

# OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

# SUNDAY WORSHIP



**November 19, 2023**

**Pentecost 25**

*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.*

**PRELUDE** - Procession by Hal H. Hopson

*Please use this time to prepare for worship.*

**WELCOME**

**\*GATHERING HYMN** - ELW #688- *Lord of Light*

**\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

Blessed be the Holy Trinity † One God, in whose image you are made,  
who claims you and calls you beloved **Amen.**

*Silence is kept for reflection*

Holy One,

**we confess that we are not awake for you. We are not faithful in using your gifts.  
We forget the least of our siblings. We do not see your beautiful image in one  
another. We are infected by sin that divides your beloved community.  
Open our hearts to you, open our eyes to see you in our neighbor,  
open our hands to serve your creation.**

We are God's children, and Jesus opens the door to us.

Through † Jesus you are forgiven, welcomed, called to rejoice!

Live in the promises prepared from the foundation of the world.

**Amen.**

**\*KYRIE** - *See Insert*

**\*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: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18** (pg. 874)

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

**SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11** (pg. 205 New Testament)

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

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** - *See Insert*

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

**\*GOSPEL: Matthew 25:1-13** (pg. 28 New Testament)

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

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**- ELW#707 - *Lord of Glory, You Have Brought Us*

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*After each petition of the prayers:*

God in your mercy, **Receive our prayer.**  
Receive our prayers and answer us, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

**\*EXCHANGE OF PEACE**

**OFFERING & OFFERING ANTHEM** - *Holy Highway* -by Ernie Haase and Gaither Vocal Band

**\*OFFERING PRAYER**

**\*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord**

Indeed, it is right to give our thanks and praise in all ways and all places...

...and we call you holy, holy, holy...

**\*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY** - *See Insert*

Together we pray Our Creator, Our Parent...

**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.**

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*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**

Jesus invites you to the table. Come, eat and live.

**COMMUNION HYMN** - *Pg. 208 - Lamb of God*

*ELW#674 - Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

*ELW#695 - All Saints of Old*

## **POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

**SENDING PRAYER** (said in unison)

**O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils and joys unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

## **SENDING ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **\*BLESSING**

The God of all creation, who claims you and calls you beloved, who strengthens you for service, gives you reason to rejoice and be glad! The blessing of God, Sovereign, † Savior, and Spirit, be with you now and always. **Amen.**

**\*SENDING HYMN** - *ELW #870 - We Praise You, O God*

### **\*DISMISSAL**

Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE** - *Introit and Recessional* - by Donald Allured

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

## Welcome to Our Saviour's



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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### Prayer Requests:



Our Saviour's Family: Betty, Phyllis, Mary, Kevin, Erik, Doug, Nicole, Thomas, and Linda

Our Extended Friends & Family: Dale and Diane (friends of Kay Ijams); Megan (niece of Chris & Theda Doak); Melissa and Marianna (friends of Chris & Theda Doak); 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*

November 19, 2023

Date	Event	Time	Place
Monday 11/20	Staff Meeting	10:00AM	Office
	Handbells	6:30PM	Sanctuary
Tuesday 11/21	Men's Bible Study	6:30PM	AB Café
	Dwelling in the Word	12:15PM	Chapel
Wednesday 11/22	Bible Study	10:30AM	AB Pocket Room
	LCM Dinner and Worship	6:00PM	LCM House
Thursday 11/23	Campus/Office Closed		
Friday 11/24	Campus/Office Closed		
Saturday 11/25			
Sunday 11/26	Worship 9:00AM	9:00AM	Sanctuary
	Sunday Learning	10:30AM	AB Café
	Sandwich Making	10:30AM	AB Kitchen

Please see online calendar for all events.

### **Today at Our Saviour's Sunday Learning 10:30AM - AB**

Nov 19 - Celebration Sunday - Generosity Team

### **Welcoming God's People Saturday December 2 9AM - 12PM**

All members and visitors are encouraged to attend this workshop about how to respond well to people seeking resources from our congregation. We will be primarily learning about responding to those who are unhoused or seeking help with housing, food, or other basic needs. Pastor Sarah Stadler, who brings great wisdom, experience, and compassion to this conversation will lead the workshop. We will explore and grow our capacity to have difficult conversations and respond to others with compassion and clarity. Please email [oslc@lutherantucson.org](mailto:oslc@lutherantucson.org) if you plan to attend. Paid for by our "Full of Heart in the Heart of it All" grant from the Grand Canyon Synod.

## Next Week's Sunday Learning 10:30AM

Nov 26 - Social Time

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### Sunday Sandwich Spectacular

Three days a week, hungry people in our neighborhood are fed at the welcome center at Grace St. Paul Episcopal Church (five blocks from here). We help make sandwiches for their Monday program. You can help by giving about 45 minutes of your time after worship each Sunday to work alongside others from Our Saviour's. Join us today if you can! Talk to Vicar Wendi about how to get involved or sign-up at [vicar@lutherantucson.org](mailto:vicar@lutherantucson.org).

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### ICS Holiday Food Drive

November to December 31



The ICS Food Bank gratefully accepts prepackaged, canned, non-perishable and in-date items: peanut butter, canned meats, cranberry sauce, pasta, rice, beans, pasta sauce, turkey stuffing mix, mac and cheese, boxed cake and baking mix. Please put items in the shopping cart that is on the patio on Sundays.

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### TIHAN Holiday Gift Drive



It's the time for giving! Please help our TIHAN Care Partners living with HIV to have happier holidays. We are collecting new, unwrapped, unused gifts with values of \$15-\$25 that would be useful for men over 50, as well as \$25 gift cards to Walmart, Target or Fry's. Gift suggestions include practical household items. Please stop by the patio table for more information or to drop off your gifts through Sunday, Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>. For questions, contact Mary Pflibsen at [marypflib@hotmail.com](mailto:marypflib@hotmail.com). Thank you for caring!

### THOSE SERVING TODAY (11/19/23)

<b>Presiding Ministers</b>	Rev. Amalia Vagts and Rev. Glenn Schrader
<b>Assisting Ministers</b>	Jennifer Strand and Vicar Wendi Van Beek
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Linda Zizka and Bonnie Phelps
<b>Pianist</b>	Gréta Pásztor
<b>Musicians</b>	Bell Choir, Dianne Chua, Gréta Pásztor, Anesu Samuel Masango, Jared Peterson
<b>Cantor</b>	Anesu Samuel Masango
<b>Acolyte</b>	Jennifer Strand
<b>Ushers</b>	David Lester and Melanie Bowman
<b>Greeters</b>	Bob and Maija Downing
<b>Coffee Host</b>	Fred and Donna Hudson
<b>Treats</b>	Generosity Committee

### THOSE SERVING SUNDAY (11/26/23)

<b>Presiding Minister</b>	Rev. Glenn Schrader
<b>Preacher</b>	Vicar Wendi Van Beek
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Ted Adams
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Bill DeVinney and Bonnie Phelps
<b>Pianist</b>	Gréta Pásztor
<b>Musicians</b>	Chancel Choir, Anna Murphy (Flute), Jocir Macedo, (Piano)
<b>Cantor</b>	Jennifer Strand
<b>Acolyte</b>	Ginny Phillips
<b>Ushers</b>	Ginny Phillips and Ann DeVinney
<b>Greeters</b>	Sophia Rankin
<b>Coffee Host</b>	Catalina Rankin
<b>Treats</b>	Bob and Maija Downing

### 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 Learning

### Office Hours

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

### Ministry Team

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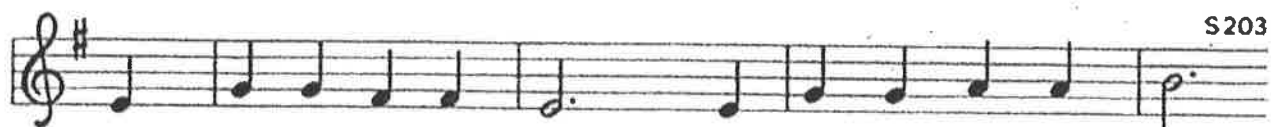
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## \*KYRIE



S203

- 1 Have mer-cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol-emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer-cy on us, Christ, and wash a-way our sin.
- 3 Have mer-cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de-part.



We come to hear your liv-ing word; it saves us from de-spair.  
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be-gin.  
Re-new us with your sav-ing pow'r; cre-ate in us new hearts!

## \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

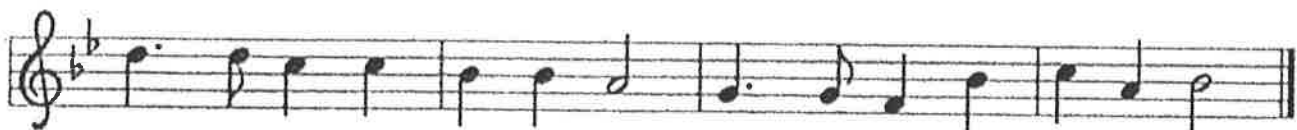


S205a

Al-le-lu-ia! Lord and Sav-ior: o-pen now your sav-ing word.



Let it burn like fire with-in us; speak un-til our hearts are stirred.



Al-le-lu-ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

**\*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY** - pg. 207 - *Holy, Holy, Holy*

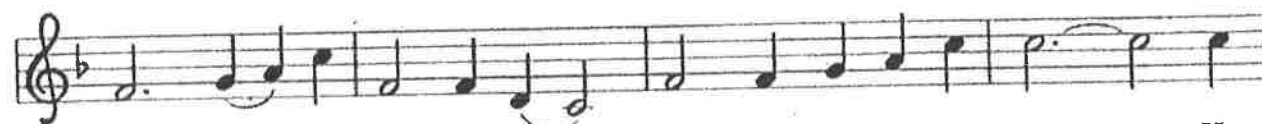
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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

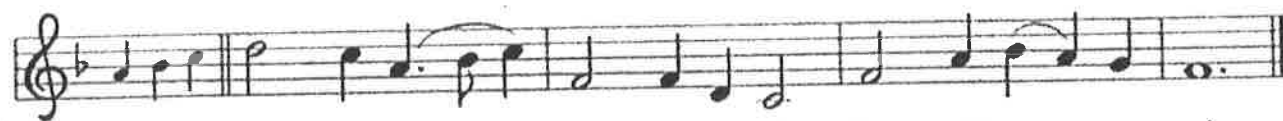


Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

**Presiding Minister** - Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.



Christ has died. Christ is ris-en. Christ will come a - gain.

**Presiding Minister** - Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, and unite the wills of all who share this meal, the living body and life blood of Jesus Christ, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

**Amen.**



A - men, a - men, a - men.