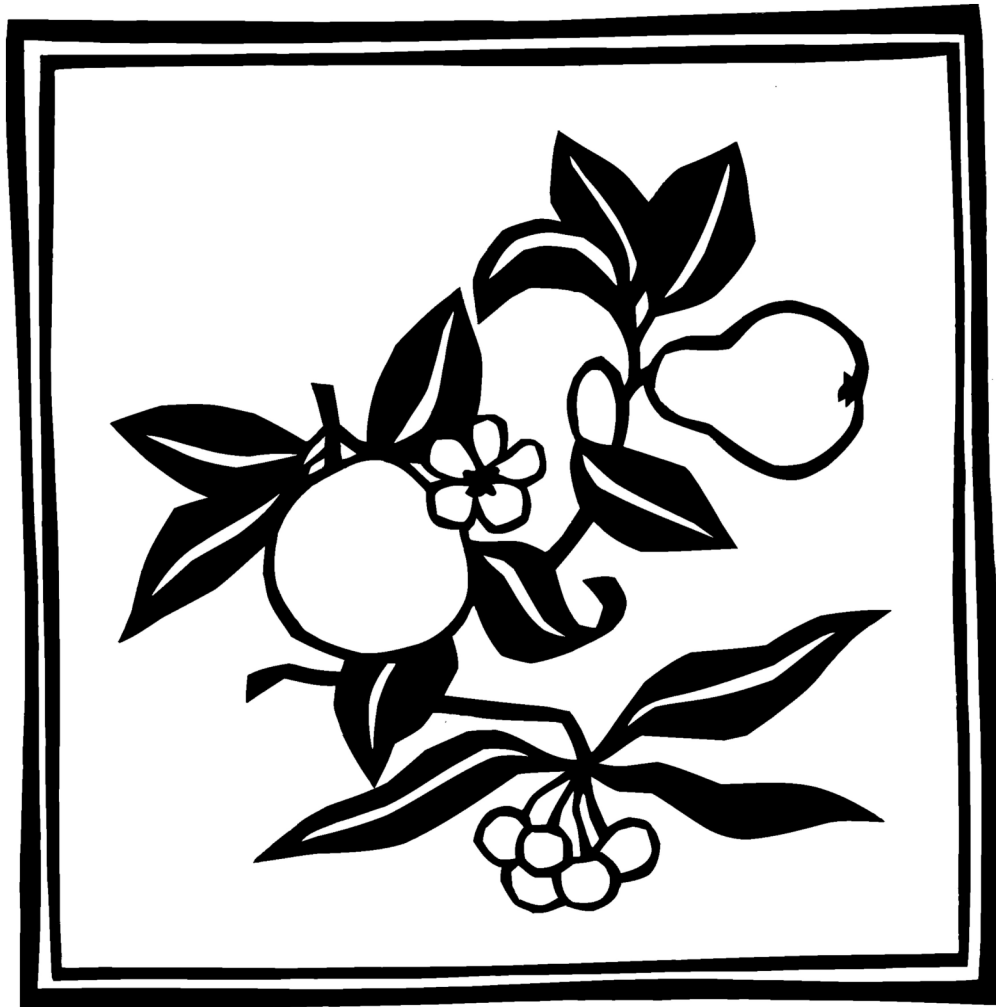


# Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

## Sunday Worship

November 30, 2025

### Giving Thanks Sunday



#### 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 W-B, Isobel, Mary N, Schatzi, Jackie, Paul, and those at home and in care facilities.

Our Extended Friends & Family: Pat (mother of Lisa Delaossa); 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); Leaticia, Azogan, Meivis, Sidibe, Bintou, Zinsou, and Mabel (friends of Rachel Starner); Pat (freind of Suzanne Hesh).

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

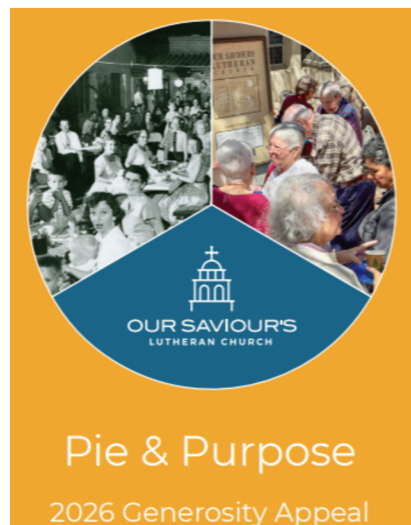
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**Postponed until January 31.**

Save the Date: Rain Garden Work Day  
Email [OSLC@lutherantucson.org](mailto:OSLC@lutherantucson.org) to sign up.



## Giving Thanks



In this time of generosity, stewardship, and Thanksgiving, we pause to give thanks to God for all we have received. First, the Generosity Team would like to thank the congregation for your wonderful engagement at our Congregational Meal last week! It was good to be together to reflect on our purpose as a congregation of what all agreed was a rather delicious meal of pie and pie.

We have received 48 returned Statements of Intent. Thank you! If you have not yet turned yours in, you can place it in the offering plate today or mail it to the parish office. We are hoping to receive all intents by November 30. On that day, we'll hold a special Giving Thanks Sunday - an opportunity to pause, to reflect, and to give thanks to God.

**November 30, 2025**

**Giving Thanks Sunday**

\*An asterisk indicates the congregation should stand as able and comfortable.  
Congregation's speaking and singing parts are in bold font.

**WELCOME**

*Now Thank We All Our God* arranged by Kevin McChesney

Bell Choir

**PRELUDE**

**\*CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE**

*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: Creator, Christ, and Spirit;  
the One God in whom we live and move and have our being;  
the One God whose compassion and grace bestow life and hope.  
Amen.

Let us now confess our need for God.

Gracious God

**Hear us as we come to you, as those created in your image.**

**We confess our sin, in words and actions, or the lack thereof,**

**When we have fallen short of your good purposes for our lives.**

**We confess our need for your forgiveness.**

**Yet confession of our need for you exceeds forgiveness alone.**

**We confess our need for your presence in our lives:**

**In times when we feel alone, in moments when we feel inadequate.**

**In times when fear reigns, and hope wanes.**

**We confess our need for you to come among us, to dwell within us,**

**To empower us to live in your light.**

**All this we confess, all this we pray,**

**In the name of Jesus the Christ who came, and who still comes.**

**Amen.**

God's assurance comes in Christ's grace that forgives us.

God's assurance comes in Spirit's Presence who accompanies us.

God's assurance comes in Holy Love that will not cease to seek our good.

**Thanks be to God!**

**\*GATHERING HYMN** ELW #679 For the Fruit of All Creation

For the Fruit of All Creation



1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.  
2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.  
3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.  
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.  
For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,  
In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,  
For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,



fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.  
in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.  
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional

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**Dialogue**

(Revelation 22:1-2)

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life,  
**bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and  
of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city.**  
On either side of the river is the tree of life  
with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month,  
**and the leaves of the tree  
are for the healing of the nations.**

## **\*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 2:1-5

*Isaiah defies reduction to a one-size-fits-all message. Words of judgment and words of hope sound and repeat time and again in close proximity. Context, then and now, dictates which word is appropriate. Isaiah's first chapter spoke harsh judgment, where God finds worship burdensome when justice goes ignored. But in our reading from chapter 2, hope emerges. Its sworn coming bids God's people, then and now, to live this day in the light of God's promised day.*

<sup>1</sup> The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

<sup>2</sup> In days to come  
the mountain of the Lord's house  
shall be established as the highest of the mountains  
and shall be raised above the hills;  
all the nations shall stream to it.

<sup>3</sup> Many peoples shall come and say,  
"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,  
to the house of the God of Jacob,  
that he may teach us his ways  
and that we may walk in his paths."

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction  
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

<sup>4</sup> He shall judge between the nations  
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;  
they shall beat their swords into plowshares  
and their spears into pruning hooks;  
nation shall not lift up sword against nation;  
neither shall they learn war any more.

<sup>5</sup> O house of Jacob,  
come, let us walk  
in the light of the Lord!

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



## Psalm 122

<sup>1</sup> I was glad when they | said to me,  
“Let us go to the house | of the Lord.”

<sup>2</sup> **Now our | feet are standing  
within your gates, | O Jerusalem.**

<sup>3</sup> Jerusalem is built | as a city  
that is at unity | with itself;

<sup>4</sup> **to which the tribes go up, the tribes | of the Lord,  
the assembly of Israel, to praise the name | of the Lord.**

<sup>5</sup> For there are the | thrones of judgment,  
the thrones of the | house of David.

<sup>6</sup> **Pray for the peace | of Jerusalem:  
“May they pros- | per who love you.**

<sup>7</sup> Peace be with- | in your walls  
and quietness with- | in your towers.

<sup>8</sup> **For the sake of my kindred | and companions,  
I pray for | your prosperity.**

<sup>9</sup> Because of the house of the | Lord our God,  
I will seek to | do you good.”

## \*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 Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Matthew 24:42-44

<sup>42</sup> Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. <sup>43</sup> But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into.

<sup>44</sup> Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

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

**SERMON** (Thanks) Living Into Hope

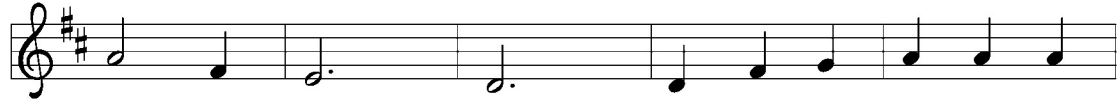
*Silence for Reflection*

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY** ELW #815 I Want to Walk as a Child of 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.

## \*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

...Draw near to us, O God, as we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy through Jesus Christ, Emmanuel.  
**Amen.**

## \*EXCHANGE OF PEACE

**OFFERING** *Alleluia, He Comes to Us* arranged by Michael R Keller

Bell Choir

## \*OFFERING PRAYER Create in Me a Clean Heart

### Create in Me a Clean Heart *Offering Song*

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: 'Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right'. The second staff continues the melody: 'spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take'. The third staff continues: 'not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of'. The fourth staff concludes the phrase: 'your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.' The score ends with a double bar line.

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take  
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of  
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

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

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

## **PRAYERS & CANDLE LIGHTING**

### **SENDING PRAYER**

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

**Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is shadow, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.**

*(Prayer attributed to St. Francis, ELW, p. 87)*

### **GENEROSITY UPDATE & PRAYER**

Generous God, you invite us to live generous lives,  
trusting that you have given us to each other to work together:  
in service to our neighbor, in love for all creation,  
and in proclamation of your good news for all.

**As we anticipate our work together in the coming year  
we ask that you give us generous and grateful hearts,  
honest commitment to the call you've placed before us,  
and sincere trust that we can rely on your grace and sufficiency  
as we continue to serve you and your people on this corner of Tucson and beyond.  
Amen.**

## COUNCIL MOMENT

## SENDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \*BLESSING

### \*SENDING HYMN ELW #248 People, Look East

*Turn to follow the cross as it passes.*

#### People, Look East



1 Peo - ple, look east. The time is near of the crown - ing  
2 Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is  
3 Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim, one more light the  
4 An - gels an - nounce with shouts of mirth him who brings new

of the year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble,  
plant - ed there. Give up your strength the seed to nour - ish,  
bowl shall brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er,  
life to earth. Set ev - 'ry peak and val - ley hum - ming

trim the hearth and set the ta - ble. Peo - ple, look  
that in course the flow'r may flour - ish. Peo - ple, look  
bright as sun and moon to - geth - er. Peo - ple, look  
with the word, the Lord is com - ing. Peo - ple, look

east, and sing to - day— Love, the Guest, is on the way.  
east, and sing to - day— Love, the Rose, is on the way.  
east, and sing to - day— Love, the Star, is on the way.  
east, and sing to - day— Love, the Lord, is on the way.

Text: Eleanor Farjeon, 1881–1965

Music: BESANÇON, French carol

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### \*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you! **Thanks be to God.**



Altar Flowers this morning

Jon and Nilu Dorschner - In praise and thanksgiving for healing and good health.

## DECEMBER HAPPENINGS

### Come & See - Tuesdays, 11 AM,

Weekly faith formation conversations for everyone. This fall we will focus on the upcoming readings for the week. We'll spend time with the "Hidden Gem" reflection prepared by John Indermark, which will take us deeper into one of the texts. Held in the Patio Room. Bring your Bible or borrow one of our Lutheran Study Bibles. Led by John Indermark.

### Centering Prayer -On hold until the New Year

### Our Saviour's Chancel Choir - Thursdays at 6:30 PM

Choir rehearsals are Thursdays at 6:30PM. Everyone is welcome to sing with the choir! Share the music. Talk to Aysen Millioğulları about joining: [Aysen@lutherantucson.org](mailto:Aysen@lutherantucson.org)

### Our Saviour Bell Choir -Mondays at 6:30 PM

We welcome all who are interested in ringing or just curious to see what is involved. If you have any questions just ask any current bell ringer or contact Kathie ([kmmiller@hotmail.com](mailto:kmmiller@hotmail.com))

**Gospel of Luke Book Study - December 1** at 6:30pm to 8pm in the Ramada Room. This journey with Luke will challenge us personally, in our households, and our communities, both locally and globally. Contact: Paula Miller for more information.



## 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.



**OUR SAVIOUR'S**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

### Advent 2025

Wednesdays, Dec. 3, 10, 17 at 6:15 PM in the Chapel  
Sundays, Dec. 7, 14, 21 at 9:00 AM in the Sanctuary

1200 N Campbell Ave, Tucson



**OUR SAVIOUR'S**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

### Christmas Schedule

Christmas Eve 5:00PM  
Christmas Day Hymn Sing 9:00AM

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## THOSE SERVING TODAY

11/30/2025

**Presiding Minister** John Indermark  
**Communion Assistants** Bonnie Phelps, Sharon Reinbott  
**Acolyte** Bonnie Phelps  
**Keyboard** Betsy Dunlap  
**Cantor** Jennifer Strand  
**Music** Bell Choir  
**Usher** Judy Indermark, Diane Siefkes  
**Greeter** Sophia Rankin  
**Cross Bearer** Bonnie Phelps  
**Coffee Host** Catalina Rankin  
**Treats** Mary Havenhill  
**Tech Team** Pflibsen/Bustamante  
**Scripture Background** John Indermark

## THOSE SERVING SUNDAY

12/07/2025

**Presiding Minister** Rev. Amalia Vagts  
**Assisting Minister** Mary Lou Forier  
**Communion Assistants** Bonnie Phelps, Hildi Williams, Mary Pflibsen  
**Acolyte** Mary Lou Forier  
**Keyboard** Betsy Dunlap  
**Cantor** Aysen Millioğullari  
**Music** Chancel Choir  
**Usher** Patty Sirls, Jeanne Gacke  
**Greeter** Gloria Schmidt  
**Cross Bearer** Bonnie Phelps  
**Coffee Host** Fred and Donna Hudson  
**Treats** ?  
**Tech Team** Pflibsen/Bustamante  
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## Sunday Worship Times

9:00 - Sanctuary

Coffee following

## Office Hours

**Monday - Thursday**

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

## Ministry Team

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Interim Collaborative Musician

John Perez  
Campus Caretaker

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