

Christmas Eve December 24, 2024



OUR SAVIOUR'S
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Welcome to worship at Our Saviour's

**An asterisk indicates the congregation should stand in body and/or spirit.
Congregation's speaking and singing parts are in bold font.*

PRELUDE - *Joy Has Dawned*, Arr. by Carol Tornquist

WELCOME

CHRISTMAS LITANY (PSALM 96:1-3, 9-13)

Sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.

Sing to the Lord, bless the name of the Lord;
proclaim God's salvation from day to day.

Declare God's glory among the nations
and God's wonders among all peoples.

**Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
tremble before the Lord, all the earth.**

Tell it out among the nations:
**"The Lord reigns supreme! The one who made the world so firm that it
cannot be moved will judge the peoples with equity."**

Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
**let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all that is
therein.**

Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy at your coming,
O Lord, for you come to judge the earth.

You will judge the world with righteousness and the people with your truth.

GATHERING HYMN - ELW # 283 - *O Come, All Ye Faithful* (next page)

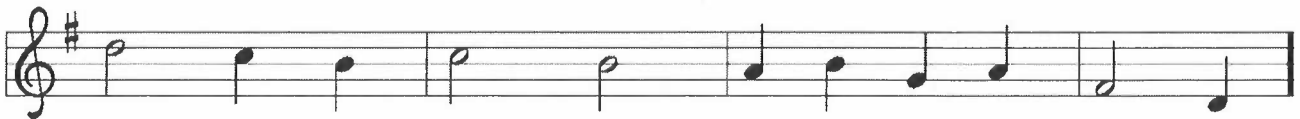
O, Come, All Ye Faithful



1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O
 2 The high - est, most ho - ly, light of light e - ter - nal,
 3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
 4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing;



come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
 born of a vir - gin, a mor - tal he comes;
 sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!
 Je - sus, to thee be . . . glo - ry giv'n!

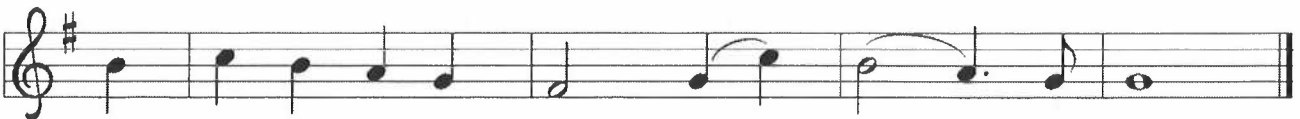


come and be - hold him, born the king of an - gels:
 Son of the Fa - ther now in flesh ap - pear - ing!
 Glo - ry to God . . . in . . . the . . . high - est:
 Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing:

Refrain



Ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus, ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus,
 O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,



ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus Do - mi - num.
 O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord!

Text: attr. John Francis Wade, 1711–1786; tr. Frederick Oakeley, 1802–1880, sts. 1, 3–4; tr. unknown, st. 2
 Music: ADESTE FIDELES, attr. John Francis Wade

READINGS

Isaiah 9:2-7

The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.
You have multiplied exultation;
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.
For the yoke of their burden
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.
For all the boots of the tramping warriors
and all the garments rolled in blood
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.
For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders,
and he is named
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
Great will be his authority,
and there shall be endless peace
for the throne of David and his kingdom.
He will establish and uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time onward and forevermore.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

CHOIR ANTHEM *A Classic Christmas, Arr. Douglas E. Wagner* - Chancel Choir

The Holy Gospel according to Luke . **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Luke 2:1-20

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no place in the guest room.

Now in that same region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for see, I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

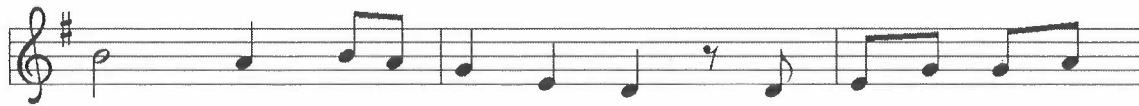
When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them, and Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, just as it had been told them.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY - ELW#726 - *Light Dawns on a Weary World* (next page)

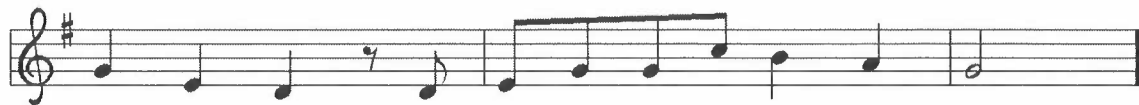
Light Dawns on a Weary World



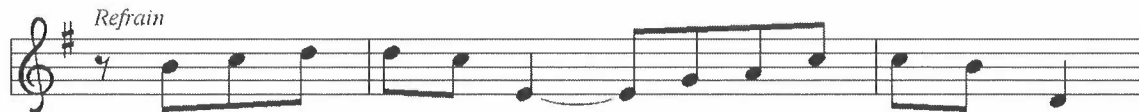
1 Light dawns on a wea - ry world when eyes be - gin to
 2 Love grows in a wea - ry world when hun - gry hearts find
 3 Hope blooms in a wea - ry world when crea-tures, once for -



see all peo - ple's dig - ni - ty. Light dawns on a
 bread and chil - dren's dreams are fed. Love grows in a
 lorn, find wil - der - ness re - born. Hope blooms in a



wea - ry world: the prom - ised day of jus - tice comes.
 wea - ry world: the prom - ised feast of plen - ty comes.
 wea - ry world: the prom - ised green of E - den comes.



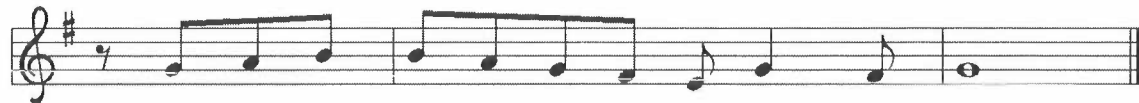
Refrain
 The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;



the hills and moun - tains shall break forth with sing - ing!



We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace,



as all the world in won - der ech - oes sha - lom.

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953
 Music: TEMPLE OF PEACE, William P. Rowan, b. 1951
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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

After each petition of the prayers:

Sing to the Lord a new song, **Sing to the Lord, all the earth.**

Abide with us, O God of mercy, and receive our prayers according to your abundant grace.

Amen.

EXCHANGE OF PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING ANTHEM - *What Child Shall Come?* Arr. Patrick M. Liebergen,
Kristl Tomlin and Nilu Dorschner

***HOLY COMMUNION**

This is Christ's table. You and all are welcome here, without exception. The wine is red; the grape juice is clear. Please let an usher know if you would like communion brought to your pew.

May God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to God.

Let us give thanks to God, in whose image we are made.

To the creator of all, we give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right...

...Trusting in the mercy and compassion of God who is with us as Creator and Parent, let us pray as Jesus teaches us:

**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.**

COMMUNION MUSIC

ELW#278 - *Away in a Manger*

ELW#279 - *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

ELW#300 - *The First Noel*

CANDLE LIGHTING

The ushers will light candles at the end of each pew. Be sure to tip only the **unlit** candle when lighting candles. Organ interlude until all candles light, then the congregation sings. Readings from Genesis 1:1-2, John 1:1-2, and 2 Corinthians 4:6 during candle lighting.

ELW #281 - *Silent Night, Holy Night*

Silent Night, Holy Night!

Stille Nacht, Heilige Nacht!



Stil - le Nacht, hei - li - ge Nacht! Al - les schläft,
1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm,
2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake
3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God,



ein - sam wacht nur das trau - te, hoch - hei - li - ge Paar.
all is bright round yon vir - gin moth - er and child.
at the sight; glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far,
love's pure light ra - diant beams from your ho - ly face,



Hold - er Kna - be im lok - ki - gen Haar, schlaf in himm - li - scher
Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in heav - en - ly
heav'n - ly hosts . . . sing, al - le - lu - ia! Christ, the Sav - ior, is
with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at your



Ruh, schlaf in himm - li - scher Ruh.
peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!
birth, Je - sus, Lord, at your birth.

Text: Joseph Mohr, 1792-1849; tr. John F. Young, 1820-1885
Music: STILLE NACHT. Franz Gruber, 1787-1863

*BLESSING

The God of all grace, hope, and love who became flesh this Holy Night † bless you now and forever.

Amen.

*SENDING HYMN - ELW#270 - *Hark the Herald Angels Sing*

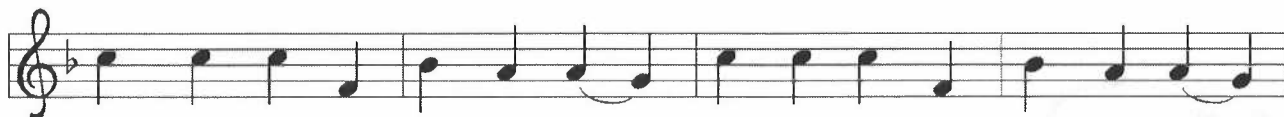
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing



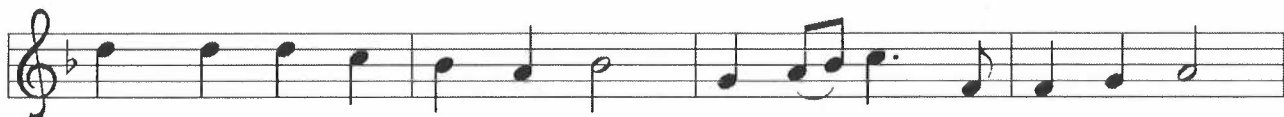
1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born king;
2 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,
3 Hail the heav'n-born Prince of peace! Hail the Sun of righ - teous - ness!



peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled."
late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of a vir - gin's womb.
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with heal - ing in his wings.

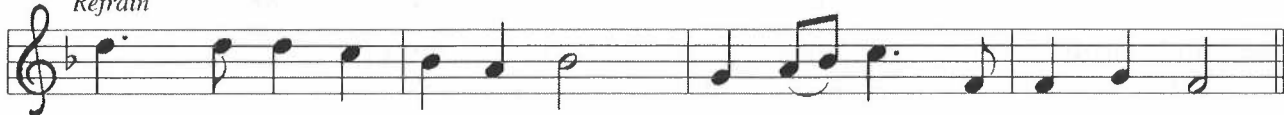


Joy - ful, all you na - tions, rise; join the tri - umph of the skies;
Veiled in flesh the God - head see! Hail, in - car - nate de - i - ty!
Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,



with an - gel - ic hosts pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!
born to raise each child of earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

Refrain



Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born king!"

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.

Music: MENDELSSOHN, Felix Mendelssohn, 1809-1847; arr. William H. Cummings, 1831-1915

*DISMISSAL

Christ is born. Tell good news of great joy!
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE - *God Rest You Merry*, Arr. by Aaron Shows

Online Offering

Your offering supports the ministry of Our Saviour's Lutheran, where we are following Jesus by being Christ-centered community through faith and action in the heart of Tucson. In addition to worship and faith formation, we share our space with Lutheran Campus Ministry, Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network, many local community groups, and provide affordable housing in Midtown Tucson. In the most recent year, we shared 15% of offerings we receive with community organizations and the wider Lutheran church, supporting ministry across the Arizona region and around the world.



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Poinsettia Dedications

In 16th century Mexico, legend tells of a young girl who was too poor to provide a gift for the celebration of Jesus' birthday. Inspired by an angel to gather weeds from the roadside she placed them in front of the church altar. Crimson "blossoms" sprouted from the weeds and became beautiful poinsettias. Our poinsettias are placed and dedicated by the following:

Ted Adams	In memory of Maryella and Ted Adams Sr.
Pat Alvord	To the glory of God in honor of my grandsons: Caleb, Joshua, and William
Elisabeth Bizik	In memory of my cousin Catherine Scott
Elisabeth Bizik	in memory of my cousin Barbara Turner Maxwell
Sheila and Timothy Bustamante	In memory of Sharlene & Darrel Chapman In memory of Melissa Bustamante
Ann and Bill DeVinney	In memory of Ann's dear brother Tom MacLeod
Chris and Theda Doak	In memory of Nora, Doris, Charlie, and Ruth
Maija and Bob Downing	To the glory of God, in honor of our children and grandchildren
Pam Hardman	In honor of Kathryn and Alyson

Mary Havenhill	In honor/memory of Havenhill/Fernanden Family
Asher Havenhill	In honor/memory of Hewitt/Loomis Family
Toni Hellon	In memory of Wendy Myers and in memory of Scott Hellon
Donna Lounsbury	In memory of my parents, Gladys and Ellsworth Powell and my husband, Art Lounsbury
Gerry Meyer	In loving memory of Roy Meyer
Carla Mundt	In memory of Tia Monch and Tia Lupita
Daphne Myers	In memory of my parents, June and Albert Williams
Lauretta Olson	In memory of Ms. Ellie and with Thanksgiving for her dedication in helping others
Kent and Mary Pflibsen	In loving memory of Joseph, Gene, Jerry, and John
Ginny Phillips	In honor of Tom Phillips In memory of Hank Phillips
Ginny Phillips	In honor of Meg, David, James, Jill and Frank
Ginny Phillips	In honor of Jim, Anna, Dagny, Zack, and Gavin
Thomas E Phillips	In honor of Ginny Phillips In memory of Hank Phillips
Sharon and Gregg Reams	In memory of Delbert Leroy Reams In memory of Sherman Glenn Bollinger
Mike and Nancy Rolain	To the Glory of God
Nancy and Ron Rude	In honor of our family
The Saphir Family	In memory of Eleanor Bollom and Ilse Saphir
Gloria Schmidt	In honor of the Love that was born on Christmas
Glenn Schrader Jr.	In memory of Eva and Glenn Schrader Sr.
Patty Sirls	In memory of my parents, Ruth and Red Coffey In memory of my brothers, Michael, Jeffrey, and Robin
Jennifer Strand	In memory of my parents, Ruth and Bill Strand In honor and memory of my wonderful relatives In honor and memory of my amazing church family
Susan Stratton	In memory of Jo Musser - given by daughter, grandchildren and great grandchildren
Schatzi Taylor	In memory of my parents, Frank and Alice Taylor In honor of my friend Jeanne Nicholls
Pastor Amalia Vagts and David Lester	In gratitude to the people of Our Saviour's In honor of Mark Faldet and Kristen Underwood
Mary Lou Forier and John Wahl	In honor and memory of my sisters, Ruth and Jeanne

Welcome to Our Saviour's

Being Christ-centered community through faith and action in the heart of Tucson.



Christ is our peace and breaks down the walls that divide us (Ephesians 2:14). You are welcome at Our Saviour's because of who you are. We are a congregation of long-time churchgoers, newcomers, seekers, seasonal visitors, and returners with diverse backgrounds, life experiences, and beliefs. We follow a familiar Lutheran service with piano, organ, and guest musicians. We celebrate the cultural, ethnic, and racial diversity of the Tucson region and seek to be a place of belonging for all. We welcome those who have felt or been excluded from church spaces because of race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, financial status, or any other reason. We like the sound of young people in worship, we value the experience of our elders, and all ages between. Our communion table is Christ's table, and all people are welcome, no exceptions. Your presence here builds up the body of Christ.

THOSE SERVING CHRISTMAS EVE 12/24/24

Presiding Minister	Rev. Glenn Schrader
Preaching Minister	Rev. Amalia Vagts
Assisting Minister	Ted Adams
Communion Assistant	Wendi Van Beek
Lector	Wendi Van Beek
Keyboardist	Dr. Gréta Pásztor
Cantor	Aysen Milliogullari
Acolyte	Ted Adams
Music	Chancel Choir
Guest Musicians	Dianne Chua, Maj. Justin Chua, DNP, Kristl Tomlin, and Nilu Dorschner
Usher	Jeanne Gacke, Patty Sirls, David Lester
Greeter	Jeanne Gacke, Kris Sanchez

Christmas Day Service at Our Saviour's

Wednesday December 25 – 9:00 AM Christmas Hymn Sing with Communion

You are welcome to wear pajamas or hiking clothes

Sunday Mornings at Our Saviour's

Sunday Mornings 9:00AM

Sunday Forum 10:30 AM - January 5 - God is Flipping the Script on the Church, Rev. Dr. Craig Nessian

Ministry Team & Staff: Rev. Amalia Vagts (Lead Pastor), Rev. Glenn Schrader (Pastor for Discipleship), Dr. Greta Pasztor (Director of Music Ministry), Aysen Milliogullari (Assistant Music Director), Michele Ruttinger (Parish Administrator), John Perez (Campus Caretaker).