

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



**Sunday, March 19, 2023**

**4th Sunday in Lent:**

*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**

*Interlude by Mark Hayes*

**Welcome**

**\*Call to Worship**

Scripture is full of questions...

**Where are you?**

Am I my brother's keeper?

**Whom shall I send?**

Who do you say that I am?

**Who sinned?**

How many times shall I forgive?

**If God is for us, who can be against us?**

Scripture is full of questions,

so just like those in our scriptures, may we bring our full curiosity and wonder into this space.

**Let us ask and seek after our merciful God.**

**\*Prayer of Confession**

Who here has sinned?

**We have sinned. We fail to look with our hearts and minds. We put ourselves before others. We make false assumptions. We are in need of forgiveness.**

Good news! Our God is a merciful God. God does not punish, hold grudges, or keep score. When you suffer, God weeps. When you sin, God forgives. When you lose your way, God comes running. **Thanks be to God for a love like that.**

## \*Kyrie

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.  
A - men, A - men. *rit.*

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

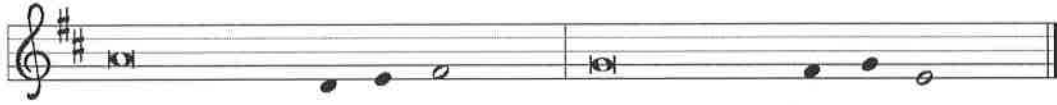
### READINGS

#### First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

## ELW Psalm 23



<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd;  
I shall not be in want.

<sup>2</sup>**The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures  
and leads me beside still waters.**

<sup>3</sup>You restore my soul, O LORD,  
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

<sup>4</sup>**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no  
evil;**

**for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

<sup>6</sup>**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

## **Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14**

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **\*Gospel: John 9:1-41**

The Holy Gospel according to John

**Glory to you, O God.**

This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

## **Sermon**

*Silence for reflection*

**\*Hymn of the Day** - ELW 793 *Be Thou My Vision*

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

We believe in a merciful God,

**God who does not keep score,  
God who wants good for us.**

We believe in a creative God,

**God who would heal with mud,  
God capable of seeing what we cannot.**

We believe in a saving God,

**God who heals,  
God who greets our questions with patience,  
God who sends us out with hope in our step.**

What wondrous love is this. Amen.

**\*Prayers of Intercession**

*After each petition of the prayers:*

Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer**

We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified. **Amen.**

**\*Exchange of Peace**

*Please be seated.*

**Offertory** - ELW 779 *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

**\*Offering Song** - *Create in Me A Clean Heart, O God* (see insert)

**\*Offering Prayer**

**\*The Great Thanksgiving** (see insert)

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...

We praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**\*Holy, Holy, Holy** (see insert)

*Cantor sings each line once, then congregation repeats*

## Words of Institution

**\*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)



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

## **Communion**

## **Post-Communion Blessing**

## **Prayer after Communion**

## **Bible Presentation**

## **Council Installation**

## **Sending Announcements**

## **\*Blessing**

**\*Sending Hymn** - ELW 335 *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross*

## **\*Dismissal**

Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Postlude**

*Michael row your boat ashore, When the Saints, Down by the Riverside*

Arr. by Kent Pflibsen & Asher Havenhill


Trombones

*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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**THOSE SERVING TODAY (3/19/23)**

**Pastor/Presider** - Rev. Amalia Vagts      **Assisting Minister** - Ted Adams  
**Accompanist/Organist** - Gréta Pásztor      **Cantor** - Sophia Rankin  
**Communion Assistant** - Gloria Alvillar      **Acolyte** - Ted Adams  
**Ushers** - Kathy DeVinney, Pam Hardman      **Greeters** - Gloria Alvillar, Ted Earle  
**Trombones** - Kent Pflibsen, Asher Havenhill  
**Coffee Hosts** - Catalina Rankin  
**Sound & Video** - Kent Pflibsen, Tracy Ratliff, Timothy Bustamante, Jack Ryan  
**Treats** - Melanie Bowman

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**THOSE SERVING NEXT SUNDAY (3/26/23)**

**Presider** - Rev. Amalia Vagts  
**Guest Preacher** - Solveig Muus, Lutheran Advocacy Ministry Arizona  
**Assisting Minister** - TBA  
**Accompanist/Organist** - Gréta Pásztor      **Cantor** - Nilu Dorschner  
**Communion Assistant** - Bill DeVinney      **Acolyte** - TBA  
**Ushers** - Bonnie Phelps, Ginny Phillips      **Greeters** - Diane Siefkes  
**OSLC Chancel Choir**      **Coffee Host** - David Lester  
**Sound & Video** - Kent Pflibsen, Tracy Ratliff, Timothy Bustamante, Jack Ryan

**Holy Week with Our Saviour's & Lutheran Campus Ministry**

Palm/Passion Sunday - April 2 - 9:00 AM - Sanctuary

Maundy Thursday - April 6 - 6:15 PM - Chapel

Good Friday - April 7 - 5:15 PM - Sanctuary

Easter Sunday - April 9 - 7:30 AM (Chapel) - 9:45 AM (Sanctuary)

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