

Christmas Eve

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OUR SAVIOUR'S
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Christmas Eve Worship at Our Saviour's.

*We welcome you to Christmas Eve Worship, especially those who are guests, visitors, here to show love for family members, or venturing back into a church after a time away. May you feel renewed by our worship together. You and all are invited to full participation in tonight's service because of who you are. The bulletin will guide you through the service. The congregation's parts in the service are in bold print. *An asterisk indicates you may stand as you are able and comfortable. The songs are found towards the back of the bulletin.*

Bathrooms are located toward the back of the Sanctuary – please ask an usher to direct you.

WELCOME

PRELUDE *Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light* by J.S. Bach

Chancel Choir

***GREETING AND PRAYER**

May the grace and truth of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

***CHRISTMAS LITANY**

On this holy night, we gather,
dazzled and awe-struck,
ready to sing alongside the angels and stars.

On this holy night, we gather,
eager and hopeful,
ready to journey alongside the animals and shepherds.

On this holy night, we gather,
quietly and tenderly,
ready to worship alongside Mary and Joseph.

On this holy night, we gather,
singing, trusting, believing, proclaiming:
good news is louder than fear.

Let us sing and share good news of God-with-us, Emanuel!

*** GATHERING HYMN** ELW#274 On Christmas Night

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MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW#278 Away in the Manger

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*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

After each petition of the prayers:

Sing to the God a new song, **Sing to God, 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 with all creation.

OFFERING ANTHEM *Still, Still, Still* by Norman Luboff

Chancel Choir

Still, still, still one can hear the falling snow.

For all is hushed, the world is sleeping, Holy Star its vigil keeping.

Still, still, still one can hear the falling snow.

Sleep, sleep, sleep, 'tis the eve of our Saviour's birth.

The night is peaceful all around you, close your eyes, let sleep surround you.

Sleep, sleep, sleep, 'tis the eve of our Saviour's birth.

Dream, dream, dream of the joyous day to come.

While guardian angels without number watch you as you sweetly slumber.

Dream, dream, dream of the joyous day to come.

***HOLY COMMUNION**

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.

Loving God, pour out your Spirit on this Table..

...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.**

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. Elements are alcohol free. Gluten free wafers available by request. Please let an usher know if you would like communion brought to your pew.

COMMUNION MUSIC

ELW#292 - Love Has Come

Hymnal

ELW#290 - Go Tell It on the Mountain

Hymnal

CANDLE LIGHTING*Readings from Genesis 1:1-2, John 1:1-2,14a, and 1 John 4:7, 11-12 before candle lighting.**The ushers will light candles at the end of each pew. Be sure to tip only the unlit candle when lighting candles. Musical interlude until all candles light, then the congregation sings.***ELW #281** - Silent Night, Holy Night

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BLESSING**SENDING HYMN** ELW #289 Angels We Have Heard on High

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***DISMISSAL**

Christ is born. Tell good news of great joy!

Thanks be to God.***POSTLUDE** *Good News (on Christmas)* by Ryanhood

Sophia Rankin

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.



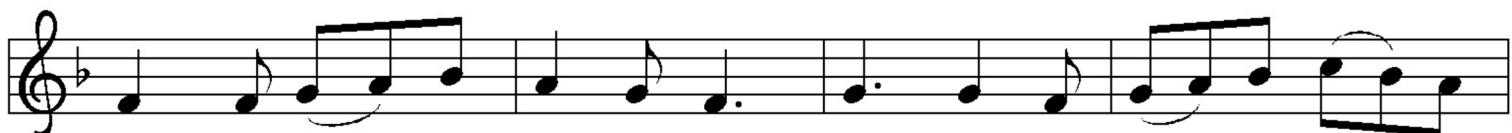
On Christmas Night



1 On Christ-mas night all Chris-tians sing to hear the news the
 2 Then why should we on earth be sad, since our re-deem-er
 3 When sin de-parts be-fore his face, then life and health come
 4 All out of dark-ness we have light, which made the an-gels



an-gels bring. On Christ-mas night all Chris-tians sing to
 made us glad? Then why should we on earth be sad, since
 in its place. When sin de-parts be-fore his face, then
 sing this night. All out of dark-ness we have light, which



hear the news the an-gels bring: news of great joy, news of great
 our re-deem-er made us glad, when from our sin he set us
 life and health come in its place. An-gels re-joice with us and
 made the an-gels sing this night: "Glo-ry to God in high-est



mirth, news of our mer-ci-ful king's birth.
 free, all for to gain our lib-er-ty?
 sing, all for to see the new-born king.
 heav'n; peace on earth, and good-will. A-men."

Away in a Manger

1 A - way in a man - ger, no crib for his bed,
 2 The cat - tle are low - ing; the ba - by a - wakes,
 3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask you to stay

the lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head;
 but lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing he makes.
 close by me for - ev - er and love me, I pray.

the stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
 I love you, Lord Je - sus; look down from the sky
 Bless all the dear chil - dren in your ten - der care

the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
 and stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is nigh.
 and fit us for heav - en, to live with you there.

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Music: CRADLE SONG, William J. Kirkpatrick, 1838–1921; arr. David Willcocks, b. 1919
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Silent Night, Holy Night!
Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht!

Stil - le Nacht, hei - li - ge Nacht!
 1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night!
 2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night!
 3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night!

Al - les schläft,
 All is calm,
 Shep - herds quake
 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,

Hol - der 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,
 peace,
 born!
 birth,

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

Angels We Have Heard on High

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:

Pat Alvord	To the glory of God and in honor of my grandsons; Caleb, Joshua, and William
Stacy and Andy Bade	In memory of our parents
Alan and Cindy Bales	In memory of our parents, Cliff and Bernice Bales
Alan and Cindy Bales	In memory of our parents, Julius and Eleanor Huber
Alan and Cindy Bales	In memory of Jenny Olson, Alan's Godmother
Alan Bales	In memory of Michael C. Bales, my brother
Ken and Judy Collins	Thank offering
Jon and Nilu Dorschner	In honor of our ancestors who teach us to keep the faith
Robert Downing	In memory of Maija
Pam Hardman	In honor of my granddaughters, Kathryn and Alyson
Pam Hardman	In memory of my sister Betty Jane
Mary and Asher Havenhill	In memory of Ann and Jack Havenhill
Mary and Asher Havenhill	In memory of John and Theresa Fernandez
Mary and Asher Havenhill	In honor of the Hewitt Family
Mary and Asher Havenhill	In honor of the Loomis Family
Andrea Dahleen Kent	In memory of Thelma and Dick Dahlen
David Lester and Rev. Amalia Vagts	In memory of Shirley Vaughan Lester
David Lester and Rev. Amalia Vagts	In honor of the people and staff of Our Saviour's
Donna Lounsbury	In memory of Art Lounsbury; Gladys and Ellsworth Powell (my parents)
Carla Mundt	In memory of Tia Monch and Tia Lupita
Daphne Myers	In memory of June and Albert Williams
Lauretta Olson	In memory of Juan Yanes, dear son-in-law

Lauretta Olson	In honor of Karen Yanes my loving daughter who cares and watches out for me.
The Pflibsen Family	In memory of family and friends who have entered eternal life.
Ginny Phillips	In loving memory of Hank Phillips
Ginny Phillips	In thankful honor of Hughes and Phillips family
Jenny Polzin	In honor of Wendi Van Beek and Jeanne Gacke
Catalina and Mike Rankin	In honor of Mary Lou Rankin and her love for all things Christmas
Sophia Rankin	In memory of Leovigilda Asena and her devotion to God, family, and friendship
Corky Ronstadt	In honor of my church family
The Saphir Family	In memory of Ilse Saphir
The Saphir Family	In memory of Eleanor Bollom
Gloria Schmidt	In honor of the love that was born on Christmas
Diane Siefkes	In honor of family - here and in our hearts
Patty Sirls	In memory of my parents, Ruth and Red Coffey and my brothers, Michael and Robin Coffey
The Stratton Family	In memory of Jo Musser - Krauss by her daughters, grandchildren, and great grandchildren
Jennifer Strand	In memory of Ruth Stand and Dorothy Geis
Jennifer Strand	In honor and memory of the Lincoln, Reid, and Seal Families
Jennifer Strand	In honor and memory of the Geis and Thavis Families
Dave and JillAnn Varley	In memory of deceased members of Edmondston and Bursich families
Dave and JillAnn Varley	In honor of 35 years of marriage
Dave and JillAnn Varley	In memory of John William and Omega Falk
Sandi Wagelie and Family	My husband Reuben

THOSE SERVING CHRISTMAS EVE

12/24/2025

Presiding Minister	Rev. Amalia Vagts
Assisting Minister	John Indermark, Jennifer Strand, Deacon Wendi Van Beek
Advent Wreath	Hasenkamp Family
Communion Assistants	Mary Pflibsen, Jennifer Strand
Keyboard	Betsy Dunlap
Music	Chancel Choir, Asher Havenhill, Kent Pflibsen, Sophia Rankin
Guest Musicians	Kassidy Smity, Divi Asher
Cantor	Dr. Aysen Millioğulları
Usher	Judy Indermark, Hildi Williams, Kris Sanchez, Emily Nadler
Greeter	Judy Indermark, Hildi Williams

WELCOME



ELCA

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.



RECONCILING IN CHRIST

Christmas Day Service at Our Saviour's

Thursday December 25 – 9:00 AM Christmas Hymn Sing with Communion
You are welcome to wear pajamas or hiking clothes. or your Christmas best!

Sunday Mornings at Our Saviour's

Sunday Mornings 9:00AM

December 28th - 9 AM

Innocents Lost. Innocence Redeemed: A Service of Remembrance for The Holy Innocents

On December 28 the church commemorates The Holy Innocents, Martyrs. This rite of remembrance gives us the opportunity to remember and reflect on the loss of holy innocents in our own time.

Ministry Team & Staff: Rev. Amalia Vagts (Pastor), Dr. Aysen Millioğulları (Music Director), Betsy Dunlap (Interim Collaborative Musician), Michele Ruttinger (Parish Administrator), David Zezulka (Interim Campus Caretaker).