

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



**Sunday, November 27, 2022**

**Advent 1**

*The congregation's part is printed in bold.*

**Prelude** ~ *“My Faith Looks Up to Thee” with ‘Ave Verum’ 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

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.  
Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.  
Make us your living voice.



## Refrain

*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.

The refrain is written on three staves in G major. The first staff begins with the word "Refrain" above the first measure. The lyrics are placed below the notes. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a clear melodic line and supporting chords.

## Greeting

## Prayer of the Day

**Anthem** ~ *All Things Bright and Beautiful* by John Rutter  
OSLC Chancel Choir



## Word

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

### **First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5**

<sup>1</sup>The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

<sup>2</sup>In days to come  
the mountain of the LORD's house  
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,  
and shall be raised above the hills;  
all the nations shall stream to it.

<sup>3</sup>Many peoples shall come and say,  
"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,  
to the house of the God of Jacob;  
that he may teach us his ways  
and that we may walk in his paths."  
For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,  
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

<sup>4</sup>He shall judge between the nations,  
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;  
they shall beat their swords into plowshares,  
and their spears into pruning hooks;  
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,  
neither shall they learn war any more.

<sup>5</sup>O house of Jacob,  
come, let us walk  
in the light of the LORD!

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

## Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14

<sup>11</sup>Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; <sup>12</sup>the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; <sup>13</sup>let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup>Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

## Gospel Acclamation



## Gospel: Matthew 24:36-44

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

[Jesus said to the disciples,] <sup>36</sup>“About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>37</sup>For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup>For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, <sup>39</sup>and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>40</sup>Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. <sup>41</sup>Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. <sup>42</sup>Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. <sup>43</sup>But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he

would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>44</sup>Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

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**

*Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers, ELW 244*

## **Presentation of New Members**

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for Erin McMahon, one with us in the body of Christ, whom we welcome as a new member into the life and ministry of this congregation.

In baptism, we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God. We are called to live among God’s faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord’s supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

Sibling in Christ,  
do you intend to continue in the covenant of your baptism  
among God’s people in this place?

**I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

People of God,  
do you promise to support and pray for Erin in her life in Christ?

**We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

**Welcome**

Let us welcome Erin, our sibling in Christ to this community of faith.

**We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.  
Together we will give thanks and praise to God  
and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

We give you thanks for Erin  
whom you have drawn to yourself by the love of Jesus Christ  
and whom we have welcomed into this household of faith.  
Keep us close together in your Spirit,  
in the breaking of bread and the prayers,  
and in service to others.

### **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** ~ "Sheep May Safely Graze" by J. S. Bach  
*Please rise in body/spirit as the offering is brought up.*

### **Offering Prayer**

Eternal God,  
you make the desert bloom  
and send springs of water to thirsty ground.  
Receive these gifts of bread, wine, and money,  
and make us messengers of your mercy and love  
for all in need of your healing and justice.  
We ask this through Christ our Saviour.

**Amen.**

## 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

*My Lord What a Morning*, ELW 438

*Lost in the Night*, ELW 243

## Post-Communion Blessing

### **Prayer after Communion**

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**

### **Sending Hymn**

*Come Now, O Prince of Peace, ELW 247*

### **Dismissal**

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



### **Postlude**

*Bless the Lord, O My Soul with How Majestic Is Your Name*

arr. by Carol Tornquist

*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 (11/27/22)**

**Pastor/Presider**  
Rev. Amalia Vagts

**Assisting Minister**  
Ginny Phillips

**Accompanist**  
Gréta Pásztor

**Cantor**  
Jennifer Strand

**Offertory**  
OSLC Chancel Choir

**Communion  
Assistant**  
Olga Ryan

**Acolyte**  
Ginny Phillips

**Ushers**  
Bonnie Phelps  
Diane Siefkes

**Patio Sweeper**  
Tracy Ratliff

**Coffee Host**  
Catalina Rankin

**Greeter**  
Olga Ryan

**Sound & Video**  
Kent Pflibsen  
Tracy Ratliff  
Timothy Bustamante

**THOSE SERVING NEXT SUNDAY  
(12/4/22)**

**Pastor/Presider**  
Rev. Amalia Vagts

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Linda Zizka

**Accompanist**  
Gréta Pásztor

**Cantor**  
Sophia Rankin

**Communion  
Assistant**  
Erin McMahon

**Acolyte**  
Ginny Phillips

**Ushers**  
Pat Orr-Bonura & Patty Sirs

**Patio Sweepers**  
Ron Rude & Nancy Rude

**Coffee Hosts**  
Fred Hudson & Donna Hudson

**Greeters**  
Gloria Alvillar & Ted Earle

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