



*Christmas Eve
Worship*

*December 24, 2022
5:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.*

Friday, December 24, 2022 ~ Christmas Eve

ELW = Evangelical Lutheran Worship: Our red hymn book is 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 as you are able.*

Procession

5:00 pm - *Prepare the Way, O Zion* arr. by Michael Mazzatenta

7:00 pm - *Ding, Dong Merrily on High!* arr. by Ryan Murphy

Welcome

*Gathering Hymn

ELW 270 - *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

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*Greeting

The grace...be with you.

And also with you.

...the spirit of mercy.

Amen.

Word

Isaiah 9:2-7

Congregation reads words in bold.

The people walking in darkness
are seeing a brilliant light—
**upon those who dwell in a land of deep shadows
light is shining!**

God, you have made the nation greater—
you have brought them abundant joy!
They celebrate in your presence
as with the harvest celebrations,
or as warriors celebrate when dividing spoils.

For the yoke that burdened them,
the weight on their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressors—
you have shattered it,
as you did at the defeat of Midian.

For every boot that tramped in battle,
every cloak that was dragged through blood,
is now used as fuel for the fire.

**For a child is born to us,
an heir is given us,
upon whose shoulders
dominion will rest. This One shall be called
Wonderful Counselor, the Strength of God,
Eternal Protector, Champion of Peace.**

This dominion, and this peace,
will grow without end,
with David's throne and realm
sustained with justice and fairness,
now and forever.
The zeal of God omnipotent will accomplish it!

Gospel: Luke 2:1-14

The holy gospel according to Luke.
Glory to you, O Lord.

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

Sermon

Silence for reflection.

Hymn: ELW 297 - *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

Prayers

Each prayer petition ends with...

God of grace,
receive our prayer.

...Pondering the mystery of eternal love made flesh in Christ Jesus, we commend all for whom we pray to the mercy of God.
Amen.

***Exchange of Peace**

The peace of the Christ child be with you always.
And also with you.

Offering

5:00 pm - *O Little Town of Bethlehem* arr. by Roy T Scoggins, Jr

7:00 pm - *Christ Child Noel* arr. by Patti Drennan

***Offering Prayer**

...we shout for joy at the birth of Jesus Christ.
Amen.

***Holy Communion**

God be with you
And also with you

We give thanks to God, for God is Good
God's steadfast love endures forever

We give thanks and praise...
....Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ lived, Christ died, Christ is risen, Christ will come
again.**

...we praise you, O God,
blessed and holy Trinity,
now and forever.
Amen.

Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Invitation to Communion

This is Christ's table and you are welcome, without exception. The ushers will direct you to the front. Please indicate if you need a gluten free wafer. The dark liquid is wine. The light liquid is grape juice. After taking communion, place your cup in the small basket and return to your pew by the side aisle. You may also come up for a simple blessing - cross your hands over your heart to indicate you would like a blessing only.

Communion Music

Solo: *O, Holy Night*

(Sophia Rankin)

Congregation: ELW 294 - *In the Bleak Midwinter*

Blessing after Communion Candle Lighting

The ushers will light candles at the end of each pew. Be sure to tip only the unlit candle when lighting candles. The choir begins. Once all candles are lit and the lights are dimmed, the congregation sings.

Anthem

5:00 pm - *Angels We Have Heard on High*

7:00 pm - *Christ Child Noel*

Hymn: ELW 281 - *Silent Night, Holy Night*

Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin mother and child.

Holy infant, so tender and mild, sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in
heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight;
glories stream from heaven afar,
heav'nly hosts...sing, alleluia! Christ, the Saviour, is born! Christ,
the Savior is born!

Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light
radiant beams from your holy face,
with the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at your birth,
Jesus, Lord, at your birth.

Silence for reflection. Please carefully extinguish candles as lights come up.

***Blessing**

The Light of Christ burns brightly within you, and may God, Three-in-One + One-in-Three, bless you now and forever.
Amen.

Sending Hymn

ELW 290 - Go Tell It on the Mountain

***Dismissal**

Christ is born!
Thanks be to God!

Postlude

God Rest Ye Merry Gentleman arr. by Kevin McChesney
Joy to the World arr. by J. Wayne Kerr

You may leave during the postlude or remain seated to enjoy the music.



We give thanks to God for those involved with music ministry at Our Saviour's. Thank you to our Chancel Choir and Handbell Choir for wonderful music throughout the year. We're delighted to have many guest musicians joining our service this evening. We're grateful for special gifts throughout the year that support our music ministry.

GUEST MUSICIANS



Soprano **Olivia Blackman** is a Christian young lady who loves Jesus with her whole heart and is passionate about using her gifts for His glory. She is presently a sophomore studying/pursuing degrees in Neuroscience and Vocal Performance at the University of Arizona. Olivia is optimistic about the future and God's plan for her life.

Singer-composer **Dianne Aiza Chua** from West Texas is an international recording artist who is dedicated to praising God through the gift of music. As a three-year-old child, she developed a beautiful stage presence that has captivated audiences. She has toured the United States as a soloist and choir member during several Seventh-Day Adventist General Conferences. Her 2012 release *Flower In the Rain* is a highlight work that brings hope and peace to the world in these perilous last days. She continues to lead and inspire others through playing and teaching piano, guitar, and ukulele to eager students. She is a full-time mother to two children and a part-time American Sign Language Interpreter now living in Tucson, Arizona.





Dr. Justin Chua has lived in Tucson, AZ since 2010 upon attending the University of Arizona. He has had a passion for music since childhood where he studied piano and violin at a young age. He has served in his local church congregation's music ministry praising God throughout the years. He is beyond thrilled for the invitation to sing with the Our Saviour's Lutheran Church Choir this

year.

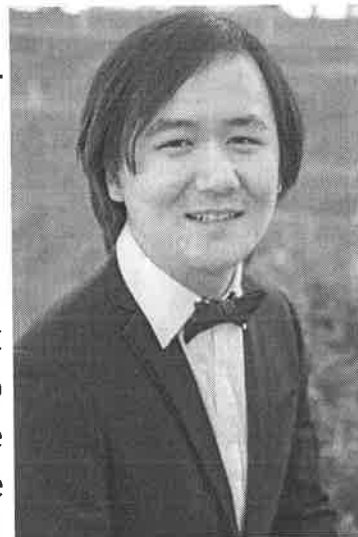
Cassandra Gunn is a flutist from Lansing, Michigan. She completed her Bachelor of Music at Oakland University under the instruction of Sharon Sparrow. Cassandra is a Masters student at the University of Arizona, where she is a member of the Fred Fox Graduate Wind Quintet and the Graduate Assistant for the flute studio of Dr. Brian Luce.



Soprano **Mengda Jiang** is in her second year of doctoral studies in choral conducting at the University of Arizona, minoring in orchestral conducting. She has been a choir singer since 10 years old, and finally became a choral conductor.

She participated Chorworks Young Artists Program in 2022 Summer in Duke University Chapel as a singer.

Yaowen Mei is a senior Piano Performance Major at the University of Arizona Fred Fox School of Music, where he is the recipient of the Lotte C. Reyersbach Scholarship. He is currently a student of John Milbauer, and has also studied with Dan Linder. During his time at UA, he won first prize in the President's Concerto Competition (2019), performing with the University symphony orchestra in 2020. He has also won first prize in the fourth annual Michael Moore Memorial Piano competition, and first prize and the Audience Award in the Lois Trester Piano competition (2021). Yaowen studied piano with Fang Kuang and Hong Xu at Wuhan Conservatory of Music, and with Yoshikazu Nagai at San Francisco Conservatory of Music. He has won prizes in the Yamaha Music Scholarship Piano Competition at the Wuhan Conservatory (2013 and 2014), the piano group of CCTV Piano and Violin competition (2014), and the Eastman Young Artists Piano Competition (2016).



Tenor **Zhihui Pang** is a second-year master's student of voice and graduate assistant at IU Jacobs School of Music studying with Deanne Meek. Born in China, he studied journalism and communication at Renmin University of China for his undergraduate program. Since his master's program, he has performed the roles of Tamino (the Magic Flute), Prunier (La Rondine) and Liberto (the Coronation of Poppea). He has participated opera chorus of the Magic Flute and Don Giovanni. He participated Lyric Opera Studio Weimar in 2022 Summer and received scholarship.

Siyuan Zhang is a Chinese pianist, recently pursuing a Doctoral degree in Piano Performance at the University of Arizona, under the supervision of Dr. John Milbauer. He was initially a student in physics



and western art music studies during his bachelor's degree at the University of California, Santa Barbara, while he later turned his full concentration to piano performance after recognizing the vast possibility and power of human imagination and humans as a unity. Other than studying at the U of A, he attended the 2021 Chautauqua Piano Program where he studied and interacted with several world-class pianists. At the U of A, he was the finalist in the annual Lois Trester Piano Competition two times and was the winner in the 2022's competition.



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THOSE SERVING TODAY - 5:00PM

Pastor/Presider
Pastor Amalia Vagts

Accompanist
Gréta Pásztor

OSLC Handbell Choir

Voice & Guitar
Sophia Rankin

Assisting Minister
Clare Johnson

Communion Assistant
Ted Adams

Acolyte
Olga Ryan
Trombone
Kent Pflibsen
Arthur Pásztor

Ushers
Olga Ryan
David Lester
Scott Koenig

Sound & Video
Kent Pflibsen
Tracy Ratliff
Timothy Bustamante
Jack Ryan



THOSE SERVING TODAY - 7:00PM

Pastor/Presider
Pastor Amalia Vagts

Accompanist
Gréta Pásztor

OSLC Chancel Choir

Chimes
Cassandra Gunn

Piano
Siyuan Zhang
Yaowen Mei

Solo
Olivia Blackman
Mengda Jiang
Sophia Rankin

Flute
Cassandra Gunn

Assisting Minister
Bonnie Phelps
Communion Assistant
Pam Hardman

Acolyte
Ginny Phillips

Ushers
Tracy Ratliff
Mary Durham-Pflibsen
Ginny Phillips

Greeters
Catalina Rankin
Diane Siefkes

Sound & Video
Kent Pflibsen
Tracy Ratliff
Timothy Bustamante
Jack Ryan

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