

OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

SUNDAY WORSHIP



April 28, 2024

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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 - *Jesus, Draw Me Ever Nearer* - Arr. by Carol Tornquist

Please use this time to prepare for worship.

HOLY BAPTISM

Family, sponsors, and children gather around the font.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love... and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Sponsor: We present Beau Richard Burdges for baptism.

Pastor: Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Beau Richard baptized into Christ?

Parents: We do.

As you bring your child to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with Beau among God's faithful people,
bring Beau to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach Beau the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in Beau's hands the holy scriptures,
and nurture Beau in faith and prayer,
so that Beau may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made,
and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help Beau grow in the Christian faith and life?

Parents: We do.

People of God, do you promise to support Beau, praying for Beau's new life in Christ?

Congregation: **We do.**

**Congregation stands.*

Pastor: Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: We renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

Blessed are you, holy God...through our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Beau Richard, you are baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your children new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Beau with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Beau Richard, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Amen.

WELCOME

Representative: Jesus said, I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will have the light of life.

Let us welcome the newly baptized...

We welcome you into the body of Christ. The world and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

GATHERING HYMN - ELW #167 - *Now the Feast and Celebration

***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 8:26-40

Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 22:25-31 - *Found in the front half of the ELW hymnal.*
Congregation sings the even-numbered verses.

SECOND READING: 1 John 4:7-21

Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Congregation:

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia!

Repeat optional

***GOSPEL**

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

John 15:1-8

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

SERMON

Rev. Rebecca Boardman

HYMN OF THE DAY- ELW #447 - *O Blessed Spring*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

After each petition of the prayers:

Merciful God, **Receive our prayer.**

Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior, **Amen.**

*EXCHANGE OF PEACE

OFFERING & OFFERING ANTHEM - *In Love, Christ Came Among Us* -

Arr. by Joseph M. Martin - Chancel Choir

*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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that at all times and in all places...

...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 HYMNS- *Lamb of God*

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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.

ELW# 452 - *Awake, O Sleeper, Rise From Death*

ELW# 397 - *Loving Spirit*

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

SENDING PRAYER

SENDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

***BLESSING**

***SENDING HYMN** - ELW#453 - *Baptized and Set Free*

***DISMISSAL**

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

POSTLUDE - *O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go* Arr. By Mark Hayes

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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This Week at Our Saviour's

April 28, 2024

Date	Event	Time	Place
Monday 4/29	Staff Meeting	10:00AM	Office
	Bell Ringers	6:30PM	Sanctuary
Tuesday 4/30	Men's Bible Study	6:30PM	AB Café
	Centering Prayer	12:15PM	Chapel
Wednesday 5/1	Bible Study	10:30AM	AB Pocket Room
	LCM Dinner and Worship	6:00PM	Campus House
Thursday 5/2	Choir Rehearsal	6:30PM	Sanctuary
Friday 5/3	Campus/Office Closed		
Saturday 5/4			
Sunday 5/5	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?
Today - "Being a Body in a Stratified Society"**



The Sunday Forum has been exploring the question "What does it mean to be 'church' today?" using the book *Rooted and Renewing: Imaging the Church's Future in Light of Its New Testament Origins* [Fortress Press, 2019] by Prof. Troy Troftgruben of Wartburg Theological Seminary. Today, he will join us at 10:30 am via Zoom to answer general questions about the book and to lead us in exploring the unity of the church as presented in the chapter entitled "Being a Body in a Stratified World". As Prof. Troftgruben states: "This unity depends less on our energized efforts than on our willingness to be open and vulnerable to the things God is doing among us." You do not need to have participated in prior sessions to participate today or in the future forums. Please feel free to join us in the Activity Building for a lively discussion on this topic

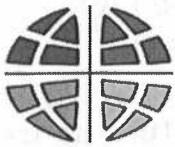
May 5: "Practicing the Things that Matter"

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.

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.

Today's Baptism

This morning, we welcome Beau Richard Burdges through the sacrament of Baptism. Lutheran theologian Daniel Erlander summarizes Lutheran teaching on baptism this way: The church is for all, and therefore the entry rite of baptism is for all, a sign of God's gracious and unconditional love. With ordinary water and God's extraordinary promise of death to all that separates us from God and new life in Christ, we are given a new way of life, the way of Jesus. Please talk with Pastor Amalia if you are interested in learning more about baptism.

Beau is the child of Katie and Kyle Burdges, the grandchild of Andrew and Larry Kent and Dave and Ellen Burdges. Beau's baptismal sponsors are Alison Olcott and Todd Bartfalvi. We welcome Beau Richard, the newest member of Our Saviour's and Christ's family!

Today's Preacher - Rev. Rebecca Boardman

Pastor Rebecca serves as the Pastor & Director of Lutheran Campus Ministry (University of Arizona). She grew up in Plano, TX, and graduated from Valparaiso University & the Lutheran School of Chicago at Chicago. After serving a large parish in Denver, CO, served in campus ministry in the St. Louis area (primarily with Washington University in St. Louis & St. Louis University), before being called to Tucson.

THOSE SERVING SUNDAY (4/28/2024)

Presiding Minister Rev. Amalia Vagts
Preaching Minister Rev. Rebecca Boardman
Assisting Minister Linda Zizka and

Communion Assistants Vicar Wendi Van Beek
Bonnie Phelps and
Ted Adams

Piano Gréta Pásztor
Offertory Chancel Choir, Devin
Gardner

Cantor Nilu Dorschner
Acolyte Ted Adams

Usher Kris Sanchez and
Diane Siefkes

Greeter Jeanne Gacke
Coffee Host Gloria Alvillar and Ted
Earle

Treats Nancy Rude

THOSE SERVING SUNDAY 5/5/2024)

Presiding Minister Rev. Amalia Vagts
Assisting Minister John Indermark and
Vicar Wendi Van Beek

Communion Assistants Bonnie Phelps and
Nilu Dorschner
Piano Gréta Pásztor
Music Bell Choir, Chancel Choir, Devin
Gardner, Siyuan Zhang, Cassidy
Smith, Dianne Chua, Ane-
su Samuel Masango, Divi Asher

Cantor Nilu Dorschner
Acolyte Elizabeth Jamison

Usher Elizabeth Jamison and
Jeanne Gacke

Greeter Gloria Schmidt
Coffee Host Ellie Johnson

Treats Gerry Meyer

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

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

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