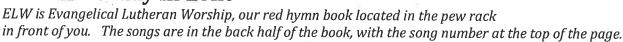
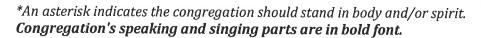
# OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH SUNDAY WORSHIP

# March 10, 2024 Fourth Sunday in Lent





#### WELCOME

**PRELUDE** - *Praise and Praise to the Lord* - by Mary Mcleary and Rowland Prichard assembled by the OSLC bell choir *Please use this time to prepare for worship.* 

### \*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the Holy Trinity + One God, who writes the law on our hearts, who draws all people together through Jesus. **Amen.** 

Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,

we confess that we are caught in snares of sin and cannot break free.

We hoard resources while our neighbors are hungry and cold.

We speak in ways that silence others.

We are silent when we should speak up.

We keep score in our hearts.

We let hurts grow into hatred.

For all these things and for sins only you know,

forgive us, Lord.

Amen.



God delivers a flood of grace...
...and restores the promise of life through ⅓ Jesus Christ.
Amen.

\*GATHERING HYMN - ELW #342 - There in God's Garden (v. 1-4)

#### \*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.

\*KYRIE (p. 98)

#### \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

FIRST READING: Numbers 21:4-9

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God

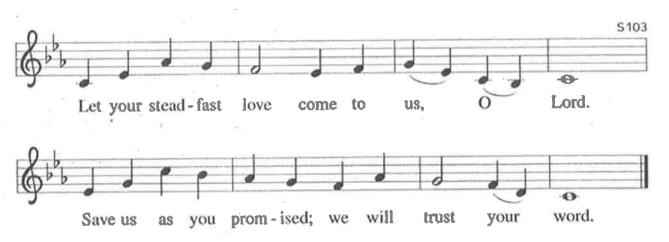
PSALM 107:1-3, 17-22

**SECOND READING: Ephesians 2:1-10** 

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God

## \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



The Holy Gospel according to John. Glory to you, O Lord.

# \*GOSPEL: John 3:14-21

...This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Praise to you, O Christ.

#### **SERMON**

HYMN OF THE DAY- ELW #666 - What Wonderous Love This Is

# PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

After each petition of the prayers: Merciful God, **Receive our prayer**.

Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.** 

### \*EXCHANGE OF PEACE

**OFFERING & OFFERING ANTHEM -** Allemande from Partita in D Minor by J. S. Bach - Qianqian Zhang, violin

#### \*OFFERING PRAYER

# \*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 our thanks and praise. Amen.

Blessed are you, O God...

...Trusting in the mercy and compassion of God who is with us as Parent and Creator, let us pray as Jesus taught:

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.

#### COMMUNION

Come, eat - this is Bread for the journey.

This is Christ's table. You and all are welcome here, without exception. Please follow the ushers' direction, filling in the communion rail starting on the right side. You may stand or kneel. If you prefer a blessing, cross your hands over your heart. Gluten free wafers are available. The wine is red; the grape juice is clear. Please let an usher know if you would like communion brought to your pew.

COMMUNION HYMN - p. 112 - Lamb of God (in the front on the hymnal) ELW# 604 - O Christ, Our Hope ELW#779- Amazing Grace How Sweet the Sound

### POST COMMUNION BLESSING

### **SENDING PRAYER** (said together)

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God.

Blessed are those persecuted for righteousness' sake, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven

# SENDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### \*BLESSING

\*SENDING HYMN - ELW#661- I Love to Tell the Story

#### \*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share your bread. - Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE -O Sacred Head, Now Wounded - arranged by Arnold B Sherman - Bell Choir

You are welcome to leave anytime during the postlude or stay to listen. Please join us for coffee and conversation following worship.

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# Welcome to Our Saviour's

Being Christ-centered community through faith and action in the heart of Tucson.



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.



Flowers today are given in honor of Ruth Strand's 100th Birthday on March 8th. - with much love Jennifer.

# **Prayer Requests:**



Our Saviour's Family: Family and Friends of Gregg Payne, Family and Friends of Pat, Betty, Phyllis, Mary, Kevin, Erik, Doug, Nicole, Thomas, Linda, Michaela, Jake, Ann, Marty and Dorothy.

Our Extended Friends & Family: Grant, Joe, Meagan, Melissa, and Marrianne. Sally (friend of Kathy DeVinney); Vicki (former Our Saviour's youth director); Richard (neighbor); Pete (brother of Gloria Alvillar).

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

# This Week at Our Saviour's

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Date	Event	Time	Place			
Monday 3/11	Staff Meeting	10:00AM	Office			
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Tuesday 3/12	Men's Bible Study	6:30PM	AB Café			
	Property	9:00AM	Library			
	Knit and Crochet	1:00PM	AB			
Wednesday 3/13	Bible Study	10:30AM	AB Pocket Room			
	Lent Service	12:00PM	Koch			
	Lent Service	6:00PM	Koch			
Thursday 3/14	Choir Rehearsal	6:30PM	AB			
Friday 3/15	Campus/Office Closed					
Saturday 3/16						
Sunday 3/17	Worship	9:00AM	Sanctuary			
	Sunday Forum	10:30AM	AB			
	Sandwich Making	10:30AM	AB Kitchen			
	Please see online calendar	for all event	S			

# Wednesdays in Lent (Feb 21 - March 20)

12:00 PM - Brief service, followed by soup meal and Beatitudes teaching 6:00 PM - Service followed by dinner - led by LCM

# **Faith Formation Series for Lent FOCUS ON THE BEATITUDES**

As we journey through the Lenten season, we invite

you to join us at the Sunday Forums (10:30 am in the AB) or at the Wednesday Learning Time (12:45 pm in Koch Chapel) for an adult Christian education series on Jesus' summary of his teachings as expressed in Matthew's Beatitudes. We are developing a "Beatitude attitude" that will sustain us as a community of disciples of our risen Lord and Savior. You are free join at any time, even if you've missed some sessions. Come for some lively discussions!

Here is the schedule for the next two sessions:

Today: at the Sunday Forum "Blessed are the pure in heart..." Next Wednesday: after the Noon Lunch "Blessed are the peacemakers...

# Lenten Challenge and Offering

This Lent, we are joining other Lutherans across the West and Southwest in a collective commitment to Lenten Disciplines. To honor ELCA World Hunger's 50th year, we are com-



mitting to spiritual and physical practices during Lent, including raising money for ELCA World Hunger. In addition, we will collect an offering and gather food for the UA Campus Food Pantry.

To learn more and sign up, visit www.lentenchallenge.org.

Join Pastor Amalia, Vicar Wendi, Pastor Glenn, Michele, and others in daily practices like devotion, discipline, declutter, and donation.

# **Newcomer Gathering**

Are you new (or newish) to Our Saviour's? We will be receiving new members during worship on Pentecost Sunday (Sunday, May 19). During April and May, we invite newcomers to gather for three sessions to learn more about each other, Lutheranism, and Our Saviour's Lutheran Church. These gatherings are typically around 75 minutes, a bit social, and a great chance to connect. Whether you plan to officially join or just want to learn more about our community, you are welcome. Please email Pastor Amalia to have your name added to the "Interested" list - once we have a small group, we will find a meeting time that works for all. Please know, you are welcome to engage in community life here, including helping with worship and in other ways regardless of membership status.

#### **ICS Food Drive**

The Food Bank is increasing food distribution to struggling families and individuals in our Tucson community. Donations of in-date, canned, non-perishable and packaged products: cereal, rice, beans, pasta, pasta sauce, meals in a can, canned fish and canned meats, mac and cheese, peanut butter and personal hygiene items are needed. For the unhoused with no kitchen facilities: SpaghettiOs, chili, and ravioli in poptop cans would be helpful. Please put donations in the shopping cart that is on the patio on Sundays.

# THOSE SERVING SUNDAY (3/10/2024)

Presiding Minister Rev. Amalia Vagts

**Assisting Minister** 

Ted Adams and Vicar

Wendi Van Beek

**Communion Assistants** 

Bonnie Phelps and

Bill DeVinney

Piano Devin Gardner

Offertory Qianqian Zhang, violin

Music Bell Choir

Cantor Jennifer Strand

Acolyte Ted Adams

Usher Pam Hardman and Kathy DeViney

Ted Earle and

Greeter

Gloria Alvillar

Coffee Host David Lester

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# THOSE SERVING SUNDAY (3/17/2024)

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Rev. Amalia Vagts

**Assisting Minister** 

Scott Koenig and Vicar

Wendi Van Beek

**Communion Assistants** 

Bonnie Phelps and

Nilu Dorschner Piano Gréta Pásztor

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**Acolyte** Bonnie Phelps

Cantor Jennifer Strand

Usher Pat Bonura and Patty Sirls

**Greeter** Fred and Donna Hudson

**Coffee Host** Kris Sanchez

**Treats** TIHAN Treats

# **Online Offering**

We have partnered with the ELCA and Tithely to offer secure online giving. Scan the image below using your smart phone to make your offering. Or, contact the church office to set up regular online giving.



# Our Saviour's **Lutheran Church**

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# **Sunday Worship Times**

9:00 - Sanctuary Coffee following 10:30 Sunday Forum

Office Hours Monday - Thursday 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

# **Ministry Team**

Rev. Amalia Vagts (ex 1004) Lead Pastor pastoramalia@lutherantucson.org

Michele Ruttinger Parish Administrator parishadministrator@lutherantucson.org

> Gréta Pásztor Music Ministry Director gpasztor@lutherantucson.org

John Perez Campus Caretaker caretaker@lutherantucson.org

Rev. Glenn Schrader **Associate Pastor** pastorglenn@lutherantucson.org

Vicar Wendi Van Beek Intern Vicar@lutherantucson.org

# **Lutheran Campus Ministry**

Rev. Rebecca Boardman pastor.lcmuofa@gmail.com www.lcmuofa.org 520-771-9742 (LCM Office)



Our Talent show for TIHAN was a great success. Due to the teamwork on the planning committee; the support team; our awesome bakers and gifted and talented performers we raised \$1,500.

Seventy-five tickets were sold, with sixty-three people attending. A fun afternoon was had by all.

Sincere thanks to Pastor Amalia, staff, and all who helped in so many ways.

Love and blessings, Ms. Ellie

Ps. There are programs in the main church entry if you were unable to attend and would like one.

# LENT + HOLY WEEK

Wednesdays - 12PM & 6 PM - Chapel simple services followed by a meal

Maundy Thursday - 6 PM service for healing, prayer & action

Good Friday - 6 pm prayer around the cross

Easter Sunday 7:15AM - Koch Chapel 9:00AM - Sanctuary



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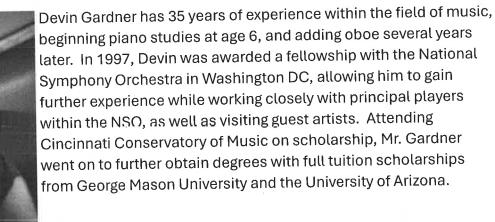
#### **GUEST MUSICIANS TODAY**



Described with "Lovely, Absolutely beautiful [interpretation]" (Lucienne (Bloch) Allen, Ernest Bloch Society) and "A brilliant and bright tone", Qianqian Zhang is a violinist and instrument maker, who has appeared on stage in many cities across the Southern United States, both as a chamber and orchestral musician. Zhang is currently pursuing her Bachelor of Music degree with an emphasis in Violin Performance under Professor Timothy Kantor.

As an avid chamber musician, Zhang performs a wide range of musical work, she is currently in a violin-guitar duo with classical guitarist Dante Olita for the 2022-2025 seasons.

Her junior recital will be held in the sanctuary on Friday, March 15th at 7:00PM.



Devin currently maintains a private piano and oboe studio and serves as an accompanist for the woodwind department at the U of A. In addition, Mr. Gardner performs throughout Arizona and Texas with the Arizona Opera, Sierra Vista Symphony, El Paso Symphony, and St. Philips in the Hills. Living in the scenic Foothills with his two beautiful dogs Venkman and Zeddemore--named after two of his favorite Ghostbusters--he is also an avid participant in bowling, pool, and darts, and enjoys walking with his dogs all over Oro Valley and Marana.