

OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

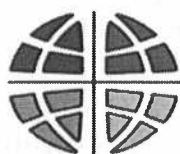
SUNDAY WORSHIP

October 20, 2024

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost



Welcome to Our Saviour's



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: Tracy; Marty; Maija, Paul, Hank, Emma, and those at home.

Our Extended Friends & Family: Richard (neighbor); The Banker Family (cousin of Mary Pflibsen); John (friend of Pastor Glenn's); Beverly (sister-in-law of Martha Neff Stum and Mary Neff); Josh, Melissa, and Mary Ann (friends of Chris and Theda Doak); Megan (niece of Chris and Theda Doak); Sally (friend of Kathy DeVinney); Tom (brother-in-law of Ted Adams); Abel (great grandson of Laverne Walsh); Maureen (mother of Adam Delaossa); Jeanne (friend of Schatzi Taylor); Ann (mother of Asher Havenhill)

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

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 *All Creation Sings* (Holy Communion Setting 12). *All Creation Sings*, a supplement to our red hymnal offers new language and hymns for a re-forming church and reminds us of our connection to the earth and all of God's creatures.

Sunday Forums

Today: Ecological Sustainability: "Plastic - Reuse/Recycle/Reduce" by Mary Durham-Pflibsen and Phala Andressen. Join us for a presentation on this important ministry at OSLC which offers hope for a more responsible use of plastics.

October 31: Workshops on the Reconciling in Christ Process. There will be two workshops presented that provide further background on becoming an expansively welcoming congregation for the LGBTQ+ community and others. The sessions will be offered simultaneously, but there will be another opportunity to hear the presentations as determined by the congregation's response. **"Why 'All Are Welcome' Doesn't Mean What You Think It Means: Exploring the history and movement of LGBTQ+ people in the Lutheran church."**

Pastor Amalia will provide a look back at the Lutheran journey of becoming specifically welcoming to LGBTQ+ people, beginning with early movements in the 1960's in San Francisco, the 1970's in Minneapolis, and then nationally through the current day. Learning about this history will help explain what it feels like when the message "All Are Welcome" doesn't include you. We will also explore in detail the history of the Reconciling in Christ program and how it has helped congregations become thriving and healthy places of good news for all people.

"The Bible and LGBTQ+: Rejecting or Affirming?" For all Christians who would like to welcome the LGBTQ+ community into their churches, there still can be a concern about "what the Bible says". Many biblical scholars, pastors and lay people have explored this topic over the past 50 years. This presentation by Pastor Glenn will review these discussions which have at times harmed individuals and groups but which also provide an opportunity for affirmation and expansive welcome.

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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 - *The Old Rugged Cross* arr. by Kristin Campbell

Rigel and Sinead Abcede

Please use this time to prepare for worship.

***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,

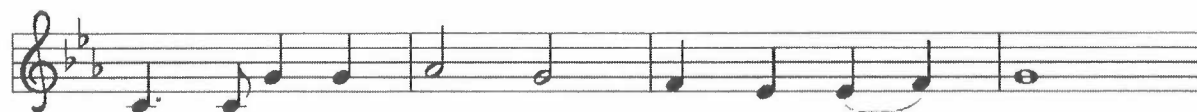
against you, you alone, we have sinned. In your compassion, cleanse us from our sin and take away our guilt. Create in us a new heart and give us a steadfast spirit. Do not cast us away, but fill us with your Holy Spirit and restore your joy within us.

Amen.

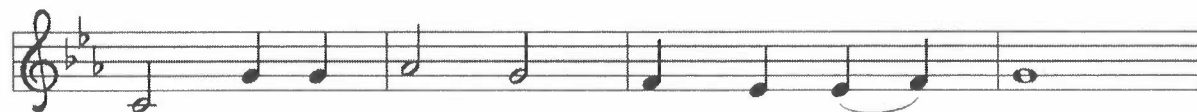
As tender as parent to child, so deep is God's compassion for you. As high as heaven is above earth, so vast is God's love for you. As far as east is from west, so far God removes your sin from you, renewing your life through Jesus Christ. Blessed be God who crowns us with mercy and love.

Blessed be God forever.

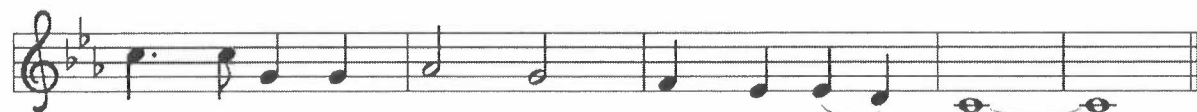
*GATHERING HYMN- KYRIE AND GLORIA



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.



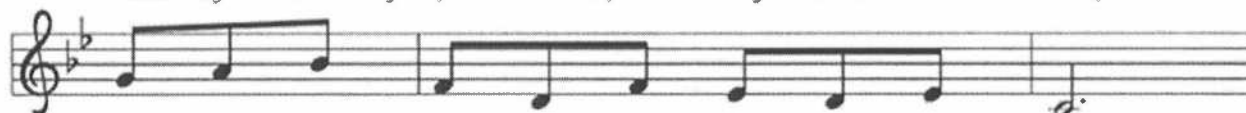
Chris - te e - lei - son. Christ, have mer - cy.



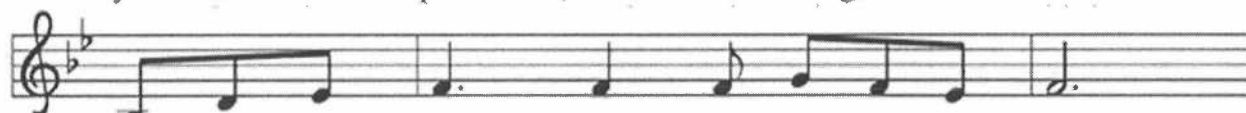
Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.



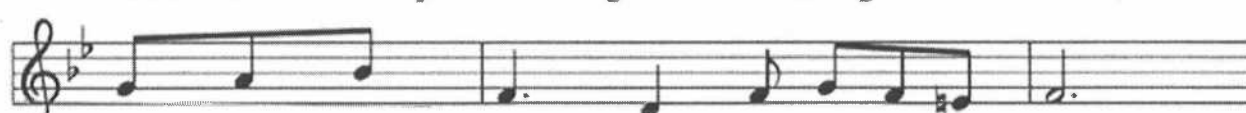
I Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;



yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.



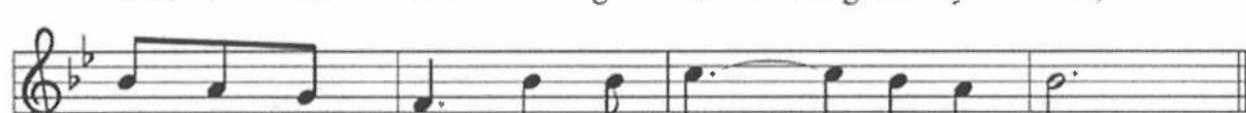
Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;



ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.



Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;



yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

***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: Isaiah 53:4-12

Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

He was oppressed, and was afflicted, yet did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a ewe that is silent before the shearers, so he did not open his mouth. By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people. They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him with pain. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the Lord shall prosper. Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and shall bear their iniquities. Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

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

PSALM 91:9-16

Read in parts. The congregation part is in bold.

Because you have made the Lord your refuge, and the Most High your habitation,
no evil will befall you, nor shall affliction come near your dwelling.

For God will give the angels charge over you, to guard you in all your ways.

Upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.

You will tread upon the lion cub and viper; you will trample down the lion and the serpent.
I will deliver those who cling to me; I will uphold them, because they know my name.

They will call me, and I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and honor them.

With long life will I satisfy them, and show them my salvation.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 5:1-10

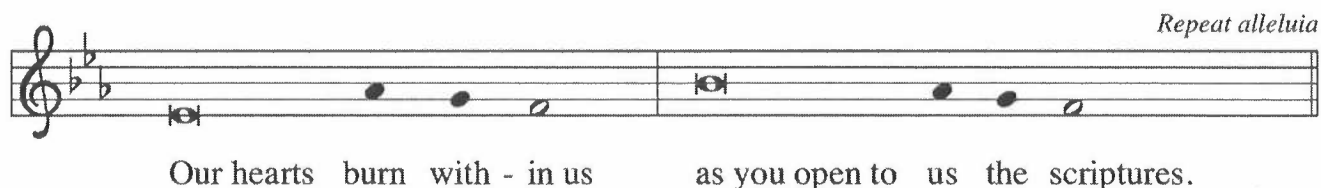
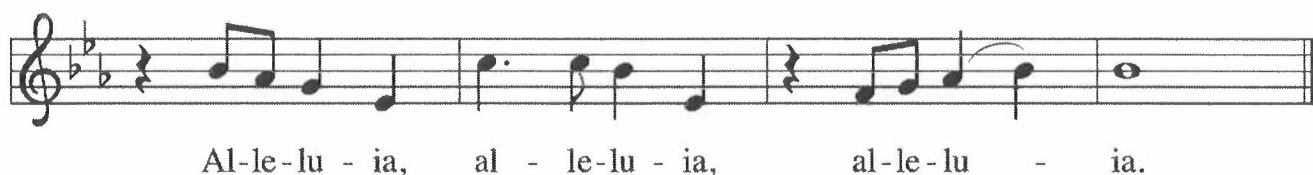
Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. The high priest is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; as God says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek."

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

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*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



*GOSPEL

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

Mark 10:35-45

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to Jesus and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And Jesus said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers are domineering, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son-of-Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY - ELW#431 - *O Christ, What Can It Mean for Us*

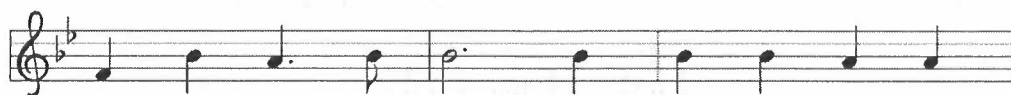
O Christ, What Can It Mean for Us



1 O Christ, what can it mean for us to claim you as our
2 You came, the im - age of our God, to heal and to for -
3 Though some would make their great - ness felt and lord it o - ver
4 You chose a hum - ble hu - man form and shunned the world's re -



king? What roy - al face have you re - vealed whose
give, to shed your blood for sin - ners' sake that
all, you said the first must be the last and
now; you died for us up - on a cross with



praise the church would sing? As - pir - ing not to
we might rise and live. To break the law of
ser - vice be our call. O Christ, in work - place,
thorns your on - ly crown. But still, be - yond the



glo - ry's height, to pow - er, wealth, and fame, you
death you came, the law of love to bring: a
church, and home, let none to pow - er cling; for
span of years, our glad ho - san - nas ring, for



walked a dif - f'rent, low - ly way, an - oth - er's will your aim.
dif - f'rent rule of righ - teous-ness, a dif - f'rent kind of king.
still, through us, you come to serve, a dif - f'rent kind of king.
now at God's right hand you reign, a dif - f'rent kind of king!

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: ALL SAINTS NEW, Henry S. Cutler, 1824-1902

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*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The assisting minister leads the prayers.

...God in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

...We entrust these and all our prayers to you, holy God, in the name of your beloved child, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

*EXCHANGE OF PEACE

OFFERING - *And Can It Be* arr. by David Ritter - Rigel and Sinead Abcede

*OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

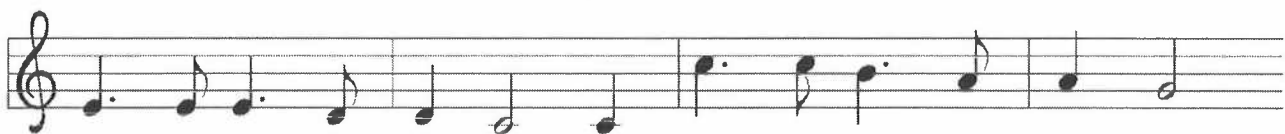
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

***HOLY, HOLY, HOLY** - ELW #473 - *Holy, Holy, Holy (sing in English or Spanish)*

Holy, Holy, Holy

Santo, santo, santo



San - to, san - to, san - to, mi co - ra - zón te a - do - ra.
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you.



Mi co - ra - zón te sa - be de-cir: San - to_e-res Se - ñor.
My heart is glad to say the words: You are ho - ly, God.

Text: Argentine traditional

Music: ARGENTINE SANTO, Argentine traditional

...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
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,**

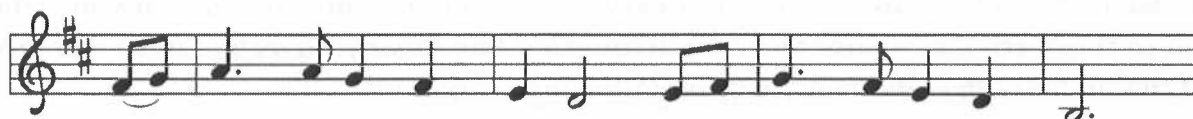
**as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

COMMUNION

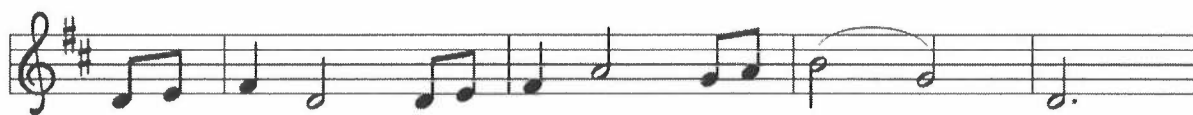
Jesus welcomes you to this table. Become what you receive.

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.

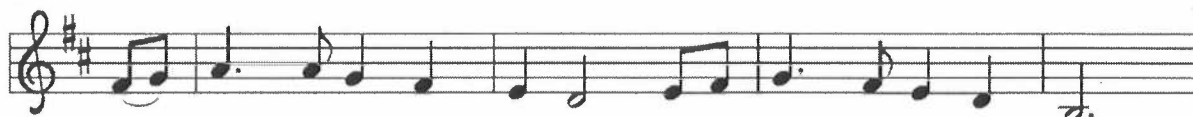
COMMUNION MUSIC *Be Known to Us*



Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

ELW #817 *You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore*

ELW #818 *O Master, Let Me Walk with You*

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

SENDING PRAYER

Holy God,

you give your Spirit of truth, and you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth to be Christ-centered community through faith and action in the heart of Tucson and wherever you lead us. Amen.

***SENDING ANNOUNCEMENTS**

***BLESSING**

SENDING HYMN - ELW#548- *Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen*

***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

Thanks be to God!

You are welcome to leave at any time following the dismissal. Many at Our Saviour's remain to listen to the postlude - please feel comfortable leaving or staying as you wish. You are invited to join for coffee and conversation following worship.

POSTLUDE *Great is Thy Faithfulness*, arr. by David Ritter - Rigel and Sinead Abcede

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Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen



1 Rise, O church, like Christ a - ris - en,
 2 Rise, trans - formed, and choose to fol - low
 3 Rise, re - mem - ber well the fu - ture
 4 Ser - vice be our sure vo - ca - tion;



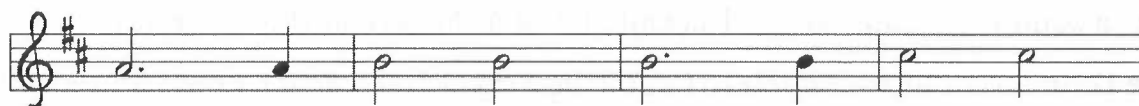
from this meal of love and grace;
 af - ter Christ, though wound - ed, whole;
 God has called us to re - ceive;
 cour - age be our dai - ly breath;



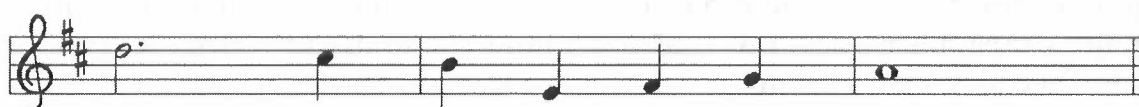
may we through such love en - vi - sion
 bro - ken, shared, our lives are hal - lowed
 pres - ent by God's lov - ing nur - ture,
 mer - cy be our des - ti - na - tion



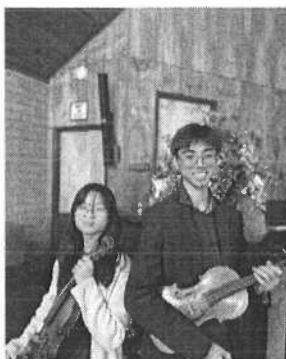
whose we are, and whose, our praise.
 to re - lease and to con - sole.
 Spir - it - ed then let us live.
 from this day and un - to death.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia;
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia;
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia;
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



God, the won - der of our days.
 Christ, our pres - ent, past, and goal.
 Spir - it, grace by whom we live.
 Rise, O church, a liv - ing faith.



Guest Musicians

Josh Rigel and Sinead Ann Abcede are united by a deep and enduring passion for the violin, often performing together as a duo. Their love for music is woven into their roots, nurtured by 15 years of unwavering dedication to their craft. With a repertoire spanning both classical and contemporary works, they have graced numerous church events of all sizes.

Rigel, 19 years old, is currently attending the University of Arizona, pursuing a degree in electrical and computer engineering. Sinead, 13 years old, is a student at Tucson International Academy, where she is finishing eighth grade. Despite their individual paths, their shared love for music continues to be a powerful bond, inspiring their growth both as musicians and as individuals, and today's performance is a testament to the gifts the Lord has bestowed upon them. Let us all be uplifted and blessed by their offering today.

Super Youth - TODAY, 4-6 PM at Lord of Grace Lutheran Church. Tucson area high schoolers gather to connect with Lutherans and other teens. Co-hosted by Tucson area congregations. Our Saviour's will host Super Youth on December 15th.

Welcoming Newcomers - on Sunday, October 27 (Reformation Sunday) we will welcome new members and friends to our congregation during worship. If you have been considering joining Our Saviour's or deepening your connection with the congregation, please talk with Pastor Amalia.

All Saints Sunday. We will celebrate All Saints Sunday on Sunday, November 3. If you wish to have the name of a loved one who has died or been baptized during the past year in our worship service, please email Michele (oslc@lutherantucson.org) by Tuesday, October 29th.

Save the Date for a Christmas Concert featuring local Lutheran church choirs and soloists, including a combined choir song - December 1 at 4PM here at Our Saviour's.

Save the Date for an Introduction to Centering Prayer Retreat at Our Saviour's: Saturday, December 7, 10 - 3 pm. Details to come.

Come & See:

Are you looking for an opportunity to explore your life of faith? Have you been seeking new ways of connecting with the Bible and other texts that are a part of our traditions and faith practices? Are there questions that you would like to discuss with others who also feel a renewed call to discipleship?

We are currently looking at the earliest known book of the Bible - Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians. In studying the text together, we also discuss connections to our own lives and explore what it means to live a life of faith. We meet in the Patio Room at noon for an hour, and you are free to bring your lunch. Bring your own Bible or borrow a Lutheran Study Bible. Led by Pastor Glenn and Pastor Amalia.

Thursdays at 12:00 PM. You are welcome.

Quilting Group

The OSLC Quilt Ministry meets the third Tuesday of each month in the Activity Building. If you are unable to join us we would love for you to stitch at home. You can pick fabric from our "stash" and make a quilt top at home. When your top is done just bring it back and the group will get it backed, batted, quilted, bound, and delivered.

Knit and Crochet Group

Anyone interested in joining please text Donna Lounsbury 520-400-2514.

Chancel Choir 2024-2025 Season

We welcome all singers to join the Chancel Choir! We are a loving and supportive community who appreciate music and are happy to worship together. Rehearsals will be on Thursday Nights at 6:30pm in the Activity Building. No prior choral experience is required, and you can join any time during the season. To find out more, please email Dr. Gréta Pásztor at gpasztor@lutherantucson.org.

Bell Choir 2024-2025 Season

The Our Saviour's Bell Choir rehearse on Monday, nights at 6:30 PM in the Sanctuary. This is a perfect opportunity to come check out this happy group and help us create joyous, uplifting music. We welcome anyone who wants to ring and is willing to learn. For more info contact Kathie (kmmmiller@hotmail.com) or any current ringer.

Spanish Class

¿Aprender español? Or do you want to learn? Join this free one-hour drop-in class for all levels. Tuesdays at 6:30 in the Activity Building. Taught by Pastor Mateo and Annette Chavez. Email amchavez111@gmail.com to register.

Other Ways to Grow Your Faith:

Weekly events led by community and Our Saviour's members - open to anyone. All events in Activity Building.

Mindfulness Meditation (Mondays, 1:30 - 2:30 PM); Men's Bible Study (Tuesdays, 7:00 AM); Lay Shared Bible Study (Wednesdays, 10:30 AM. Contact Laurretta Olson at landjo@cox.net).

THOSE SERVING SUNDAY 10/20/2024

Presiding Minister Rev. Amalia Vagts
Assisting Minister John Indermark and
Rev. Glenn Schrader

Communion Assistants Bonnie Phelps and
Patty Sirls

Acolyte Bonnie Phelps

Cantor Jennifer Strand

Piano Gréta Pásztor

Music Rigel and Sinead Abcede

Usher Kathy DeVinney and
Pam Hardman

Greeter Patty Sirls

Coffee Host Ms. Ellie Johnson

Treats Lauretta Olson

Tech Team Pflibsen/Bustamante

Scripture Background John Indermark

THOSE SERVING SUNDAY 10/27/2024

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Preaching Minister Rev. Amalia Vagts

Assisting Minister Pam Hardman

Communion Assistants Bonnie Phelps and
Hildi Williams

Acolyte Jennifer Strand

Cantor Aysen Milliogullari

Piano Gréta Pásztor

Music OSLC Choir, Rachel
Clemmer, Michael Orvek

Usher Bill and Ann DeVinney

Greeter Judy Indermark

Coffee Host Nancy and Ron Rude

Treats Nancy Rude

Tech Team Pflibsen/Bustamante

Scripture Background John Indermark

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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