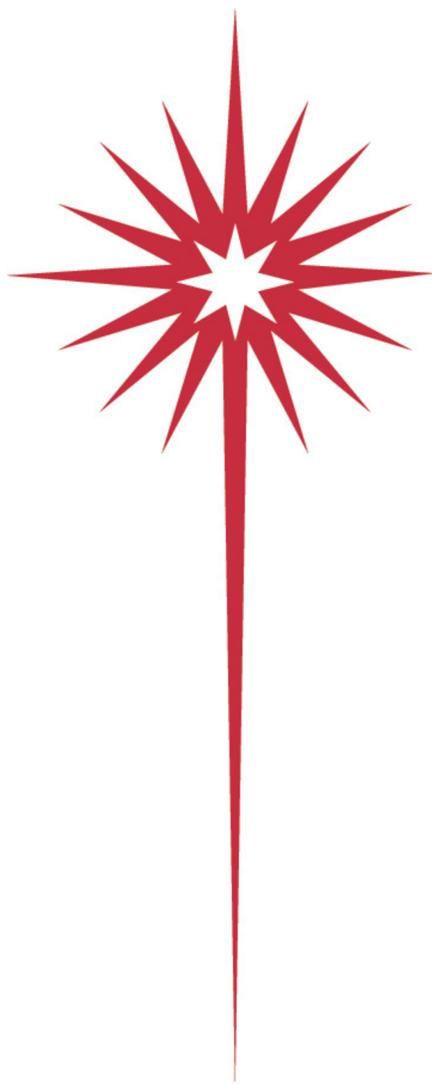


Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

Sunday Worship

December 7, 2025

Second Sunday of Advent



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

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. Currently our liturgy music is a mix of Advent music.

Prayer Requests 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), Jackie Fahey (hospice care), and those at home and in care facilities.

Our Extended Friends & Family: 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 Kenith 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.



OUR SAVIOUR'S
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Advent 2025

Wednesdays, Dec. 3, 10, 17 at 6:15 PM in the Chapel
Sundays, Dec. 7, 14, 21 at 9:00 AM in the Sanctuary

1200 N Campbell Ave, Tucson

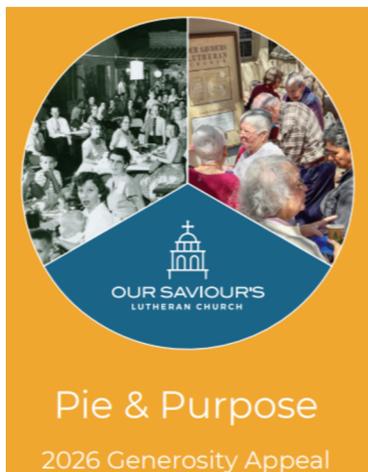


OUR SAVIOUR'S
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Christmas Schedule

Christmas Eve 5:00PM
Christmas Day Hymn Sing 9:00AM

1200 N Campbell Ave, Tucson



Pie & Purpose
2026 Generosity Appeal

Giving Thanks

Thank you to all who have turned in your Statement of Intent for next year. Our goal is to have 70 households complete a Statement of Intent - we have already received 54! If you have not yet turned yours in, you can place it in the offering plate today or mail it to the parish office. You can also complete it on our website (go to About Us/Statement of Intent). Completing a Statement of Intent helps you intentionally consider your giving and helps our congregation plan for growth and sustainability. We hope to receive all statements by 12/15/25.

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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 *Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning* (African American Spiritual)

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

Sung by Cantor

Stir Up Your Power - Betsy Dunlap

Curtis Family

Stir up your power, Lord Christ and come.

Free us from sin through your true grace. That you may be born in us this days a-new.

Stir up your power, Lord Christ and come.

Stir up your power, Lord Christ and come. Help us prepare the way of the Lord.

Let your face shine and enlighten our lives.

Stir up your power, Lord Christ and come.

ADVENT PRAYER

***CONFESSION 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!

***GATHERING HYMN**

ACS #901 Now the Heavens Start to Whisper

***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.

FIRST READING Isaiah 43:19-21

¹⁹ I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth; do you not perceive it?

I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.

²⁰ The wild animals will honor me,
the jackals and the ostriches,

for I give water in the wilderness,
rivers in the desert,

to give drink to my chosen people,

²¹ the people whom I formed for myself
so that they might declare my praise.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

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

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 11:1-11

¹ Now when Jesus had finished instructing his twelve disciples, he went on from there to teach and proclaim his message in their cities.

² When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples ³ and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" ⁴ Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: ⁵ the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, those with a skin disease are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. ⁶ And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me."

⁷ As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? ⁸ What, then, did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. ⁹ What, then, did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰ This is the one about whom it is written,

'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way before you.'

¹¹ "Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist, yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

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

SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

ELW #258 Unexpected and Mysterious

***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 *Lord, Before This Fleeting Season* by Libby Larsen

Chancel Choir

***OFFERING SONG** ELW #244 Rejoice, Rejoice Believers

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.

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.

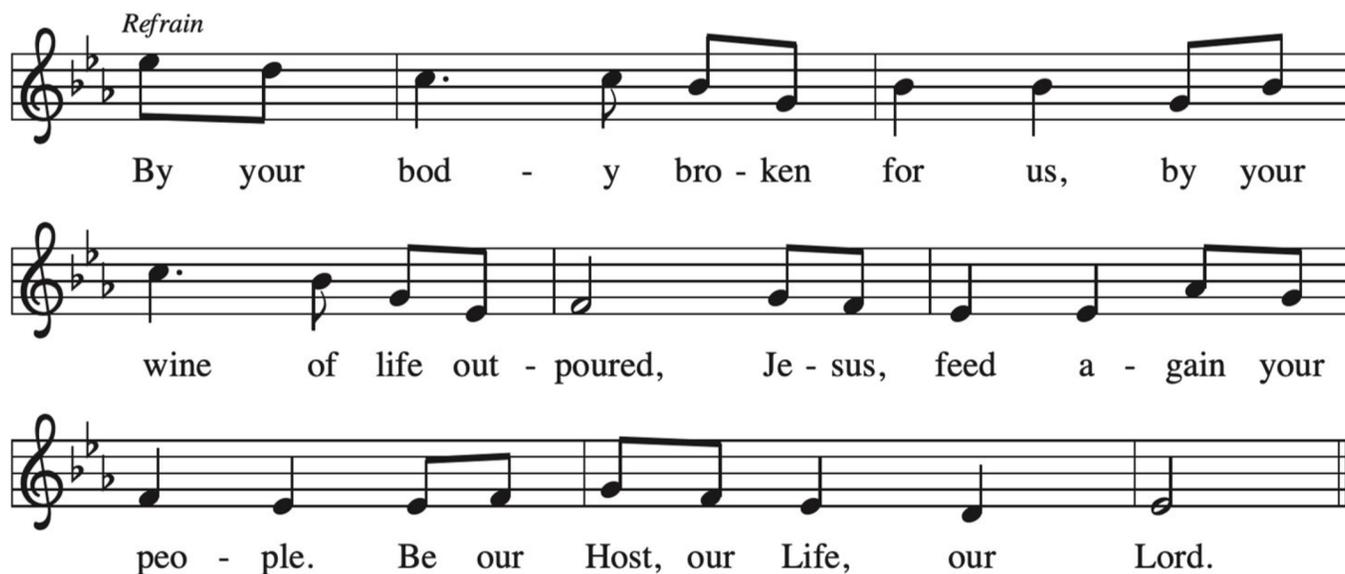
COMMUNION

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 *Canticle of the Turning*

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# 257 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (v. 1-4)
ELW# 487 What Feast of Love

SENDING PRAYER

SENDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BLESSING

***SENDING HYMN** ELW #266 All Earth is Hopeful
Turn to follow the cross as it passes.

*DISMISSAL

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

ACS #901 Now the Heavens Start to Whisper



1 Now the heav - ens start to whis - per, as the veil is grow - ing thin.
2 Heav - y clouds that block the moon - light now be - gin to drift a - way.
3 Christ, e - ter - nal Sun of jus - tice, Christ, the rose of wis - dom's seed,



Earth from slum - ber wakes to lis - ten to the stir - ring, faint with - in:
Dia - mond bril - liance through the dark - ness shines the hope of com - ing day.
come to bless with fire and fra - grance hours of yearn - ing, hurt, and need.



seed of prom - ise, deep - ly plant - ed, child to spring from Jes - se's stem!
Christ, the morn - ing star of splen - dor, gleams with - in a world grown dim.
In the lone - ly, in the strang - er, in the out - cast, hid from view;



Like the soil be - neath the frost - line, hearts grow soft to wel - come him.
Heav - en's em - ber fans to full - ness; hearts grow warm to wel - come him.
Child who comes to grace the man - ger, teach our hearts to wel - come you.

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953

Music: SŪO GÂN, Welsh melody

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ELW #258 Unexpected and Mysterious



1 Un - ex - pect - ed and mys - te - rious is the gen - tle
 2 In a mo - men - tar - y meet - ing of e - ter - ni -
 3 We are called to pon - der mys - t'ry and a - wait the



word of grace. Ev - er - lov - ing and sus - tain -
 ty and time, Mar - y learned that she would car -
 com - ing Christ, to em - bod - y God's com - pas -



ing is the peace of God's em - brace. If we fal - ter
 ry both the mor - tal and di - vine. Then she learned of
 sion for each frag - ile hu - man life. God is with us



in our cour - age and we doubt what we have known, God is
 God's com - pas - sion, of E - liz - a - beth's great joy, and she
 in our long - ing to bring heal - ing to the earth, while we



faith - ful to con - sole us as a moth - er tends her own.
 ran to greet the wom - an who would rec - og - nize her boy.
 watch with joy and won - der for the prom - ised Sav - ior's birth.

Text: Jeannette M. Lindholm, b. 1961

Music: ST. HELENA, Calvin Hampton, 1938-1984

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ELW #258 All Earth Is Hopeful
Toda la tierra



To - da la tie - rra es - pe - ra al Sal - va - dor
 1 All earth is hope - ful, the Sav - ior comes at last!
 2 Peo - ple of Is - rael, you heard the proph - et tell:
 3 Moun - tains and val - leys will have to be pre - pared;
 4 We first saw Je - sus a ba - by in a crib.



y el sur - co_a - bier - to, la ob - ra del Se - ñor; es el
 Fur - rows lie o - pen for God's cre - a - tive task: this, the
 "A vir - gin moth - er will bear Em - man - u - el"; she con -
 new high - ways o - pened, new pro - to - cols de - clared. Al - most
 This same Lord Je - sus to - day has come to live in our



mun - do que lu - cha por la li - ber - tad, re -
 la - bor of peo - ple who strug - gle to see how
 ceived him, "God with us," our broth - er, whose birth re -
 here! God is near - ing, in beau - ty and grace! All
 world; he is pres - ent, in neigh - bors we see our



cla - ma jus - ti - cia y bus - ca la ver - dad. dar - nos li - ber - tad.
 God's truth and jus - tice set ev - 'ry - bod - y free.
 stores hope and cour - age to chil - dren of this earth.
 clear ev - 'ry gate - way, in haste, come out in haste!
 Je - sus is with us, and ev - er sets us free.

DECEMBER HAPPENINGS

During Advent, we intentionally slow down some of our parish activities to make space for this season of preparation and anticipation. We hope you will join us on Wednesdays for our midweek Advent service - a special time of reflection during the worldly rush of this time of year. We have paused some of our regular gatherings (Centering Prayer, Pray Without Ceasing, Luke Book Study) until January.

December 7 - following worship, gather in the Sanctuary to help decorate our trees.

December 12 (3 pm) - Our Lady of Guadalupe Prayer Vigil at Immigration & Customs Enforcement Offices (Country Club/Valencia). Join other people of faith in praying for immigrant and migrant neighbors. "For I was a stranger, and you welcomed me" (Matthew 25:35). Meet at Our Saviour's at 2:00 PM to travel together.

Dec 13 (10 AM, Ramada Room) - Grief support. This monthly group welcomes newcomers, especially those facing grief and loss during the holidays. Led by Rikki Ray - Hospice of the Valley

December 17 (6:15 PM, Chapel) - Our Midweek service on the 17th will have a special emphasis for those experiencing grief or loss during the holidays.

Ongoing activities that are open to all - season worshippers, please join us!

Faith Formation

Tuesdays at 7:00 AM (AB) - Men's Community Bible Study (lay led)

Tuesdays at 11:00 AM (Patio Room) - Come & See Bible Study (pastor led)

Wednesdays at 10:30 AM (AB) - Open Bible Study (lay led)

Music Ministry

Seasonal worshippers and newcomers are welcome to join our Chancel Choir and Bell Choir.

Chancel Choir rehearses Thursdays at 6:30 PM (talk to Aysen). Bell Choir rehearses Mondays at 6:30 PM (talk to Kathie Miller).

Advent Theme: What Do You Fear? Insisting on Hope This Advent

December 7 - When We Are Running Out of Hope, God Is at Work

December 14 - Even In Our Fear, We Are Called Forward

December 21 - When You're Afraid, Give Me Your Hand

Christmas Eve & Christmas Day - Good News is Louder Than Fear

THOSE SERVING TODAY

12/7/2025

Presiding Minister	Rev. Amalia Vagts
Assisting Minister	Mary Lou Forier
Communion Assistants	Bonnie Phelps, Hildi Williams, Mary Pflibsen
Acolyte	Mary Lou Forier
Advent Candle	Curtis Family
Keyboard	Betsy Dunlap
Cantor	Aysen Millioğulları
Music	Chancel Choir
Usher	Patty Sirls, Jeanne Gacke
Greeter	Gloria Schmidt
Cross Bearer	Bonnie Phelps
Coffee Host	Kris Sanchez
Treats	Mary Pflibsen
Tech Team	Pflibsen/Bustamante
Scripture Background	John Indermark

THOSE SERVING SUNDAY

12/14/2025

Presiding Minister	Rev. Amalia Vagts
Assisting Minister	Lauretta Olson
Communion Assistants	Mary Pflibsen, Jennifer Strand
Acolyte	Jennifer Strand
Advent Candle	Wyatt Family
Keyboard	Betsy Dunlap
Cantor	Jennifer Strand
Usher	Pam Hardman, Kathy DeVinney
Greeter	Donna Lounsbury
Cross Bearer	Jennifer Strand
Coffee Host	David Lester
Treats	Saphir/Adrian Family
Tech Team	Pflibsen/Bustamante
Scripture Background	John Indermark

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Sunday Worship Times

9:00 - Sanctuary

Coffee following

Office Hours

Monday - Thursday

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

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