

Welcome to All Saints Lutheran Church

Our mission is....

"to bring people the good news of God's love in Jesus Christ."

Festival of Epiphany Baptism of Our Lord January 7th, 2024 9:00am † 11:00am



The nursery is open for care of children 6 months to 3 years old during the 9am service.
Busy Bags are available in the sanctuary for children attending service.

* (Denotes when congregation is invited to stand.)

(BOLD PRINT: ALL will respond.)

GATHERING

PRELUDE

CHOIR (11AM)

COME, MY WAY, MY TRUTH, MY LIFE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus, the bright Morning Star, shines light in the world.

By day and night he shines for all to see.

Jesus was born in the middle of our injustice and poverty.

That the world may see the justice and richness of God.

God so loved the world that God sent Jesus,

So that all who believe in him may not perish but have eternal life.

Jesus is the Light of the world.

Jesus is the Light of our lives.

Sing to God a new song!

A song of hope, joy, and peace around the world!

* ENTRANCE HYMN # 302

AS WITH GLADNESS, MEN OF OLD

**As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold;
as with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright;
so, most gracious Lord, may we evermore be led by thee.**

**As with joyful steps they sped, Savior, to thy lowly bed,
there to bend the knee before thee, whom heav'n and earth adore;
so may we with willing feet ever seek thy mercy seat.**

**As they offered gifts most rare at thy cradle, rude and bare,
so may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin's alloy,
all our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to thee, our heavenly King.**

**Holy Jesus, ev'ry day keep us in the narrow way;
and when earthly things are past, bring our ransomed souls at last
where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glory hide.**

**In the heav'nly county bright need they no created light;
thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down;
there forever may we sing alleluias to our king.**

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* PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.**

Let us pray together.

Everlasting God, the radiance of all faithful people, you brought the nations to the brightness of your rising. Fill the world with your glory, and show yourself to all the world through him who is the true light and the bright morning star, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE WORD

LESSON

ISAIAH 60:1-6

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL VERSE: HYMN # 172

HALLE, HALLE, HALLELUJAH

REFRAIN: ALL, VERSE: CANTOR

Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah, hallelujah!

*** HOLY GOSPEL**

The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 1st chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel is read

MARK 1:4-11

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

PASTOR KRISTIN RICE

*** HYMN OF THE DAY # 453**

BAPTIZED AND SET FREE

We are people created, chosen by God.

Then we're washed, ever gently, in mercy and love.

**Sin has power no more. Jesus opened the door
to a fountain bringing healing, and wholeness and more.**

We are fed and we're nourished, filled and refreshed.

Then our hunger returns and again we are blessed.

**For whatever the need, God is greater indeed:
endless ocean, always deeper than all of our need.**

**We are nourished by water, all living things,
and by life that the Spirit abundantly brings.**

**As we journey toward home, may your presence be known:
precious river, ever-flowing, now carry us home.**

Now with praise and thanksgiving, we join the song.

All are welcome! We gather to sing loud and strong.

**Not enslaved, but set free! From now on, all will be
one in Jesus, one in water, baptized and set free.**

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*** BAPTISMAL BLESSING & RENEWAL OF OUR BAPTISMAL COVENANT**

At our baptism, Jesus said to us - as he says to all who are baptized – “You are the light of the world; let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven.” Today, we celebrate our new life in Christ by renewing our baptismal covenant. Will you continue in the covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism, to hear God’s Word and share in God’s supper, the Holy Communion? **Yes, with the help of God.**

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord? **Yes, with the help of God.**

Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Jesus Christ?
Yes, with the help of God.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

Yes, with the help of God.

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people and respect the dignity of every human being? **Yes, with the help of God.**

When we were baptized, we were marked with the sign of the cross. In remembrance of our baptism, I invite you to trace the sign of the cross on your forehead and on your children, saying "We are children of God forever." **We are children of God forever.**

We praise you, O God, for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace and love.

*** THE APOSTLE'S CREED**

People of God, what do you believe?

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Hear us, O God . . . (sing) **Your grace abounds.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

THE MEAL

OFFERING

CHOIR (9AM)

DENNIS HAUGAN (11AM)

**COME, MY WAY, MY TRUTH, MY LIFE
BRIGHTEST AND BEST**

*** RESPONSE HYMN: # 814**

TAKE, O TAKE ME AS I AM

**Take, O take me as I am, summon out what I shall be,
Set your seal upon my heart and live in me.**

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*** OFFERING PRAYER**

Liberating God, you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior. **Amen.**

*** GREAT THANKSGIVING**

FRONT OF HYMNAL, p. 129

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh, you have opened the eyes of faith to a new and radiant vision of your glory, that beholding the God made visible, we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory! Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!**

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Again, after supper, he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

(sing) **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.**

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SHARING BREAD AND WINE

LAMB OF GOD

FRONT OF HYMNAL, p. 135

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

DENNIS HAUGAN (9AM)

BRIGHTEST AND BEST

HYMN # 448

THIS IS THE SPIRIT'S ENTRY NOW

**This is the Spirit's entry now: the water and the word,
The cross of Jesus on your brow, the seal both felt and heard.
This miracle of life reborn comes from the Lord of breath;
The sinless one from life was torn; our life comes through his death.
Let water be the sacred sign that we must die each day
To rise again by his design as followers of his way.
Renewing Spirit, hear our praise for your baptismal power,
That washes us through all our days. Come, cleanse again this hour.**

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* TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you. **Amen.**

THE SENDING

* BENEDICTION

The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod (+) bless, strengthen, and uphold you, today and always. **Amen.**

* SENDING HYMN: # 575

IN CHRIST CALLED TO BAPTIZE

**In Christ called to baptize, we witness to grace
and gather a people from each land and race.
In deep, flowing waters, we share in Christ's death,
then, rising to new life, give thanks with each breath.**

**In Christ called to banquet, one table we share,
a haven of welcome, a circle of care.
Although we are many, we share in one bread.
One cup of thanksgiving proclaims Christ, our head.**

**In Christ called to witness, by grace we will preach
the life-giving gospel; God's love we will teach.
By grace may our living give proof to our praise
in costly compassion reflecting Christ's ways.**

**Unite us, anoint us, O Spirit of love,
for you are within us, around us, above.
Equip us for service with gifts you bestow.
In Christ is our calling. In Christ may we grow.**

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* DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Follow in the way of Jesus.
Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO TALK OR PRAY WITH A STEPHEN MINISTER AFTER WORSHIP,
LOOK FOR THEM ON CAMPUS. (THEY WEAR A BLUE NAME BADGE)**

Did you know the weekly worship bulletin is available online?



You can scan the QR code found on the sanctuary doors, click the link in the worship text sent every Sunday morning, or visit our website at www.allsaintsphoenix.org/bulletin.



We are always looking for caring adults to volunteer to serve as Sunday School Teachers, Confirmation Shepherds, or High School Bible Study Teachers and Shepherds.

Youth (6th Grade & up) are also welcome to serve as Shepherds.

Contact Donald Wade at dwade@allsaintsphoenix.org or Pastor Kristin Rice at krice@allsaintsphoenix.org for questions or info.

We ask that you respect those members and guests with allergies and other sensitivities by refraining from wearing cologne, after-shave, perfume, perfumed hand lotion, fragranced hair products, and/or similar products. Your consideration is greatly appreciated.



BLOOD DRIVE

Sunday, January 21st, 2024 8:00am—12:00pm

To sign up VISIT <http://www.donors.vitalant.org> (Sponsor Code: allsaints) or call 602-866-9191.

ALTAR FLOWERS & ETERNAL LIGHT

Honor a special occasion or remember a loved one by sponsoring the sanctuary altar flowers or eternal light.

Sign up and pay in the church office.

You Are Welcome Here!

By God's grace, we have all been welcomed into God's family.

By that same grace, we extend our welcome to you.

This welcome includes people who range in age, race, ability, and cultural background; who differ in economic and marital status; who vary in sexual orientation and gender identity; and who have an array of feelings about church and faith.

We confess that we are not a community already perfected in love, but we believe God delights in the diversity of creation and so do we.

We will be better because you are here.



FOOD OFFERING TODAY JANUARY 7TH

Bring your donations of non-perishable food items to help those in need. We are in need of cereal, pasta, canned goods, peanut butter, and canned tuna.

Book Club

Tuesday, January 9th at 9:30am in Room 201

This month's selection:
Before We Were Yours
by Lisa Wingate

Sign-Up to be a Worship Volunteer



Trained volunteers can now visit allsaintsphoenix.org/volunteer to sign-up as a worship volunteer. Please contact the office with any questions or to schedule training.

Members, Friends & Guests please sign the burgundy welcome pad and pass it to those sitting next to you. When all have signed please pass it back and welcome guests after worship.

First time guests please fill out a Welcome Card and place in the offering plate.



Organ Stop Pizza

Friday, January 26th

Senior Ministry MOPS, & LOL (Lutherans on the Loose) Annual Field Trip. Enjoy the Mighty Wurlitzer Organ, good pizza, & lots of fun.

Bus **space is limited** so please contact

Tammy Follensbee at
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HELPING HANDS NEEDED TODAY, JANUARY 7th



Help us put away our Christmas decorations! The more hands we have, the quicker the process. Please stay after the **11:00am** worship service!

Save the date!

LUTHERAN DAY at the LEGISLATURE

ARIZONA CAPITOL, WESLEY BOLIN PLAZA

Lutherans and friends of Lutherans from across the state will gather at the Arizona Capitol in Wesley Bolin Plaza for a day of advocacy on Thursday, January 18, 2024 from 9:30am - 1:30pm to learn, to witness, eat! and voice our common needs in the public square, activating our faith in love. Register for Lutheran Day at the Legislature 2024 by scanning the QR code.

Meet your legislators, meet congregational LAMA liaisons, meet your LAMA policy council, and meet other Lutherans across Arizona who share a common belief that we are called through our baptismal covenant "...to strive for justice and peace in all the earth."



**The January 2024
Saints Alive Newsletter
is now available!**

Scan the QR code or pick up a copy in the Narthex, Library, Fellowship Hall, or office.

**Adult Sunday School Returns
January 14th with a 3 week study
of Leviticus in the Life Building
Cafe at 10:30am.**

Please contact Donald Wade at
dwade@allsaintsphoenix.org for more



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