

OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
SUNDAY WORSHIP



Sunday, February 26, 2023

1st Sunday in Lent: who do you listen to?

ELW = Evangelical Lutheran Worship: Our red hymn book is 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 as you are able.*

Congregation's speaking and singing parts are in bold font /

Prelude

Be Still and Know with Be Still, My Soul arr. by Mark Hayes

Welcome

Call to Worship

Listen!

There is hope to be found here.

Listen!

God calls you by name here.

Listen!

There is love that abides here.

This world is full of chatter, so may we do our best to listen.

God is speaking.

Let us worship.

Amen.

***Call to Confession**

Let us pray...

Holy God,

Too often we treat your Word like a radio station—something we can tune in and out of when it's convenient. Our minds are full of ads, emails, news updates, and notifications. In the midst of this clutter, we tend to gravitate toward the voices that think like us—easily ignoring the voices being silenced, easily ignoring your voice. Forgive us for failing to listen. Forgive us for getting caught in distractions. Forgive us for forgetting what your voice sounds like. Drain the distractions from our minds and help us turn once again toward you.

With earnest hearts we pray, amen.

*Words of Forgiveness

Beloveds, even when we tune God out...

...with joy in our hearts, please repeat after me:

I am loved!

I am loved!

I am held in grace!

I am held in grace!

I belong to God.

I belong to God.

Amen.

*Kyrie

Cantor sings verses, then leads congregation in the refrain.



Ky-ri-e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer -



- cy up - on us.



Chri - ste e - lei - son. Christ, have mer -



- cy up - on us.

*PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Anthem

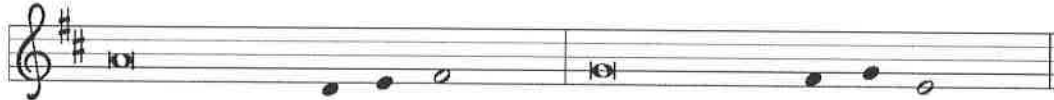
If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee by Jody W. Lindh

First Reading: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

ELW Psalm 32



¹Happy are they whose transgressions | are forgiven,
and whose sin is | put away!

²Happy are they to whom the LORD im- | putes no guilt,
and in whose spirit there | is no guile!

³While I held my tongue, my bones with- | ered away,
because of my groaning | all day long.

⁴For your hand was heavy upon me | day and night;
my moisture was dried up as in the | heat of summer.

⁵Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not con- | ceal my guilt.
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." Then you forgave me the
guilt | of my sin.

⁶Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in | time of
trouble;

when the great waters overflow, they | shall not reach them.

⁷You are my hiding-place; you preserve | me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts | of deliverance.

⁸"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that | you should go;
I will guide you | with my eye.

⁹Do not be like horse or mule, which have no | understanding;
who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will | not stay near you."

¹⁰Great are the tribulations | of the wicked;
but mercy embraces those who trust | in the LORD.

¹¹Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice | in the LORD;
shout for joy, all who are | true of heart.

Second Reading: Romans 5:12-19

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*Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew

Glory to you, O God.

¹Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. ³The tempter

came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." ⁴But he answered, "It is written,

'One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.' "

⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you,'
and 'On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.' "

⁷Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.' "

⁸Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; ⁹and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." ¹⁰Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

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

¹¹Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Sermon

Silence for reflection

***Hymn of the Day** - ACS 1078: *There is a Longing In Our Hearts* (see insert)

***Affirmation of Faith**

In a world full of noise,
we believe that God is speaking.

In a world full of chaos,
we believe that God is singing.

In a world full of temptation,
we believe that God is healing.

Church, who will you listen to?
We will listen to God—our Creator, Friend, and Guide.

Church, what will you listen for?
**We will listen for water in the desert,
for the wind of the Spirit,
for the laughter of children,
for the sound of open doors,
and for God's voice, who calls us beloved.**

Amen.

*Holy, Holy, Holy

Cantor sings each line once, then congregation repeats



*Our Father/Parent,

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.

Invitation to Communion

Come and taste the joy of God!

This is Christ's table. You 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.

Lamb of God (ELW, page 208)

Communion

Post-Communion Blessing

Prayer after Communion

Sending Announcements

***Blessing**

***Sending Hymn** - ELW 517 *Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word*

***Dismissal**

Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude


Give Me Jesus Arr. by Patti Drennan

You are welcome to leave anytime during the postlude or stay to listen. Please use this time in whatever way is most worshipful for you.



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 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.



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Lent 1

THOSE SERVING TODAY (2/26/23)

Pastor/Presider
Rev. Amalia Vagts

Assisting Minister
Gloria Alvillar

Accompanist/Organist
Gréta Pásztor

Cantor
Jennifer Strand

Anthem, Offertory
Chancel Choir

**Communion
Assistant**
Bill DeVinney

Acolyte
Olga Ryan

Ushers
Ginny Phillips
Pat Orr-Bonura

Greeters
Bob Downing
Maija Downing

Sound & Video
Kent Pflibsen
Tracy Ratliff
Timothy Bustamante
Jack Ryan

**THOSE SERVING NEXT SUNDAY
(3/5/23)**

Pastor/Presider
Rev. Amalia Vagts

Assisting Minister
Nilu Dorschner

Accompanist/Organist
Gréta Pásztor

Cantor
Sophia Rankin

**Communion
Assistant**
David Lester

Acolyte
Nilu Dorschner

Ushers
Diane Siefkes
Patty Sirls

Greeter
Kathy DeVinney

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