

OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

SUNDAY WORSHIP



March 10, 2024

Fourth 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.*

WELCOME

PRELUDE - *Praise and Praise to the Lord* - by Mary Mcleary and Rowland Prichard assembled by the OSLC bell choir

Please use this time to prepare for worship.

***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...
...and restores the promise of life through † Jesus Christ.
Amen.

***GATHERING HYMN** - ELW #342 - *There in God's Garden (v. 1-4)*

***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: Numbers 21:4-9

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

PSALM 107:1-3, 17-22

SECOND READING: Ephesians 2:1-10

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

***GOSPEL: John 3:14-21**

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY- ELW #666 - *What Wonderful Love This Is*

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 - *Allemande from Partita in D Minor*

by J. S. Bach - Qianqian Zhang, violin

***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# 604 - *O Christ, Our Hope*

ELW#779- *Amazing Grace How Sweet the Sound*

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#661- *I Love to Tell the Story*

*DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE - *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded* - arranged by Arnold B Sherman - Bell Choir

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.



Flowers today are given in honor of Ruth Strand's 100th Birthday on March 8th. - with much love Jennifer.

Prayer Requests:



Our Saviour's Family: Family and Friends of Gregg Payne, Family and Friends of Pat, Betty, Phyllis, Mary, Kevin, Erik, Doug, Nicole, Thomas, Linda, Michaela, Jake, Ann, Marty 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).

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



This Week at Our Saviour's

March 10, 2024

Date	Event	Time	Place
Monday 3/11	Staff Meeting	10:00AM	Office
	Bell Ringers	6:30PM	Sanctuary
Tuesday 3/12	Men's Bible Study	6:30PM	AB Café
	Property	9:00AM	Library
	Knit and Crochet	1:00PM	AB
Wednesday 3/13	Bible Study	10:30AM	AB Pocket Room
	Lent Service	12:00PM	Koch
	Lent Service	6:00PM	Koch
Thursday 3/14	Choir Rehearsal	6:30PM	AB
Friday 3/15	Campus/Office Closed		
Saturday 3/16			
Sunday 3/17	Worship	9:00AM	Sanctuary
	Sunday Forum	10:30AM	AB
	Sandwich Making	10:30AM	AB Kitchen

Please see online calendar for all events.

Wednesdays in Lent (Feb 21 – March 20)

12:00 PM – Brief service, followed by soup meal and Beatitudes teaching

6:00 PM – Service followed by dinner - led by LCM

Faith Formation Series for Lent

FOCUS ON THE BEATITUDES

As we journey through the Lenten season, we invite you to join us at the Sunday Forums (10:30 am in the AB) or at the Wednesday Learning Time (12:45 pm in Koch Chapel) for an adult Christian education series on Jesus' summary of his teachings as expressed in Matthew's Beatitudes. We are developing a "Beatitude attitude" that will sustain us as a community of disciples of our risen Lord and Savior. You are free to join at any time, even if you've missed some sessions. Come for some lively discussions!

Here is the schedule for the next two sessions:

Today: at the Sunday Forum "Blessed are the pure in heart..."

Next Wednesday: after the Noon Lunch "Blessed are the peacemakers..."



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 (3/10/2024)

Presiding Minister Rev. Amalia Vagts
Assisting Minister Ted Adams and Vicar
Wendi Van Beek
Communion Assistants Bonnie Phelps and
Bill DeVinney
Piano Devin Gardner
Offertory Qianqian Zhang, violin
Music Bell Choir
Cantor Jennifer Strand
Acolyte Ted Adams
Usher Pam Hardman and
Kathy DeViney
Greeter Ted Earle and
Gloria Alvillar
Coffee Host David Lester
Treats TIHAN Treats

THOSE SERVING SUNDAY (3/17/2024)

Presiding Minister Rev. Amalia Vagts
Assisting Minister Scott Koenig and Vicar
Wendi Van Beek
Communion Assistants Bonnie Phelps and
Nilu Dorschner
Piano Gréta Pásztor
Offerory Chancel Choir
Cantor Jennifer Strand
Acolyte Bonnie Phelps
Usher Pat Bonura and Patty Sirls
Greeter Fred and Donna Hudson
Coffee Host Kris Sanchez
Treats TIHAN 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 Sunday Forum

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

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Thank
You

Our Talent show for TIHAN was a great success. Due to the teamwork on the planning committee; the support team; our awesome bakers and gifted and talented performers we raised \$1,500.

Seventy-five tickets were sold, with sixty-three people attending. A fun afternoon was had by all.

Sincere thanks to Pastor Amalia, staff, and all who helped in so many ways.

Love and blessings,
Ms. Ellie

Ps. There are programs in the main church entry if you were unable to attend and would like one.

LENT + HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Wednesdays - 12PM & 6 PM - Chapel
simple services followed by a meal

Maundy Thursday - 6 PM
service for healing, prayer & action

Good Friday - 6 pm
prayer around the cross

Easter Sunday
7:15AM - Koch Chapel
9:00AM - Sanctuary



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GUEST MUSICIANS TODAY



Described with “Lovely, Absolutely beautiful [interpretation]” (Lucienne (Bloch) Allen, Ernest Bloch Society) and “A brilliant and bright tone”, Qianqian Zhang is a violinist and instrument maker, who has appeared on stage in many cities across the Southern United States, both as a chamber and orchestral musician. Zhang is currently pursuing her Bachelor of Music degree with an emphasis in Violin Performance under Professor Timothy Kantor.

As an avid chamber musician, Zhang performs a wide range of musical work, she is currently in a violin-guitar duo with classical guitarist Dante Olita for the 2022-2025 seasons.

Her junior recital will be held in the sanctuary on Friday, March 15th at 7:00PM.



Devin Gardner has 35 years of experience within the field of music, beginning piano studies at age 6, and adding oboe several years later. In 1997, Devin was awarded a fellowship with the National Symphony Orchestra in Washington DC, allowing him to gain further experience while working closely with principal players within the NSO, as well as visiting guest artists. Attending Cincinnati Conservatory of Music on scholarship, Mr. Gardner went on to further obtain degrees with full tuition scholarships from George Mason University and the University of Arizona.

Devin currently maintains a private piano and oboe studio and serves as an accompanist for the woodwind department at the U of A. In addition, Mr. Gardner performs throughout Arizona and Texas with the Arizona Opera, Sierra Vista Symphony, El Paso Symphony, and St. Philips in the Hills. Living in the scenic Foothills with his two beautiful dogs Venkman and Zeddemore--named after two of his favorite Ghostbusters--he is also an avid participant in bowling, pool, and darts, and enjoys walking with his dogs all over Oro Valley and Marana.