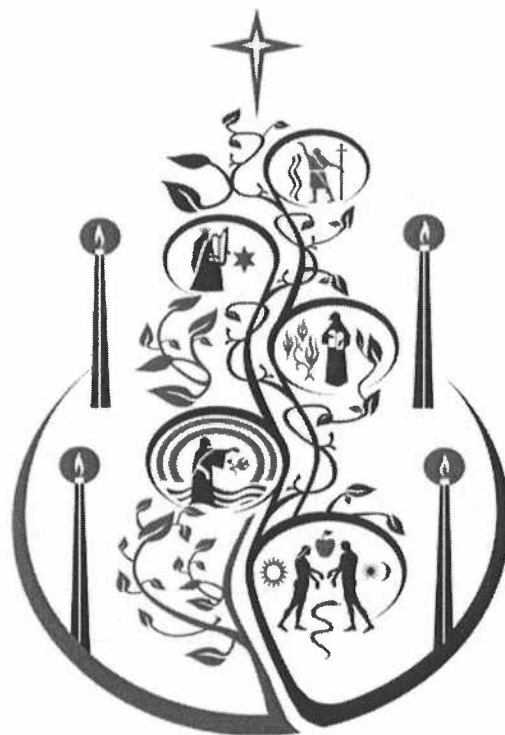
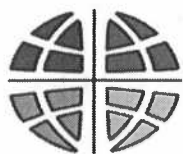


# ***OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH*** **SUNDAY WORSHIP**

**December 22, 2024**  
**Fourth Sunday of Advent**



## **Welcome to Our Saviour's**



**ELCA**

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 longtime 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.

**Prayer Requests:** The family of Hank Phillips, Tracy; Marty; Maija, and those at home.

**Our Extended Friends & Family:** Friends and Family of Doris Ballmer (Patty Sirs' aunt); Richard (neighbor); The Banker Family (cousin of Mary Pflibsen); John (friend of Pastor Glenn's); Beverly (sister-in-law of Martha Neff Stum and Mary Neff); Josh, Melissa, and Mary Ann (friends of Chris and Theda Doak); Megan (niece of Chris and Theda Doak); Sally (friend of Kathy DeVinney); Tom (brother-in-law of Ted Adams); Abel (great grandson of Laverne Walsh); Maureen (mother of Adam Delaossa); Jeanne (friend of Schatzi Taylor); Ann (mother of Asher Havenhill); Michael Bales (brother of Alan Bales); Grant and Shirley (brother and sister-in-law of Theda Doak).

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

**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 from *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (Holy Communion Setting 10).

## **TODAY'S SUNDAY Forum: Sharing Christmas Treats in the Courtyard**

Are there some special Christmas cookies or other treats that you'd like to share? Our Saviour's has a reputation for "great bakers"! We will share treats and time together. Please bring your favorites - consider a double batch to provide treats for Hank Phillips Memorial.

## **Memorial Service for Hank Phillips**

Today at 1:00 PM

Dessert Reception Following

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**Come & See Bible Study will resume on Thursdays in January**

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# December 22 2024

## Fourth Sunday of Advent

ELW is Evangelical Lutheran Worship, our red hymn book located in the pew rack in front of you.

The songs are in the back half of the book, with the song number at the top of the page.

\*An asterisk indicates the congregation should stand in body and/or spirit.

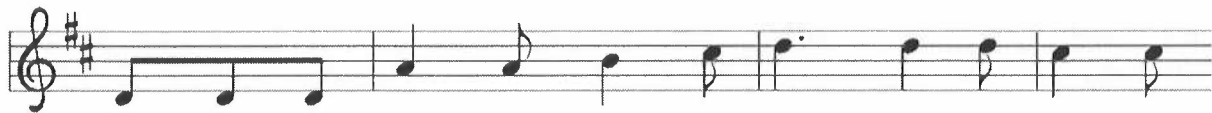
**Congregation's speaking and singing parts are in bold font.**

### WELCOME

**PRELUDE** - *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* Arr. by Sandra R Wagner - Bell Choir

**ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING** - ELW #248 - *People Look East*

### People, Look East



1 Peo - ple, look east. The time is near of the crown - ing  
2 Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is  
3 Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim, one more light the  
4 An - gels an - nounce with shouts of mirth him who brings new



of the year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble,  
plant - ed there. Give up your strength the seed to nour - ish,  
bowl shall brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er,  
life to earth. Set ev - 'ry peak and val - ley hum - ming



trim the hearth and set the ta - ble. Peo - ple, look  
that in course the flow'r may flour - ish. Peo - ple, look  
bright as sun and moon to - geth - er. Peo - ple, look  
with the word, the Lord is com - ing. Peo - ple, look



east, and sing to - day— Love, the Guest, is on the way.  
east, and sing to - day— Love, the Rose, is on the way.  
east, and sing to - day— Love, the Star, is on the way.  
east, and sing to - day— Love, the Lord, is on the way.

Text: Eleanor Farjeon, 1881–1965

Music: BESANÇON, French carol

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## **ADVENT PRAYER**

The voice of one crying in the wilderness says:

**“Prepare the way for the Lord, make the Lord's paths straight.”**

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come.

May we, with Mary, sing your praises and magnify your name.

As we worship, renew our vision that we may do your will.

In your name we pray,

**Amen.**

## **\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*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, † One God, alive in the world, reviving creation, arriving soon.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God of mercy,

**we confess that we have sinned. We trust earthly powers and human authority alone. We grow fearful. We cling to false comforts.**

God of might,

**we confess that we have sinned. We have turned away from our neighbors. We have trusted false promises.**

God in our midst,

**we confess that we have sinned. We plead: come to us. Bring your mercy to birth in us.**

A righteous branch springs forth: it is Christ the Lord, our Savior, in whom we have forgiveness, life, and mercy. By the power of the Holy Spirit, receive the grace and forgiveness of God through † Christ Jesus, whose day draws near.

**Amen**

## \*KYRIE



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.  
2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.  
3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.  
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.  
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

## \*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: Micah 5:2-5a

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days.

Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth, and he shall be the one of peace.

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

## **Luke 1:46b-55**

*Read in parts. The congregation part is in bold.*

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,  
**for you, Lord, have looked with favor on your lowly servant. From this day all generations will call me blessed:**

you, the Almighty, have done great things for me and holy is your name.  
**You have mercy on those who fear you, from generation to generation.**

You have shown strength with your arm and scattered the proud in their conceit,  
**casting down the mighty from their thrones and lifting up the lowly.**

You have filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away empty.  
**You have come to the aid of your servant Israel, to remember the promise of mercy,**

**the promise made to our forebears, to Abraham [and Sarah and their] children forever.**

## **SECOND READING: Hebrews 10:5-10**

Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, 'See, I have come to do your will, O God' (in the scroll of the book it is written of me)."

When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

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

## \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

## \*GOSPEL

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

### Luke 139 -45

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

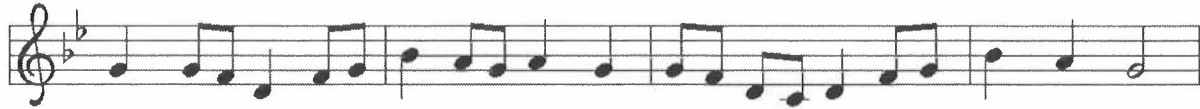
## SERMON

*Silence for Reflection*

## Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus



1 Come, thou long-ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo-ple free;  
2 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king;



from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.  
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king-dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art,  
By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;



dear de - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, joy of ev - 'ry long-ing heart.  
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788  
Music: JEFFERSON, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

### **HYMN OF THE DAY** - ELW#254 - *Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

#### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*The assisting minister leads the prayers.*

...God in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

.....Saviour of the nations, come, and receive these prayers and the pleas of our hearts, in the name of Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**



## \*EXCHANGE OF PEACE

### OFFERING - *Let There Be Peace on Earth*

by Sy Miller & Jill Jackson, Arr. by Arnold B Sherman - Bell Choir

## \*OFFERING PRAYER

Creator God, you made the whole world, even the farthest stars, and you draw near to feed us. We praise you for these gifts of bread and wine. Strengthen us with this food that we may live in expectation for the advent of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## \*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right to give our thanks and praise in all ways and all places... we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

## \*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



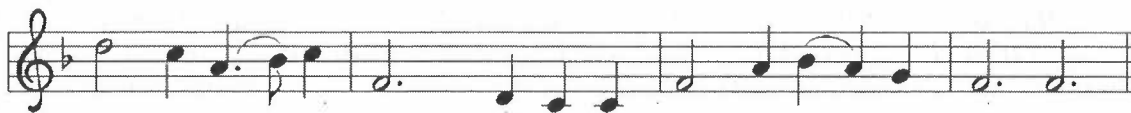
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

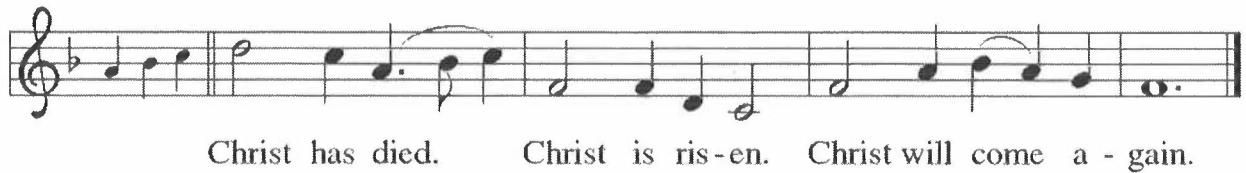


Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

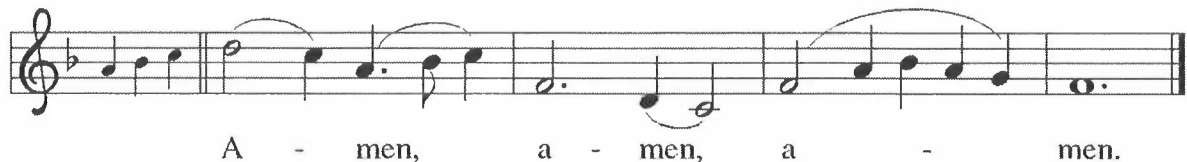


san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.



Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, and unite the wills of all who share this meal, the living body and life blood of Jesus Christ, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**



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

**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

Jesus welcomes you as you are to the table. Become what you receive.

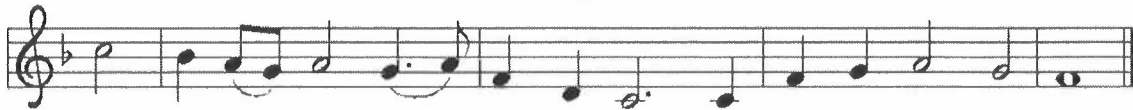
*This is Christ's table. You and all are welcome here, without exception. Please follow the ushers' direction, filling in the communion rail starting on the right side. You may stand or kneel. If you prefer a blessing, cross your hands over your heart. Gluten free wafers are available. The wine is red; the grape juice is clear. Please let an usher know if you would like communion brought to your pew.*

## COMMUNION MUSIC

### *Lamb of God*



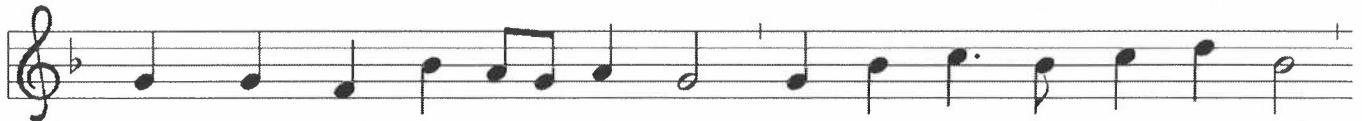
- 1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
- 2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
- 3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



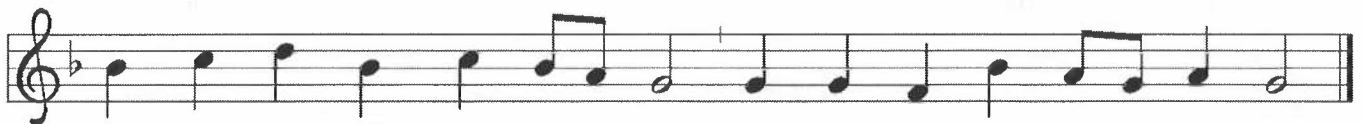
you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

### ELW #263 *Savior of the Nations, Come*

## Savior of the Nations, Come



- 1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come; vir - gin's son, make here your home.
- 2 Not by hu - man flesh and blood, but the mys - tic Breath of God,
- 3 Won - drous birth—oh, won - drous child—from his throne, a vir - gin mild!
- 4 From God's heart the Sav - ior speeds, back to God his path-way leads;



Mar - vel now, O heav'n and earth: God has cho - sen such a birth.  
was the Word of God made flesh, fruit of wom - an, blos - som fresh.  
Ver - y God, and Mar - y's son, ea - ger now his race to run!  
out to van - quish death's com - mand, back to reign at God's right hand.

5 Now your manger, shining bright,  
hallows night with newborn light.  
Night cannot this light subdue;  
let our faith shine ever new.

6 Praise we sing to Christ the Lord,  
virgin's son, incarnate Word!  
To the holy Trinity  
praise we sing eternally!

## Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness



- 1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light;
- 2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen - tle word;
- 3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;



praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners, turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.  
praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc - ing, two - edged sword.  
Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,  
Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand;  
Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done.



calm - ing storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the ver - y bread of peace.  
from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.  
Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

Text: Rusty Edwards, b. 1955

Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*. Part II, 1813

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## **POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

### **SENDING PRAYER** (spoken together)

Generous God,  
**we thank you for the gift of life, for the bread of salvation.**  
**We thank you for coming among us, for leading us into peace.**  
**We thank you for showering us with mercy, for sending us into the world.**  
**Come, Lord Jesus, and go with us as we feed the hungry in your name.**  
**Amen.**

## **SENDING ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **\*BLESSING**

### **SENDING HYMN** - *The Magnificat* (next page)

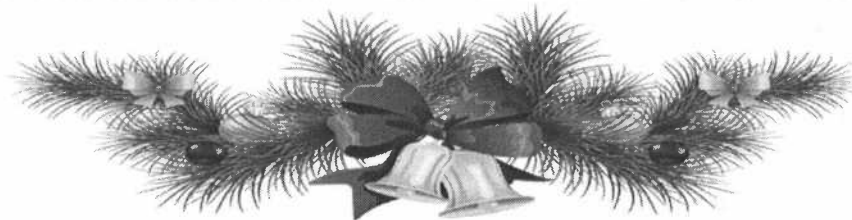
### **\*DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Prepare the way for Emmanuel.  
**Thanks be to God!**

*You are welcome to leave at any time following the dismissal. Many at Our Saviour's remain to listen to the postlude - please feel comfortable leaving or staying as you wish. You are invited to join for coffee and conversation following worship.*

### **POSTLUDE** *Christmas Rejoicing* Arr. by Douglas E Wagner - Bell Choir

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## **Christmas Eve**

5:00 PM - Sanctuary (Livestream) - Candles and Holy Communion

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## **Christmas Day**

9:00 AM - Sanctuary (In-person only) - Hymn Sing & Holy Communion

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# The Magnificat

*All:*

1., 3. My — soul pro - claims your  
2. You have cast the might - y

great - ness, O God, and my spir - it re - joic - es in  
down from their thrones, and up - lift - ed the hum - ble of

you, You have looked with love on your  
heart, You have filled the hun - gry with

*fine last time*

ser - vant here, and blessed me all my life through.  
won - drous things, and left the wealth - y no part.

Great and might - y are you, O Ho - ly One,  
Great and might - y are you, O Faith - ful One,

strong is your kind - ness ev - er - more.  
strong is your jus - tice strong your love,

How you fa - vor the weak — and low - ly one,  
As you prom - ised to Sar - ah and A - bra - ham,

hum - bling the proud of heart.  
kind - ness for - ev - er - more.

### **Centering Prayer - Resumes January 7**

Meets weekly from 12-1 on Tuesdays in Koch Chapel. We begin at 12:15 with simple instruction, then 20 minutes of Centering (silent) prayer. Then we spend about 20 minutes engaging with the upcoming Gospel text using a practice called *lectio divina*. No preparation or experience necessary.

### **Caring Ministry**

This growing ministry is a group of people who visit, call, and send card to our members and friends at home. Talk with Bonnie Phelps if you are interested in getting involved.

### **Quilting Group**

Meets monthly on the third Thursday of each month in the Activity Building. You can also pick up fabric and stitch at home. Contact Kathie Miller.

### **Knit and Crochet Group**

This group makes prayer shawls, as well as hats and lap blankets for migrants and others. Anyone interested in joining please text Donna Lounsbury, 520-400-2514

### **Chancel Choir Resumes January 9**

Rehearses weekly on Thursdays at 6:30 PM in the Activity Building. All singers welcome. Loving and supportive community - no prior choral experience required. Contact Dr. Gréta Pásztor at [gpsztor@lutherantucson.org](mailto:gpsztor@lutherantucson.org).

### **Bell Choir - Resumes December 30**

Rehearses weekly on Mondays at 6:30 PM in the Sanctuary. Happy group that enjoys creating joyous, uplifting music. Learners welcome. Contact Kathie Miller ([kmmmiller@hotmail.com](mailto:kmmmiller@hotmail.com)) or any other Ringers.

### **Spanish Class - Resumes January 7**

¿Aprender español? Or do you want to learn? Join this free one-hour drop-in class for all levels. Tuesdays at 6:30 in the Activity Building. Taught by Pastor Mateo and Annette Chavez. Email [amchavez111@gmail.com](mailto:amchavez111@gmail.com) to register.

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### **Other Ways to Grow Your Faith:**

*Weekly events led by community and Our Saviour's members - open to anyone. All events in Activity Building.*

Mindfulness Meditation (Mondays, 1:30 - 2:30 PM); Men's Bible Study (Tuesdays, 7:00 AM); Lay Shared Bible Study (Wednesdays, 10:30 AM. Contact Laretta Olson at [landjo@cox.net](mailto:landjo@cox.net)).

**THOSE SERVING SUNDAY 12/22/2024**

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|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <b>Presiding Minister</b>   | Rev. Amalia Vagts                    |
| <b>Preaching Minister</b>   | Rev. Glenn Schrader                  |
| <b>Assisting Minister</b>   | Olga Ryan                            |
| <b>Communion Assistants</b> | Bonnie Phelps and<br>Jennifer Strand |
| <b>Acolyte</b>              | Claudia Saphir                       |
| <b>Advent Wreath</b>        | Dawn Wyatt                           |
| <b>Cantor</b>               | Sophia Rankin                        |
| <b>Piano</b>                | Dr. Gréta Pásztor                    |
| <b>Music</b>                | Bell Choir                           |
| <b>Usher</b>                | Bill and Ann DeVinney                |
| <b>Greeter</b>              | Judy Indermark                       |
| <b>Coffee Host</b>          | David Lester                         |
| <b>Treats</b>               | Congregation                         |
| <b>Tech Team</b>            | Pflibsen/Bustamante                  |
| <b>Scripture Background</b> | John Indermark                       |

**THOSE SERVING SUNDAY 12/29/2024**

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| <b>Minister</b>             | Rev. Amalia Vagts                  |
| <b>Assisting Minister</b>   | Jennifer Stand                     |
| <b>Communion Assistants</b> | Bonnie Phelps and<br>Linda Zizka   |
| <b>Acolyte</b>              | Jennifer Strand                    |
| <b>Music</b>                | Nancy Rude                         |
| <b>Usher</b>                | Kris Sanchez and<br>Hildi Williams |
| <b>Greeter</b>              | Patty Sirls                        |
| <b>Coffee Host</b>          | Ron Rude                           |
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9:00 - Sanctuary

Coffee following

10:30 Sunday Forum

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

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