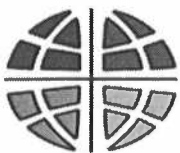


December 29, 2024  
First Sunday of Christmas



**Welcome to Our Saviour's**



ELCA

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.

**Prayer Requests:** The family of Kathleen Bents, Tracy; Marty; Maija, Kathleen, Jewel and those at home.

Our Extended Friends & Family: Friends and Family of Doris Ballmer (Patty Sirs' aunt); Richard (neighbor); The Banker Family (cousin of Mary Pflibsen); John (friend of Pastor Glenn's); Beverly (sister-in-law of Martha Neff Stum and Mary Neff); Josh, Melissa, and Mary Ann (friends of Chris and Theda Doak); Megan (niece of Chris and Theda Doak); Sally (friend of Kathy DeVinney); Tom (brother-in-law of Ted Adams); Abel (great grandson of Laverne Walsh); Maureen (mother of Adam Delaossa); Jeanne (friend of Schatzi Taylor); Ann (mother of Asher Havenhill); Michael Bales (brother of Alan Bales); Grant and Shirley (brother and sister-in-law of Theda Doak).

*Names will remain on the list for three weeks, unless requested for longer.*

**Newcomers and Visitors** + Newcomers and Visitors + We're glad you're here. Please fill out the green slip in the pew rack and place in the offering plate. You're welcome to share in Holy Communion. Families - we have a small play area up front.

**Nametags** + Nametags help us get to know and remember each other. Please let the ushers know if you need one made for you.

**Expansive Language** + As Lutherans, we teach that "God calls all creation into being and gives people language as a way of responding to God and forming community" (Principles for Worship, Principle L-1). In worship at Our Saviour's, we seek to use expansive language for God and people, sometimes changing or offering alternatives to the printed text.

## **TODAY - No Sunday Forum**

Coffee and treats on the courtyard following worship.

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## **Come & See Bible Study will resume on Thursday January 9**

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**Thank you** to everyone who provided gifts, gift cards or cash donations to make Christmas brighter for TIHAN's CarePartners. Together we contributed over \$2,000 worth of gifts to folks who are living with HIV/AIDS. Thanks to a matching gift card grant, CarePartners received two \$25 gift cards plus a gift at the holiday Poz Café. There were smiles all around! Your generosity is a blessing.

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## **Christmas Lessons and Carols with Reflections from Martin Luther**

*Luther's reflections are drawn from Martin Luther's Christmas Book as translated and edited by Roland H. Bainton, Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2017. Original edition copyright 1948 W. L. Jenkins. Used by permission of Westminster John Knox Press.*

### **Welcome**

**Prelude** *Hark the Herald Angels Sing* Arr. by Carol Tornquist

**\*Gathering Song** - ELW 268 (v 1-3, 12-14) *From Heaven Above*

### **\*Opening Dialogue**

Come! Look upon the baby Jesus,  
cradled in the arms of his mother.

**Seeing this wondrous sight,  
may our hearts be comforted  
and our spirits filled with peace.**

Come! Listen to choirs of angels  
announcing good news to all people.

**Hearing this marvelous song, may we too sing:  
Glory to God in the highest!**

Come! Receive this ancient story in your heart,  
not as history but as a gift.

**Opening our hearts to this great mystery,  
may Christ be born in us today.**

### **\*Greeting**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## \*Prayer of the Day

**First Reading** - Luke 2:1-7

**Reflection** - Luther's reflections on the birth of Jesus

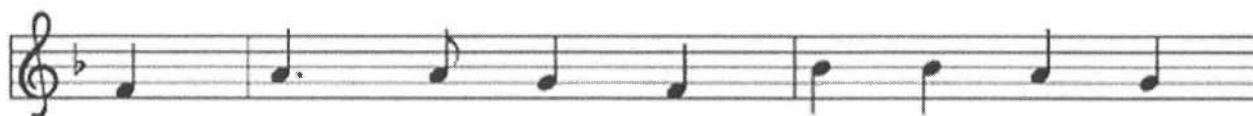
**Carol** - ELW#276 *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*

**Second Reading** - Luke 2:8-16

**Reflection** - Luther's reflections on the shepherds and angels

**Carol** - ACS#913 *While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks*

### While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks



1 While shep - herds watched their flocks by night, all  
2 "Fear not," said he, for might - y dread had  
3 "To you, in Da - vid's town this day, is  
4 "The heav'n - ly babe you there shall find to



seat - ed on the ground, the an - gel of the  
seized their trou - bled mind: "Glad tid - ings of great  
born of Da - vid's line the Sav - ior, who is  
hu - man view dis - played, all hum - bly wrapped in



Lord came down, and glo - ry shone a - round.  
joy I bring to you and hu - man - kind.  
Christ the Lord, and this shall be the sign:  
swath - ing bands, and in a man - ger laid."

5 Thus spoke the seraph, and forthwith  
appeared a shining throng  
of angels praising God, who thus  
addressed their joyful song:

6 "All glory be to God on high,  
and to the earth be peace;  
good will to all from highest heav'n  
begin and never cease!"

**Third Reading** - Matthew 2:1-12

**Reflection** - Luther's reflections on Herod and the wise men

**Carol** - ELW#302 *As With Gladness*

**Fourth Reading** - John 1:1-5, 14-18

**Reflection** - Luther's reflections on the Word made flesh

**Carol** - ELW#266 *All Earth is Hopeful*

**Nicene Creed** - pg. 104 (front of ELW)

**Prayers of Intercession**

God Incarnate, **receive our prayer.**

**Offering**

**\*Blessing**

May the Word that Mary brought to birth  
carry you into new and abundant life.

May the Word that Joseph cradled in his arms  
enfold you with love and strength.

May the Word that angels proclaimed in song bring harmony to  
our world.

And the blessing of almighty God,  
Creating, † Redeeming, and Sustaining,  
be upon you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

**\*Sending Song - ELW#292 *Love has Come***

**Dismissal**

Glory to God in the highest!

**And peace to God's people on earth!**

Go in peace. Share the gift of Jesus.

**Thanks be to God!**

**PRELUDE *Go Tell It On The Mountain*** Arr. by Victor Labenske -  
Nancy and Ron Rude

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**Come & See**

As we start the season of Epiphany, you are invited to gather with others who are exploring the Bible and the life of faith in weekly conversations. Our first meeting of the New Year will be on Thursday, January 9, 2025 at noon in the Patio Room. These one-hour sessions are led by Pastor Glenn and Pastor Amalia, and you are welcome to join at any time. Please bring your Bible or borrow a Lutheran Study Bible.

We are following Paul's letters to the early churches chronologically. For the next months, we will be exploring 1 & 2 Corinthians. There are strong parallels in the struggles that the church in Corinth faced nearly 2000 years ago and our present age. Our discussions also include tracing Paul's life and the transformations he experienced through the work of the Holy Spirit.

If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Glenn or Pastor Amalia.

### **Centering Prayer - Resumes January 7**

Meets weekly from 12-1 on Tuesdays in Koch Chapel. We begin at 12:15 with simple instruction, then 20 minutes of Centering (silent) prayer. Then we spend about 20 minutes engaging with the upcoming Gospel text using a practice called *lectio divina*. No preparation or experience necessary.

### **Caring Ministry**

This growing ministry is a group of people who visit, call, and send card to our members and friends at home. Talk with Bonnie Phelps if you are interested in getting involved.

### **Quilting Group**

Meets monthly on the third Thursday of each month in the Activity Building. You can also pick up fabric and stitch at home. Contact Kathie Miller.

### **Knit and Crochet Group**

This group makes prayer shawls, as well as hats and lap blankets for migrants and others. Anyone interested in joining please text Donna Lounsbury, 520-400-2514

### **Chancel Choir Resumes January 9**

Rehearses weekly on Thursdays at 6:30 PM in the Activity Building. All singers welcome. Loving and supportive community - no prior choral experience required. Contact Dr. Gréta Pásztor at [gpasztor@lutherantucson.org](mailto:gpasztor@lutherantucson.org).

### **Bell Choir - Resumes December 30**

Rehearses weekly on Mondays at 6:30 PM in the Sanctuary. Happy group that enjoys creating joyous, uplifting music. Learners welcome. Contact Kathie Miller ([kmmiller@hotmail.com](mailto:kmmiller@hotmail.com)) or any other Ringers.

### **Spanish Class - Resumes January 7**

¿Aprender español? Or do you want to learn? Join this free one-hour drop-in class for all levels. Tuesdays at 6:30 in the Activity Building. Taught by Pastor Mateo and Annette Chavez. Email [amchavez111@gmail.com](mailto:amchavez111@gmail.com) to register.

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### **Other Ways to Grow Your Faith:**

*Weekly events led by community and Our Saviour's members - open to anyone. All events in Activity Building.*

Mindfulness Meditation (Mondays, 1:30 - 2:30 PM); Men's Bible Study (Tuesdays, 7:00 AM); Lay Shared Bible Study (Wednesdays, 10:30 AM. Contact Lauretta Olson at [landjo@cox.net](mailto:landjo@cox.net)).

**THOSE SERVING SUNDAY 12/29/2024**

**Presiding Minister** Rev. Amalia Vagts  
**Assisting Minister** Jennifer Strand  
**Communion Assistants** Bonnie Phelps and  
Linda Zizka  
**Acolyte** Jennifer Strand  
**Music** Nancy Rude  
**Usher** Kris Sanchez and  
Hildi Williams  
**Greeter** Patty Sirls  
**Coffee Host** Ron Rude  
**Treats** Congregation  
**Tech Team** Pflibsen/Bustamante  
**Scripture Background** John Indermark

**THOSE SERVING SUNDAY 1/5/2025**

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**Assisting Minister** Rev. Amalia Vagts  
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**Online Offering**

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9:00 - Sanctuary

Coffee following

10:30 Sunday Forum

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**Monday - Thursday**

8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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