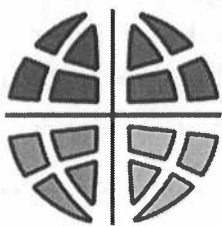


OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH **SUNDAY WORSHIP**

March 2, 2025
Transfiguration Sunday



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: Mary, Jewel, Tracy; Marty; Maija, DeeAnn, and those at home.
Our Extended Friends & Family: 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); Michael Bales (brother of Alan Bales); Grant and Shirley (brother and sister-in-law of Theda Doak; John (son of Martha Neff Stum and Paul Stum); Sam; Libby (friend of Theda Doak); Leigh Ann and Ashley (friends of Kathy DeVinney); Eleanor (mother-in-law of Kris Sanchez); Friends and Family of Dagny Ncyz (Ginny Phillips niece).
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.

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Sunday Forum March 2

Responding to the Need to Defend Our Immigrant Neighbors

Come hear how you can get involved with fighting against anti-immigration policies and practices and the work of the Coalicion de Derechos Humanos/Human Rights Coalition in Tucson. Paula Miller of the Good Neighbor Interfaith Coalition will join us to provide basic information and updates. A Tucson network has been formed that offers training covering immigration enforcement, individual rights in various situations, and key security practices.

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The Scattering Group Study

The group study of *The Scattering* by Dwight DuBois has started! This book was recommended to us by Rev Dr Craig Nesson, as helpful in understanding the dual roles of church as both an institution to gather believers for worship and to send them into the world as disciples of Christ. The book club is meeting on Tuesdays at 1:15PM in the patio room. You can join at anytime. We read and discuss one chapter per week. *The Scattering* is available through Amazon, Thriftbooks and the publisher, Wipf & Stock. A couple of copies will also be available through the OSLC library.

March 2, 2025

Transfiguration Sunday

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 *Siyahamba/Thuma Mina, Arr. Mark Sedio*

***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, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life.

Amen.

We confess our sin in the presence of God, one another, and all of creation.
Silence is kept for reflection.

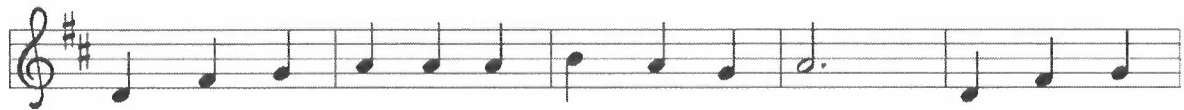
Merciful God,
**you speak blessing and compassion into the world.
Forgive us for the ways we act
with judgment, cruelty, or indifference.
We ignore the needs of our neighbors;
we resist your call to oppose injustice;
we give in to scarcity and fear;
we assume the worst about one another.
Cleanse us from our faults
and release us from their grasp.
Show us your lovingkindness.
Restore our hearts and repair your world,
that we may live in Christ's ways.**

Hear the good news...freed to respond in joy.

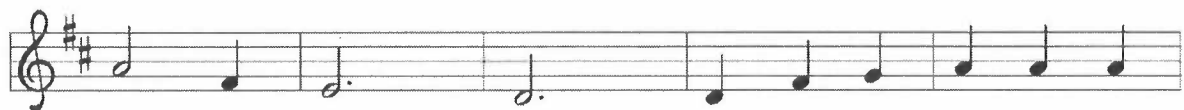
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN ELW #815 *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light



1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to
 2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to
 3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to



fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give
 look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous-ness,
 be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with



light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.
 shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.
 pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

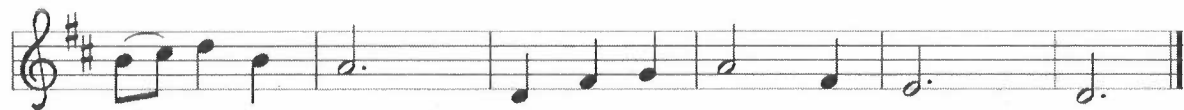
Refrain



In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the



day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the



cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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 Music: HOUSTON, Kathleen Thomerson
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***GREETING**

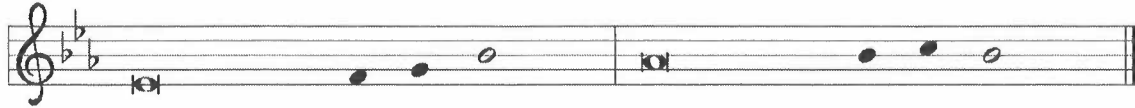
The grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

FIRST READING: Exodus 34:29-35

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face, but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off until he came out, and when he came out and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining, and Moses would put the veil on his face again until he went in to speak with him.

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



Psalm 99

¹ The LORD is king; let the | people tremble.

The LORD is enthroned upon the cherubim; let | the earth shake.

² **The LORD, | great in Zion,
is high a- | bove all peoples.**

³ Let them confess God's name, which is | great and awesome;
God is the | Holy One.

⁴ **O mighty king, lover of justice, you have es- | tablished equity;
you have executed justice and righteous- | ness in Jacob.**

⁵ Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and fall down be- | fore God's footstool;
God is the | Holy One.

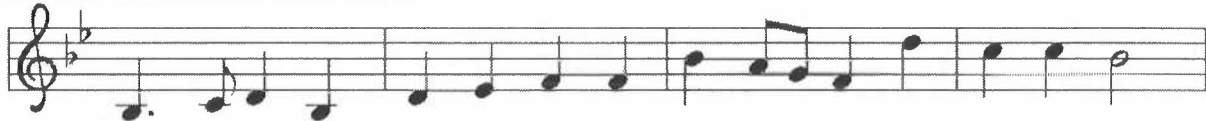
⁶ **Moses and Aaron among your priests, and Samuel among those who call
upon your | name, O LORD,
they called upon you, and you | answered them,**

⁷ you spoke to them out of the pil- | lar of cloud;
they kept your testimonies and the decree | that you gave them.

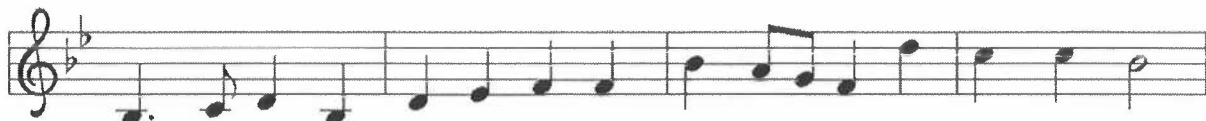
⁸ **O LORD our God, you answered | them indeed;
you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their | evil
deeds.**

⁹ Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and worship upon God's | holy hill;
for the LORD our God is the | Holy One.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

***GOSPEL**

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

Luke 9:28-43a

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking about his exodus, which he was about to fulfill in Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep, but as they awoke they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us set up three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah," not realizing what he was saying. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. Just then a man from the crowd shouted, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not." Jesus answered, "You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and put up with you? Bring your son here." While he was being brought forward, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. And all were astounded at the greatness of God.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

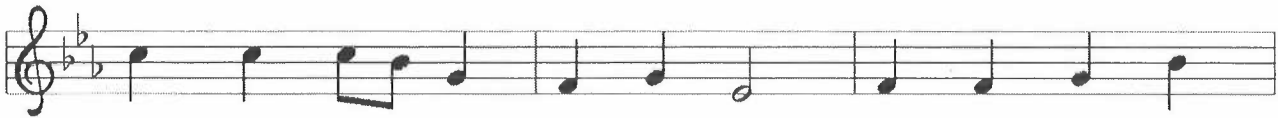
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Silence for Reflection

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW #317 *Jesus on the Mountain Peak (next page)*

Jesus on the Mountain Peak



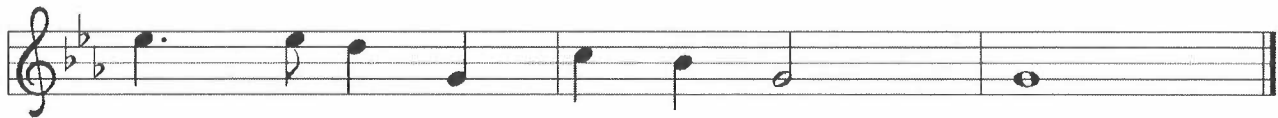
1 Je - sus on the moun - tain peak stands a - lone in
2 Trem - bling at his feet we saw Mo - ses and E -
3 Swift the cloud of glo - ry came, God pro - claim - ing
4 This is God's be - lov - ed Son! Law and proph - ets



glo - ry blaz - ing; let us, if we dare to speak,
li - jah speak - ing. All the proph - ets and the law
in its thun - der Je - sus as the Son by name!
sing be - fore him, first and last and on - ly One.



join the saints and an - gels prais - ing.
shout through them their joy - ful greet - ing:
Na - tions, cry a - loud in won - der:
All cre - a - tion shall a - dore him!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: BETHOLD, Mark Sedio, b. 1954

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The assisting minister leads the prayers.

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

...We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.

Amen.

*EXCHANGE OF PEACE

OFFERING *Fairest Lord Jesus* Arr. Mark Hayes (See text in ELW 838) Chancel Choir

*OFFERING PRAYER

God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always.

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.** It is indeed right to give our thanks and praise in all ways and all places... we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

...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 as you are to the 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 - *Lamb of God*



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

ELW #867 *In Thee is Gladness*

ELW #866 *We are Marching in the Light of God*

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER OF VOCATION

Siblings in Christ, your work and your rest are in God. Will you endeavor to pattern your life on the way of Jesus Christ, in gratitude to God and in service to others, at morning and evening, at work and at play, all the days of your life?

Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.

Holy God, by the power of the Spirit, you have knit us into the one body of Christ. Look with favor upon us in our commitment to serve in Christ's name. Give us courage, patience, and vision; and strengthen us in our Christian vocation of witness to the world and of service to others; through Jesus Christ. Amen .

SENDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

***BLESSING**

SENDING HYMN ELW#671 *Shine, Jesus Shine* (next page)

***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Live in hope.

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 - *Just a Closer Walk/What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

Arr. by A. Havenhill. - Asher Havenhill and Kent Pflibsen

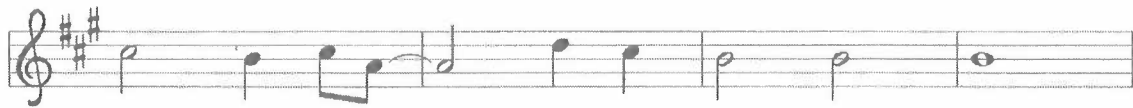
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Shine, Jesus, Shine

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Shine, Je - sus, shine, fill this land with the Fa - ther's glo - ry;



blaze, Spir - it, blaze, set our hearts on fire.



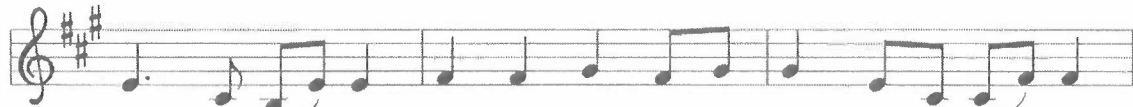
Flow, riv - er, flow, flood the na - tions with grace and mer - cy;



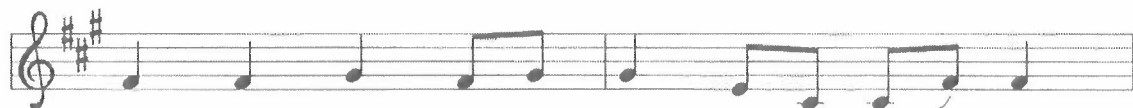
send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!



1 Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing, in the midst of the
2 As we gaze on your king - ly bright-ness, so our fac - es dis -



dark - ness, shin - ing; Je - sus, light of the world, shine up - on us,
play your like - ness, ev - er chang - ing from glo - ry to glo - ry,



set us free by the truth you now bring us.
mir - rored here, may our lives tell your sto - ry.



Shine on me, shine on me:
Shine on me, shine on me:

Text: Graham Kendrick, b. 1950
Music: Graham Kendrick
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SHINE, JESUS, SHINE
9 9 10 10 3 3 and refrain

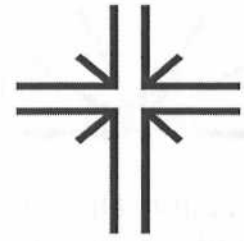
Lent at Our Saviour's and Lutheran Campus Ministry at UA

Ash Wednesday is Wednesday, March 5
Service with Prayer and Imposition of Ashes

12:00 pm Sanctuary

6:15 pm Chapel

Co-led by Our Saviour's and Lutheran Campus Ministry at UA



March Sunday Forums

March 9: *Welcoming the Stranger: Supporting Refugees in Tucson*

Stephanie Petrilli, Director of Development for Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest, will be joining us to share an overview of their refugee resettlement program and how you can respond to recent threats to this work. She will cover:

- Who refugees are, how they come to the United States, and how they are different from other types of immigrants.
- How Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest partners with local congregations to welcome refugees, and how we have been impacted by recent executive actions.
- How you can use your gifts to support refugees right here in Tucson - everything from contacting your elected officials, to mentoring a refugee, or collecting donations.

March 16: *Exploring the Tucson Book Festival*

Would you like to join a Tucson Book Festival "walk" or "trolley ride" or "van ride" from OSLC? We'll guide you there with detailed Festival plan in hand. This festival has grown into a major event in Tucson and ranks as the third largest book festival in the country! Watch for details!

March 23: *Welcoming TIHAN and New Updates on Their Ministry*

Join us as we gather in the southeast corner of the Activity Building to bless the TIHAN office space. This will be an opportunity to see the offices now that TIHAN personnel have settled in. Following the blessing, we will hear from TIHAN Executive Director Scott Blades, TIHAN Board Members, and a CarePartner served by TIHAN about the work that TIHAN is doing, current events affecting our CarePartners, and the impact that TIHAN, with the help of member congregations like OSLC, can have on the life of Tucsonans living with HIV/AIDS. If time permits, you can decorate a gift bag for TIHAN care packages.

March 30: *Save Our Schools Arizona (SOSAZ)*

Kari Hull, the Deputy Director of Outreach for SOSAZ and Shelly Hartman, the Pima County Community Action Team (CAT) Coordinator for SOSAZ will join us. Topics will include current issues related to public school funding, education bills the legislature has recently put forward, and the consequences of school vouchers. This presentation will offer new opportunities to become involved with an open discussion.

Come and See



What is "Come & See?" This is a weekly exploration of faith and life. We are presently reading through Paul's letters to the church in Corinth (1 and 2 Corinthians). In these letters, Paul addresses many familiar themes for ancient and modern communities of faith. We examine Scripture together through conversation, context, and background. Open to anyone who is interested in learning with others. Led by Pastor Glenn and Pastor Amalia. Bring a Bible or use one of the provided Lutheran study Bibles. You are welcome to bring and eat your lunch while we meet. 12-1 pm in the Patio Room (enter through the Office or Koch Chapel). At present, we are on 1 Cor. 10-11.

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Habitat For Humanity Volunteer Opportunity

Have you ever said, "I've always wanted to work at Habitat"? Here's your chance! Habitat is one of the ministries Our Saviour's supports financially, and here's a chance to get physically involved! Habitat Tucson is offering a volunteer construction day for Tucson faith communities on Saturday, March 1st from 7am - 1 pm. The work will be done at Habitat's Rodeo construction site, 5400 S Nogales Highway.

You do not need any construction knowledge – just a willingness to learn and practice a new skill. It would be great if we could have several people from Our Saviour's represented at this event. It's a great way to put our faith into action! If you would like more information, please contact Nancy Rude at nancyrude54@gmail.com or 520-204-2420.

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MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

The new year brings new ways to live out your faith at church, work, and home. Here are some ways you can get engaged at Our Saviour's. Signing up helps leaders know who they can reach out to when help is needed.

Sandwich Ministry - help make sandwiches and pick-up/drop-off of supplies

Plastic Ministry - help sort plastic, make plarn (plastic yarn), and coordinate Orange bucket on Sundays

Coffee Ministry - help make and clean-up coffee on Sundays and at other events

Hospitality Ministry - decorate, serve, and clean-up at memorials and other church gatherings

Worship Ministry - usher, acolyte, read, altar care, emergency response

Grounds Ministry - help with various projects around campus as needed

Sign up in the back of the Sanctuary or by emailing oslc@lutherantucson.org.

Centering Prayer

Meets weekly from 12-1 on Tuesdays in Koch Chapel. We begin at 12:15 with simple instruction, then 20 minutes of Centering (silent) prayer. Then we spend about 20 minutes engaging with the upcoming Gospel text using a practice called *lectio divina*. No preparation or experience necessary.

Caring Ministry

This growing ministry is a group of people who visit, call, and send card to our members and friends at home. Talk with Bonnie Phelps if you are interested in getting involved.

Quilting Group

Meets monthly on the third Tuesday of each month in the Activity Building. You can also pick up fabric and stitch at home. Contact Kathie Miller.

Knit and Crochet Group

This group makes prayer shawls, as well as hats and lap blankets for migrants and others. Anyone interested in joining please text Donna Lounsbury, 520-400-2514

Chancel Choir

Rehearses weekly on Thursdays at 6:30 PM in the Activity Building. All singers welcome. Loving and supportive community - no prior choral experience required. Contact Dr. Gréta Pásztor at gpsztor@lutherantucson.org.

Bell Choir

Rehearses weekly on Mondays at 6:30 PM in the Sanctuary. Happy group that enjoys creating joyous, uplifting music. Learners welcome. Contact Kathie Miller (kmmmiller@hotmail.com) or any other Ringers.

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 Loretta Olson at landjo@cox.net).

THOSE SERVING SUNDAY 3/2/2025

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Assisting Minister Olga Ryan
Communion Assistants Bonnie Phelps and
Pam Hardman
Acolyte Olga Ryan
Cantor Aysen Milliogullari
Music Chancel Choir
Usher Patty Sirls and
Jeanne Gacke
Greeter Gloria Schmidt
Coffee Host Fred and Donna Hudson
Treats Mary Havenhill
Tech Team Pflibsen/Bustamante
Scripture Background John Indermark

THOSE SERVING SUNDAY 3/9/2025

Presiding Minister Rev. Amalia Vagts
Preaching Minister Pastor Glenn Schrader
Assisting Minister John Indermark
Communion Assistants Bonnie Phelps and
Kathy DeVinney
Acolyte Bonnie Phelps
Cantor Aysen Milliogullari
Music Bell Choir
Keyboard Dr Joy Werst
Usher Judy Indermark and
Diane Siefkes
Greeter Donna Lounsbury and
Daphne Myers
Coffee Host David Lester
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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.



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9:00 - Sanctuary

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10:30 Sunday Forum

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Monday - Thursday

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