

OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

SUNDAY WORSHIP



December 31, 2023

Christmas 1

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 - *The Gift* by Anthony Burger
Please use this time to prepare for worship.

WELCOME

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the Word made flesh, our life and our salvation.
Amen.

Trusting the goodness and lovingkindness of God our Savior,
let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection

God of Life,

you promise good news of great joy for all people, and call us to be messengers of your peace. We confess that too often we hoard our joy, our resources, and our security. We nurture conflict and build barriers. We neglect the needs of our neighbors and ignore the groaning of creation. Have mercy on us.

Where we are self-centered, open our hearts. Where we are reluctant, give us courage. Where we are cynical, restore our trust. Renew us with your grace and give us again the hope of eternal life in you.

Amen.

Hear the good news: We are children of God and heirs of God's promises through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. In † Jesus you are forgiven and redeemed.

Sing with joy, for all the ends of the earth shall know the salvation of God.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN -ELW#723 - *Canticle of the Turning

***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**

Psalm 148 (The congregation will read the even numbered verses.)

SECOND READING: Ecclesiastes 3:1-13

We will hear this reading three different times from three different voices, with silence for reflection in between readings.

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

- a time to be born, and a time to die;
- a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;
- a time to kill, and a time to heal;
- a time to break down, and a time to build up;
- a time to weep, and a time to laugh;
- a time to mourn, and a time to dance;
- a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;
- a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;
- a time to seek, and a time to lose;
- a time to keep, and a time to throw away;
- a time to tear, and a time to sew;
- a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
- a time to love, and a time to hate;
- a time for war, and a time for peace.

What gain the workers have from their toil? I have seen the business that God has given to everyone to be busy with. God has made everything suitable for its time; moreover God has put a sense of past and future into their minds, yet they cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end. I know that there is nothing better for them than to be happy and enjoy themselves as long as they live; moreover, it is God's gift that all should eat and drink and take pleasure in all their toil.

Word of God, word of life
Thanks be to God

HYMN OF THE DAY- ELW#861 - *When Long Before Time*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

After each petition of the prayers:

Merciful God, **Receive our prayer.**

Listen to these and all our prayers, O God of hosts, and restore us with your great and everlasting mercy. **Amen.**

***EXCHANGE OF PEACE**

OFFERING & OFFERING ANTHEM - *Redeemed, How I Love to Proclaim It*
Arr. Mark Hayes

***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.

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 Creator and Parent, let us pray as Jesus teaches us:

**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

In this meal, righteousness and peace meet together. Come, take your place at the table.

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 MUSIC

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**

God is the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end.
God grant you grace and peace at the dawn of this new year

**All flesh is grass, but the word of God remains forever.
God who is eternal keep us in hope of the resurrection.**

The past, the present, and future rest in God's hands. God guard your coming in and your going forth, this new year and forevermore. Almighty God, Creator + Saviour, and Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

***SENDING SONG** - ELW#287 - *Let All Together Praise Our God* (v 1,3,5,6)

***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Christ is with you.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE - *When in Our Music God is Glorified* Arr. Mark Hayes

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

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Prayer Requests:



Our Saviour's Family: Betty, Phyllis, Mary, Kevin, Erik, Doug, Nicole, Thomas, Linda and Micaela, Sarah and Pastor Martha.

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.

Welcome to Our Saviour's

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



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.

Pastor Amalia and David - Study Trip to Greece, January 3-14

A note from Pastor Amalia - Many of you know that David and I had been planning to travel to the Holy Land in January 2024. The tour group made the decision this fall to cancel the trip and offered an alternate trip for the same dates and cost. The alternate trip is "Following in the Footsteps of Paul" and includes cities and villages in Greece and Turkey. We decided to take the opportunity to visit and learn about these early first century communities. The trip leaders include Dr. Michael Chan (Luther Seminary), Rev. Chris Enstad (ELCA Pastor), and Rev. Jenny Sung (ELCA Pastor). This trip is for pastors (and spouses/partners), with the hope that we may someday bring a group from our congregation on a similar trip. The funding for the trip is from a Grand Canyon Synod International Travel Scholarship that I was awarded earlier this year. We look forward to this incredible experience and the new perspectives and knowledge we will bring back to share with you. Pastor Glenn will lead worship and provide pastoral coverage while I'm away.

~Pastor Amalia

Lutheran Day at the Legislature

Lutherans and friends of Lutherans from across the state will gather at the Arizona Capitol in Wesley Bolin Plaza for a day of advocacy on Thursday, January 18, 2024 from 9:30 am - 1:30 pm to learn, to witness, and voice our common needs in the public square, activating our faith in love.

Please email me for more information: vicar@lutherantucson.org ~ Vicar Wendi



This Week at Our Saviour's

December 31, 2023

Date	Event	Time	Place
Monday 1/1	Office Closed - Happy New Year		
Tuesday 1/2	Men's Bible Study	6:30AM	AB
Tuesday 1/2	Staff Meeting	10:00AM	Office
Tuesday 1/2	Centering Prayer	12:15PM	Chapel
Tuesday 1/2	Grief Ministry	1:00PM	Patio Room
Wednesday 1/3	Roadrunner Assembly	9:00AM	Patio Room
Wednesday 1/3	Bible Study	10:30AM	AB Pocket Room
Wednesday 1/3	Youth	5:30	Youth House
Thursday 1/4	Chancel Choir	6:30PM	AB
Friday 1/5	Office Closed		
Saturday 1/6			
Sunday 1/7	Worship	9:00AM	Sanctuary
Sunday 1/7	Sunday Forum	10:30AM	AB
Sunday 1/7	Sandwich Making	10:30AM	AB Kitchen

Please see online calendar for all events.

Calling All OSLC Talent

Do you sing, play an instrument, dance, juggle, tell jokes? Whatever your talent, would you be willing to share your gifts to support one of our mission outreach efforts?

Our Saviour's will be holding the 5th Talent Show to Benefit TIHAN (Tucson Interfaith HIV AIDS Network) on Sunday February 25, 2024 from 3 pm to 5 pm and we're looking for a few performers. In addition to the live show, there would be one or two rehearsals, on February 3rd and 10th from 10:00 am to 11:30 am, so the time commitment will be limited. If you like to entertain, please call Ms. Ellie at 520-270-9478 for more information and to sign up. If you've been hiding your talent light under a basket, now would be a perfect time to place it on a stand and give light to all the house.

For all of those in the audience, keep an eye out for more information on ticket sales in upcoming weekly bulletins.

Sunday Forum

January 7

What is "Faith Formation"

Join Pastor Glenn for a discussion of how we can recognize that our faith is being formed by the work of the Holy Spirit. Service in ministry will be highlighted.

THOSE SERVING TODAY (12/31/23)

Presiding Minister	Rev. Amalia Vagts
Assisting Minister	Pam Hardman and Vicar Wendi Van Beek
Communion Assistants	Olga Ryan and Bonnie Phelps
Keyboardist	Gréta Pásztor
Cantor	Jennifer Strand
Acolyte	Elizabeth Jamison
Usher	Diane Siefkas and Elizabeth Jamison
Greeter	Pat Orr-Bonura
Coffee Host	Fred and Donna Hudson
Treats	Melissa Wyatt

THOSE SERVING SUNDAY (1/7/24)

Presiding Minister	Rev. Glenn Schrader
Assisting Minister	Melanie Bowman and Vicar Wendi Van Beek
Communion Assistants	Ginny Phillips and Bonnie Phelps
Keyboardist	Gréta Pásztor
Cantor	Aysen Milliogullari
Acolyte	Olga Ryan
Usher	Angie Grandison and Patty Sirls
Greeter	Gloria Schmidt
Coffee Host	Catalina Rankin
Treats	

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.

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