

OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
SUNDAY WORSHIP



Sunday, December 18, 2022

Advent 4

Prelude

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly with Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring 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 (v. 1-5)

Advent Candle Prayer



Word

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

First Reading: Isaiah 7:10-16

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: Romans 1:1-7

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 1:18-25

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

All Earth Is Hopeful, ELW 266

Cantor sings a verse in Spanish, then Congregation stands and sings beginning with the first verse.

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

Special Music: "Hallelujah" by Leonard Cohen

Offering Prayer

Please rise in body/spirit.

The Great Thanksgiving

God 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 God thanks and praise.

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

Gathered into one using either version below or your own tradition, let us pray as Jesus taught us...

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

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, ELW 257

Canticle of the Turning, ELW 723

Post-Communion Blessing



Sending

Sending Prayer (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

Joy to the World, ELW 267

Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is near!

Thanks be to God.



Postlude

Carol of Joy arr. by Jay Rouse

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.

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SCHEDULE



Longest Night (Wednesday, Dec 21) - 6:00 pm

A quiet and reflective service with prayer and song that reflects the difficulty or grief that can come at this time of year. (Chapel)

Christmas Eve (Saturday, Dec 24) - 5:00 pm and 7:00 pm
Both services include special music, communion, and candle lighting. (Sanctuary)

Christmas Day (Sunday, Dec 25) - 9:00 am - ONE SERVICE
Gather for a hymn sing, readings, and communion. No Workshop. (Sanctuary)

New Year's Day (Sunday, Jan 1) - 9:00 am - ONE SERVICE
Gather for a casual service to welcome the New Year with song, readings, and communion. No Workshop. (Sanctuary)



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 (12/18/22)

Pastor/Presider
Rev. Amalia Vagts

Assisting Minister
Bonnie Phelps

Accompanist
Gréta Pásztor

Cantor
Sophia Rankin

Guitar
Alex Dunning

**Communion
Assistant**
Olga Ryan

Acolyte
Olga Ryan

Ushers
Angie Grandison
Pam Hardman

Patio Sweeper
Clare Johnson

Coffee Host
Catalina Rankin

Greeters
Bob & Maija Downing

Sound & Video
Kent Pflibsen
Tracy Ratliff
Timothy Bustamante
Jack Ryan

**THOSE SERVING NEXT SUNDAY
(12/25/22)**

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Amy Fatzinger

Accompanist
Gréta Pásztor

Guitar
Alex Dunning

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