

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

Sunday Worship

November 16, 2025

Twenty Third Sunday after Pentecost



WELCOME



ELCA

Your presence builds up the body of Christ. We welcome and affirm God's diversity, including all ethnicities, cultures, races, sexual orientations, gender identities and expressions, abilities, ages, and life experiences. You are invited to full participation in

our congregation because of who you are. We lament and confess how the Christian Church has withheld Christ's love by misusing the power of institution. We commit to advocating for God's justice and mercy for all of creation, including humans. We commit to anti-racism and other ways of ending systems that cause harm. Christ is our peace and breaks down the walls that divide us. Our communion table is Christ's table. You and all people are welcome without exception.



RECONCILING IN CHRIST

Newcomers and Visitors + Newcomers and Visitors + We're glad you're here. Please fill out the green slip in the pew rack and place in the offering plate. You're welcome to share in Holy Communion. Families - we have a small play area up front.

Nametags + Nametags help us get to know and remember each other. Please let the ushers know if you need one made for you.

Expansive Language + As Lutherans, we teach that "God calls all creation into being and gives people language as a way of responding to God and forming community" (Principles for Worship, Principle L-1). In worship at Our Saviour's, we seek to use expansive language for God and people, sometimes changing or offering alternatives to the printed text.

Current Liturgy Music + liturgy is the flow of our worship service - working together as people to praise God. Currently our liturgy music is from Setting Ten from Evangelical Lutheran Worship.

Prayer Requests Mary, Isobel, Schatzi, Jackie, Paul, and those at home and in care facilities.

Our Extended Friends & Family: Lia (granddaughter of Angie Grandison), Beverly (Mother of Hildi Williams), David (Son of Geoff and Suzy Swann); Jeanne (Cousin of Alan Bales); Barbara (sister-in-law of Kenith Ijams); Peggy (sister of Bonnie Phelps); Josh, Melissa, Mary Ann, and Libby (friends of Chris and Theda Doak); Megan (niece of Chris and Theda Doak); Sandy and Doug, Sally, Ashley, and Kamri (friends of Kathy DeVinney); Grant and Shirley (brother and sister-in-law of Theda Doak; John (son of Martha Neff Stum and Paul Stum); Sam; Eleanor (mother-in-law of Kris Sanchez; Daniel (neighbor's son of Gloria Schmidt); Rich (cousin-in-law of Jennifer Strand) Misty (friend of Shatzi Taylor)Will (nephew of Chris and Theda Doak)

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

SUNDAY FORUM - Today -Generosity Appeal - Pie & Purpose



Today following worship, please stay for a Congregational Meal as we near the end of this year's Generosity Appeal, Pie & Purpose. We have long promised pie and you will have that today - chicken pot pie & pumpkin pie as we gather to talk about our shared purpose as a congregation. You will have time for conversation with one another, share a meal, hear about the ministry and mission of Our Saviour's, and turn in your Statement of Intent. If you did not bring your Statement of Intent, we will have extra copies available. If you cannot join us today, you can place your Statement in the offering plate.

We will be intentionally encouraging new seating groups today so that we can meet new people.

If you are a guest or visitor today, please join us for lunch and learn more about what's happening at Our Saviour's!.

Save the Date: Rain Garden Work Day

Saturday Morning December 6
Join us as we work on the next phase
of our Rain Garden.



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*An asterisk indicates the congregation should stand in body and/or spirit.
Congregation's speaking and singing parts are in bold font.

Welcome

Prelude *When at Creation's Dawn* arr. by Jean Janzen-

Chancel Band

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
who looks upon us in compassion,
forgives our sin,
and heals our lives.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection.

Have mercy, O God,
against you, you alone,
we have sinned.
In your compassion,
cleanse us from our sin
and take away our guilt.
Create in us a new heart
and give us a steadfast spirit.
Do not cast us away,
but fill us with your Holy Spirit
and restore your joy within us.
Amen.

As tender as parent to child, so deep is God's compassion for you.
As high as heaven is above earth, so vast is God's love for you.
As far as east is from west, so far God removes your sin from you,
renewing your life through Jesus Christ.
Blessed be God who crowns us with mercy and love.
Blessed be God forever.

***GATHERING HYMN ELW #532 Gather Us In**

Gather Us In



- 1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness
- 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who
- 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the
- 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.
called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath-er us in, the
Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in, the
Give us to drink the wine of com-pas - sion, give us to eat the
Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,
bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: GATHER US IN, Marty Haugen

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*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 Malachi 4:1-2a

In the Church's collection of Old Testament materials, Malachi is the final book. Malachi may be a pseudonym for the writer, as the name means "my messenger." Chapter 3 begins with God's promise to send a messenger to "prepare my way." It is a promise the Church has connected with the ministry of John the Baptizer. Today's reading focuses on the coming "Day of the Lord."

¹ See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ^{2a} But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.



Psalm 98

¹ Sing a new song to the Lord, who has done | marvelous things,
whose right hand and holy arm have | won the victory.

² **O Lord, you have made | known your victory,
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight | of the nations.**

³ You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the | house of Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory | of our God.

⁴ **Shout with joy to the Lord, | all you lands;
lift up your voice, re- | joice, and sing.**

⁵ Sing to the Lord | with the harp,
with the harp and the | voice of song.

⁶ **With trumpets and the sound | of the horn
shout with joy before the | king, the Lord.**

⁷ Let the sea roar, and | all that fills it,
the world and those who | dwell therein.

⁸ **Let the rivers | clap their hands,
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord, who comes to | judge the earth.**

⁹ The Lord will judge the | world with righteousness
and the peo- | ples with equity.

SECOND READING 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Last Sunday's reading from Thessalonians concerned the Second Coming of Christ. Apparently, some who saw that coming as imminent withdrew from life and service. They relied on others to provide for them while they waited around for Jesus to show up. Our reading urges against such lethargy. Instead, we are urged here to continuing working for that which is right.

⁶Now we command you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from every brother or sister living irresponsibly and not according to the tradition that they received from us. ⁷For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not irresponsible when we were with you, ⁸and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day so that we might not burden any of you. ⁹This was not because we do not have that right but in order to give you an example to imitate. ¹⁰For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: anyone unwilling to work should not eat. ¹¹For we hear that some of you are living irresponsibly, mere busybodies, not doing any work. ¹²Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. ¹³Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Soli Deo Gloria

5 A bil - lion voic - es in one great song, now soft and
gen - tle, now deep and strong, in ev - 'ry
cul - ture and style and key, from hill and val - ley, with sky and
sea, with Christ we praise you e - ter - nal - ly:
So - li De - o glo - ri - a! So - li De - o glo - ri - a!

***GOSPEL**

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

Luke 21:5-19

⁵ When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, [Jesus] said, ⁶ “As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.”

⁷ They asked him, “Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?” ⁸ And he said, “Beware that you are not led astray, for many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is near!’ Do not go after them.

⁹ “When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified, for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.” ¹⁰ Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹ there will be great earthquakes and in various places famines and plagues, and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

¹² “But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³ This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴ So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance, ¹⁵ for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶ You will be betrayed even by parents and siblings, by relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷ You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸ But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹ By your endurance you will gain your souls.”

The gospel of Jesus Christ. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Silence for Reflection



***HYMN OF THE DAY “God of Our Breathing”** (to the tune of Be Thou My Vision, Words: R.R.)

1. God of our breathing and God of all heart....Spirit embodied in all living parts
Consecrate bodies from head to our toes....Bring forth your wisdom in all that we know
2. God of our hearing and God of all sight....Tender your grace when from sleep we arise
Open your children to all in plain view....Teach us a wakefulness that you ever renew
3. God of our mealtime and God of all taste...Flavor each savoring and fill it with grace
Bless every morsel and nourish our way....bless every journey as we travel in thee
4. God in our footsteps and we on God’s way....Where these feet travel inspire us, we pray
Feet on the pathway and heels in the soil....Carry your servants where Christ bids us go

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

The assisting minister leads the prayers.
...God in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

...We offer these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your grace and unyielding love;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

***EXCHANGE OF PEACE**

OFFERING *On Holy Ground* arr. by Donna Peña

Chancel Band

OFFERTORY PRAYER - *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing (all sing)

Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise
While the hope of endless glory fills my heart with joy and love
Teach me ever to adore thee; may I still thy goodness prove.

Almighty God, your love is cast, like seed upon the ground
O let the dew of grace appear, and righteous fruits abound.

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

God be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal:
surrounded by evil and bordered by death
we appeal to you,
our Sovereign, our Wisdom, and our Judge...

...Trusting in the mercy and compassion of God who is with us as Parent and Creator, let us pray
as Jesus did:

Our Father, who art in heaven	as we forgive those
hallowed be thy name,	who trespass against us;
thy kingdom come,	and lead us not into temptation,
thy will be done,	but deliver us from evil.
on earth as it is in heaven.	For thine is the kingdom,
Give us this day our daily bread;	and the power, and the glory,
and forgive us our trespasses,	forever and ever. Amen.

COMMUNION

Come to this Table of mercy. Become what you receive.

This is Christ's table. You and all are welcome, without exception. If you prefer a blessing only, cross your arms over your heart. Gluten free wafers available by request. The wine is red; grape juice is clear. Please let an usher know if you would like communion brought to your pew.

COMMUNION MUSIC ELW #479 We Come to the Hungry Feast (in hymnal) - all sing

All Who are Thirsty - Isaiah 55 arr. Michael Connolly

I'll Bless the Lord Forevermore - Psalm 34 (English tune)

SENDING PRAYER

We thank you, O God, that you have strengthened our hearts through this feast of life and salvation. Shine the light of Christ on our path, that we may do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you, now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BLESSING

*SENDING HYMN ELW #763 My Life Flows On in Endless Song

Turn to follow the cross as it passes.

My Life Flows On in Endless Song



- 1 My life flows on in end - less song; a - bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion,
- 2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu-sic ring - ing.
- 3 What though my joys and com-forts die? The Lord my Sav-ior liv - eth.
- 4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun - tain ev - er spring-ing!



I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.
It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?
What though the dark - ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

Refrain



No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.



Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826–1899

Music: HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING, Robert Lowry, alt.

*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you!

Thanks be to God.



*The Altar Flowers today are given today in honor of Shelly Adrian and Erich Saphir's
27th Wedding Anniversary*



HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE November to December 31

The ICS Food Bank gratefully accepts prepackaged, canned, non-perishable and in-date items.

Holiday Items Needed:

- Instant, canned, or fresh potatoes and yams
- Cranberry sauce
- Canned veggies especially green beans and corn
- Boxed and bagged stuffing mix
- Boxed baking mixes (Bisquick, Jiffy)
- Gravy mix or canned gravy
- Canned pumpkin
- Cream of mushroom soup

Pantry Staples

- Peanut butter
- Canned meats: tuna, chicken, Spam, etc.
- Meals in pop-top cans: chili, ravioli, etc.
- Pasta
- Canned fruits and vegetables

Please put items in the shopping cart that is on the patio on Sundays.



Thanksgiving dinner to be served to our homeless neighbors at The Lot on 22nd Street

Our Saviour's is responsible for supplying enough side dishes to feed around 350 people. At the time this article is being written, we are still needing what is listed below. These items should be given to Asher or Mary at the church on a Sunday or one of us can pick it up at your home. To make arrangements for a donation or if you would like to help us prepare food in the church kitchen on Thanksgiving Day, call or text us at 520-481-5684 (Mary), 520-771-5994 (Asher) or email us at maryandasher@msn.com. Thank you so much!

Mary & Asher Havenhill

- Cans of Green Beans
- Dinner Rolls
- Boxes of Mashed Potatoes
- Cans of Cranberry Sauce
- Bags of Mixed Salad
- Boxes of Butter
- Gallons of Milk
- Bottles of Dressing



Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network
Helping People with HIV to Live Well

TIHAN NEWS: SHARE WARMTH AND JOY THROUGH YOUR GIFTS

Each December, TIHAN has the opportunity to brighten the holidays for CarePartners living with HIV by sharing gifts and gift cards to let them know they are seen, valued, and not alone. For many CarePartners, this is the one gift they can count on receiving, and it means the world to them. Will you help us make this heartfelt tradition possible again in 2025? As you shop and help spread the word, please remember: Gifts must be new, unused and unwrapped. Because CarePartners belong to a variety of faith traditions, or may not identify with any faith, we ask that holiday gifts do not portray any religious images or messages.

To keep gifts equitable, please look for gifts with a value between \$15 and \$25.

The greatest need is for gifts that would be appropriate for older adult males, such as household items like towel sets, small kitchen appliances, cooking tools, bed pillows, etc.

Please try to avoid sized items like shoes or clothing.

We are also hoping to give a \$25 gift card to Target, Walmart, or Fry's to every CarePartner, so we gratefully accept donations of \$25 gift cards.

We will gladly accept cash if you don't have time to shop.

Please bring all donations to OSLC before or after worship on any Sunday in November, or to the church office during the week by Sunday November 30th. Any questions? Please see Mary Pflibsen at the TIHAN table on the patio Sunday mornings, or contact her at marypflib@hotmail.com, 520-622-1983.

THOSE SERVING SUNDAY
11/16/2025

Presiding Minister Rev. Amalia Vagts
Assisting Minister Jennifer Strand
Communion Assistants Bonnie Phelps, Linda Zizka
Acolyte Jennifer Strand
Music Chancel Band - Emma Mischel,
Liliana Peterson, Gavin Phillips,
Diego Nava, Jeff Ladderud, David
Lester, Ron Rude
Usher Ginny Phillips, Angie Grandison
Greeter Diane Siefkes
Cross Bearer Mary Pflibsen
Coffee Host Jerry Vagts
Treats Congregational Meal
Tech Team Pflibsen/Bustamante
Scripture Background John Indermark

THOSE SERVING SUNDAY
11/23/2025

Presiding Minister Rev. Amalia Vagts
Assisting Minister Scott Koenig
Communion Assistants Mary Pflibsen, Bill DeVinney
Acolyte Scott Koenig
Keyboard Betsy Dunlap
Music Chancel Choir
Cantor Joy Bulawa
Usher Emily Nadler, Patty Sirls
Greeter Mary Lou Forier
Cross Bearer Emily Nadler
Coffee Host Kris Sanchez
Treats Mary Lou Forier, Jack Wahl
Tech Team Pflibsen/Bustamante
Scripture Background John Indermark

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Sunday Worship Times
9:00 - Sanctuary
Coffee following
10:30 Sunday Forum

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

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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.

