

OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
SUNDAY WORSHIP



Sunday, December 11, 2022

Advent 3

A note about worship: We respond to and engage with worship in a variety of ways. Sometimes we move, clap, and even dance (!) along with the music. Always, we hope we feel and express joy in worship. We invite you to share your gratitude for our musicians' musical offering via an "Amen," American Sign Language clapping (wave hands), or however you express gratitude and joy. To keep the focus of our praise on God, please hold group applause until the conclusion of the worship service.

Prelude ~ *Thou Long-Expected Jesus with He Shall Feed His Flock*

arr. by Anna Laura Page

Welcome



Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Please rise in body/spirit.

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the God of Israel,
who alone does wondrous things.
Blessed be God's name forever. Amen.

Beloved, now is the time to wake from sleep.
Let us confront our sin,
and confess to the one who is merciful and just.

Silence for reflection.

God of new beginnings,
we confess that we have not welcomed your holy reign.
We have strayed from your paths.
We have prepared for war and not peace.
We dishonor one another and your creation.
Purify us with your refining fire
and set us again on your way of love,
that we may bear fruit worthy of repentance,
and welcome your incarnation among us.
Amen.

People of God...
...Rejoice in the way of God.
Amen.

Gathering Hymn & Advent Wreath Lighting

Christ Be Our Light, ELW 715 (Verses 1-3 and Refrain)



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

Advent Candle Prayer

Greeting

Prayer of the Day

Anthem ~ *Heavenly Sunlight* arr. by Mark Hayes



Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading: Isaiah 35:1-10

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: James 5:7-10

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Please rise in body/spirit.

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: Matthew 11:2-11
The Holy Gospel according to Matthew
Glory to you, O God.

...This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Sermon

Silence for reflection

Please rise in body/spirit.

Hymn of the Day
Freedom Is Coming, ACS 903

1 Oh, free - dom, oh, free - dom, oh,
Free-dom is com-ing. Free-dom is
com - ing. Free-dom is com - ing. Oh, yes, I
know. Free-dom is com - ing. Free-dom is
com - ing. Free-dom is com - ing. Oh, yes, I
know.

free dom, Oh,
com - ing. Free-dom is com - ing. Oh, yes, I
yes, I know. Oh, yes, I know. Oh,
know. Oh, oh, yes, I know. Oh, oh, yes, I
yes, I know. Oh, oh, yes, I know. Oh, yes, I
yes, I know. Oh, oh, yes, I know. Oh, oh, yes, I

2 Oh, Jesus.
Jesus is coming.
Oh, yes, I know.

Prayers of Intercession

After each petition of the prayers:

God we need you,
receive our prayer

Gather our prayers and join them with all the prayers of your children. In Jesus' name, **Amen.**

Sharing of the Peace

Please be seated.



Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering

Please rise in body/spirit as the offering is brought up

Offering Prayer

The Great Thanksgiving

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

Jesus said, whoever comes to me will never be hungry...
...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.

Words of Institution

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.

Prayer of Jesus

Holy One, our only Home,
blessed be your name,
may your day dawn,
your will be done,
here, as in heaven.
Feed us today, and forgive us,
as we forgive each other.
Do not forsake us at the test,
but deliver us from evil.
For the glory, the power,
and the mercy are yours
now and forever.
Amen.

Invitation to Communion

Be strong, do not fear!
Here is your God, who has come to save you.

This is Christ's table. You 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.

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.

Communion Music

Wait for the Lord, ELW 262

He Came Down, ELW 253

Post-Communion Blessing

Prayer after Communion (Spoken together)

O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils and joys unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us, and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Sending Announcements

Blessing

Sending Hymn

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines On Me, ACS 1087



1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
2 World with - out end, . . . with - out end. A - men.



and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
World with - out end, . . . with - out end. A - men.



and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
World with - out end, . . . with - out end. A - men.



As it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be. A - men.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is near.

Thanks be to God.



Postlude

Go, Tell It on the Mountain arr. by J. Wayne Kerr

You are welcome to leave anytime during the prelude or stay to listen. Please use this time in whatever way is most worshipful for you.

Welcome to Our Saviour's

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.



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THOSE SERVING TODAY (12/11/22)

Pastor/Presider
Rev. Amalia Vagts

Assisting Minister
Bill DeVinney

Accompanist
Gréta Pásztor

Cantor
Sophia Rankin & OSLC Chancel Choir

Djembe
Michael Marty

**Communion
Assistant**
Gloria Alvillar

Acolyte
Ginny Phillips

Ushers
Ginny Phillips
Tracy Ratliff

Patio Sweeper
Tracy Ratliff

Coffee Host
David Lester

Greeter
Pat Orr-Bonura

Sound & Video
Kent Pflibsen
Tracy Ratliff
Timothy Bustamante
Jack Ryan

**THOSE SERVING NEXT SUNDAY
(12/18/22)**

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Assisting Minister
Bonnie Phelps

Accompanist
Gréta Pásztor

Cantor
Sophia Rankin

Guitar
Alex Dunning

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Pam Hardman

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