

# OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

## SUNDAY WORSHIP



May 19, 2024

**Pentecost Sunday**

*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.*

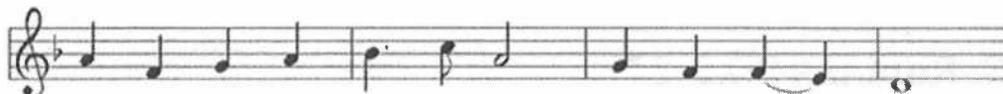
### WELCOME

**PRELUDE** - *Holy Spirit, Rain Down* - arr. by Carol Tornquist

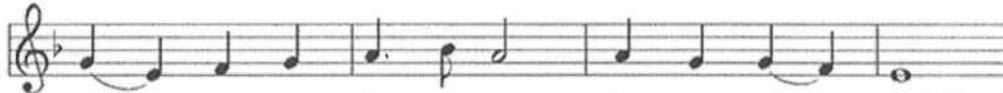
*Please use this time to prepare for worship.*

### PROCESSION - Acts 2:1-21

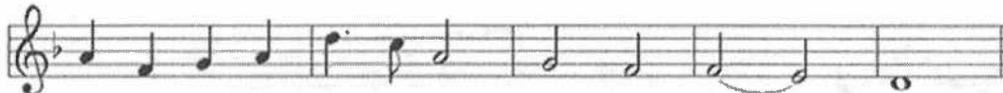
#### \*KYRIE



**Ⓐ** Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son:    **Ⓒ** Lord, have mer - cy.  
*Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:*



**Ⓐ** Chri - ste e - le - i - son:    **Ⓒ** Christ, have mer - cy.  
*Christ, . . . . have mer - cy:*



**Ⓐ** Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son:    **Ⓒ** Lord, have mer - cy.  
*Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:*

#### \*HYMN OF PRAISE



*Congregation:*

Al - le - lu - ia,    Al - le - lu - ia.    Lord, to whom shall we



go?    You    have    the    words    of    e - ter - nal



life.    Al - le - lu - ia!

*Repeat optional*

**\*GREETING** (spoken in German)

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** (spoken in Spanish)

Holy God, you breathe life into our bones, and your Spirit brings truth to the world. Send your Spirit, and give us words to proclaim your gospel, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**FIRST READING: Ezekiel 37:1-14**

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING: Romans 8:22-27**

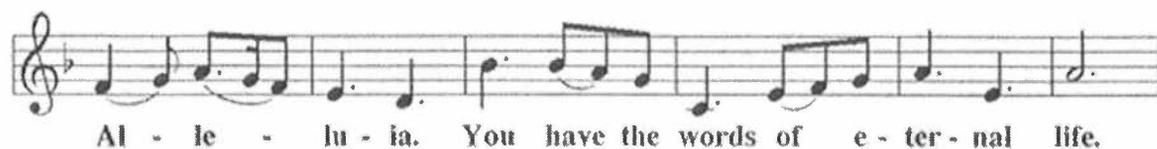
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**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



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Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## **\*GOSPEL**

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

**John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15**

This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**- ELW#525- *You are Holy*

## **RECEPTION OF NEWCOMERS**

*Newcomers are introduced and received.*

People of God,  
do you promise to support and pray for these ones in their life in Christ?  
**We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

Let us welcome these siblings in Christ to this community of faith.  
**We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.**  
**Together we will give thanks and praise to God**  
**and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

*Newcomers return to their seats.*

**\*APOSTLES' CREED** (pg. 105)

## **\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*After each petition of the prayers:*

Send forth your spirit, Holy God, **and renew the earth.**

May your glory endure forever, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ.  
**Amen.**

**\*EXCHANGE OF PEACE**



## 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 MUSIC

ELW #472 - *Eat This Bread*

*Holy Spirit" with "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart* arr. by Victor Labenske

## 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 - ACS #942 - *Every Time I Feel the Spirit* (see insert)

### \*DISMISSAL

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

**POSTLUDE** - *Hymns of Adoration* arr. by Phillip Keveren

*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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## ***This Week at Our Saviour's - May 19, 2024***

**Monday** 10:00 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

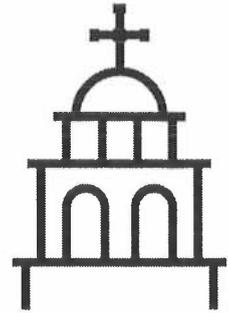
**Wednesday** 10:30 AM - Bible Study

**Friday** - Campus/Office Closed

**Sunday** 9:00 AM - Sunday Service

10:30 AM – Growing in Giving Spring Appeal

10:30 AM – Sandwich Making



Please see online calendar for all events.

## **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.

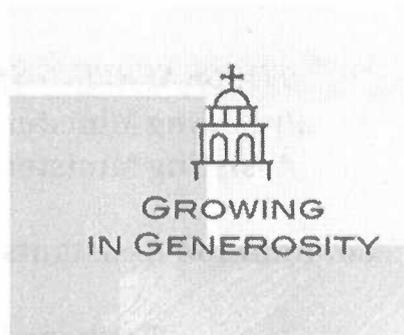
**Prayer Requests:** Our Saviour's Family: Maija, Martha, Betty, Phyllis, Mary, Kevin, Erik, Doug, Linda, Michaela, Jake, Tracy and Marty, Pat, Bob, Bill, Delaossa family.

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), Hess family (friends of Adonica DeVault), Bill (father of Pastor Rebecca).

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

## **Growing in Giving Kicks-off Today After Worship – Koch Chapel, Patio, & Patio Room**

Today following worship, we invite you to join us in the Courtyard for coffee and cake welcoming newcomers to Our Saviour's. Then we hope you will head into the Chapel, Patio, and Patio Room to see what has been done and to learn what we hope to do with **Growing in Giving**.



Once the hub of Our Saviors Lutheran Church, the Patio Room had become an overlooked and underutilized space. During our shared Lent services with Lutheran Campus Ministry, and as small groups looked for space to meet, the patio area once again became a hub of activity. New ideas were shared about what could happen in the space. Last year we made a few basic updates but now it's time to create a space that is flexible, functional, and inviting for small groups, meetings, and ministries.

**Growing in Giving** is a special appeal to improve the Patio Room and its surrounding areas. Last year we updated the flooring and trim. Additional funds will provide an expandable conference table, comfortable chairs, lighting, rugs, sound-abating panels, and bathroom access. A keypad will make the space more accessible. Patio furniture, cushions, and lighting will brighten the outside patio area. Commitments of time and talents will help with stucco repair, landscaping, and decluttering. By Growing in Giving, we will expand our outreach within our congregation, our neighborhood, and our community at large. To accomplish this, we invite Growing Gifts – one-time gifts above and beyond weekly giving. We also invite Giving Hours, gifts of time, and talent to complete the project this year. In the coming weeks, you will receive additional information and an invitation to consider your own support.

### **About Pentecost**

Pentecost means "fiftieth." Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. The Pentecost mentioned in our reading from Acts 2 refers to Shavuot, the spring harvest festival in Jewish tradition. As Christianity evolved into a distinct faith tradition, Pentecost became a Christian holiday. Easter (Christian) and Passover (Jewish) are both connected to lunar cycles, but they differ in how the lunar cycle determines the holiday, so they are not always aligned. One connection is that Pentecost is 50 days after Easter and Shavuot is 50 days after Passover. On Pentecost, Christians celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit brings the wideness of God's mercy to places we least expect it—to a crowd of strangers of different lands and tongues, to dry bones, to our weak hearts. Jesus promises disciples that they will be accompanied by the Holy Spirit, and that this Spirit reveals the truth. We celebrate that we too have been visited with this same Spirit. Guided by the truth, we join together in worship, and then disperse to share the fullness of Christ's love with the world. (adapted from ELCA Sundays and Seasons).

**Today's readings** provide insights into the nature of Pentecost's celebration of God's Spirit. The Gospel of John provides Jesus' promise to the disciples of an imminent gift of God's Spirit. The psalmist celebrates God's Spirit as the source of all life. Paul speaks of our life in the Spirit and the role of hope. The Book of Acts narrates the gift of God's Spirit on the day of Pentecost.

**THOSE SERVING SUNDAY 5/19/2024)**

**Presiding Minister** Rev. Amalia Vagts  
**Assisting Minister** Pam Hardman and  
Vicar Wendi Van Beek

**Communion Assistants** Bonnie Phelps and  
Olga Ryan

**Keyboard** Gréta Pásztor

**Music** Aysen Milliogullari

**Cantor** Aysen Milliogullari

**Acolyte** Ted Adams

**Usher** Ted Adams and Kris  
Sanchez

**Greeter** Gloria Alvillar and  
Ted Earle

**Coffee Host** David Lester

**Treats** Melissa Wyatt &  
Generosity Team

**THOSE SERVING SUNDAY 5/26/2024)**

**Presiding Minister** Rev. Amalia Vagts

**Assisting Minister** Gloria Alvillar and  
Vicar Wendi Van Beek

**Communion Assistants** Bonnie Phelps and  
Mary Pflibsen

**Keyboard** Gréta Pásztor

**Cantor** Jennifer Strand

**Acolyte** Bonnie Phelps

**Usher** Patty Sirls and Diane  
Siefkes

**Greeter** Jeanne Gacke

**Coffee Host** Ron and Nancy Rude

**Treats** Laretta Olson

**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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## **Welcome Newcomers!**

### **Joining today as voting members:**

Judy and John Indermark (Retired Pastor)

Jeanne Gacke and Wendi Van Beek

Mary Neff

Rev. Martha Neff Stum and Paul Stum

Tori Wendall

### **Joining as friends:**

Nicole and Addison Coen

Suzanne Hesh

Today we welcome new friends into a deeper engagement with the life of Our Saviour's. You may notice that some are being received as "voting members," while others are being received as "friends." Membership is a defined category in our Constitution. Voting members are baptized members who have been confirmed in this congregation, baptized as an adult, or who have transferred from another congregation. Confirmation is an affirmation of baptism that persons baptized as infants intentionally choose to affirm their baptismal vows. Voting members are expected to commune with and make a contribution to the congregation at least once a year. Voting members have the privilege of voice and vote at congregational meetings and serving on our Congregational Council and call committees. Associate and seasonal members are those who retain membership at another congregation. The Constitution outlines some specific details regarding associate and seasonal members. **Friends** is a newer category created out of pastoral care and the changing nature of church community. Friends are those who desire an intentional relationship with Our Saviour's, but for a range of reasons, do not wish to join as a member. We welcome all newcomers, members and friends, to participate in the life of the congregation as worship and community leaders (except where limited by our Constitution). We typically receive newcomers in worship twice a year (on Pentecost and Reformation Sunday).

# Every Time I Feel the Spirit

*Refrain*



Ev - 'ry time I feel the spir - it mov - ing



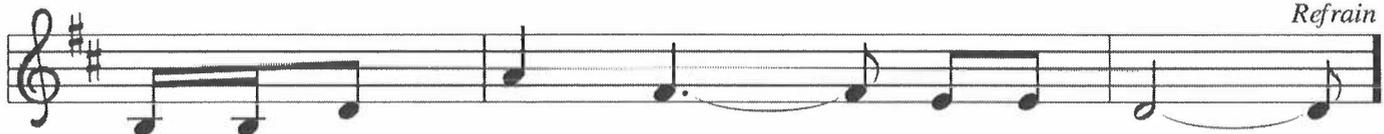
in my heart, I will pray. Ev - 'ry time I feel the



spir - it mov - ing in my heart, I will pray.



1 Up - on the moun - tain my Lord spoke,  
2 . . All a - round me looked so fine,  
3 . . Jor - dan riv - er, chilly and cold,



out of his mouth came fire and smoke.  
asked . . . . . my Lord if all was mine.  
chills the bod - y but not the soul.

*Refrain*

Text: African American spiritual

Music: PENTECOST, African American spiritual; arr. Melva W. Costen, b. 1933

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