

OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

SUNDAY WORSHIP



February 25, 2024

Second 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.*

PRELUDE - *You are My All in All* arr. by Carol Tornquist

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, 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:
Out of love for the whole world,
God draws near to you,
breaks every snare of sin,
washes away our wrongs,
and restores the promise of life through † Jesus Christ.
Amen.

***GATHERING HYMN** - ELW #831 - *The God of Abraham Praise*

***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: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

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

PSALM 22:23-31 (In the front of the hymnal, congregation sings even verses.)

SECOND READING: Romans 4:13-25

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

***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 Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

***GOSPEL: Mark 8:31-38**

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY - ELW #667 - *Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

After each petition of the prayers:

Merciful God, **Receive our prayer.**

Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

***EXCHANGE OF PEACE**

OFFERING & OFFERING ANTHEM - *Devotion* - Arr. 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# 472 - *Eat This Bread*

ELW#758- *You Are the Way*

ELW#759 - *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

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#334- *Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery* (v 1-3 and LENT 2)

*DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE *Hymns of Creation* arr. by Phillip Keveren

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: Friends and family of Jeanne Cook, Betty, Phyllis, Mary, Kevin, Erik, Doug, Nicole, Thomas, Linda, Michaela, Sarah, Jake, Gregg, and Ann, Marty.

Our Extended Friends & Family: Family & Friends of Melissa Bustamante (Sheil Bustamante's sister-in-law), Grant and Joe (friends of Chris & Theda Doak). Sally (friend of Kathy DeVinney, 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) Nealie and Emery (Family of Pastor Martha Stum).

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



This Week at Our Saviour's

February 25, 2024

Date	Event	Time	Place
Monday 2/26	Staff Meeting	10:00AM	Office
	Bell Ringers	6:30PM	Sanctuary
Tuesday 2/27	Men's Bible Study	6:30PM	AB Café
	Knit and Crochet	10AM	AB
Wednesday 2/28	Bible Study	10:30AM	AB Pocket Room
	Roadrunner Assembly	9:00AM	Patio Room
	Lent Service	12:00PM	Koch
	Soup and Beatitudes Study	12:30PM	Koch
	LCM Lent Service and Supper	6:00PM	Koch
Thursday 2/29	Choir Rehearsal	6:30PM	AB
Friday 3/1	Campus/Office Closed		
Saturday 3/2			
Sunday 3/3	Worship	9:00AM	Sanctuary
	Sunday Forum	10:30AM	AB
	Sandwich Making	10:30AM	AB Kitchen

Wednesdays in Lent (Feb 21 – March 20)

12:00 PM – Brief service, followed by soup meal and Beatitudes teaching (led by Our Saviour's)

6:00 PM – Service followed by dinner (led by Lutheran Campus Ministry)

TODAY - Talent For TIHAN – Tickets on sale after the service or at the door before the show



Our Saviour's will be holding the 5th Talent Show to Benefit TIHAN (Tucson Interfaith HIV AIDS Network) today from 3 pm to 5 pm. In addition to enjoying an afternoon featuring fantastic local talent, we will be hosting a luscious dessert and coffee bar featuring some of the best recipes from Our Saviour's community. Tickets are \$15 per person. All proceeds will go to benefit TIHAN, one of our mission outreach partners.

Lenten Challenge and Offering

This Lent, we are joining other Lutherans across the West and Southwest in a collective commitment to Lenten Disciplines. To honor ELCA World Hunger's 50th year, we are committing to spiritual and physical practices during Lent, including raising money for ELCA World Hunger. In addition, we will collect an offering and gather food for the UA Campus Food Pantry.



To learn more and sign up, visit www.lentenchallenge.org.

Join Pastor Amalia, Vicar Wendi, Pastor Glenn, Michele, and others in daily practices like devotion, discipline, declutter, and donation.

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 (2/25/2024)

Presiding Minister Rev. Amalia Vagts
Assisting Minister Pam Hardman and
Vicar Wendi Van Beek

Communion Assistants Bonnie Phelps and
Scott Koenig
Piano Music Gréta Pásztor
Chancel Choir
Cantor Jennifer Strand
Acolyte Ginny Phillips
Usher Jeanne Gacke and Melanie
Bowman
Greeter Fred and Donna Hudson
Coffee Host Nancy and Ron Rude
Treats Ellie Johnson

THOSE SERVING SUNDAY (3/3/2024)

Presiding Minister Rev. Amalia Vagts
Assisting Minister Melanie Bowman and
Pastor Glenn Schrader

Communion Assistants Bonnie Phelps and
Scott Koenig
Piano Gréta Pásztor
Cantor Nilu Dorschner
Acolyte Scott Koenig
Usher David Lester and
Jennifer Strand
Greeter Gloria Schmidt and
Sophia Rankin
Coffee Host Catalina Rankin
Treats Olga Ryan

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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