

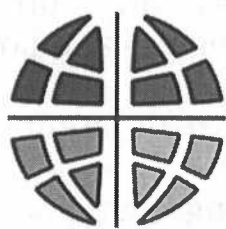
OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

SUNDAY WORSHIP

March 9, 2025
First Sunday in Lent



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: Havenhill Family, Mary, Jewel, Tracy & Marty; Maija, DeeAnn, and those at home and in care facilities. Our Extended Friends & Family: Maria and Steve (friends of Olga Ryan); Taylor (granddaughter of Kathy DeVinney); 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)

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 *Evangelical Lutheran Worship and Renewing Worship*.

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Sunday Forum 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.
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The Scattering Group Study

The book club is meeting on Tuesdays at 1:00PM 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.

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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 *Gather Us In* by Marty Haugen arranged by Philip L Roberts

Bell Choir and Betsy Kohls-flute

***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, **✝** who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever
Amen.

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

Compassionate One,
**you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love,
but our lives do not always reflect you
and your love for the world.**

**We do not show others the tender compassion
you have shown to us.**

**We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality
you grant to all people.**

**We oppress others,
even though you have set us free again and again.**

We squander the abundant gifts of the earth.

**Transform our lives
and guide us again in the way of the cross.**

You have a place in God's house forever.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN ELW # 768 *Lead Me Guide Me

Lead Me, Guide Me

768

Refrain

Lead me, guide me, a - long the way;

for if you lead me, I can - not stray.

Lord, let me walk each day with thee.

Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

1 I am weak and I need thy strength and pow'r
2 Help me tread in the paths of righ - teous - ness,
3 I am lost if you take your hand from me,

to help me o - ver my weak - est hour.
be my aid when Sa - tan and sin op - press.
I am blind with - out . . . thy light to see.

Help me through the dark - ness thy face to see.
I am put - ting all . . . my trust in thee.
Lord, just al - ways let me thy ser - vant be.

Refrain

Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

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Music: Doris Akers
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LEAD ME, GUIDE ME
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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.**

*KYRIE

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

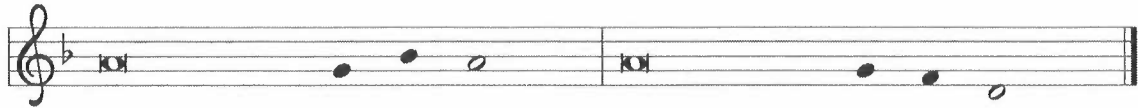
Lord, have mer - cy; have mer - cy, O Lord.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

“When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess and you possess it and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time and say to him, ‘Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us.’ When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, you shall make this response before the LORD your God: ‘A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me.’ You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.”

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



Psalm 91:1-2,9-16

- ¹ You who dwell in the shelter of | the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of | the Almighty—
- ² **you will say to the LORD, “My refuge | and my stronghold,
my God in whom I | put my trust.”**
- ⁹ Because you have made the | LORD your refuge,
and the Most High your | habitation,
- ¹⁰ **no evil | will befall you,
nor shall affliction come | near your dwelling.**
- ¹¹ For God will give the angels charge | over you,
to guard you in | all your ways.
- ¹² **Upon their hands they will | bear you up,
lest you strike your foot a- | gainst a stone.**
- ¹³ You will tread upon the lion | cub and viper;
you will trample down the lion | and the serpent.
- ¹⁴ **I will deliver those who | cling to me;
I will uphold them, because they | know my name.**
- ¹⁵ They will call me, and I will | answer them;
I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and | honor them.
- ¹⁶ **With long life will I | satisfy them,
and show them | my salvation.**

SECOND READING: Romans 10:8b-13

“The word is near you,
in your mouth and in your heart”

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim), because if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart, leading to righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, leading to salvation. The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

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

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Let your stead - fast love come to us, O Lord;
save us as you prom - ised, for we trust your word.

*GOSPEL

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

Luke 4:1-14

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tested by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.' "

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written,

'Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.' "

Then the devil led him to Jerusalem and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you,
to protect you,'

and

'On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.' "

Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.' " When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time. Then Jesus, in the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding region.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

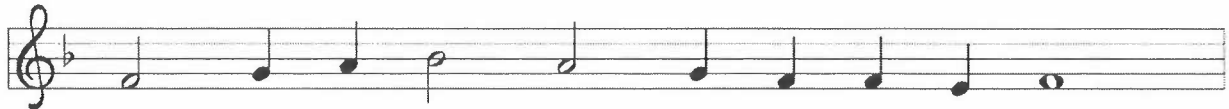
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Silence for Reflection

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW#321 *Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church*

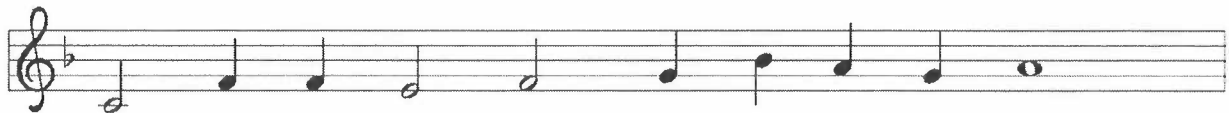
Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church



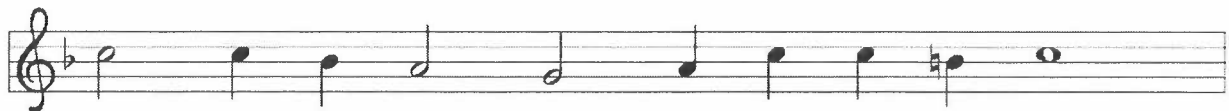
1 E - ter - nal Lord of love, be - hold your church
2 So dai - ly dy - ing to the way of self,
3 If dead in you, so in you we a - rise,



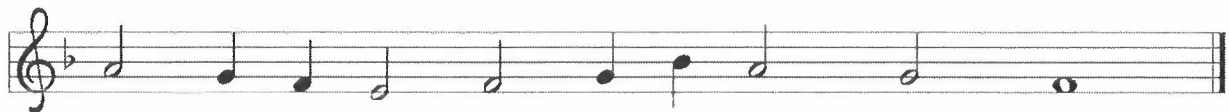
walk - ing once more the pil - grim way of Lent,
so dai - ly liv - ing in your way of love,
you the first - born of all the faith - ful dead;



led by your cloud by day, by night your fire,
we walk the road, Lord Je - sus, that you trod,
and as through ston - y ground the green shoots break,



moved by your love and toward your pres - ence bent:
know - ing our - selves bap - tized in to your death:
glo - rious in spring - time dress of leaf and flow'r,



far off yet here— the goal of all de - sire.
so we are dead and live with you in God.
so in - to life and glo - ry shall we wake.

Text: Thomas H. Cain, 1931–2003

Music: OLD 124TH, *Trente quatre pseauxes de David*, Geneva, 1551

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The assisting minister leads the prayers.

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: "O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer; when I call an - swer me. O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer; come and lis - ten to me." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

WORDS: Psalm 102:1-2, adapt.
MUSIC: Jacques Berthier (1923-1994)
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...God in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

...Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.

Amen.

***EXCHANGE OF PEACE**

OFFERING *Simple Gifts* Arranged by Carl Wiltse - Bell Choir

***OFFERING SONG** *In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful* (next page)

***OFFERING PRAYER**

Gracious Provider,

you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world.

As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful

18

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: 'In the Lord I'll be ev - er thank - ful, in the Lord I will re - joice! Look to God, do not be a - fraid. Lift up your voic - es, the Lord is near. Lift up your voic - es, the Lord is near.' There are triplets in the piano accompaniment on the second and third systems.

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***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...

..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*

Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Music: *Bread of Life*, Jeremy Young, b. 1948
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ELW #325 *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*

ELW #326 *Bless Now, O God, the Journey*

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

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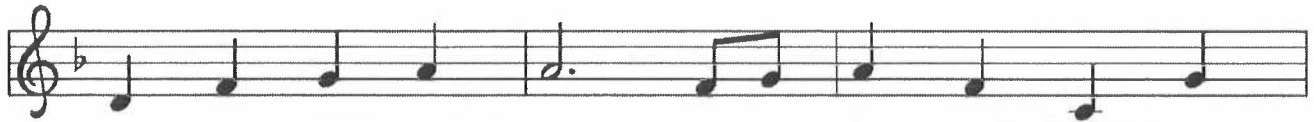
***BLESSING**

SENDING HYMN ACS #1034 *When it Seems the Day Will End*

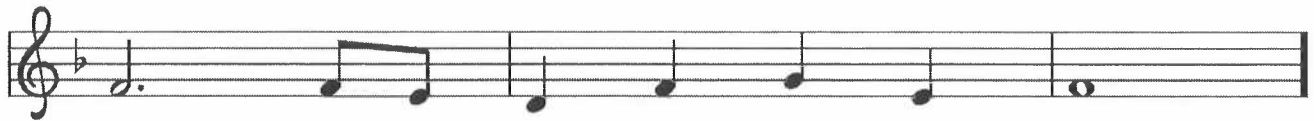
When it Seems the Day Will End



1 When it seems the day will end, and all
2 When it seems the day will end, sink - ing
3 When it seems the day will end, and a



light gives way to fear, we will speak your name a -
low un - der our skin, we are dead and born a -
cold - ness fills our bones, we will walk the way you've



gain to re - mind us you are here.
gain, and with you now en - ter in.
been, and our hearts will be your home.

Refrain



New life ris - ing, New life ris - ing, ash - es fall - ing, ash - es fall - ing,



joy and weep - ing, joy and weep - ing, in your call - ing. in your call - ing.

Text: Justin Rimbo, b. 1980
Music: HUMBLE WALK, Justin Rimbo
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***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.

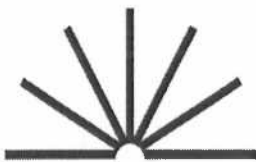
POSTLUDE - *All People That On Earth Do Dwell* Arr. by W.T. Best - Joy Werst

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Come and See - Thursdays 12 - 1 PM, Patio Room



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. 13-14.

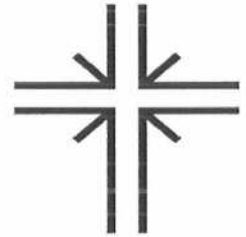
Lent at Our Saviour's and Lutheran Campus Ministry at UA

Wednesdays at

12:00 pm Sanctuary

6:15 pm Chapel

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



March Sunday Forums

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.

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 (kmmiller@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 Laretta Olson at landjo@cox.net).

THOSE SERVING SUNDAY 3/9/2025

Presiding Minister	Rev. Amalia Vagts
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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
Treats	Lauretta Olson and Isobel Barnhill
Tech Team	Pflibsen/Bustamante
Scripture Background	John Indermark

THOSE SERVING SUNDAY 3/16/2025

Presiding Minister	Rev. Amalia Vagts
Assisting Minister	Hildi Williams
Communion Assistants	Bonnie Phelps and Kris Sanchez
Acolyte	Ted Adams
Cantor	Jennifer Strand
Keyboard	Gréta Pásztor
Music	Chancel Choir, Julian Hodge
Usher	Angie Grandison and Ted Adams
Greeter	Fred and Donna Hudson
Coffee Host	Kris Sanchez
Treats	Phala Andressen
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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9:00 - Sanctuary
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