

Fourth Weekend of Advent – Love  
Unheard Voices of Jesus' Story: Bathsheba

**Saturday, December 21, 2024**  
5:00 PM



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## WORSHIP INFORMATION

**Please silence your electronic devices during service.**

"P" signifies the pastor, "L" signifies the leader, and "C" signifies the congregation.

For responsive readings, the congregation parts are in **bold**.

**\* Indicates: "please stand (as you are comfortable)"**

## INTRODUCTION

*Today, on this fourth weekend of Advent, we hear the unheard voice of Bathsheba, another woman in the line of Jesus. Bathsheba comes into the family through crime and power plays. Her story reminds us of the power of sin, the wonder of grace, and the assurance of pardon that is ours in Christ Jesus. Her voice echoes the theme - God keeps his promises!*

## PRELUDE

Jamee Haddorff, piano

## GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

## \*ADVENT CALL TO WORSHIP

P: We are those who are making a journey.

**C: We travel through life accompanied by faith, in search of the living God.**

P: In this season of Advent, we journey to a humble stable in long-ago Bethlehem.

**C: In this season of Advent, we wait — expecting God to do the unexpected among us. Let us worship God, our companion on the journey.**



## \*OPENING HYMN: Prepare the Royal Highway



1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; the King of kings is near!  
3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen to greet your prom - ised king!  
4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; it comes from heav'n a - bove.



Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley a lev - el road ap - pear!  
Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion its trib - ute too may bring.  
His rule is peace and free - dom and jus - tice, truth, and love.



Then greet the King of glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:  
All lands will bow be - fore him; their voic - es join your sing - ing:  
So let your praise be sound - ing for kind - ness so a - bound - ing:



*Refrain*  
Ho - san - na to the Lord, for he ful - fills God's word!

Text: Frans Mikael Franzén, 1772–1847; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*  
Music: BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN, Swedish folk tune, 17th cent.  
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## \*GREETING

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

**C: And also with you.**



## \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Holy God,

**C: through an unexpected young woman, you gave birth to your realm of endless glory. By your Holy Spirit, fill us with new life and hope, and overshadow us with your power and grace so that we, like Mary, might be your servants, bearing witness to the promise of your Word. In this Advent season of unknown expectation, draw us together in service, that the path we follow might lead us from a stable to a glimpse of eternity. Amen.**

## WELCOME HOME

## LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

### HYMN: *Christ, Be Our Light*

4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing, shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.

*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.

P: Today marks the fourth weekend of Advent and today we light the Candle of Love. We long for love, fresh and newborn, a Messiah who will tell us of God's love that will not let us go. In darkness that deepens, we wait for the coming of the light of the world.

**C: I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever.**

P: In a world where love can sometimes be seen as weakness and hatred as strength, God, remind us that your steadfast love is established forever.

**C: I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever.**

P: God, we trust that you are with us, that your faithful love is as firm as the heavens.

**C: I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever.**

P: Let our mouths proclaim your faithfulness to all generations. Let us proclaim the truth to the ends of the earth. We have love because God is with us!

**C: I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever.**

P: Today we light the Candle of Love as we say together, (*light fourth candle*)

**C: Alleluia! Our Messiah is love.**

P: Let us pray. Loving God,

**C: as our Advent pilgrimage draws to completion, grant us the courage to share your love so that we may live according to your word, and love with the fullness of your grace. Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you that we may walk in the light of Christ. Amen.**

*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. Christ, be our light!

## WORD

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

### THE FIRST READING: 2 Samuel 12:1-14

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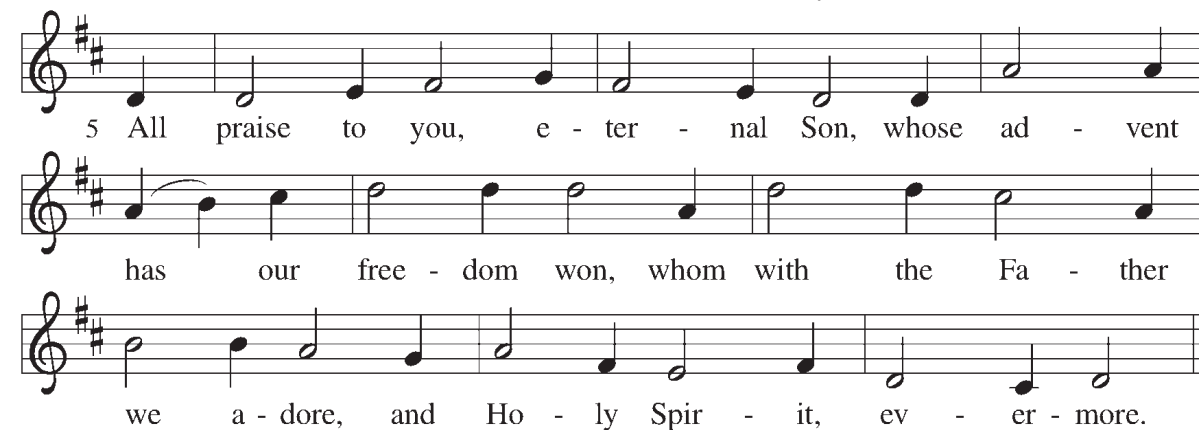
<sup>1</sup>The LORD sent Nathan to David. He came to him, and said to him, "There were two men in a certain city, the one rich and the other poor. <sup>2</sup>The rich man had very many flocks and herds; <sup>3</sup>but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. He brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children; it used to eat of his meager fare, and drink from his cup, and lie in his bosom, and it was like a daughter to him. <sup>4</sup>Now there came a traveler to the rich man, and he was loath to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the wayfarer who had come to him, but he took the poor man's lamb, and prepared that for the guest who had come to him." <sup>5</sup>Then David's anger was greatly kindled against the man. He said to Nathan, "As the LORD lives, the man who has done this deserves to die; <sup>6</sup>he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity." <sup>7</sup>Nathan said to David, "You are the man! Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: I anointed you king over Israel, and I rescued you from the hand of Saul; <sup>8</sup>I gave you your master's house, and your master's wives into your bosom, and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah; and if that

had been too little, I would have added as much more. <sup>9</sup>Why have you despised the word of the LORD, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and have taken his wife to be your wife, and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. <sup>10</sup>Now therefore the sword shall never depart from your house, for you have despised me, and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife. <sup>11</sup>Thus says the LORD: I will raise up trouble against you from within your own house; and I will take your wives before your eyes, and give them to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this very sun. <sup>12</sup>For you did it secretly; but I will do this thing before all Israel, and before the sun." <sup>13</sup>David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the LORD." Nathan said to David, "Now the LORD has put away your sin; you shall not die. <sup>14</sup>Nevertheless, because by this deed you have utterly scorned the LORD, the child that is born to you shall die."

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry*



5 All praise to you, e - ter - nal Son, whose ad - vent  
has our free - dom won, whom with the Fa - ther  
we a - dore, and Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er - more.

Text: Charles Coffin, 1676–1749; tr. composite

Music: PUER NOBIS, European tune, adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621



**\*THE HOLY GOSPEL:** Luke 1:39-45

NRSV

<sup>39</sup>In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, <sup>40</sup>where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. <sup>41</sup>When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit <sup>42</sup>and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. <sup>43</sup>And why has this happened to me, that the

mother of my Lord comes to me? <sup>44</sup>For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. <sup>45</sup>And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise be to Christ.**

**SERMON:** "Unheard Voices of Jesus' Story: Bathsheba" Pastor Carol George

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY:** *Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah*



- 1 Light one can-dle to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
- 2 Light two can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
- 3 Light three can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
- 4 Light four can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.



He shall bring sal - va - tion to Is - ra-el, God ful - fills the prom - ise.  
He shall feed the flock like a shep-herd, gent - ly lead them home-ward.  
Lift your heads and lift high the gate-way for the King of glo - ry.  
He is com - ing, tell the glad tid - ings. Let your lights be shin - ing!

Text: Wayne L. Wold, b. 1954  
Music: TIF IN VELDELE, Yiddish folk tune  
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**\*APOSTLES' CREED**

P: People of God, what is it we profess to be true?

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

P: God of love,

**C: draw near to us.**

P: Savior of the nations, come, and receive these prayers and the pleas of our hearts, in the name of Jesus Christ.

**C: Amen.**

**MEAL**

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

**WE OFFER OUR GIFTS BACK TO GOD**

Many services and missions of the church are benefited by your generous offerings.  
• American & Foreign Christian Union • Canyon del Oro Assembly of God Food Pantry  
• Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona • ELCA Grand Canyon Synod • GAP Ministry • Gospel Rescue Mission • Interfaith Community Services (ICS) • Marana Food Bank • Youth on Their Own (YOTO) • Primavera Men's Shelter • Impact • Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest • Sister Jose Women's Center • Wycliffe Bible Missionaries  
• Lutheran Campus Ministry of U of A. Thank you!

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

*An Advent Acclamation*

Roger Thornhill, arr Stacey Nordmeyer

Eventide Singers; Pam Batten, piano



### **\*OFFERING PRAYER**

P: Holy One, this Advent season we wait with love and we give with love – love for you, our God, and love for your people. Receive these generous offerings and use them for your work of love in our world. Strengthen us with this food that we may live in expectation for the advent of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

### **\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS - Based on Psalm 51**

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: In Advent, we prepare for the coming of Christ, full of grace and truth. Trusting in God's unfailing mercy, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination*

P: God of presence and promised coming,

**C: have mercy on me, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy, blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit. Amen.**

P: Hear the Good News: Jesus Christ has come into the world, has led the way through death that we may have life, and is coming again to make all things new. Emmanuel, God with us. In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**C: Thanks be to God. Amen.**



### **\*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

### **\*JESUS' PROMISE AND COMMAND**

#### **\*THE LORD'S PRAYER**

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**C: 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.**

### **HOLY COMMUNION IS CELEBRATED - All are invited to the Lord's table.**

- Receive a wafer and dip it in either red wine or white grape juice.
- Indicate you need a gluten free wafer by holding up two fingers.
- Individually wrapped communion packs are available.
- Those not receiving communion may come forward for a spoken blessing.
- If you are unable to come forward, notify an usher and we will come to you.

### **VIDEO PRESENTATION: Advent Love**

**COMMUNION HYMNS:** *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

7 O come, O King of na - tions, come, O Corn - er - stone that  
 8 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive

binds in one: re - fresh the hearts that long for you;  
 Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here

*Refrain*  
 re - store the bro - ken, make us new.  
 un - til the Son of God ap - pear. Re-joice! Re-joice!

Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

Text: *Psalterium Canticum Catholicarum*, Köln, 1710; tr. composite  
 Music: VENI, EMMANUEL, French processional, 15th cent.  
 Text sts. 2, 6, 7 © 1997 Augsburg Fortress.

*Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*

1 In - fant ho - ly, in - fant low - ly, for his bed a cat - tle stall;  
 2 Flocks were sleep - ing, shep - herds keep - ing vig - il till the morn - ing new

ox - en low - ing, lit - tle know - ing Christ the child is Lord of all.  
 saw the glo - ry, heard the sto - ry, tid - ings of a gos - pel true.

Swift - ly wing - ing, an - gels sing - ing, bells are ring - ing, tid - ings bring - ing:  
 Thus re - joic - ing, free from sor - row, prais - es voic - ing, greet the mor - row:

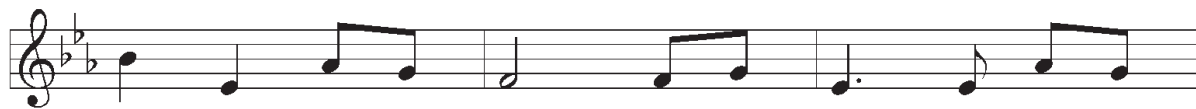
Christ the child is Lord of all! Christ the child is Lord of all!  
 Christ the child was born for you! Christ the child was born for you!

Text: Polish carol; tr. Edith M. G. Reed, 1885–1933, alt.  
 Music: W ZŁOBIE LEŻY, Polish carol

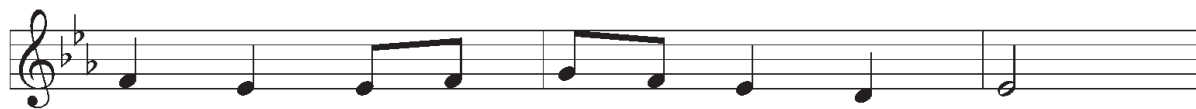
## Holy Child, Within the Manger



1 Ho - ly Child with - in the man - ger, long a -  
2 Once a - gain we tell the sto - ry— how your  
3 Ho - ly Child with - in the man - ger, lead us



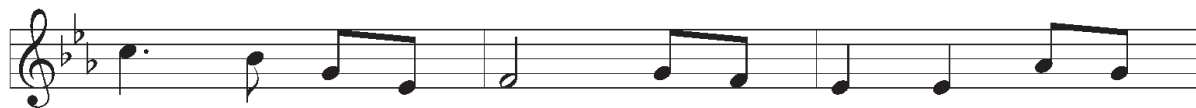
go yet ev - er near; come as friend to ev - 'ry  
love for us was shown, when the im - age of your  
ev - er in your way, so we see in ev - 'ry



stran - ger, come as hope for ev - 'ry fear.  
glo - ry wore an im - age like our own.  
stran - ger how you come to us to - day.



As you lived to heal the bro - ken, greet the  
Come, en - light - en with your wis - dom, come and  
In our lives and in our liv - ing give us



out - cast, free the bound, as you taught us love un -  
fill us with your grace. May the fire of your com -  
strength to live as you, that our hearts might be for -



spo - ken, teach us now where you are found.  
pas - sion kin - dle ev - 'ry land and race.  
giv - ing and our spir - its strong and true.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950  
Music: JOYOUS LIGHT, Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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## POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

P: May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

C: Amen.

## SENDING

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

## MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \*BENEDICTION

P: The good news of Advent is this: Christ is coming. Trust in God's good will for all of creation and open yourself to God's gentle, transforming love. And may the blessing of God, Father, ✠ Son and Holy Spirit be with you now and forever.

C: Amen.





**\*CLOSING HYMN:** *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*



1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born king;  
2 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,



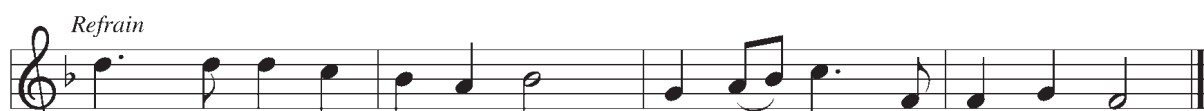
peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled."  
late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of a vir - gin's womb.



Joy - ful, all you na - tions, rise; join the tri - umph of the skies;  
Veiled in flesh the God - head see! Hail, in - car - nate de - i - ty!



with an - gel - ic hosts pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"  
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!



*Refrain*  
Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born king!"

**\*DISMISSAL**

**C:** Called by God's Spirit, we are to be the presence of Christ in our daily lives so that others will follow him.

**P:** Go forth knowing that Christ is coming soon and that Christ is love.

**C:** We will go forth in love. Come, Lord Jesus, come.

**POSTLUDE**

Jamee Haddorff, piano

# Join Us...

## Christmas at Resurrection

DECEMBER

# 24

11:00 AM Traditional Service\*

3:00 PM Children's Service\*

5:00 PM Contemporary Service\*

7:00 PM Traditional Service\*

9:00 PM Traditional Service\*

\*Candlelight Services

Holy Communion At All Services.

Lessons & Carols Service

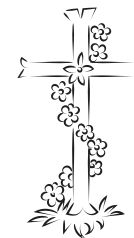
**Dec. 28th - 5:00 PM OV**

**Dec. 29th 9:00 AM SB, 9:15 AM OV**

*Please join us during the 10:45 service...*



We celebrate the baptisms of  
**Aisling Lynn Ahern**      **Preston John Ahern**  
Born: 5/15/2015      Born: 5/15/2015  
Parents: Wendy and John Ahern  
Godparents:  
Laura and Ron Ward



## Important Dates for Year-End Giving

### December 23

Gifts of stocks, third party checks

### December 24

Credit card gift transactions

### December 30

Last day for online ACH bank transfers

### December 31

Postmarked checks sent by mail

**For additional information, please see the December Vision or contact the Church office at 520-575-9901.**

**Thank you for your generosity!**

**Attendance for last week:** In person: 963 Online: 572

*God's grace and your faithful financial partnership have enabled us to continue the mission to which God has called us!*

*Please use these QR Codes to easily access our website and giving page.*



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**Christmas flowers donated by various people—names will be in Christmas Eve bulletin inserts.**



## ASSISTING US

### 5:00 PM Service:

#### Altar Care

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Wendy Wise

#### Communion Assistants

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## WELCOME TO WORSHIP

*Thank you for wearing your name tags. If you are in need of one, please contact the church office.*

### FACILITIES INFORMATION

- **Restrooms** are located in the hallway to your right as you face the exit of the worship space.
- **Childcare is available** at the end of the hallway to your right as you face the exit of the worship space.
- **Wireless Sound Enhancement Units** are available. Please ask an usher for assistance.
- **Large Print Bulletins** are available. Please ask an usher for assistance.
- **Offices** are located in the Administration Building.
- **Please Observe AZ State Law:** Please refrain from smoking within 20 feet of public entrances.

### WORSHIP SERVICES

#### Saturday Worship

**5 PM** – Traditional service in the Sanctuary at the Oro Valley campus.  
First Saturday – Healing Service. Fourth Saturday – Holden Evening Prayer.

#### Sunday Worship

**7:45 AM** – Traditional liturgical service in the Sanctuary at the Oro Valley campus.

**9:00 AM** – Traditional service at our SaddleBrooke location.

**9:15 AM** – Traditional service in the Sanctuary at the Oro Valley campus.

**10:45 AM** – Children's Sunday School located in the Child Development Center and Confirmation and High School Sunday School meet in the Outreach Building. Classes are available for ages 3 through 12th grade.

**10:45 AM** – Contemporary service in the Sanctuary at the Oro Valley campus.

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