

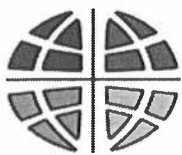
OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

SUNDAY WORSHIP

October 27, 2024
Reformation and Reforming 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: 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); Michael Bales (brother of Alan Bales); Grant and Shirley (brother and sister-in-law of Theda Doak).

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 reforming church and reminds us of our connection to the earth and all of God's creatures.

Sunday Forums

Today: Workshops on the Reconciling in Christ Process.

"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.

Sunday November 3 - Patio Room Celebration - Last spring, our congregation held a special appeal to make some much-needed updates to our Patio Room and Patio. On Sunday, November 3, the Generosity Team invites you to check out the progress as we bless these new spaces together. We will also talk about **Living Water**, our fall generosity appeal, and provide a tutorial about how to set up online giving.

October 27, 2024

Reformation and Reforming 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 - *The Stand* arr. by Carol Tornquist

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-** *Christ, the Lord, Our Sure Foundation with Lead On, O King Eternal* - Trumpet players Rachel Clemmer and Michael Orvek

Choir - Refrain:

Christ, the Lord, is our sure foundation,
Christ, the head and cornerstone;
Chosen by our God most precious,
binding all the church as one.

Jesus Christ, the one rejected,
by the faithless cast aside;
Living Stone, ordained to live
eternally on high!

Refrain

Chosen race, O holy nation,
called from darkness into light;
Sing of grace and mercy and proclaim
God's pow'r and might.
You are led by God's great light!

Congregation

Lead on, O King Eternal,
the day of march has come,
henceforth in fields of conquest
Your tents will be our home.
Through days of preparation
Your grace has made us strong,
and now, O King Eternal,
we lift our battle song .

Lead on, O King Eternal,
till sin's fierce war shall cease,
and holiness shall whisper
the sweet Amen of peace.
For not with swords' loud clashing
nor roll of stirring drums,
with deeds of love and mercy
the heavenly kingdom comes.

(interlude)

Lead on, O King Eternal,
we follow, not with fears;
for gladness breaks like morning
where'er your face appears;
Your cross is lifted o'er us,
we journey in its light;
the crown awaits the conquest;
lead on, O God of might.

Choir

Refrain

***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: Jeremiah 31:7-9

Thus says the Lord:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;
proclaim, give praise, and say,
"Save, O Lord, your people,
the remnant of Israel."

See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,
among them the blind and the lame,
those with child and those in labor, together;
a great company, they shall return here.

With weeping they shall come,
and with consolations I will lead them back,
I will let them walk by brooks of water,
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;
for I have become as a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

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

PSALM 126

Read in parts. The congregation part is in bold.

When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, then were we like those who dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy.
Then they said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them."

The LORD has done great things for us, and we are glad indeed.
Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the watercourses of the Negeb.

Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy.
Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; but Jesus holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

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



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

As Jesus and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed Jesus on the way.

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

SERMON

Silence for Reflection

HYMN OF THE DAY - ELW#517 - *Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word*

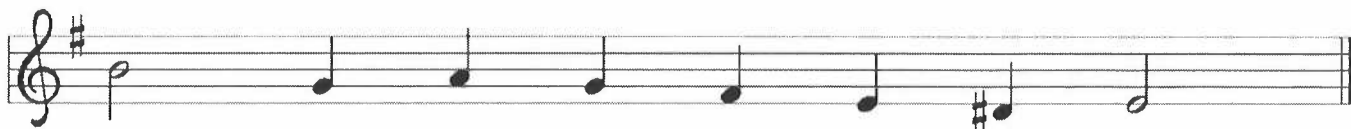
Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word



1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in your word; curb those who
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, your pow'r make known, for you are
3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, send peace and



by de - ceit or sword would wrest the king - dom from your Son
Lord of lords a - lone; de - fend your ho - ly church, that we
u - ni - ty on earth; sup - port us in our fi - nal strife



and bring to naught all he has done.
may sing your praise e - ter - nal - ly.
and lead us out of death to life.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
Music: ERHALT UNS, HERR, J. Klug, *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543

RECEPTION OF NEWCOMERS

Today we welcome as new members: Adonica De Vault; Asher & Mary Havenhill; Eric Howard; Eldon & Maria Krueger; and as friends, Lindsay, Ray & Raymond LeDoux; Sharon Reinbott.

In baptism, we are welcomed into the Body of Christ...People of God, do you promise to support and pray for *these new members* in *their* life in Christ?

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Welcome

Let us welcome these friends in Christ to this community of faith. We welcome you as you are, with your experiences and stories. We are grateful for what we will learn from you and with you, and for the change and growth we will experience together.

We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.

**Together we will give thanks and praise to God
and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

***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 - *Lord, Teach Your Church* by Joseph M. Martin - Chancel Choir

Bridge

Teach us, O Lord, to care. Teach us to love and share.

Your mercy may we bear as we live ev'ry day.

Teach us, O Lord, to pray. Teach us to know Your ways.

Teach us to trust Your Spirit and obey.

Lord, take our hearts and minds; fill them with love divine.

Lord, come and tune our church to be instruments of praise!

*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*

The musical notation is written on four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is simple and repetitive, consisting of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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 #796 *How Firm a Foundation*

ELW #661 *I Love to Tell the Story*

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

SENDING PRAYER

A prayer from Martin Luther:

This life therefore is not righteousness, but growth in righteousness, not health, but healing, not being but becoming, not rest but exercise. We are not yet what we shall be, but we are growing toward it, the process is not yet finished, but it is going on, this is not the end, but it is the road. All does not yet gleam in glory, but all is being purified. Amen

***SENDING ANNOUNCEMENTS**

***BLESSING**

SENDING HYMN - ELW#504- *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* (next page)

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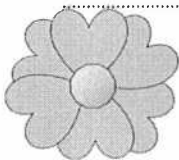
Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

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 *Hymns of Majesty* arr. by Phillip Keveren

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The Altar Flowers today are given to the Glory of God in memory of Ruth Strand, an amazing woman. ~ Jennifer Strand.

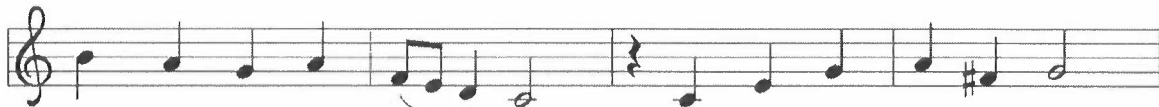
A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



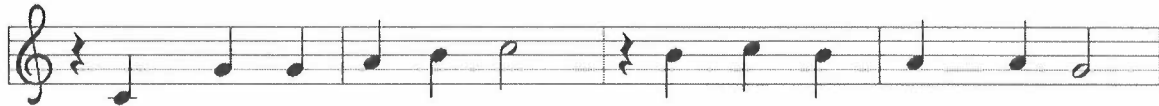
1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat - 'ning to de -
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who



to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and
 ject - ed. But now a cham-pion comes to fight, whom
 vour us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they
 fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with



wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
 God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
 weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,



has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
 The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
 in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
 goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,



he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
 God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
 God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
 they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*
 Music: EIN FESTE BURG, Martin Luther
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Welcoming Newcomers - Today we will welcome new members and friends to our congregation during worship. Please welcome our newcomers, learn their stories, and invite them into ways of service and engagement in our congregation.

All Saints Sunday - November 3

On Sunday, November 3 we will celebrate All Saints Day. All Saints celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who are the body of Christ. We will remember in worship those who have died in the past year. 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.

From October 29 -November 3 will have an *ofrenda* in the main office. This is a Mexican tradition that remembers loved ones who have died. You are welcome to bring photos or mementos to add to the *ofrenda*.

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Introduction to Centering Prayer: *a quiet time in a busy season*

Gather for a day of quiet and contemplation. Learn about Centering Prayer through practice, video, journaling, and discussion.

Saturday, Dec 7, 10 am - 3 pm
Our Saviour's Lutheran Church
1200 N. Campbell Ave, Tucson

Bring: your own lunch, paper and pen. Donations Accepted.

Centering Prayer Retreat ·
Saturday, December 7



Register by December 2

Use the QR Code to register or:

oslc@lutherantucson.org

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Rachel Clemmer is a trumpeter with years of experience as both a performer and educator. During her four years as a Graduate Teaching Assistant at the University of Arizona, she taught private lessons at the undergraduate level, played in various large ensembles, and performed as a member of the Fred Fox Graduate Brass Quintet. Her professional portfolio includes performances with the Tucson Symphony Orchestra, True Concord Voices and Orchestra, the Arizona Opera, and Monsoon Brass. When not performing or teaching, Rachel enjoys soaking up the Arizona sunshine with her partner, two dogs, and horses.

Michael Orvek has been playing the trumpet since he was 11 years old. As a senior in high school he served as the principal trumpet for the Pima Community College wind ensemble, and studied under Victor Valenzuela, the then principal French horn of the Tucson symphony orchestra. Michael attended college at Andrews University in Michigan, where he served as principal trumpet of both the symphony orchestra and wind ensemble for 3 years. He currently lives in Fountain Hills but frequently travels to Tucson to visit family.



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.

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 Laretta Olson at landjo@cox.net).

THOSE SERVING SUNDAY 10/27/2024

Presiding Minister	Rev. Glenn Schrader
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

THOSE SERVING SUNDAY 11/03/2024

Presiding Minister	Rev. Amalia Vagts
Assisting Minister	John Indermark and Rev. Glenn Schrader
Communion Assistants	Bonnie Phelps and Jennifer Strand
Acolyte	Jennifer Strand
Cantor	Aysen Milliogullari
Piano	Cameron Barton
Music	OSLC Bell Choir
Usher	David Lester and Judy Indermark
Greeter	Gloria Schmidt
Coffee Host	David Lester
Treats	Patty Sirls
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

Coffee following

10:30 Sunday Forum

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Monday - Thursday

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

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