

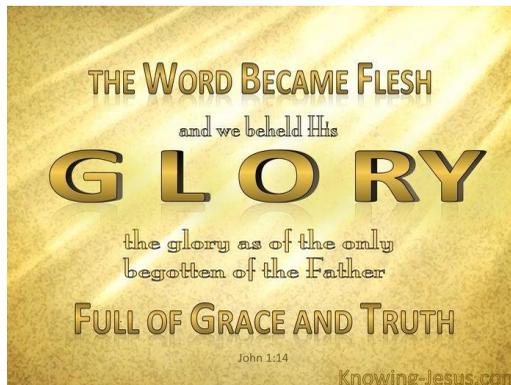


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WE ARE A STEPHEN MINISTRY & CHRISTCARE CONGREGATION

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2021 7:45, 9:30, & 11 A.M.

FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS



**We welcome you to the worship of this community of faith.
As we sing, pray and study God's word together may we strengthen each other's
faith in the saving power of Jesus Christ. It is difficult to be a Christian by yourself!**

VISITORS.. Welcome! Please sign our Guest Book located in the Narthex. Pastor Timm would love to meet you!

PLEASE REMEMBER... to contact the church office if you or a loved one are hospitalized, in rehab facility, or facility other than your home. Pastor and Stephen Ministers will make a visit.

DID YOU KNOW.. Perfume and cologne can trigger life-threatening breathing emergencies in persons with asthma, allergies and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) Hospitals and schools are becoming 'scent-free' due to this increasing health hazard. Please be sensitive to this concern when coming to church. Thank You.

LITTLE FOLKS.. Parents... please remember that there are 'busy bags' hanging on the coat tree in the Narthex to occupy the little ones during worship. Simply return the bags to the tree on your way out of church. Thank you.

BE COMFORTABLE.. There are shawls in the Narthex that you can use if chilled during worship. Just ask one of the ushers and they will get you one. Simply return the shawl to the narthex on your way out of the church.

HEARING DEVICES.. Hearing assist devices are available at the sound booth. The wheel at the top adjusts the volume. When turned on, the light on top should be green. If it is red, please place the device on the counter in the sound booth and take another. Thank you!

FLOWERS for the altar today are given by Larry Unger in memory of wife Rose Marie and Judith Otto in memory of son James.

PRAYERS : Joan Reamer(friend of Dyanne Radke), Tom Radke, Bill Such (friend of Char Schomisch), Ken & Bonnie Griffin (Friends of the Glorious Quilters), Barb Noltemeyer (sister of Sharon Noltemeyer), Jeff Layton (son of Lynette Layton), Jerry Grill, Lucas Johnson (friend of Jerry & Penny Scheflo), Jan Cassada (friend of Michelle Cegon), Debbie Wentzel (friend of Jerry and Chris Randby), Brenda Korinek (friend of Sandra Weidling), Bonnie Rothi, Alyce Waverly (wife of Brian Waverly), Kayla Peoples (friend of Michelle Cegon).



*Prayers for all military personnel serving around the world.
(we do not publish the names for the safety of the service members and their families.).*

PLEASE NOTE that we'll be using the traditional version of the Lord's Prayer for the month of December. God blesses our prayers.

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

P God Is Good!
C **All the time**
P All the time
C **God Is Good!**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (Tune: *"Take My Life..."* ELW 685)

P In the Father's Name we cry;
'Tis through Jesus we draw nigh.
Holy Spirit, Living Fire;
Triune God, our hearts inspire.

C **Heavenly Father, loving Lord,
From our hearts with one accord,
We confess our sins to Thee.
Hating, hurting people we;**

**We have proudly turned away
From our neighbor every day;
Done the evil You forbid
And the good kept closely hid.**

**Yet we come before You now,
That by grace You will allow
Us to be Your heirs of peace,
Grant forgiveness, love increase.**

P Speak no more, our Lord has heard;
In our hearts we trust His Word.
He has set us free from sin,
Granting life to all again.

Christ's low manger is a sign
Of His Cross that's yours and mine,
Through which He our ransom paid,
Granting hope which will not fade.

GREETING

- P** Today Christ is born: Alleluia, alleluia! 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.**

THE KYRIE (Tune: *“Angels We Have Heard on High”* ELW 289)

- C** **Lord, have mercy on Your world,
Glorious King with flags unfurled.
Christ have mercy, hear our plea;
Sinners to Your manger flee.**

Refrain:

**Gloria! In excelsis Deo!
Gloria! In excelsis Deo!**

**Lord, have mercy on mankind;
May Your grace on us e'er shine
That we may Your people be
Here and in eternity.**

(Refrain)

**With the angels now we sing
Praises to our newborn King
Peace on earth and mercy mild
God and sinners reconciled.**

(Refrain)

THE SALUTATION (Tune: "O Little Town..." ELW 279)

P The Lord be with you all today;
That is my word to you.
And with that thought I also pray
He bless and make you new.
No greater gift this Christmas
Can we with others share
Than that the Christ-Child's presence now
Remove from us all care.

C That also is our hope for you,
Both now and through the year.
Without His power, peace and love,
Your life, like ours, is drear.
In God we dwell together,
Through Him made one on earth;
No earthly thing can mar our joy
Which springs from Jesus' birth

PRAYER OF THE DAY *together we pray:*

C God of all ages,
Your servants Anna and Simeon recognized your salvation in the
face of the infant Jesus. May we also see in him the pathway to
forgiveness and the fulfillment of all your promises, through Jesus
Christ our Lord and Savior who lives and reigns with you and the
Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

PSALM 32 Read Responsively

- R ¹ Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.
- C ² **Happy are those to whom the LORD imputes no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**
- R ³ While I kept silence, my body wasted away
through my groaning all day long.
- C ⁴ **For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up^[a] as by the heat of summer.**
- R ⁵ Then I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not hide my iniquity;
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"
and you forgave the guilt of my sin.
- C ⁶ **Therefore let all who are faithful
offer prayer to you;
at a time of distress,^[b] the rush of mighty waters
shall not reach them.**
- R ⁷ You are a hiding place for me;
you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.
- C ⁸ **I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go;
I will counsel you with my eye upon you.**
- R ⁹ Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding,
whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle,
else it will not stay near you.
- C ¹⁰ **Many are the torments of the wicked,
but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the LORD.**
- R ¹¹ Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, O righteous,
and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

GOSPEL: John 1: 14-34

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son,^[a] full of grace and truth. ¹⁵ (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") ¹⁶ From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷ The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son,^[b] who is close to the Father's heart,^[c] who has made him known.¹⁹ This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" ²⁰ He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah."^[a] ²¹ And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." ²² Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" ²³ He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,'" as the prophet Isaiah said.

²⁴ Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. ²⁵ They asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah,^[b] nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" ²⁶ John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, ²⁷ the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." ²⁸ This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing. ²⁹ The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰ This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' ³¹ I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel."

³² And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³ I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' ³⁴ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God."^[c]

P The Gospel of the Lord

C **Praise to the Lord**

THE TEACHING: "Beyond & Blessed!"

Pastor Jack Williams

HYMN OF THE DAY: "From Heaven Above" ELW 268 verses 1-6

THE CREED (*Tune: Oh Come, Little Children*)

C **The Father has showered
His gifts from on High;
Most precious of gifts
In the manger doth lie.
Our God and Creator has now sent His Son
That we with our God might forever be one.**

**The Savior, Christ Jesus,
Is our Holy King.
To Him our glad praises
This day we do sing.
The cross in His future brief sorrow did bring.
In His death and rising the grave lost its sting.**

**God's Spirit enlightens,
Hope cannot grow dim;
His First is the star
That hath brought us to Him.
Dear Father, kind Savior, blest Spirit, again
Reclaim us for heaven forever. Amen**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P We pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

P God With Us, John came that you might be revealed in Israel. Use us to further his proclamation, one that speaks of holy fire and the blessings of your redemption—one that points not to ourselves, but to the One who created and delivered us. Transforming God,

C Hear our prayer.

P This world cannot help but be changed at the coming of your Messiah. This is the One for whom we have been waiting. This is the One on whom all our hopes have rested. May this joyous news reach all corners of the earth, through your faithful servants in all places. Transforming God,

C Hear our prayer.

P We have come to the last days of this year, O Lord. We give you thanks for the blessings of these past twelve months, and thanks for bringing us through its challenges and grief. Restore your joy within us as the clocks turn over on a new moment, a new year, a new day to rise in praise to you. Transforming God,

C Hear our prayer.

P Heal your wounded people, longing for relief, and aching for your presence. Transforming God,

C Hear our prayer.

P With John and all your trailblazing saints, we dare to proclaim one who comes to shake the very foundations of the earth, and yet gladly gathers us together and calls us brothers and sisters. Transforming God,

C Hear our prayer.

P We pray for all of our mission congregations, Araby Acres in Yuma, Crossroads Lutheran in San Tan Valley, Maricopa Lutheran in Maricopa, San Juan Bautista Lutheran in Tucson, and Vida Nueva Lutheran in Glendale. We also pray for our local partners in mission, Faith Lutheran Church and Christ the Redeemer Anglican Church. We also pray for our care ministries that serve the needs of others, ChristCare, Stephen Ministry, GriefShare and Mental Health Ministry, may they reach all people in need. Transforming God,

C Hear our prayer.

Here other petitions may be offered. Together we pray

C Lord, help us your believers become disciples who: worship regularly; love unconditionally; listen compassionately; speak truthfully; act justly; endure patiently; forgive mercifully; give generously; serve selflessly; invite constantly; pray fervently; witness unashamedly; and live worthily.

P All that we pray you have heard. All that we need you have provided. Join us in spirit with those for whom we pray, and make of us one people, in your holy name. **Amen.**

THE OFFERING (will be received in the offering plates at each door at the end of service, for those watching there is a link for online giving in the description of the video. We are thankful for all the support from both in person giving as well and online giving.)

OFFERTORY HYMN *“What Child Is This?”*

OFFERING PRAYER *together we pray:*

C **God with us: You came as a baby to a manger. You slept on straw and greeted shepherds. You come again in bread and wine. Remind us how good you are at blessing ordinary things. And then, through these gifts, help us to bless the lives of others in the strength of your holy name. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (Tune: *“Oh Come, All Ye Faithful”*) ELW 283

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with you, His servant.**

P Oh come, let us lift our hearts unto the Lord.

C **With hearts uplifted thanks to Him we render;
With joy we come before Him, in gratefulness implore Him,
With thankful hearts adore Him Evermore!**

C Holy, holy, holy Lord!
God of hosts, by all adored!
Heav'n and earth cannot contain
All the glory of Your name!
Hail, hosanna, God most high!
Blest is He Who now draws nigh
In the name of God the King!
Hallelujahs glad we sing;
Hail, hosanna! Praises due
Be forever, Lord to You!

CONSECRATION OF THE ELEMENTS

P Blessed are you Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world You gave Your only Son that all those who believe in Him would not perish, but have eternal life. We give thanks to You for the salvation You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now Your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as He comes to us in His holy supper.

C **Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION(Tune: *"I Heard the Bells"*)

P Upon the night Christ was betrayed
He took some bread and when He'd prayed
He broke it and to all He said,
"Now take and eat this blessed bread.

This is my Body giv'n for you,
And every time that this you do,
Remember that I died to free
All men that they may come to Me."
And afterward when He had supped
And given thanks He took the cup
To His disciples turned and said,
"This is My blood; for you it's shed.

Now drink each of you from this wine,
And trust the promise is divine;
Your sins are gone! So let it be
Fore'er a meal rememb'ring Me."

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Tune: *"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"*)

C **Our Father, Lord on heav'n's high throne,
Most holy be Your name.
Your Kingdom come, Your will be done,
On earth – in heav'n the same.
Give us this day the food we need;
Forgiven may we be;
Into temptation do not lead;
From evil set us free.
Yours is the Kingdom; unto You
In grateful love we bow.
And Yours the pow'r; Lord, let us view
Your mighty presence now.
The glory Yours; Your praise be sung
By angel hosts and then
In ev'ry land, by ev'ry tongue
Forevermore. Amen!**

HYMNS DURING COMMUNION



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.

“What Child is This?” ELW 296

“The First Noel” ELW 300

“The Bells of Christmas” ELW 298

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE (Tune: *"God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen"*)

C Oh, thank the Lord and sing His praise,
What He has done proclaim!
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice
And proudly bear His Name.
Who leads His thankful people forth
His promises to claim.
Oh, tidings of comfort and joy,
Comfort and joy,
Oh, tidings of comfort and joy!

Lord, let Your servant go in peace.
Your word has been fulfilled.
My eyes have seen the saving work
Which for the world You willed.
The glory of Your chosen race
As Light for all revealed.
Oh, tidings of comfort and joy,
Comfort and joy,
Oh, tidings of comfort and joy!

Oh praise to God the Father,
And praise to God the Son,
And praise to God the Spirit,
Most blessed Three in One,
As 'twas, is now, and e'er shall be
While endless ages run!
Oh, tidings of comfort and joy,
Comfort and joy,
Oh, tidings of comfort and joy!

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

together we pray:

C On this day, O God, you gave us Christ the Son to save us.
As you sent the one foretold, send us now with good news for all
people. Let the gladness of this feast have no end as we share
with others the joy that fills us; through Jesus Christ, our Savior
and Lord. Amen.

SENDING HYMN “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” ELW 270

BENEDICTION (Tune: “*Oh Come, All Ye Faithful*”) ELW 283

P The Lord bless and keep you,
Look with love upon you,
Be gracious, and cause His face to shine with Peace!

C **Glory to Father, Son and Holy Spirit!**
The Savior close beside us,
God’s love from harm to hide us,
The Spirit’s pow’r to guide us
Evermore!

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Christ is sending you.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Date	Time	Altar	Ushers	Greeter/Communion Assistants	Readers
1/1	4:00 pm	Joanne Ausing	Laura Southwick/ Paul Ehler	Dyanne Radke/ Char	KayLee Grunst
1/2	7:45 am	Cheryl Preul	Cheryl Preul/ Mary Marsh	Larry Unger	Mike Gustafson
1/2	9:30 am	Jackie Tracey	Joanne Ausing/ Sue Martin	Glenn/Ginger Van Winkle	Jerry Taylor
1/2	11:00 am	Char	Char	Doreen Caldwell	Char
1/8	4:00 pm	Cheryl Preul	JoAnne Munson	Dave/Marge Graham	Joyce Hoeft
1/9	7:45 am	Char	Dave/Nancy Griffiths	Sharon Powell/ Char	Mary Marsh
1/9	9:30 am	Kris Brown	Sharon Noltemeyer/ Marge Jones	Jim/Linda Bryant	Sandy Weidling
1/9	11:00 am	Jackie Tracey	Ted Duffy	Niki Duffy	Niki Duffy

Attendance last week December 19th:

69 at 4:00 pm; 40 at 7:45 am; 129 at 9:30am total=238

12 views on Youtube and 102 views on Facebook.

114= total online

Total=352

Next Sunday's Text: Psalm 66:1-5; John 1: 35-51

CALENDAR FOR THE COMING WEEK

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
Sunday 12/26	1:00 pm	Foothills Social	Fellowship Hall
Monday 12/27	10:00 am	GriefShare	Fellowship Classroom
Monday 12/27	12:00 pm	Bible Study	Fellowship Classroom
Monday 12/27	3:30 pm	Bible Study	Fellowship Classroom
Tuesday 12/28	7:00 am	TOPS	Fellowship Hall
Tuesday 12/28	1:00 pm	Foothills Social	Fellowship Hall
Wednesday 12/29	10:00 am	ChristCare	Fellowship Classroom
Wednesday 12/29	1:15 pm	Stephen Ministry Training	Fellowship Classroom
Wednesday 12/29	4:45 pm	Bells of Glory	Sanctuary
Wednesday 12/29	6:00 pm	Choir	Sanctuary
Thursday 12/30	7:00 am	TOPS	Fellowship Hall
Thursday 12/30	8:00 am	Staff Meeting	Off site
Thursday 12/30	9:00 am	Open Hobby	Fellowship Hall
Thursday 12/30	10:00 am	Bible Study	ZOOM
Thursday 12/30	12:00 pm	Brown Bag Book Club	Fellowship Classroom
Thursday 12/30	4:00 pm	TOPS	Fellowship Classroom
Friday 12/31	8:00 am	TOPS	Fellowship Hall
Friday 12/31	1:00 pm	Foothills Social	Fellowship Hall
Friday 12/31	6:00 pm	Women's AA	Fellowship Hall
Saturday 1/1	4:00 pm	Worship/Communion	Sanctuary
Sunday 1/2	7:45 am	Worship/Communion	Sanctuary
Sunday 1/2	9:30 am	Worship/Communion	Sanctuary
Sunday 1/2	11:00 am	Worship/Communion	Sanctuary

Pastor's Bible Study- 2nd Corinthians:

**Monday's at 12:00 pm & 3:30pm in the Fellowship Hall
Classroom.**

Thursday's Zoom Bible at 10 am

Come to any session!!!

Announcements

Mark your calendars! Join us again next week for our annual Christmas Carol Worship Service. Enjoy some amazing music, and a wonderful message from Pr. Jack Williams!

New Worship time- Our 11am worship service will begin on December 26th.

THANK YOU- A Big “Thank you” to those who helped set up the sanctuary & Fellowship Hall for the Advent Season and for the Celebration of the Birth of our Savior.

Volunteers include: Rod Rowland, Gary Raasch, Joanne Ausing, Cheryl Preul, Jan Klipfel, Brian Suess, Dave Lester, Lynette Layton, Ted & Niki Duffy.

With much appreciation, Char Schomisch

Thank You- Thank you to Kaylee Grunst for organizing the caroling this past Sunday. There were 15 people who met at the church to carpool. We visited 3 couples from our congregation each of them receiving quilts from the Glorious Quilters.

Generosity- We have a survey that we need the congregation to fill out on Generosity. The survey will begin on Wednesday, December 29th and run for 3 weeks. There will be links on both our website and our Facebook page. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Timm or the church office.

First Sunday of the month News- No Potluck for January. --- Food Collection- Our monthly food collection for Crossroads Mission will be next Saturday and Sunday. Please keep that in mind as you do your food shopping this week.

Men’s Breakfast- Join us for Men’s breakfast on Saturday January 8th at 8am at Daybreakers!

New Member Class- Begins Monday, January 10th at 1:15pm for 3 Mondays.

Coming Soon! Adult VBS 2022 is right around the bend, pardners! WAY OUT WEST VBS is the theme. Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, January 11-13, 2022 are the dates. This week you will find a flyer in the bulletin, look for the sign up sheets next week!

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