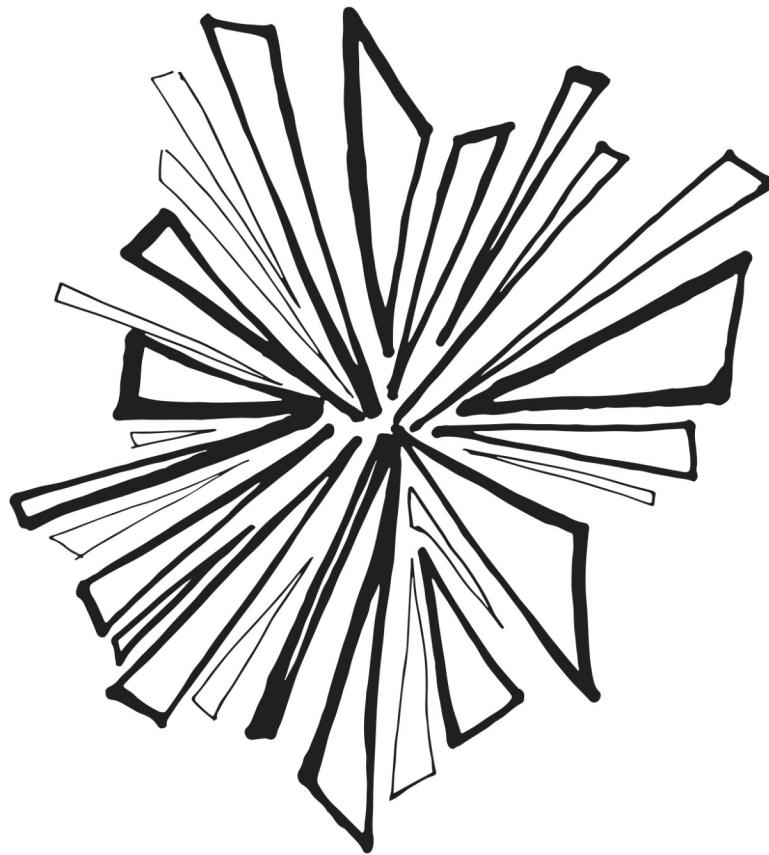


Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

Sunday Worship

January 4, 2026

Second Sunday of Christmas - Epiphany



ELCA

WELCOME

Your presence builds up the body of Christ. We welcome and affirm God's diversity, including all ethnicities, cultures, races, sexual orientations, gender identities and expressions, abilities, ages, and life experiences. You are invited to full participation in our congregation because of who you are. We lament and confess how the Christian Church has withheld Christ's love by misusing the power of institution. We commit to advocating for God's justice and mercy for all of creation, including humans. We commit to anti-racism and other ways of ending systems that cause harm. Christ is our peace and breaks down the walls that divide us. Our communion table is Christ's table. You and all people are welcome without exception.



Newcomers and Visitors + Newcomers and Visitors + We're glad you're here. Please fill out the green slip in the pew rack and place in the offering plate. You're welcome to share in Holy Communion. Families - we have a small play area up front.

Nametags + Nametags help us get to know and remember each other. Please let the ushers know if you need one made for you.

Expansive Language + As Lutherans, we teach that "God calls all creation into being and gives people language as a way of responding to God and forming community" (Principles for Worship, Principle L-1). In worship at Our Saviour's, we seek to use expansive language for God and people, sometimes changing or offering alternatives to the printed text.

Current Liturgy Music + liturgy is the flow of our worship service - working together as people to praise God.

Prayer Requests; Family and Friends of Mary Lou Rankin (Sophia's grandmother, Catalina's mother-in-law); Friends and Family of Jackie Fahey; Mary Wildner-Bassett (following the death of her partner, Kathy Huttlinger); prayers of joy for Scott Koenig (for his engagement to Rev. Michael Bush earlier this year); Corky Ronstadt (hospice care), Isobel Barnhill (recovering from a fall), Mary Neff (hospice care), Schatzi Taylor (in a rehabilitation center following a fall and diagnosis), and those at home and in care facilities.

Our Extended Friends & Family: Frenchie (Friend of Judy and John Indermark); Pat (mother of Lisa Delaossa); Lia (granddaughter of Angie Grandison), Beverly (Mother of Hildi Williams), David (Son of Geoff and Suzy Swann); Jeanne (Cousin of Alan Bales); Barbara (sister-in-law of Kenneth Ijams); Peggy (sister of Bonnie Phelps); Josh, Melissa, Mary Ann, and Libby (friends of Chris and Theda Doak); Megan (niece of Chris and Theda Doak); Sandy and Doug, Sally, Ashley, and Kamri (friends of Kathy DeVinney); Grant and Shirley (brother and sister-in-law of Theda Doak; John (son of Martha Neff Stum and Paul Stum); Sam; Eleanor (mother-in-law of Kris Sanchez; Daniel (neighbor's son of Gloria Schmidt); Rich (cousin-in-law of Jennifer Strand) Misty (friend of Schatzi Taylor) Will (nephew of Chris and Theda Doak); Leaticia, Azogan, Meivis, Sidibe, Bintou, Zinsou, and Mabel (friends of Rachel Starner); Pat (freind of Suzanne Hesh).

Names will remain on the list for three weeks, unless requested for longer.

OVERVIEW OF TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: This Sunday we observe Epiphany, from a Greek word for "revealing" or "appearance." Those meanings thread through each of this week's readings. Isaiah envisions the appearance of hope in the homecoming of exiles. The psalmist reveals what God seeks of those invested with power: justice and care for the vulnerable. Ephesians reveals the mystery of God in Christ uniting once separated peoples. Matthew tells the story of the Magi. It is a story that draws on details from both Isaiah and the Psalm.

Prelude

Word of God

Bernadette Farrell

1. Word of God, re-new your peo-ple, Make us now your liv-ing.
2. Word of hope and word of heal-ing, Make us now your liv-ing.
3. Word of peace and word of jus-tice, Make us now your liv-ing.

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sign. Re-cre-ate us for your pur-pose in this place and in this time.
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*An asterisk indicates the congregation should stand in body and/or spirit.
Congregation's speaking and singing parts are in bold font.

WELCOME

PRELUDE *Word of God* p. 2

Betsy Dunlap

CALL TO WORSHIP

Call to Worship

In the dark of morning,

the stars still shine.

In the depth of winter,

the birds still climb.

At the start of the year,

tender and new,

God is here.

God is near.

Do not rest in your fear.

God is here.

So like the stars and the birds,

Let us worship holy God.

***CONFSSION AND ASSURANCE**

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the Holy Trinity: Creator, Christ, and Spirit;
the One God in whom we live and move and have our being;
the One God whose compassion and grace bestow life and hope.

Amen.

Let us now confess our need for God.

Gracious God

Hear us as we come to you, as those created in your image.

We confess our sin, in words and actions, or the lack thereof,

When we have fallen short of your good purposes for our lives.

We confess our need for your forgiveness.

Yet confession of our need for you exceeds forgiveness alone.

We confess our need for your presence in our lives:

In times when we feel alone, in moments when we feel inadequate.

In times when fear reigns, and hope wanes.

We confess our need for you to come among us, to dwell within us,

To empower us to live in your light.

All this we confess, all this we pray,

In the name of Jesus the Christ who came, and who still comes.

Amen.

God's assurance comes in Christ's grace that forgives us.

God's assurance comes in Spirit's Presence who accompanies us.

God's assurance comes in Holy Love that will not cease to seek our good.

Thanks be to God!

***GREETING**

The grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY*FIRST READING** Isaiah 60:1-6

¹ Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

² For darkness shall cover the earth
and thick darkness the peoples,
but the Lord will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.

³ Nations shall come to your light
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

⁴ Lift up your eyes and look around;
they all gather together; they come to you;
your sons shall come from far away,
and your daughters shall be carried in their nurses' arms.

⁵ Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought 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 proclaim the praise of the Lord.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** From the song *My Song in Stillness Waits*

Cantor sings once, then congregation repeats.

Refrain

For you, O Lord, my soul in still - ness

waits, tru - ly my hope is in you.

*Gospel

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

Matthew 2:1-12

¹ In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, magi from the east came to Jerusalem, ² asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star in the east and have come to pay him homage.” ³ When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him, ⁴ and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵ They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it has been written by the prophet:

⁶ ‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah,
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel.’ ”

⁷ Then Herod secretly called for the magi and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸ Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.” ⁹ When they had heard the king, they set out, and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen in the east, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹ On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹² And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

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

SERMON

*HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW #310 Songs of Thankfulness and Praise, p. 9

*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The assisting minister leads the prayers.

...God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

...Draw near to us, O God, as we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy through Jesus Christ, Emmanuel. **Amen.**

*EXCHANGE OF PEACE

OFFERING *Speak O Lord* by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

Betsy Dunlap

***OFFERING SONG** To the tune of ELW #244 Rejoice, Rejoice Believers v.4

Our hope and expectation, O Jesus, now appear;
arise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this benighted sphere.
With hearts and hands uplifted, we plead, O Lord, to see
the day of earth's redemption that sets your people free!

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Give thanks to God, for God is good.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

In the night...

...Saturate this room with your Spirit and this Table with your love.

...And as you do, we will join our voices, and using our own words, pray the way Jesus taught us,
Saying . . .

**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.**

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

COMMUNION

Come to this Table of mercy. Become what you receive.

This is Christ's table. You and all are welcome, without exception. If you prefer a blessing only, cross your arms over your heart. Gluten free wafers available by request. The wine is red; grape juice is clear. Please let an usher know if you would like communion brought to your pew.

COMMUNION MUSIC Refrain from ACS #966 Loaves Are Broken, Words Are Spoken

Refrain

By your bod - y bro - ken for us, by your

wine of life out - poured, Je - sus, feed a - gain your

peo - ple. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

Communion Hymns

ELW #790 Day by Day

ELW #815 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

SENDING PRAYER

SENDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BLESSING

*SENDING HYMN

Turn to follow the cross as it passes.

ELW # 301 Bright and Glorious is the Sky, p. 10

*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you! **Thanks be to God.**

Jesus, the Light of the World

1 Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, Je-sus, the Light of the world;
 2 Joy - ful, all you na - tions, rise; Je-sus, the Light of the world;
 3 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Je-sus, the Light of the world;
 4 Hail the heav'n-born Prince of peace! Je-sus, the Light of the world;

“Glo - ry to the new-born king,” Je-sus, the Light of the world.
 join the tri - umph of the skies; Je-sus, the Light of the world.
 Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord! Je-sus, the Light of the world.
 Hail the Sun of righ-teous-ness! Je-sus, the Light of the world.

Refrain

We'll walk in the light, beau-ti-ful light, come where the dew-drops of mer-cy are bright.

Shine all a-round us by day and by night, Je-sus, the Light of the world.

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to thee we raise;
 2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, proph-et, priest, and king su - preme;
 3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole weak-ened bod - y, faint-ing soul;
 4 Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, pres - ent in thy ho - ly word;

man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far,
 and at Ca - na wed - ding guest in thy God-head man - i - fest;
 man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell-ing all the dev - il's might;
 grace to im - i - tate thee now and be pure, as pure art thou;

branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem:
 man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, chang-ing wa - ter in - to wine;
 man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring-ing good from ill:
 that we might be - come like thee at thy great e - piph - a - ny,

an - them be to thee ad-dressed,
 an - them be to thee ad-dressed,
 an - them be to thee ad-dressed,
 and may praise thee, ev - er blest,
 God in flesh made man - i - fest.

Bright and Glorious Is the Sky



1 Bright and glo - rious is the sky, ra - diant are the
 2 On that ho - ly Christ - mas night through the dark - ness
 3 Sa - ges from the east a - far, when they saw this
 4 Him they found in Beth - le - hem, yet he wore no



heav - ens high where the gold - en stars are shin - ing.
 beamed a light; all the stars a - bove were pal - ing,
 won - drous star, went to find the king of na - tions
 di - a - dem; there they saw a maid - en low - ly



All their rays to earth in - clin - ing beck - on us to
 all their lus - ter slow - ly fail - ing as the won - drous
 and to of - fer their ob - la - tions to the child, the
 with an in - fant pure and ho - ly rest - ing in her



heav'n a - bove, beck - on us to heav'n a - bove.
 star drew nigh, as the won - drous star drew nigh.
 new - born king, to the child, the new - born king.
 lov - ing arms, rest - ing in her lov - ing arms.

5 Guided by the star, they found
 him whose praise the ages sound.
 We too have a star to guide us,
 which forever will provide us
 with the light to find our Lord,
 with the light to find our Lord.

6 And this star, as bright as day,
 that will never lead astray
 with its message so appealing,
 is the word of God, revealing
 Christ, the way, the truth, the life,
 Christ, the way, the truth, the life.

JANUARY HAPPENINGS

Pray Without Ceasing - 1st and 3rd Mondays at 5:30 PM - Chapel

Open prayer space on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month at 5:30.

The service lasts about a half hour. Rooted in Christian tradition, open to Tucson community.

Come & See - Tuesdays, 11 AM - Patio Room

Weekly faith formation conversations for everyone. This fall we will focus on the upcoming readings for the week. We'll spend time with the "Hidden Gem" reflection prepared by John Indermark, which will take us deeper into one of the texts. Held in the Patio Room. Bring your Bible or borrow one of our Lutheran Study Bibles.

Centering Prayer - Paused for January

Grief Group - January 10, 10AM - Ramada Room

Meets the second Saturday of each month in the Ramada Room at 10:00AM. Led by Pastor Ricki from Hospice of the Valley. Free and open to all.

Gospel of Luke Book Study - Monday January 5, and 19 at 6:30PM

Ched Myers, Healing Affluenza and Resisting Plutocracy - Luke's Jesus and Sabbath Economics. This journey with Luke will challenge us personally, in our households, and our communities, both locally and globally. Contact: Paula Miller for more information.

Common Ground on the Border - January 15-18, The Good Shepherd Church (Sahuarita, AZ)

Join others for "Changes in a Changeless Desert: A Celebration of commitment, compassion, and community across the US/Mexico borderlands." Immersion trips, classes, keynote lectures, food, film and music. You can attend for all or some. There will be a group carpooling on Saturday afternoon from Our Saviour's.

Who Told You That You Were Naked? Breaking Free from Shame to Embrace the Body as a Gift from God, Jan 24, 1:30 - 3:30 PM, Activity Building

Rev. Beverly Dale (ordained Disciples of Christ minister) will teach from her book "Who Told You That You Were Naked." The workshop will address body discomfort and pain that have their basis in shame and harmful theology. Rev. Dale will talk about aging, gender roles, self-esteem, and trauma. With grace, acceptance, non-judgement and laughter, participants will be guided through reflective exercises to begin finding healing correctives. Hosted by Our Saviour's. Intended for adults.

Raingarden Workday - January 31, 8 am - Noon

We will continue working with Watershed Management Group to make good use of God's rain and sun as we beautify our west campus and welcome more pollinators and desert-friendly plants and flowers. Workers and treat-makers needed!

Save the Date - Sunday, February 8 - Congregational Annual Meeting (following worship)

Recycling Program

Our plastic program is on hold for now. Please recycle #1, #2, and #5 in your own blue bin. We hope to resume when we can provide more training and have more volunteer support. Thank you to all who have helped support this program!

THOSE SERVING TODAY

1/4/26

Presiding Minister	Rev. Amalia Vagts
Assisting Minister	Jennifer Strand
Communion Assistants	Bonnie Phelps, Jennifer Strand, Deacon Wendi Van Beek
Acolyte	Jennifer Strand
Keyboard	Betsy Dunlap
Cantor	Joy Bulawa
Usher	Diane Siefkes, Patty Sirls
Greeter	Gloria Schmidt
Cross Bearer	Bonnie Phelps
Coffee Host	Kris Sanchez
Treats	Wyatt/Bales Families
Tech Team	Pflibsen/Bustamante
Scripture Background	John Indermark

THOSE SERVING SUNDAY

1/11/2026

Presiding Minister	Rev. Amalia Vagts
Assisting Minister	Scott Koenig
Communion Assistants	Mary Pflibsen, Linda Zizka, Deacon Wendi Van Beek
Acolyte	Scott Koenig
Keyboard	Betsy Dunlap
Usher	Bill and Ann DeVinney
Greeter	Deb and Gene Elhard
Cross Bearer	Mary Pflibsen
Coffee Host	Sharon Reinbott
Treats	Saphir/Adrian Family
Tech Team	Pflibsen/Bustamante
Scripture Background	John Indermark

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9:00 - Sanctuary
Coffee following

Office Hours

Monday - Thursday
8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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