

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

Sunday Worship

December 14, 2025

Third Sunday of Advent



WELCOME



ELCA

Your presence builds up the body of Christ. We welcome and affirm God's diversity, including all ethnicities, cultures, races, sexual orientations, gender identities and expressions, abilities, ages, and life experiences. You are invited to full participation in

our congregation because of who you are. We lament and confess how the Christian Church has withheld Christ's love by misusing the power of institution. We commit to advocating for God's justice and mercy for all of creation, including humans. We commit to anti-racism and other ways of ending systems that cause harm. Christ is our peace and breaks down the walls that divide us. Our communion table is Christ's table. You and all people are welcome without exception.



RECONCILING IN CHRIST

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.

Current Liturgy Music + liturgy is the flow of our worship service - working together as people to praise God. Currently our liturgy music is a mix of Advent music.

Prayer Requests Mary Wildner-Bassett (following the death of her partner, Kathy Huttlinger); prayers of joy for Scott Koenig (for his engagement to Rev. Michael Bush earlier this year); Corky Ronstadt (hospice care), Isobel Barnhill (recovering from a fall), Mary Neff (hospice care), Schatzi Taylor (in a rehabilitation center following a fall and diagnosis), Jackie Fahey (hospice care), and those at home and in care facilities.

Our Extended Friends & Family: Pat (mother of Lisa Delaossa); Lia (granddaughter of Angie Grandison), Beverly (Mother of Hildi Williams), David (Son of Geoff and Suzy Swann); Jeanne (Cousin of Alan Bales); Barbara (sister-in-law of Kenith Ijams); Peggy (sister of Bonnie Phelps); Josh, Melissa, Mary Ann, and Libby (friends of Chris and Theda Doak); Megan (niece of Chris and Theda Doak); Sandy and Doug, Sally, Ashley, and Kamri (friends of Kathy DeVinney); Grant and Shirley (brother and sister-in-law of Theda Doak); John (son of Martha Neff Stum and Paul Stum); Sam; Eleanor (mother-in-law of Kris Sanchez; Daniel (neighbor's son of Gloria Schmidt); Rich (cousin-in-law of Jennifer Strand) Misty (friend of Schatzi Taylor) Will (nephew of Chris and Theda Doak); Leaticia, Azogan, Meivis, Sidibe, Bintou, Zinsou, and Mabel (friends of Rachel Starner); Pat (freind of Suzanne Hesh).

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



OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Advent 2025

Wednesdays, Dec. 3, 10, 17 at 6:15 PM in the Chapel
Sundays, Dec. 7, 14, 21 at 9:00 AM in the Sanctuary

1200 N Campbell Ave, Tucson



OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Christmas Schedule

Christmas Eve 5:00PM
Christmas Day Hymn Sing 9:00AM

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OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pie & Purpose

2026 Generosity Appeal

Giving Thanks

Thank you to all who have turned in your Statement of Intent for next year. Our goal is to have 70 households complete a Statement of Intent - we have already received 55! If you have not yet turned yours in, you can place it in the offering plate today or mail it to the parish office. You can also complete it on our website (go to About Us/Statement of Intent). Completing a Statement of Intent helps you intentionally consider your giving and helps our congregation plan for growth and sustainability. We hope to receive all statements by 12/15/25.

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*An asterisk indicates the congregation should stand in body and/or spirit.
Congregation's speaking and singing parts are in bold font.

WELCOME

PRELUDE *Breath of Heaven (Mary's Song)* by Chris Eaton and Amy Grant Betsy Dunlap

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

Sung by Cantor

Wyatt Family

*Stir up your power, Lord Christ and come.
Free us from sin through your true grace. That you may be born in us this days a-new.
Stir up your power, Lord Christ and come.*

*Stir up your power, Lord Christ and come. Help us prepare the way of the Lord.
Let your face shine and enlighten our lives.
Stir up your power, Lord Christ and come.*

*Stir up your power, stir up your power.
Stir up the wills of your faithful ones.
Open our ears to the prophets' words.
That we may bring light to the darkness on earth.
Stir up your power, Lord Christ and come.*

ADVENT PRAYER

***CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE**

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the Holy Trinity: Creator, Christ, and Spirit;
the One God in whom we live and move and have our being;
the One God whose compassion and grace bestow life and hope.
Amen.

Let us now confess our need for God.
Gracious God

**Hear us as we come to you, as those created in your image.
We confess our sin, in words and actions, or the lack thereof,
When we have fallen short of your good purposes for our lives.
We confess our need for your forgiveness.
Yet confession of our need for you exceeds forgiveness alone.
We confess our need for your presence in our lives:
In times when we feel alone, in moments when we feel inadequate.
In times when fear reigns, and hope wanes.
We confess our need for you to come among us, to dwell within us,
To empower us to live in your light.
All this we confess, all this we pray,
In the name of Jesus the Christ who came, and who still comes.
Amen.**

God's assurance comes in Christ's grace that forgives us.
God's assurance comes in Spirit's Presence who accompanies us.
God's assurance comes in Holy Love that will not cease to seek our good.
Thanks be to God!

***GREETING**

The grace of 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 Jeremiah 1:4-10

⁴ Now the word of the Lord came to me saying,

⁵ “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
and before you were born I consecrated you;
I appointed you a prophet to the nations.”

⁶ Then I said, “Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.” ⁷ But the Lord said to me,

“Do not say, ‘I am only a boy,’
for you shall go to all to whom I send you,
and you shall speak whatever I command you.

⁸ Do not be afraid of them,
for I am with you to deliver you,
says the Lord.”

⁹ Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth, and the Lord said to me,
“Now I have put my words in your mouth.

¹⁰ See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms,
to pluck up and to pull down,
to destroy and to overthrow,
to build and to plant.”

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** From the song *My Song in Stillness Waits*

Cantor sings once, then congregation repeats.



***Gospel**

The Holy Gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Luke 1:26-39

²⁶ In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth,
²⁷ to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's
name was Mary. ²⁸ And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you."
²⁹ But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be.
³⁰ The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹ And now,
you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³² He will be
great and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne
of his ancestor David. ³³ He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there
will be no end." ³⁴ Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" ³⁵ The angel
said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will
overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God.
³⁶ And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth
month for her who was said to be barren. ³⁷ For nothing will be impossible with God." ³⁸ Then
Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then
the angel departed from her.

³⁹ In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country,
The gospel of Jesus Christ. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

ELW #561 Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

The assisting minister leads the prayers.
...God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

...Draw near to us, O God, as we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy
through Jesus Christ, Emmanuel. **Amen.**

***EXCHANGE OF PEACE**

OFFERING *Maria Wiegenlied, Das Himmlische Alleluja* (Two Austrian carols)

***OFFERING SONG** To the tune of ELW #244 Rejoice, Rejoice Believers v.4

Our hope and expectation, O Jesus, now appear;
arise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this benighted sphere.
With hearts and hands uplifted, we plead, O Lord, to see
the day of earth's redemption that sets your people free!

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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

In the night...

...Saturate this room with your Spirit and this Table with your love.

...And as you do, we will join our voices, and using our own words, pray the way Jesus taught us,
Saying . . .

**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.**

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

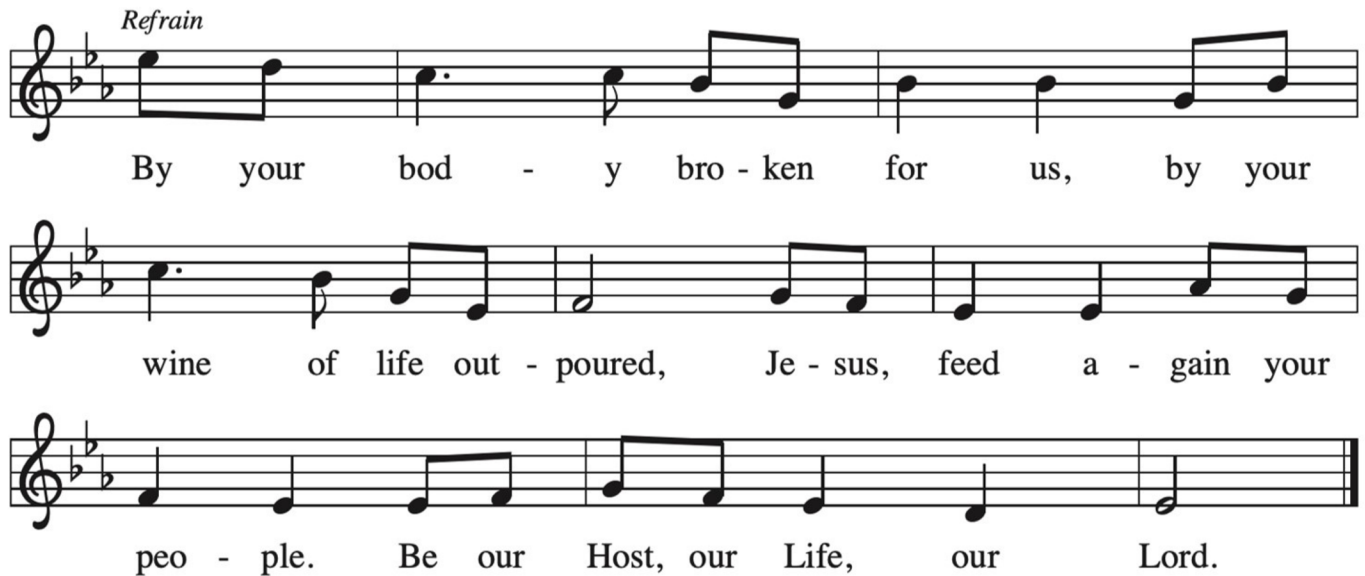
COMMUNION

Come to this Table of mercy. Become what you receive.

This is Christ's table. You and all are welcome, without exception. If you prefer a blessing only, cross your arms over your heart. Gluten free wafers available by request. The wine is red; grape juice is clear. Please let an usher know if you would like communion brought to your pew.

COMMUNION MUSIC Refrain from Loaves Are Broken, Words Are Spoken

Refrain



By your bod - y bro - ken for us, by your
wine of life out - poured, Je - sus, feed a - gain your
peo - ple. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

Communion Hymns

ELW #263 Savior of the Nations, Come
ELW #482 I Come with Joy

SENDING PRAYER

SENDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BLESSING

***SENDING HYMN** ACS #907 Filled with Hope and Gratitude
Turn to follow the cross as it passes.

*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you! **Thanks be to God.**


Come, Now, O God



1 Come now, O God, when our love is for - sak - en.
 2 Come, when we squan - der the free - dom you gave us.
 3 Come, put an end to our self - serv - ing mad - ness.



Come, when our bed - rock of faith has been shak - en.
 Come, break the sys - tems of sin that en - slave us.
 Come, while the world is en - shroud - ed in sad - ness.



Come, when our deep - est of hopes are mis - tak - en.
 Come, though we won - der if you can still save us.
 Come, turn the tears of our mourn - ing to glad - ness.



Come, Em - man - u - el. Come, Em - man - u - el.

Text: David Bjorlin, b. 1984

Music: LOST IN THE NIGHT, Finnish folk tune

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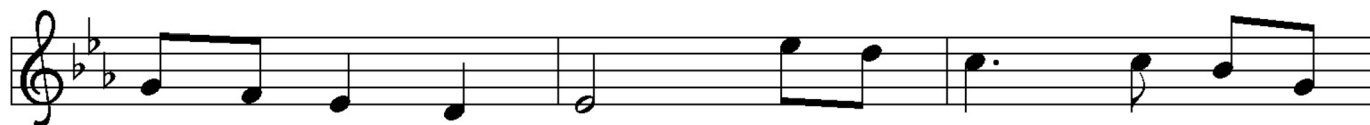
Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory



1 Joy - ous light of heav'n-ly glo - ry, lov-ing glow of God's own
 2 In the stars that grace the dark - ness, in the blaz - ing sun of
 3 You who made the heav-en's splen - dor, ev-'ry danc - ing star of



face, you who sing cre - a - tion's sto - ry, shine on
 dawn, in the light of peace and wis - dom, we can
 night, make us shine with gen - tle jus - tice, let us



ev - 'ry land and race. Now as eve - ning falls a -
 hear your qui - et song. Love that fills the night with
 each re - flect your light. Might - y God of all cre -



round us, we shall raise our songs to you. God of day - break,
 won - der, love that warms the wea - ry soul, love that bursts all
 a - tion, gen - tle Christ who lights our way, lov - ing Spir - it



God of shad - ows, come and light our hearts a - new.
 chains a - sun - der, set us free and make us whole.
 of sal - va - tion, lead us on to end - less day.

Text: Greek hymn, 3rd cent., para. Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: JOYOUS LIGHT, Marty Haugen

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Filled with Hope and Gratitude

1 Filled with hope and grat - i - tude and filled with ver - y
2 God's e - ter - nal mer - cy, meant for all of hu - man -
3 Hun - gry peo - ple eat good things and find an hon - ored
4 Filled with hope and grat - i - tude and filled with ver - y

The first staff of music is written on a five-line treble clef. It begins with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody starts with a half note G4, followed by a quarter rest. The next measure contains a quarter note F4, a quarter note E4, a quarter note D4, a quarter note C4, a quarter note B3, a quarter note A3, a quarter note G3, and a quarter note F3. The staff ends with a double bar line.

God,	I	sing	with	soul	and	spir	-	it	ex	-	ul	-	
kind,	is	giv	-	en	as	de	-	liv	-	'rance	from	op	-
place;	the	rich	are	sent	a	-	way	though	they	are			
God,	I	sing	with	soul	and	spir	-	it	ex	-	ul	-	

The first staff of music is written on a five-line staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It contains the following notes and rests: a quarter note on G4, a quarter note on F4, a half note on E4, a quarter rest, a quarter note on D4, a quarter note on C4, a quarter note on B3, and a quarter note on A3.

ta	-	tion,	for	God	has	smiled	up	-
pres	-	sion.	The	pow	-	er	-	ful
hun	-	gry.	The	prom	-	ise	to	our
ta	-	tion,	for	God	has	smiled	up	-

on the hum - ble ser - vant who will give her
 haugh - ty find that they are now cast down, the
 fore - bears God re - news for us to - day: the
 on the hum - ble ser - vant who will give her

The first staff of music is written in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody consists of the following notes: B-flat (quarter), C (quarter), D (quarter), E (quarter), F (quarter), G (quarter), A (quarter), B-flat (quarter), C (half), and D (half). The staff ends with a double bar line.

own sweet milk to Christ, the world's sal - va - tion.
low - ly raised be - yond this world's de - ri - sion.
world is filled with God's a - bun - dant mer - cy.
own sweet milk to Christ, the world's sal - va - tion.

Text: Paul Damico-Carper, b. 1981, based on Luke 1:46-55

Music: ADVENT MAGNIFICAT, Paul Damico-Carper

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DECEMBER HAPPENINGS

During Advent, we intentionally slow down some of our parish activities to make space for this season of preparation and anticipation. We hope you will join us on Wednesdays for our midweek Advent service - a special time of reflection during the worldly rush of this time of year. We have paused some of our regular gatherings (Centering Prayer, Pray Without Ceasing, Luke Book Study) until January.

December 17 (6:15 PM, Chapel) - Our Midweek service on the 17th will have a special emphasis for those experiencing grief or loss during the holidays.

Ongoing activities that are open to all - season worshippers, please join us!

Faith Formation

Tuesdays at 7:00 AM (AB) - Men's Community Bible Study (lay led)

Tuesdays at 11:00 AM (Patio Room) - Come & See Bible Study (pastor led)

Wednesdays at 10:30 AM (AB) - Open Bible Study (lay led)

Music Ministry

Seasonal worshippers and newcomers are welcome to join our Chancel Choir and Bell Choir.

Chancel Choir rehearses Thursdays at 6:30 PM (talk to Aysen). Bell Choir rehearses Mondays at 6:30 PM (talk to Kathie Miller).

Today's Theme: Even in Our Fear, We Are Called Forward

Sometimes saying “yes” to God’s call fills us with fear. Like Mary and Jeremiah, we fear that we aren’t enough.

That we’ll be alone. That no one will listen. And yet, God calls us forward, inviting us to live fully into who we

are created to be and promising to be with us every step of the way as we move forward through our fear. Too

often we talk about bravery and courage in terms of hero narratives or big actions, but each day presents many

moments to practice small, quiet acts of courage. May we say “yes” to God, even when our knees shake and our voices tremble.

Advent Theme: What Do You Fear? Insisting on Hope This Advent

December 7 - When We Are Running Out of Hope, God Is at Work

December 14 - Even In Our Fear, We Are Called Forward

December 21 - When You're Afraid, Give Me Your Hand

Christmas Eve & Christmas Day - Good News is Louder Than Fear

THOSE SERVING TODAY

12/14/2025

Presiding Minister	Rev. Amalia Vagts
Assisting Minister	Lauretta Olson
Communion Assistants	Mary Pflibsen, Jennifer Strand
Acolyte	Jennifer Strand
Advent Candle	Wyatt Family
Keyboard	Betsy Dunlap
Cantor	Joy Bulawa
Usher	Pam Hardman, Kathy DeVinney
Greeter	Donna Lounsbury
Cross Bearer	Jennifer Strand
Coffee Host	David Lester
Treats	Saphir/Adrian Family
Tech Team	Pflibsen/Bustamante
Scripture Background	John Indermark

THOSE SERVING SUNDAY

12/21/2025

Presiding Minister	Rev. Amalia Vagts
Assisting Minister	Pam Hardman
Communion Assistants	Bonnie Phelps, Patty Sirls
Acolyte	Bonnie Phelps
Advent Candle	LeDoux Family
Keyboard	Betsy Dunlap
Cantor	Jennifer Strand
Music	Bell Choir
Usher	Scott Koenig, Diane Siefkes
Greeter	Mary and Asher Havenhill
Cross Bearer	Asher Havenhill
Coffee Host	Jennifer Strand
Treats	Mary Havenhill
Tech Team	Pflibsen/Bustamante
Scripture Background	John Indermark

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9:00 - Sanctuary

Coffee following

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

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