

OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

SUNDAY WORSHIP



May 12, 2024

Seventh Sunday of Easter

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 - *Old Country Church* - arr. by J.W. Vaughn

Cry Holy Unto the Lord

Family Bible - arr. by Willie Nelson

Southern Comfort Band

Please use this time to prepare for worship.

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS** (p.94, front of hymnal)

***GATHERING HYMN**

Swing Low, Sweet Chariot

(African American spiritual, about the desire to escape slavery)

Swing low, sweet chariot, coming for to carry me home (repeat)

I looked over Jordan, and what did I see, coming for to carry me home

A ban of angels coming after me, coming for to carry me home (Refrain)

If you get there before I do, coming for to carry me home

Tell all my friends I'm coming too, coming for to carry me home (Refrain)

I'm sometimes up and sometimes down, coming for to carry me home

But still my soul feels heav'nly bound, coming for to carry me home (Refrain)

***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: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: 1 John 5:9-13

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL**

The Holy Gospel according to John

Glory to you, O Lord.

John 17:6-19

This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY- *I'll Fly Away* - arr. Albert Brumley
(please stand, sing, and if you'd like - dance!)

Some bright morning when this life is over I'll fly away
To that home on God's celestial shore I'll fly away
I'll fly away oh glory I'll fly away (in the morning)
When I die hallelujah by and by I'll fly away

When the shadows of this life have gone I'll fly away
Like a bird from these prison walls I'll fly I'll fly away...

Oh how glad and happy when we meet I'll fly away
No more cold iron shackles on my feet I'll fly away...

Just a few more weary days and then I'll fly away
To a land where joys will never end I'll fly away...

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

After each petition of the prayers:

Merciful God, **Receive our prayer.**

Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior, **Amen.**

***EXCHANGE OF PEACE**

OFFERING & OFFERING ANTHEM - *Just a Little Walk with Jesus* -

arr. by Cleavant Derricks - Southern Comfort Band

***OFFERING PRAYER**

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that at all times and in all places...

...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, eat - this is Bread for the journey.

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 HYMNS- ELW #773 - *Precious Lord*
ELW #779 - *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

SENDING PRAYER

SENDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BLESSING

*SENDING HYMN - ELW #677 - *This Little Light of Mine*

*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is risen! - **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE - *Where Could I Go?* - arr. by J. B. Coates
Take Your Shoes Off Moses - arr. by J. D. Jarvis Southern Comfort Band
It's Me Again Lord - arr. By Dottie Rambo

*You are welcome to leave anytime during the postlude or stay to listen.
Please join us for coffee and conversation following worship.*

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Welcome to Our Saviour's

Being Christ-centered community through faith and action in the heart of Tucson.



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.

Prayer Requests: Our Saviour's Family: Maija, Martha, Betty, Phyllis, Mary, Kevin, Erik, Doug, Linda, Michaela, Jake, Tracy and Marty, Pat, and Bob.

Our Extended Friends & Family: Grant, Joe, Meagan, Melissa, Marrienne, Sally (friend of Kathy DeVinney); Vicki (former Our Saviour's youth director); Richard (neighbor); and Pete (brother of Gloria Alvillar).

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

SUNDAY FORUM TODAY AT 10:30 AM IN THE ACTIVITIES BUILDING

"What does it mean to be 'church' today?" For five Sundays, the Sunday Forum has been exploring this question using the book *Rooted and Renewing: Imaging the Church's Future in Light of Its New Testament Origins* (Fortress Press, 2019) by Prof. Troy Troftgruben of Wartburg Theological Seminary (ELCA). The discussions have been lively, the insights from the New Testament have been excellent, and the confidence that God is working through our community has grown. Please feel free to join us for this final session: you do not need to have participated in the prior Sunday Forums to join in. As Prof. Troftgruben concludes about the current status of the Church: "With new challenges come new opportunities. After all, it is often amid seasons of difficulty that God's Spirit is most at work, refining, revitalizing, and renewing our dependence on God."



This Week at Our Saviour's

May 12, 2024

Date	Event	Time	Place
Monday 5/13	Staff Meeting	10:00AM	Office
Tuesday 5/14	Men's Bible Study	6:30PM	AB Café
	Property	9:00AM	Library
	Centering Prayer	12:15PM	Chapel
Wednesday 5/15	Bible Study	10:30AM	AB Pocket Room
Thursday 5/16			
Friday 5/17	Campus/Office Closed		
Saturday 5/18			
Sunday 5/19	Sunday Service	9:00AM	Sanctuary
	Sunday Forum	10:30AM	AB
	Sandwich Making	10:30AM	AB Kitchen

Please see online calendar for all events.

Next Sunday, May 19 - Come, Holy Spirit

On Sunday, May 19th, we will celebrate the festival of Pentecost. This is a great chance to wear all of your fabulous RED clothing! We will invite the Spirit's movement in our community in a few ways that day. We will welcome Newcomers to our congregation during worship.

Following worship, we will host a cake reception in the Chapel & Patio and kick-off **Growing in Giving**- you will hear more about it on Sunday, May 19!

Sunday Treats

If you love treats on Sunday morning, please sign up to share your favorites! We are looking for bakers (or donut delivers). Sign-up on the "Treat Sheet."

Interfaith Community Services (ICS) Food Drive

The Food Bank is increasing food distribution to struggling families and individuals in our Tucson community. Donations of in-date, canned, non-perishable and packaged products: cereal, rice, beans, pasta, pasta sauce, meals in a can, canned fish and canned meats, mac and cheese, peanut butter and personal hygiene items are needed. For the unhoused with no kitchen facilities: SpaghettiOs, chili, and ravioli in pop-top cans would be helpful. Please put donations in the shopping cart that is on the patio on Sundays.



Growing in Giving - Spring Appeal

Next week during Coffee hour, the Generosity Team will be launching Growing in Giving - a springtime appeal.

What is this?

When we create our Mission Spending Plan (budget) each year, we first determine what we hope to accomplish. Then we gather a sense of our capacity by looking at weekly offerings (using Statements of Intent that you share), property income, endowment mission fund income, and then some aspiration and hope. This year, the Council recommended we add a special appeal for two reasons. First, one of the goals of the Generosity Team is to help our congregation learn about and grow in generosity. Second, our anticipated needs slightly exceeded our projected offerings and income. Rather than using an unrealistic anticipated offering amount, we decided on a realistic amount to be raised in a spring special appeal. That amount is \$13,500.

What will be raising the funds for?

You will learn all about it next week - join us in the Chapel and Patio Room during coffee hour next week as we welcome newcomers to our congregation and unveil the goals of Growing in Generosity.

Join us in Growing in Giving!

Generosity Team

Jeanne Gacke (Chair), Kris Sanchez, Diane Siefkes, Michael Marty, Patty Sirls and Ginny Phillips (our "Joy Advisor")

THOSE SERVING SUNDAY 5/12/2024)

Presiding Minister Rev. Amalia Vagts
Assisting Minister Melanie Bowman and
Pastor Glenn Schrader

Communion Assistants Bonnie Phelps and
Nilu Dorschner

Music Southern Comfort Band -
Bill DeVinney, Gary Cole,
Jerry Taylor, Connie Taylor

Cantor Jennifer Strand

Acolyte Nilu Dorshner

Usher Ann DeVinney and
Patty Sirls

Greeter Kathy DeVinney

Coffee Host Mary Pflibsen

Treats Ellie Johnson

THOSE SERVING SUNDAY 5/19/2024)

Presiding Minister Rev. Amalia Vagts
Assisting Minister Melanie Bowman and
Vicar Wendi Van Beek

Communion Assistants Bonnie Phelps and
Olga Ryan

Keyboard Gréta Pásztor

Music Aysen Milliogullari

Cantor Jennifer Strand

Acolyte Ted Adams

Usher Ted Adams and Kris
Sanchez

Greeter Gloria Alvillar and Ted
Earle

Coffee Host David Lester

Treats Melissa Wyatt

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

10:30 Sunday Forum

Office Hours

Monday - Thursday

8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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