

# OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



**April 21, 2024**

*ELW is Evangelical Lutheran Worship, our red hymn book located in the pew rack in front of you. The songs are in the back half of the book, with the song number at the top of the page.*

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

### **WELCOME**

**PRELUDE** - *As the Deer Runs to the River* - Arr. by David Hurd

*Please use this time to prepare for worship.*

### **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

*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, † one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.  
**Amen.**

Look, here is water!

**Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian eunuch entered your boundless baptismal life.

Look, here is water!

**Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

At the river your beloved One was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

Look, here is water!

**Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

**\*GATHERING HYMN** - ELW #532 - *Gather Us In*

**\*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: Acts 4:5-12**

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God

**PSALM 23** - *Surely Goodness and Mercy* (see insert)

**SECOND READING: 1 John 3:16-24**

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** ELW #878 (vs 5)

*Soli Deo Gloria*

5 A bil - lion voic - es in one great song, now soft and  
gen - tile, now deep and strong, in ev - 'ry  
cul - ture and style and key, from hill and val - ley, with sky and  
sea, with Christ we praise you e - ter - nal - ly:  
So - li De - o glo - ri - a! So - li De - o glo - ri - a!

## **\*GOSPEL**

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

## **John 10:11-18**

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

## **SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY-** *Rain Down* (see insert)

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Rejoicing in the light of God, let us join our hearts in pray for all of God's creation.  
*A brief silence.*

Radiant God, your light shines in and beyond the church...

*After each petition of the prayers:*

God, be merciful and bless us;

**Let the light of your face shine upon us.**

**Pastor:** You smile and bless, O God, and we speak with you trusting in your kindness. **Amen**

## **\*EXCHANGE OF PEACE**

**OFFERING & OFFERING ANTHEM** - *Everywhere* by Gina Diekemeier  
(Chancel Band)

**\*OFFERING PRAYER** - *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* (all sing)

Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace

Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise

While the hope of endless glory fills my heart with joy and love

Teach me ever to adore thee; may I still thy goodness prove.

Almighty God, your love is cast, like seed upon the ground

O let the dew of grace appear, and righteous fruits abound

## **\*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.**

It is indeed right that in all places and spaces we give thanks and praise to you...

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

**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** - ELW # 457 *Waterlife* (all sing)

*Covenant Hymn - Ruth 1:16 Rory Cooney and Gary Daigle)*

ELW # 773 *Precious Lord* (all sing)

## **POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

## **SENDING PRAYER**

## **SENDING ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **\*BLESSING**

**\*SENDING HYMN** *Follow My Way*, Luke 4:16-21 (see insert)

### **\*DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Christ is risen! - **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE** *Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

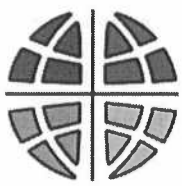
*You are welcome to leave anytime during the postlude or stay to listen.*

*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.**



ELCA

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.

### Prayer Requests:

Our Saviour's Family: Maija, Martha, Betty, Phyllis, Mary, Kevin, Erik, Doug, Linda, Michaela, Jake, Ann, Marty, Pat, and Dorothy.

Our Extended Friends & Family: *For the family of DeMar Sather (former member)* Grant, Joe, Meagan, Melissa, Marrienne, Sally (friend of Kathy DeVinney); Vicki (former Our Saviour's youth director); Richard (neighbor); Pete (brother of Gloria Alvillar) and Kenneth (brother of Kay Ijams)

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



## *This Week at Our Saviour's*

April 21, 2024

Date	Event	Time	Place
Monday 4/22	Staff Meeting	10:00AM	Office
	Bell Ringers	6:30PM	Sanctuary
Tuesday 4/23	Men's Bible Study	6:30PM	AB Café
	Centering Prayer	12:15PM	Chapel
Wednesday 4/24	Roadrunner Assembly	9:00AM	Patio Room
	Bible Study	10:30AM	AB Pocket Room
	LCM Dinner and Worship	6:00PM	Campus House
Thursday 4/25	Choir Rehearsal	6:30PM	AB
Friday 4/26	Campus/Office Closed		
Saturday 4/27			
Sunday 4/28	Sunday Service	9:00AM	Sanctuary
	Sunday Forum	10:30AM	AB
	Sandwich Making	10:30AM	AB Kitchen

Please see online calendar for all events.

### **SUNDAY FORUM SCHEDULE FOR APRIL 2024**

#### **What does it mean to be "church" today?**

The Sunday Forum will explore the origins of the early Christian communities as recorded in the New Testament, coupled with the promise that the church will continue to be sustained and formed by the work of the Holy Spirit. We will use Professor Troftgruben's (Wartburg Theological Seminary – ELCA) book *Rooted and Renewing: Imagining the Church's Future in Light of Its New Testament Origins* (Fortress Press, 2019) as a guide for our discussions according to the following chapters:

April 21: "Being True Siblings in a Divided World"

April 28: "Being a Body in a Stratified Society"

### **Newcomer Sponsors**

On Sunday, May 19 we will welcome new members and friends to our congregation. Would you be interested in sponsoring one of these individuals or families? This would involve a commitment to intentionally connect with the newcomers over the next year as they become more connected with our congregation. This could be as simple as making sure to greet them on Sunday mornings, introduce them to one of your favorite ways of serving in the congregation, or having them over for coffee or a meal. Once connected, you can work together to decide on how you want to connect. Please reach out to Pastor Amalia if you are interested in being a Newcomer Sponsor.

## About Our Worship

### Gathering Time

Lutheran worship follows a general pattern - gathering, word, meal, sending. Lifelong Lutherans may be so used to this pattern you didn't even realize there was one! Those newer to Lutheranism may notice changes from your own past worship experience. Although the songs and words may change from week to week (or season to season), there is a comfort in the familiar and known pattern. The **Gathering Time** is when we recognize the movement of the Holy Spirit gathering the Body of Christ (the "church") together. When we do this well, all are received, and each sees Christ in another. This part of worship begins as soon as we enter our worship space. It can include simple words of welcome, a song, the ancient Kyrie ("Lord have mercy") or another song, a remembrance of baptism through simple words, the rite of **Confession and Forgiveness** or the rite of **Thanksgiving for Baptism**. The gathering time concludes with the ancient greeting ("The grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all") and the Prayer of the Day. **During the season of Easter (which lasts until Pentecost Sunday), we will use the Thanksgiving for Baptism rite instead of Confession and Forgiveness.** This is a time in the church year when we pay special attention to our baptism promises to *live* among God's faithful people; *hear* the word of God and *share* in the Lord's Supper; *proclaim* the good news of God in Christ through word and deed; *serve* all people following the example of Jesus; and *strive* for justice and peace in all the earth.

### Volunteering at Grace St. Paul's

If you are interested in learning more about the ways that you can volunteer at Grace St Paul's feeding and social program ministries, please join Vicar Wendi this coming Wednesday in the parking lot at Our Saviour's at 9 am. We'll journey together to Grace St Paul's, and you'll have an opportunity to shadow the volunteers, and learn about ways we can assist in caring for the needs of our neighbors. We'll complete our time there at 11 am. For any questions, please contact Vicar Wendi at [vicar@lutherantucson.org](mailto:vicar@lutherantucson.org) or call the church office.

### Interfaith Community Services (ICS) Food Drive

ICS welcomes and needs food donations year round. They need to restock the shelves especially during the summer months when children are out of school. Suggested items for donation: canned, packaged and in-date non-perishable items including pasta, peanut butter, jelly, canned meats, rice, beans, cereal, granola bars, children and adult diapers and wipes. For clients who are unhoused, with no kitchen facilities SpaghettiOs, chili, and ravioli in pop-top cans are needed. Please put items in the shopping cart that is on the patio on Sundays.



### **THOSE SERVING SUNDAY (4/21/2024)**

<b>Presiding Minister</b>	Rev. Amalia Vagts
<b>Preaching Minister</b>	Rev. Glenn Schrader
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	John Indermark and Vicar Wendi Van Beek
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Bonnie Phelps and Patty Sirls
<b>Piano</b>	Ron Rude
<b>Offertory</b>	Jordan Fouts, Michael Marty, David Lester, Jack O'Brien, Jeff Laderud, Ron Rude
<b>Cantor</b>	Jordan Fouts
<b>Acolyte</b>	David Lester
<b>Usher</b>	Kathy DeVinney and Pam Hardman
<b>Greeter</b>	Patty Sirls
<b>Coffee Host</b>	David Lester
<b>Treats</b>	Wendi Van Beek

### **THOSE SERVING SUNDAY (4/21/2024)**

<b>Presiding Minister</b>	Rev. Amalia Vagts
<b>Preaching Minister</b>	Rev. Rebecca Boardman
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Linda Zizka and Vicar Wendi Van Beek
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Bonnie Phelps and Ted Adams
<b>Piano</b>	Gréta Pásztor
<b>Offertory</b>	Chancel Choir
<b>Cantor</b>	Nilu Dorschner
<b>Acolyte</b>	Ted Adams
<b>Usher</b>	Lauretta Olson and Diane Siefkes
<b>Greeter</b>	Jeanne Gacke
<b>Coffee Host</b>	Gloria Alvillar and Ted Earle
<b>Treats</b>	Nancy Rude

### **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.



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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**

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# Surely Goodness and Mercy

Psalm 23

Richard Bruxvoort Colligan

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G Em7 A D Em7 G Bm7 A sus4 A

Sure - ly good - ness and mer - cy shall fol - low me all my life —

G D/F# Em7 D/F# G A sus4 A

## HYMN OF THE DAY

## RAIN DOWN

Jaime Cortez

Refrain

Rain down, rain down, rain down your

love on your world love, God of life.

Verses

1. Faith - ful and true is the way of our God. All of God's  
 2. All who em - brace and find hope in our God cher - ish the  
 3. All of cre - a - tion, sings praise to God deep in the

1. works are so wor - thy of trust. Mer - cy and life - giv - ing  
 2. kind - ness and joy of God's wing. Such love goes with us in  
 3. wa - ter of life there is peace. . . . .

1. grace fills the land full of God's love thru the earth.  
 2. dark - ness and day God will not leave us a - lone  
 3. song ris - es nigh trust - ing a hope that is true.

## SENDING HYMN

### *Follow My Way (Luke 4:16–21)*

(Tune: I'll Fly Away, Words: R.R.)

Jesus toils to break the captive free, follow my way  
Opens eyes inviting all to see, follow my way  
    Follow my way all people, follow my way  
Jesus toils to set the captive free, follow my way . . .

See the Shepherd gathers 'round the poor, follow my way  
Paves new pathways cracking op'n the door, follow my way  
    Follow my way all people, follow my way  
See the Shepherd gathers 'round the poor, follow my way . . .

Jesus weeps at human disarray, follow my way  
Bids amendment makes a better day, follow my way  
    Follow my way all people, follow my way  
Jesus weeps at human disarray, follow my way . . .

All Creation favored by the Lord, follow my way  
Flora, fauna, ocean life and more, follow my way  
    *[Follow my way all creatures, follow my way*  
    *All Creation favored by the Lord, follow my way. 2xs]*