

# OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

# **EASTER SUNDAY**

**MARCH 31, 2024**

*\*An asterisk indicates the congregation should stand as you are able.*

*Congregation's speaking and singing parts are in bold font.*



## WELCOME

**PRELUDE** - *The Risen Christ* Arr. by Carol Tornquist

Gréta Pásztor

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Mary Magdalene and Mary and Salome bought spices to anoint you.

**When the sun had risen, they went to the tomb.**

They had been saying to one another,

**"Who will roll away the stone?"**

They were looking for you. But you were not there. You were already on the way, just as you told us.

**Go, tell.**

Go, Tell, with fear and amazement.

**Go, Tell what you have seen and heard!**

## \*CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

God of new life...

We need Easter like the earth needs water.

**You give us unending love**, we turn it into a commodity.

**You give us mystery**, we force it into certainty.

**You give us community**, we set rules about who is in and who is out.

**You give us grace**, we hold grudges against our neighbors.

**You give us light**, we ration it out to those we believe deserve it.

**God of grace**, forgive us for our shortcomings.

**Dwell among us like rain in the desert—holy and unexpected and abundant—until new life grows here.**

On this Easter day, hear and believe the good news of the gospel:

Your sins are forgiven. You are known and loved by God with unimaginable grace.

**I am forgiven. You are forgiven. Thanks be to God.**

**\*GATHERING HYMN** - *Now the Feast and Celebration* (next page) **9:00AM**

## Now the Feast and Celebration



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.



2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of



God; to make all things new.

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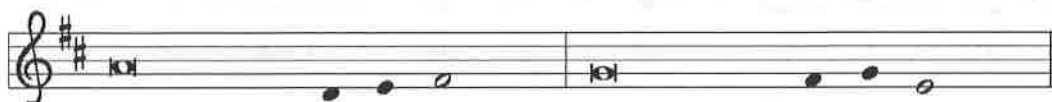
**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**FIRST READING: Acts 10:34-43**

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

**PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24**

**9:00AM**



- <sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the LORD, for the | LORD is good;  
God's mercy en- | dures forever.
- <sup>2</sup>**Let Israel | now declare,**  
**"God's mercy en- | dures forever."**
- <sup>14</sup>The LORD is my strength | and my song,  
and has become | my salvation.
- <sup>15</sup>**Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents | of the righteous:**  
**"The right hand of the | LORD acts valiantly!**
- <sup>16</sup>The right hand of the LORD | is exalted!  
The right hand of the | LORD acts valiantly!"
- <sup>17</sup>**I shall not | die, but live,**  
**and declare the works | of the LORD.**
- <sup>18</sup>The LORD indeed pun- | ished me sorely,  
but did not hand me o- | ver to death.
- <sup>19</sup>**Open for me the | gates of righteousness;**  
**I will enter them and give thanks | to the LORD.**
- <sup>20</sup>"This is the gate | of the LORD;  
here the righ- | teous may enter."
- <sup>21</sup>**I give thanks to you, for you have | answered me**  
**and you have become | my salvation.**
- <sup>22</sup>The stone that the build- | ers rejected  
has become the chief | cornerstone.
- <sup>23</sup>**By the LORD has | this been done;**  
**it is marvelous | in our eyes.**
- <sup>24</sup>This is the day that the | LORD has made;  
let us rejoice and be | glad in it.

## SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

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

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

9:00AM

*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 Mark  
Glory to you, O God.

## Mark 16:1-8

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

## SERMON

*Silence for reflection*

**HYMN OF THE DAY** - ACS #933 *Day of Delight and Beauty Unbounded* (next page)

# DAY OF DELIGHT

Delores Dufner, OSB

IN DIR IST FREUDE  
Giovanni Giacomo Gastoldi, c.1554-1609

## Refrain



Day of de - light and beau - ty un - bound - ed,  
Day of all won - der, day of all splen - dor,



tell the news, the gos - pel spread!  
praise Christ ris - en from the dead!

## Verses



1. Sing of the sun from dark - ness ap - pear - ing;  
Sing of the stream from Je - sus' side flow - ing;  
2. Sing now of mourn - ing turned in - to danc - ing;  
Sing now of fast - ing turned in - to feast - ing;



sing of the seed from bar - ren earth green - ing;  
sing of the saints in wa - ter made ho - ly;  
sing now the mys - t'ry, hope of our glo - ry;  
sing the Lord's fa - vor last - ing for - ev - er;



sing of cre - a - tion, al - le - lu - ia!  
sing of sal - va - tion, al - le - lu - ia!  
sing with thanks - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!  
sing, all things liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**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.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*After each petition of the prayers:*

Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer**

We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified. **Amen.**

## **\*EXCHANGE OF PEACE**

*Please be seated.*

**OFFERING SONG** - *Majesty* arr. by Jack Schrader -OSLC Chancel Choir **9:00AM**

## **\*OFFERING PRAYER**

## **\*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Holy One be with you

**And also with you**

Open your hearts to the One who is Love

**We open our hearts to you, O God**

Let us give thanks to God, who gives us courage

**To the One who calls us to life and love we give thanks and praise**

The same spirit of courage that kept Jesus proclaiming love even in the face of death lives in us...

...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 are welcome here, without exception. 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*



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 361 *The Day of Resurrection!*

**9:00AM**

ELW 368 *With High Delight Let Us Unite*

ELW 369 *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!*

## **POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Gracious God,  
in you we live and move and have our being.  
With your word and this meal of grace,  
you have nourished our life together.  
Strengthen us to show your love  
and serve the world in Jesus' name.  
**Amen.**

### **\*BLESSING**

God of all,  
who raised + Jesus from the dead,  
bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit  
to live in the new creation.  
**Amen.**

**\*SENDING HYMN** - ELW 365 *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

### **\*DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### **POSTLUDE**

*Because He Lives* arr. by Mark Hayes - Chancel Choir

*You are welcome to leave anytime during the postlude or stay to listen. Please use this time in whatever way is most worshipful for you.*

*Please join us for coffee and treats on the patio following our 9:00AM worship.*

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# Welcome to Our Saviour's

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



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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.

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## Upcoming Sunday Forums

*Today:* No Adult Forum for Easter Sunday

*April 7:* "Walking in the Footsteps of Paul" with Pastor Amalia and David highlighting their January 2024 trip to early church sites in Turkey and Greece

### **Prayer Requests:**



Our Saviour's Family: Betty, Phyllis, Mary, Kevin, Erik, Doug, Nicole, Thomas, Linda, Michaela, Jake, Ann, Marty, Pat, 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) Kenneth (brother of Kay Ijams).

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

## Today's Guest Musicians

9:00AM



Alison Wahl's work as a vocalist, composer, and songwriter spans many genres and seeks to center authentic human presence. Equally at home in the studio and on the operatic and oratorio stage, Alison was praised by the Chicago Tribune for her "appealing," "bright, vibrant soprano." She has appeared as a soloist with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, the Milwaukee Symphony, the Boston Pops, and the Rochester Philharmonic. Alison was a 2015 vocal fellow at the Tanglewood Music Center and a 2012 young artist at the Steans Music Institute at the Ravinia Festival.



Singer-composer Dianne Aiza Chua from West Texas is an international recording artist who is dedicated to praising God through the gift of music. As a three-year-old child, she developed a beautiful stage presence that has captivated audiences. She has toured the United States as a soloist and choir member during several Seventh-Day Adventist General Conferences. Her 2012 release *Flower In the Rain* is a highlight work that brings hope and peace to the world in these perilous last days. She continues to lead and inspire others through playing and teaching piano, guitar, and ukulele to eager students. She is a full-time mother to two children and a part-time American Sign Language Interpreter now living in Tucson, Arizona.



Dr. Anesu Samuel Masango, M.D, is a devout Christian who loves singing, preaching, teaching, and is involved in children and youth ministries.

He was born and raised in Zimbabwe in a family of 4 (first born) and went to do his medical training in Ukraine where he concluded his studies in 2020.

It was during his time in Ukraine where he did most of his singing in church, concerts, weddings, and was also featured on Hope Channel on occasion.

Currently, he is a third-year doctoral student in Clinical Translational Sciences at the University of Arizona in Tucson.



Dr. Justin Chua has lived in Tucson, AZ since 2010 upon attending the University of Arizona. He has had a passion for music since childhood where he studied piano and violin at a young age. He has served in his local church congregation's music ministry praising God throughout the years. He is beyond thrilled for the invitation to sing with the Our Saviour's Lutheran Church Choir this year.



Siyuan Zhang is a Chinese pianist, recently pursuing a Doctoral degree in Piano Performance at the University of Arizona, under the supervision of Dr. Fanya Lin. He was initially a student in physics and western art music studies during his bachelor's degree at the University of California, Santa Barbara, while he later turned his full concentration to piano performance after recognizing the vast possibility and power of human imagination and humans as a unity. Other than studying at the U of A, he attended the 2021 Chautauqua Piano Program where he studied and interacted with several world-class pianists. At the U of A, he was the finalist in the annual Lois Trester Piano Competition two times and was the winner in the 2022's competition.

### **THOSE SERVING SUNDAY (3/31/2024)**

<b>Presiding Ministers</b>	Rev. Glenn Schrader and Rev. Amalia Vagts
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Melanie Bowman (7:15AM) Linda Zizka (9:00AM) and Vicar Wendi Van Beek
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Bonnie Phelps and Patty Sirls
<b>Piano Music</b>	Gréta Pásztor Chancel Choir
<b>Guest Musicians</b>	Alison Wahl, Dianne Chua, Anesu Samuel Masango, Justin Chua, Siyuan Zhang
<b>Cantor</b>	Nilu Dorschner
<b>Acolyte</b>	Bonnie Phelps
<b>Usher</b>	Fred and Donna Hudson (7:15 AM) Diane Siefkes and Jeanne Gacke (9:00 AM)
<b>Greeter</b>	Bob and Maija Downing
<b>Coffee Host</b>	Fred and Donna Hudson
<b>Treats</b>	Melissa Wyatt

### **THOSE SERVING SUNDAY (4/7/2024)**

<b>Presiding Minister</b>	Rev. Amalia Vagts
<b>Preaching Minister</b>	Vicar Wendi Van Beek
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Ted Adams and Vicar Wendi Van Beek
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Bonnie Phelps and Kathy DeVinney
<b>Piano Music</b>	Gréta Pásztor Aysen Milliouguri
<b>Cantor</b>	Jennifer Strand
<b>Acolyte</b>	Ted Adams
<b>Usher</b>	Angie Grandison and Jennifer Strand
<b>Greeter</b>	Gloria Schmidt
<b>Coffee Host</b>	Ron and Nancy Rude
<b>Treats</b>	Mary Lou Forier and John Wahl

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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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