

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

Sunday Worship

October 5, 2025

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost



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 Three from Evangelical Lutheran Worship.

Prayer Requests: Family and Friends of Connie Rietschel, William. Mary, Tracy & Marty, Gene, and those at home and in care facilities.

Our Extended Friends & Family: Prayers of joy for new parents Paige & Michael Marty and new daughter, Emily Claire. Prayers of joy for new parents Addison & Nicole Coen and new sons, Felix and Asher. Family and friends of Gerri Ballmer (Patty Sirls' cousin), Lia (granddaughter of Angie Grandison), Callie (granddaughter of Mary Lou Forier), 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); Tom (brother-in-law of Ted Adams); Abel (great grandson of Laverne Walsh); Jeanne (friend of Schatzi Taylor); 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).

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

80TH
ANNIVERSARY
Celebration!



1945
Eight kids showed up with the thirteen adults for the first Sunday service at the YWCA — and stayed for the first Sunday School class. By 1953 we were close to 300 in multiple classes. The toddlers met in the kitchen, little kids in the patio room, grammar school age outside in the patio, high-schoolers on the front porch. Rain was not allowed on Sundays.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 25, 2025
10AM History Walk
12PM Celebratory Meal

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*An asterisk indicates the congregation should stand in body and/or spirit.
Congregation's speaking and singing parts are in bold font.

Welcome

When at Creation's Dawn arr. by Jean Janzen- Chancel Band

Prelude

***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 forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

***GATHERING HYMN ELW #461 All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly**

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly



- 1 All who hun - ger, gath - er glad - ly; ho - ly man - na is our bread.
- 2 All who hun - ger, nev - er strang - ers; seek - er, be a wel - come guest.
- 3 All who hun - ger, sing to - geth - er, Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread.



Come from wil - der - ness and wan - d'ring. Here in truth we will be fed.
Come from rest - less - ness and roam - ing. Here in joy we keep the feast.
Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing. Here in peace we have been fed.



You that yearn for days of full - ness, all a - round us is our food.
We that once were lost and scat - tered in com - mu - nion's love have stood.
Blest are those who from this ta - ble live their days in grat - i - tude.



Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.
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Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955–1993

Music: HOLY MANNA, W. Moore, *Columbian Harmony*, 1825

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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 Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

On the surface, the book of Habakkuk could be easily overlooked. It is a mere three chapters in length. The book does not tell us who this prophet is, and very little about the time of its writing. But in truth, Habakkuk is indispensable for the Church and Lutheran theology in particular. Luther drew on Paul for the keystone of justification by faith. Where did Paul derive that from?

¹ The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

² O Lord, how long shall I cry for help,
and you will not listen?
Or cry to you "Violence!"
and you will not save?

³ Why do you make me see wrongdoing
and look at trouble?
Destruction and violence are before me;
strife and contention arise.

⁴ So the law becomes slack,
and justice never prevails.
The wicked surround the righteous;
therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

^{2:1} I will stand at my watchpost
and station myself on the rampart;
I will keep watch to see what he will say to me
and what he will answer concerning my complaint.

² Then the Lord answered me and said:
Write the vision;
make it plain on tablets,
so that a runner may read it.

³ For there is still a vision for the appointed time;
it speaks of the end and does not lie.
If it seems to tarry, wait for it;
it will surely come; it will not delay.

⁴ Look at the proud!
Their spirit is not right in them,
but the righteous live by their faithfulness.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING 2 Timothy 1:1-14

This letter is set in a time of Paul's imprisonment. That setting heightens concerns about shame and suffering in today's reading. It also sharpens remembrances (the faith of Timothy's mother and grandmother) with urging him to rekindle such faith now. The love of Christ and the help of the Spirit can be trusted.

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

² To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

³ I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴ Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵ I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. ⁶ For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands, ⁷ for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

⁸ Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, in the power of God, ⁹ who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace, and this grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰ but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. ¹¹ For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, ¹² and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day the deposit I have entrusted to him. ¹³ Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴ Guard the good deposit entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Soli Deo Gloria



5 A bil - lion voic - es in one great song, now soft and
gen - tle, now deep and strong, in ev - 'ry
cul - ture and style and key, from hill and val - ley, with sky and
sea, with Christ we praise you e - ter - nal - ly:
So - li De - o glo - ri - a! So - li De - o glo - ri - a!

*GOSPEL

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

Luke 17:5-10

⁵ The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" ⁶ The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

⁷ "Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? ⁸ Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me; put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? ⁹ Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? ¹⁰ So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

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

SERMON

Silence for Reflection

***HYMN OF THE DAY** ELW #457 Waterlife

Waterlife

Leader or All



1 Be - fore I can re-mem-ber the cov - e - nant was sealed
2 A sim - ple sweet be - gin - ning, a lov - ing place to start:
3 My hope and ex - pec - ta - tion for true com-mun - i - ty



with Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it, in wa - ter was re-vealed.
Christ be - gan the sing - ing that swells with-in my heart.
be - gins with res - ur - rec - tion, his death and life in me.



The cleans-ing was for cer - tain, with wa - ter and the Word;
His love be-came my call - ing, his life my min - is - try.
His Spir - it fills the Bod - y: his church through wa - ter sees



gen - tle words were spo - ken, in heav - en they were heard.
His name is my a - dop - tion in - to his fam - i - ly.
prom - ise for to - mor - row, his wa - ter-life in me.

Refrain
All



They were sing-ing wa - ter-life, be - gin - ning life, wa-ter-life



all my life, wa-ter-life, Spir - it life, wa - ter - life.

*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

...We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

*EXCHANGE OF PEACE

OFFERING

A Prayer for You arr. by Handt Hanson - Chancel Band

***OFFERTORY PRAYER - *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing* (all sing)**

Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise
While the hope of endless glory fills my heart with joy and love
Teach me ever to adore thee; may I still thy goodness prove.

Almighty God, your love is cast, like seed upon the ground
O let the dew of grace appear, and righteous fruits abound.

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

God be with you. **And also with you.**

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

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

Indeed, it is our joy to give thanks
In all ways and all places to you, Creator God.
In great love you sent us Jesus, your Only Begotten,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened arms to all.

...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

Come to this Table of mercy. Become what you receive.

This is Christ's table. You and all are welcome, without exception. If you prefer a blessing only, cross your arms over your heart. Gluten free wafers available by request. The wine is red; grape juice is clear. Please let an usher know if you would like communion brought to your pew.

COMMUNION MUSIC ELW #525 You are Holy (in hymnal)

Come to the Table arr. by Martin J. Nystrom

The Lamb arr. by Gerald Patrick Coleman

SENDING PRAYER

Gracious God,
in this meal you have drawn us to you and nourished us at your table with the living body and life blood of Christ. Send us forth to be your people in the world, to proclaim your truth and love, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

SENDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BLESSING

*SENDING HYMN ELW #715 Christ, Be Our Light (see insert)

Turn to follow the cross as it passes.

*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you!

Thanks be to God.

SMALL GROUP MINISTRY

Centering Prayer

Meets weekly from 12:00 on Tuesdays in Koch Chapel. We begin at 12:15 with simple instruction, then 20 minutes of Centering (silent) prayer. No preparation or experience necessary.

Come and See

Meets weekly from 11:00 - 12:00 on Tuesdays in the Patio Room. 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. Please note the new day and time.

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 Aysen at Aysen@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.

Wednesday Bible Study

Meets Wednesdays at 10:30 in the Pocket Room. Contact Laretta Olson for more information - landjo@cox.net.

Grief Group

Meets the second Saturday of each month in the Ramada Room at 10:00AM. Led by Pastor Ricki from Hospice of the Valley

Other Ways to Grow Your Faith:

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

Mindfulness Meditation (Mondays, 1:30 - 2:30 PM); Men's Bible Study (Tuesdays, 7:00 AM)

THOSE SERVING SUNDAY
10/5/2025

Presiding Minister Rev. Martha Neff Stum
Assisting Minister Laurretta Olson
Communion Assistants Bonnie Phelps, Sharon Reinbott
Acolyte Bonnie Phelps
Music Chancel Band- Emma Mischel,
Liliana Peterson, Jeff Ladderud,
Ron Rude
Usher Patty Sirls, Jennifer Strand
Greeter Gloria Schmidt
Cross Bearer Sharon Reinbott
Coffee Host Fred and Donna Hudson
Treats Mary Havenhill
Tech Team Pflibsen/Bustamante
Scripture Background John Indermark

THOSE SERVING SUNDAY
10/12/2025

Presiding Minister Rev. Amalia Vagts
Assisting Minister Hildi Williams
Communion Assistants Bonnie Phelps, Pam Hardman
Acolyte Bonnie Phelps
Keyboard Betsy Dunlap
Cantor Jennifer Strand
Music Bell Choir
Usher Jeanne Gacke, Diane Siefkes
Greeter Donna Lounsbury, Daphne Myers
Cross Bearer Jeanne Gacke
Coffee Host David Lester
Treats Joanna Keyl
Tech Team Pflibsen/Bustamante
Scripture Background John Indermark

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Sunday Worship Times
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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Online Offering

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80TH ANNIVERSARY

Celebration

Join us Saturday, October 25
to celebrate 80 years of
ministry through Our
Saviour's Lutheran Church.

History Walk: 10 AM
Celebratory Feast: 12 PM



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You are welcome
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***SENDING HYMN** ELW #715 Christ, Be Our Light

Turn to follow the cross as it passes.

Christ, Be Our Light



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for
4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for
5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

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