

OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

SUNDAY WORSHIP



March 17, 2024

Fifth Sunday in Lent

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 - *He Knows My Name* - Arr. by Carol Tornquist

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 † Jesus Christ.
Amen.

***GATHERING HYMN** - ELW #185 - *Create in Me a Clean Heart*

***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: Jeremiah 31:31-34

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

PSALM 119:9-16

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***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

S103

Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.

Save us as you prom-ised; we will trust your word.

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

***GOSPEL: John 12:20-33**

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY- ELW #330 - *Seed That in Earth Is Dying*

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 - *Nearer Still Nearer*

by Craig Courtney- 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. 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# 327 - *Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow*
ELW#324- *In the Cross of Christ I Glory*

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#328- *Restore In Us, O God*

*DISMISSAL

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

·**POSTLUDE** -*Largo* - by G. F. Handel

*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: 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 Marrienne. 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.



Flowers for Easter Sunday Services \$15/plant - assorted plants

Please see the yellow slip in your bulletin. Deadline is Monday March 18.



This Week at Our Saviour's

March 17, 2024

| Date | Event | Time | Place |
|----------------|----------------------|---------|----------------|
| Monday 3/18 | Staff Meeting | 10:00AM | Office |
| | Bell Ringers | 6:30PM | Sanctuary |
| Tuesday 3/19 | Men's Bible Study | 6:30PM | AB Café |
| | Quilters | 9:00AM | AB |
| Wednesday 3/20 | Bible Study | 10:30AM | AB Pocket Room |
| | Lent Service | 12:00PM | Koch |
| | Lent Learning | 12:45PM | Koch |
| | Lent Service | 6:00PM | Koch |
| Thursday 3/21 | Choir Rehearsal | 6:30PM | AB |
| Friday 3/22 | Campus/Office Closed | | |
| Saturday 3/23 | | | |
| Sunday 3/24 | Palm Sunday | 9:00AM | Sanctuary |
| | Sunday Forum | 10:30AM | AB |
| | Sandwich Making | 10:30AM | AB Kitchen |

Please see online calendar for all events.



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 to 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 those who are persecuted..."

Wednesday: after the Noon Lunch "Blessed are you when people revile you..."

LENT + HOLY WEEK

SERVICES

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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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 pop-top cans would be helpful. Please put donations in the shopping cart that is on the patio on Sundays.

THOSE SERVING SUNDAY (3/17/2024)

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| Presiding Minister | Rev. Amalia Vagts |
| Assisting Minister | Scott Koenig |
| Communion Assistants | Bonnie Phelps and Nilu Dorschner |
| Piano | Gréta Pásztor |
| Offertory | Chancel Choir |
| Cantor | Jennifer Strand |
| Acolyte | Bonnie Phelps |
| Usher | Pat Bonura and Patty Sirls |
| Greeter | Fred and Donna Hudson |
| Coffee Host | Kris Sanchez |
| Treats | Olga Ryan |

THOSE SERVING SUNDAY (3/24/2024)

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| Presiding Minister | Rev. Amalia Vagts |
| Preaching Minister | Rev. Glenn Schrader |
| Assisting Minister | John Indemark and Vicar Wendi Van Beek |
| Communion Assistants | Bonnie Phelps and Pam Hardman |
| Piano | Gréta Pásztor |
| Music | Bell Choir |
| Offertory | Aysen Millioğulları and Nilu Dorschner |
| Cantor | Aysen Millioğulları |
| Acolyte | Olga Ryan |
| Usher | Jennifer Strand and Lauretta Olson |
| Greeter | Olga Ryan |
| Coffee Host | Ellie Johnson |
| Treats | Mary Pflibseb |

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.

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