in His kingdom, bright and fair,
You may with us His glory share.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

*(Congregation response to petitions: Hear our
prayer)*

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

LSB 194

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

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.**

PROPER PREFACE

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believe in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Grant us Your Spirit, gracious Father, that we may give heed to the testament of Your Son in true faith and, above all, firmly take to heart the words with which Christ gives to us His body and blood for our forgiveness. By Your grace, lead us to remember and give thanks for the boundless love which He manifested to us when, by pouring out His precious blood, He saved us from Your righteous wrath and from sin, death, and hell. Grant that we may receive the bread and wine, that is, His body and blood, as a gift, guarantee, and pledge of His salvation. 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.

C **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER (*Spoken*)

LSB 196

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

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 † blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

SANCTUS (*Spoken*)

C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts, Heaven and earth are filled with Your dawning light. Blessed is He who comes, the promised Son of David. His is the Prince of Peace drawing near. Hosanna in the highest!

PAX DOMINI (*Spoken*)

LSB 197

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen

AGNUS DEI (*Spoken*)

C Lamb of God, long foretold by the prophets, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, who comes in humility to gather the nations to Yourself have mercy on us. Lamb of God, whose kingdom has no end, grant us Your peace as we await Your coming. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“What Child Is This”
LSB #370, v. 1-2

1 What child is this, who, laid to rest,
On Mary’s lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet
While shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the king,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,
The babe, the son of Mary!

2 Why lies He in such mean estate
Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear shall pierce Him through,
The cross be borne for me, for you;
Hail, hail the Word made flesh,
The babe, the son of Mary!

“What Feast of Love”
WOV #701, v. 1-3

1 What feast of love is offered here,
What banquet come from heaven?
What food of everlasting life,
What gracious gift is given?

**This, this is Christ the king,
The bread come down from heaven.
Oh, taste and see and sing!
How sweet the manna given!**

**2 What light of truth is offered here,
What covenant from heaven?
What hope of everlasting life,
What wondrous word is given?
This, this is Christ the King,
The sun come down from heaven.
Oh, see and hear and sing!
The Word of God is given!**

**3 What wine of love is offered here,
What holy drink from heaven?
What stream of everlasting life,
What precious blood is given?
This, this is Christ the King,
the sweetest wine of heaven.
Oh, taste and see and sing!
The Son of God is given!**

**“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”
LSB #357, v. 1, 5-6**

**1 O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.**

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

**5 O come, Thou Key of David, come,
And open wide our heav'nly home;**

**Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the path to misery.**

**6 O come, Thou Dayspring from on high,
And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight.**

Refrain

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

LSB 183

P Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION

LSB 166

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

**“Hark the Glad Sound”
LSB #349, v. 1 & 4**

**1 Hark the glad sound! The Savior comes,
The Savior promised long;
Let ev'ry heart prepare a throne
And ev'ry voice a song.**

**4 Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,
Thy welcome shall proclaim,
And heav'n's eternal arches ring
With Thy belovèd name.**

POSTLUDE "Savior of the Nations Come" - J.G. Walther

THIS WEEK AT BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

Sunday, November 30th

8:30 PM Sunday Bible Study

9:30 AM Music Rehearsal

10 AM 1st Sunday in Advent Worship

11:30 AM Fellowship

11:30 AM New Membership Class

Wednesday, December 3rd

5:30PM Advent Dinner

6:30PM Advent Midweek Worship

Thursday, December 4th

4-7 PM La Mesa

Sunday, December 7th

8:30 PM Sunday Bible Study

9:30 AM Music Rehearsal

10 AM 2nd Sunday in Advent Worship

11:30 AM Fellowship

11:30 AM New Membership Class

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Dir. of Music /Organist:

Ellen Brown

Song Leader:

Charles Haynes

Lector Reader:

TBD

Special Music:

The Beautiful Savior Singers

Acolyte:

Dakota Meeks

Assisting Elder:

Wendell Robson

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).

Giving Electronically please go to easytithe.com/BSLCTempe and choose “One-Time” or “Recurring” before choosing a fund: General Budget, LWML, Missions, Air conditioners, La Mesa, Staff Continuing Education, Vacation Bible School, and Other. Please specify when selecting Other.

Pastor Tim’s Office Hours: Pastor Tim office hours. He is available Monday through Thursday, 10am - 3pm as

well as by appointment. Pastor Tim will use the rest of his time to make house visits for the sick and shut in, meet with our members and guests, attend meetings, leading worship and other ministries, and creating connections for the church in our community. Cell phone #480-536-2256.

Hearing Assistance: 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.

Prayer Cards: In the pews are a prayer card that can be filled out and placed in the offering plate. Please check the box at the bottom of the card if you want the prayer to be added to our Email Prayer Chain.

Attendance for week: 11-23-25

Worship Service— 45

Sunday Bible Study— 9

LWML Women's Bible Study— 7

La Mesa Attendance for 11-13-2025

Meal— 141

Worship— 30

Income report for 11-23-2025:

Designated Gifts: \$78.00

Loose Plate: \$120.00

Weekly Envelopes: \$1315.00

Total: \$1513.00

PRAYER LIST

For Healing:

Christy Bergman; Rikki Anderson; Cindy Koch; Wendy

Sievers; Pam; Debbie Jonas; Paul Beetham; Barbara Willford; Marianne Lemkau; Nolan and Natalie Conley; Pat Carlin; André Safford; Dawn Robson; Kayla Reddy; Bev Dase; Tim Timm; Jacob Hutson; Gladys Meyer; Jackie; Corsene Grady; Cyndi Calender; Schatzi; Debby Bergman; Kristen; Ryanne Flannery

For Strength and Support:

Rachel Givan; Dave Mendham; Beth Hutson; Brenda Frank and family; Natalia Goschie; Mark, Libby, and Waylon

In Thanksgiving:

For those who are working to recover after monsoon storms;

For the Church

For our sister congregations and their ministries; For Gethsemane as they work on calling a new pastor;

For the World:

Our nation and our leaders to govern with a mindset that reflects the heart of Christ; All nations dealing with hardships; All those who serve our nation in the armed forces and locally as firefighters, paramedics, and law enforcement; Peace among all nations



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.*