OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH SUNDAY WORSHIP

August 18, 2024 Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost



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 - I Can Only Imagine 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, the God of manna, of miracles, of mercy. **Amen**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our provider,

help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world.

Amen.

Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, + the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy:

you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

Amen.

*GATHERING HYMN- This is the Feast





*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: Proverbs 9:1-6

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

PSALM 34:9-14

Fear the Lord, you saints of the Lord, for those who fear the | Lord lack nothing. The lions are in want and suffer hunger, but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.

Come, children, and listen to me; I will teach you reverence for the Lord. Who among you takes pleasure in life and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?

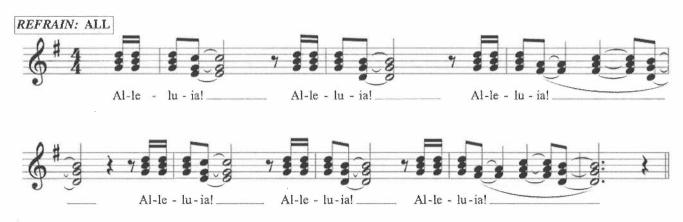
Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from lying words. **Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.**

SECOND READING: Ephesians 5:15-20

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

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Leader: Alleluia, Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. (to Refrain)



*GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to John . Glory to you, O Lord.

John 6:51 -58

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY - ELW#518 - We Eat the Bread of Teaching

*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

PASTOR: Holy One, nourish us with abundant life in Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

*EXCHANGE OF PEACE

OFFERING - Make Me Pure, O Sacred Spirit arr. by Georg Philipp Telemann

*OFFERING PRAYER

Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. **Amen.**

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



Gathering around the table...

...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.

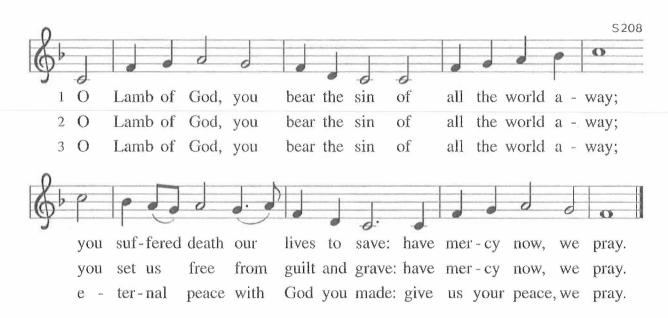
COMMUNION

Come and abide in the living bread. Come and eat!

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



ELW #490- Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence ELW #492 - Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

SENDING PRAYER

Holy God, you give your Spirit of truth, and you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth to be Christ-centered community through faith and action in the heart of Tucson and wherever you lead us. Amen.

SENDING AND BLESSING FOR VICAR WENDI VAN BEEK SENDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BLESSING

SENDING HYMN - ELW#469 - By Your Hand You Feed Your People

*DISMISSAL

Go, with renewed and nourished life and live abundantly! **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 - When In Our Music God is Glorified - arr. by Mark Hayes

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Welcome to Our Saviour's



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 visi tors, and returners with diverse backgrounds, life experiences, and beliefs. We follow a familiar Lutheran service with piano, organ, and guest musi ians. 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: Nilu and Jon; Tracy; Marty; Mary Lou; Maija, and those at home.

Our Extended Friends & Family: Richard (neighbor); John (friend of Pastor Glenn's); Beverly (sister-in-law of Martha Neff Stum and Mary Stum); Josh, Melissa, and Mary Ann (friends of Chris and Theda Doak); Megan (niece of Chris and Theda Doak); Bob (family member of Kathy DeVinney); Tom (brother-in-law of Ted Adams).

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

Vicar Wendi's Last Sunday - Sunday, August 18

Today we will offer prayers of sending and blessing to Vicar Wendi during worship. She has completed her required internship and continues on her journey to being ordained as a Minister of Word and Service (a deacon) in our ELCA. We will celebrate with her and her spouse, Jeanne Gacke, during coffee hour. Following internship, Vicar Wendi (and Jeanne) will head back to Minnesota for two months for some time with family and friends. Vicar Wendi will meet with the Grand Canyon Synod Candidacy Committee in November as the final step in ELCA candidacy. Following approval from that committee, Wendi will be available for call as a Deacon. We will continue to pray for her during this time of discernment.

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 start on Thursday, September 5 at 6:30pm in the Activity Building, and will continue Thursday nights until May 2025. No prior choral experience is required, and you can join any time during the season. We have an exciting selection of repertoire selected for the Fall, with the choir singing every other Sunday including Reformation Sunday, Christ the King Sunday, and Christmas. To find out more, please email Dr. Gréta Pásztor at gpasztor@lutherantucson.org

Join friends at Tucson LGBTQ+ Pride September 27-28

Our Saviour's will once again join the "Multifaith for Pride" group in the Pride parade on Friday, September 27 and the "Affirming Lutherans of Tucson" group at the Pride Festival on Saturday, September 29. Anyone interested is invited to join us. The parade is held in downtown Tucson near Armory Park on Friday evening. Those participating need to be comfortable walking 1-2 miles (we are also trying to coordinate a truck for those who want to join but cannot walk). If you are attending the festival on Saturday, look for the Lutheran booth! If you are interested in joining or helping, talk to Lisa Delaossa or Pastor Amalia.

This Week at Our Saviour's - August 18, 2024



Monday 10:15 AM Staff Meeting

Tuesday 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study

9:00 AM Quilters

12:15 PM Centering Prayer 6:30 PM Council Meeting

Friday Campus/Office Closed

Sunday 9:00 AM Sunday Service

10:30 AM Coffee and Fellowship

10:30 AM Sandwich Making

Please see our Events Page and online calendar for all events. We have a new events page: www.lutherantucson.org/events-page

Newcomers and Visitors + We are glad you are here. We invite you to fill out the green slip in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. You are welcome to join us for Holy Communion today. Ushers will guide you. We have a small play area for kids at the front of the Sanctuary on the left - you are welcome to use it anytime during the service.

Nametags + We have new magnetic nametag holders. They are easier to use if you slide the magnet, rather than try to pull it straight off. If you have a pacemaker or prefer a clip-in style, you are welcome to swap out your magnetic holder for a clip-on. If your name needs to be corrected or you need a nametag, please let the usher know. Nametags help us get to know and remember each other.

<u>Sunday Forum Kickoff on September 1!</u> "Sharing Your Summer Experiences"

Join us for the first Sunday Forum after worship in the Activity Building to hear about some of the experiences that members of Our Saviour's have had over the summer. Some have traveled to far parts of the United States or the world, but others have had special events closer to home. As we start-up again with many activities at the church, we invite you share just five minutes with others about what has made the last months meaningful to you in your life of faith. Contact Pastor Glenn about how to get ready to join in [pastorglenn@lutherantucson.org]!

THOSE SERVING SUNDAY 8/18/2024

Presiding Minister Rev. Amalia Vagts

Assisting Minister Jennifer Strand and

Rev. Glenn Schrader

Communion Assistants Bonnie Phelps and

Mary Pflibsen

Piano Gréta Pásztor

Cantor Aysen Millioğulları **Acolyte** Jennifer Strand

Usher Kathy Devinney and Melanie Bowman

Greeter Patty Sirls

Coffee Host David Lester **Treats** Lauretta Olson

Tech Team Pflibsen/Bustamante

Scripture Background John Indermark THOSE SERVING SUNDAY 8/25/2024

Presiding Minister Rev. Amalia Vagts **Assisting Minister** Ted Adams and

Rev. Glenn Schrader

Communion Assistants Bonnie Phelps and

Linda Zizka

Piano Gréta Pásztor Cantor Nilu Dorschner

Acolyte Ted Adams

Music William and Ann DeVin-

ney, Kent Pflibsen, and

Asher Haverhill

Usher Angie Grandison and

Patty Sirls

Greeter Kathy DeVinney

Coffee Host Ron and Nancy Rude

Treats Ion and Nilu Dorschner Tech Team Pflibsen/Bustamante

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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 Coffee following

Office Hours Monday - Thursday 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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