

OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
SUNDAY WORSHIP



Sunday, December 4, 2022

Advent 2

The congregation's part is printed in bold. Please share your gratitude for our musicians' musical gifts by offering an "Amen" or American Sign Language (wave hands). Please hold all applause until the conclusion of the worship service.

Prelude ~ *Prepare the Way, O Zion* arranged by Michael Mazzatenta

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 1-2 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



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



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.


Refrain



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.

Greeting

Prayer of the Day

Anthem ~ *Alleluia, He Comes to Us* arranged by Michael R Keller
OSLC Handbell Choir



Word

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

First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

¹A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

²The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

³His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;

⁴but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

⁵Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

⁶The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.

⁷The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

⁸The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

⁹They will not hurt or destroy

on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.

¹⁰On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

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

Second Reading: Romans 15:4-13

⁴Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. ⁵May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, ⁶so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁷Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. ⁸For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

“Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles,
and sing praises to your name”;

¹⁰and again he says,

“Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people”;

¹¹and again,

“Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,
and let all the peoples praise him”;

¹²and again Isaiah says,

“The root of Jesse shall come,
the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;
in him the Gentiles shall hope.”

¹³May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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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 3:1-12

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew
Glory to you, O God.

¹In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, ²“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” ³This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,


“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.’”

⁴Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, ⁶and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

⁷But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruit worthy of repentance. ⁹Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ¹⁰Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

¹¹“I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹²His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

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

Light Dawns on a Weary World, ELW 726

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

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

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

Comfort, Comfort Now My People, ELW 256

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry, ELW 249

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

Hark, the Glad Sound!, ELW 239

Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is near.
Thanks be to God.



Postlude

Prelude No. 1 in C Major BWV 997 by J. S. Bach

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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Linda Zizka

Accompanist
Gréta Pásztor

Cantor
Sophia Rankin

**Communion
Assistant**
Erin McMahon

Acolyte
Ginny Phillips

Ushers
Pat Orr-Bonura & Patty Sirls

Patio Sweepers
Ron Rude & Nancy Rude

Coffee Hosts
Fred Hudson & Donna Hudson

Greeters
Gloria Alvillar & Ted Earle

OSLC Handbell Choir
Phala Andressen, Melanie Bowman,
Jeanne Gacke, Elizabeth Jamison,
Betsy Kohls, Kathie Miller, Kent Pflipsen,
Kris Sanchez, Hildi Williams

Sound & Video
Kent Pflipsen
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**THOSE SERVING NEXT SUNDAY
(12/11/22)**

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