# **OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH** SUNDAY WORSHIP

# August 25, 2024 Fourteenth 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** - Pachelbel's Canon in D arr. by Kent Pflibsen,

Kent Pflibsen and Asher Havenhill

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,  $\pm$  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.** 

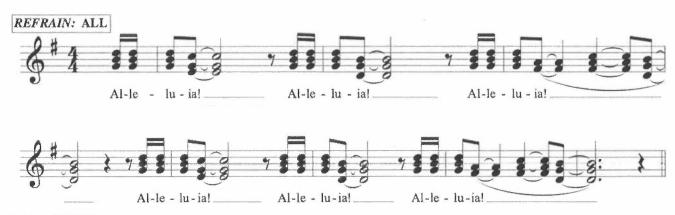
# \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

# **READING: Ephesians 6:10-20**

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 6:56-71

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

Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father."

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Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God." Jesus answered them, "Did I not choose you, the twelve? Yet one of you is a devil." He was speaking of Judas son of Simon Iscariot, for he, though one of the twelve, was going to betray him.

### **SERMON**

HYMN OF THE DAY - ELW#514 - O Word of God Incarnate

## \*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.** 

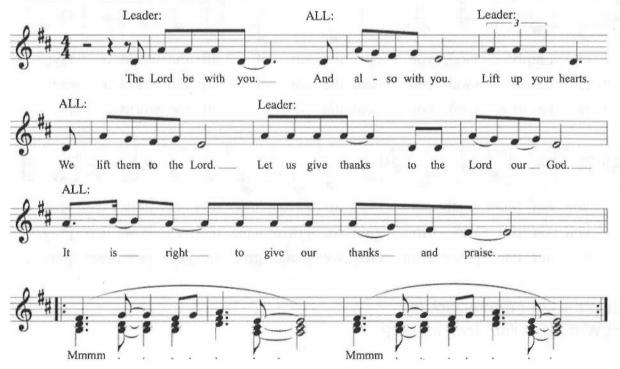
## \*EXCHANGE OF PEACE

**OFFERING** - Sweet Hour of Prayer by William Walford - Ann and Bill DeVinney

## \*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.

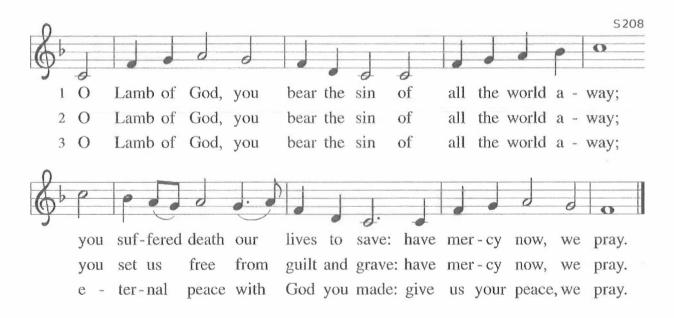
## **COMMUNION**

Like Simon Peter, we also ask, "Lord, to whom shall we go?" Jesus answers, "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#482 - I Come with Joy ELW #758 - You Are The Way

### 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 ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## \*BLESSING

SENDING HYMN - ELW#808 - Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song

## \*DISMISSAL

In Jesus we have heard the words of eternal life. We have come to believe once again that Jesus is truly the Holy One of God. Go, and don't forget, that you are indeed Jesus' chosen beloved.

#### 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 - Minuetto By Jasmine Brown - Kent Pflibsen and Asher Haverhill

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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: Tracy; Marty; 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.

# **Knit and Crochet Group**

Knit and Crochet group starts back up in September. Anyone interested in joining please text Donna Lounsbury 520-400-2514.

# **Wednesday Morning Bible Study**

Wednesday morning bible study begins on September 4 at 10:30AM in the Pocket Room.

#### 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.

# Women of the ELCA (Grand Canyon Synod), Oct 4-5

October 4-5, 2024 (Friday noon to Saturday 4:00pm). Held at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, 1200 N. Campbell, Tucson, AZ. Hosted by: Women of the ELCA Grand Canyon Synod. Registration: \$100/person by August 15, 2024, or \$120/person after August 15, 2024. Deadline to register is Sept. 21, 2024. It includes Saturday lunch but does not include lodging.

Register online: www.grandcanyonwomen.org/events

# This Week at Our Saviour's - August 25 2024



Monday 10:15 AM Staff Meeting

Tuesday 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study

12:15 PM Centering Prayer

Friday Campus/Office Closed

Sunday 9:00 AM Sunday Service

10:15 AM Coffee and Fellowship10:30 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.

# Sunday Forum Kickoff on September 1! "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 8/25/2024

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 Bill and Ann DeVinney,

Kent Pflibsen, and Asher

Havenhill

**Usher** Angie Grandison and

Patty Sirls

**Greeter** Kathy DeVinney

Coffee Host Ron and Nancy Rude

**Treats** Ion and Nilu Dorschner

Tech Team Pflibsen/Bustamante

Scripture Background John Indermark

THOSE SERVING SUNDAY 9/1/2024

**Presiding Minister** Rev. Amalia Vagts **Assisting Minister** 

John Indermark and

Rev. Glenn Schrader

**Communion Assistants** Bonnie Phelps and

Pam Hardman

Acolyte Iennifer Strand

Cantor lennifer Strand

Piano Gréta Pásztor

**Usher** Angie Grandison and

**Jennifer Strand** 

**Greeter** Gloria Schmidt

Coffee Host Ron and Nancy Rude

**Treats** Shelly Adrian, Erich Saphir and family

**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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# **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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