

OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

SUNDAY WORSHIP



September 15, 2024

Seventeenth 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 - *Be the Centre* arr. by Carol Tornquist

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, ✠ one God, the God of manna, of miracles, of mercy.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God,

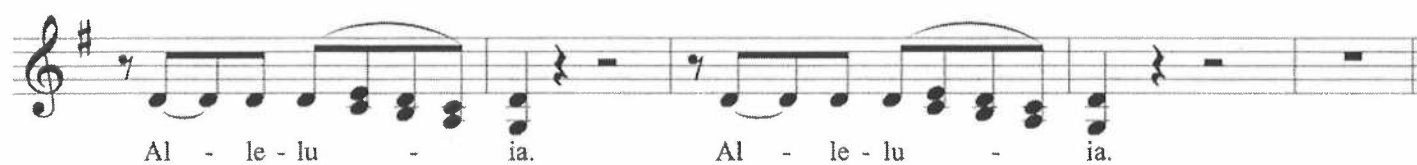
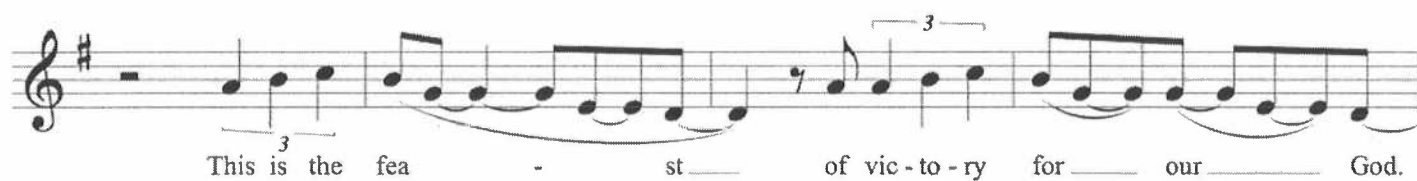
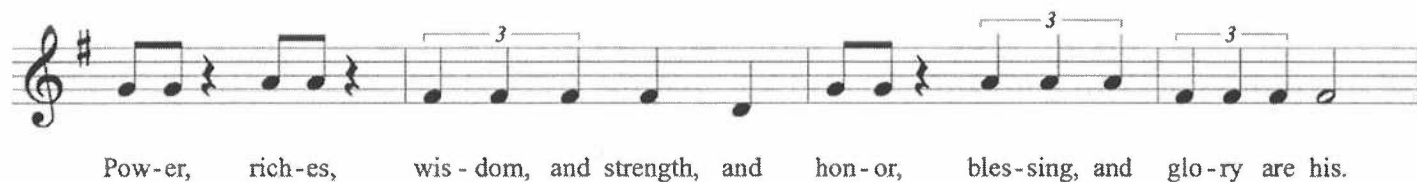
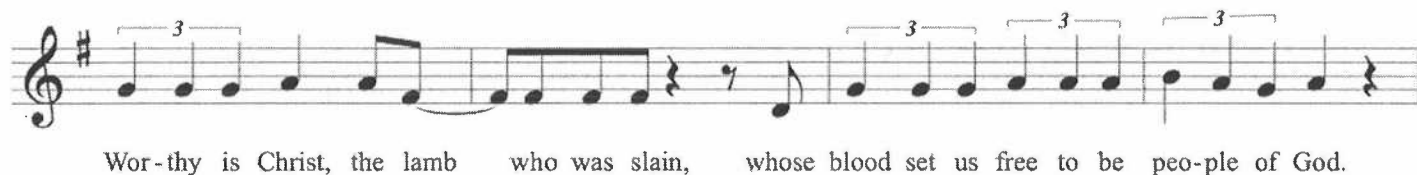
have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Hope.

Amen.

God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven.

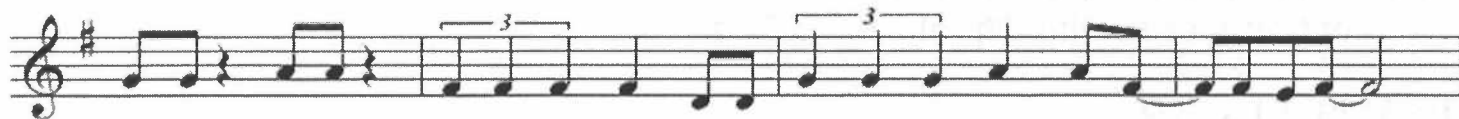
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN- *This is the Feast





Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the hymn of all ere - a - tion.



Bles-sing, hon-or, glo-ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for-ev - er, A-men. _____



This is the fea - st of vic-to-ry for _____ our _____ God.



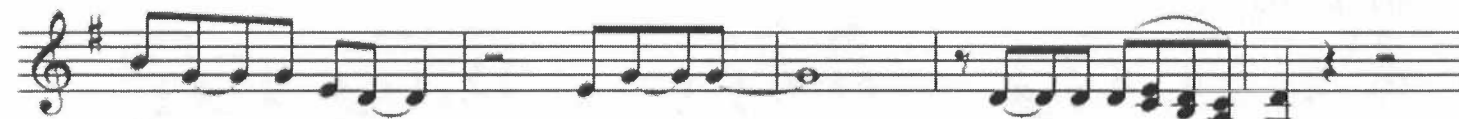
_____ This is the feast of vic-to-ry _____ for our God. _____



For the Lamb who was slain _____ has be-gun _____ His reign, Al - le - lu - ia. _____



This is the fea - st _____ of vic-to-ry for _____ our _____ God. This is the



feast of vic-to-ry _____ for our God. _____ Al - le-lu - ia.



Al - le-lu - ia. Al - le-lu - ia. Al - le-lu - ia.

*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: Isaiah 50:4-9a

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 116:1-9

I love the Lord, who has heard my voice, and listened to my supplication,
for the Lord has given ear to me whenever I called.

The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave came upon me; I came to grief and sorrow.

Then I called upon the name of the Lord: "O Lord, I pray you, save my life."

Gracious is the Lord and righteous; our God is full of compassion.

The Lord watches over the innocent; I was brought low, and God saved me.

Turn again to your rest, O my soul for the Lord has dealt well with you.

For you have rescued my life from death, my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling;

I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

SECOND READING: James 3:1-12

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)*

REFRAIN: ALL



*GOSPEL

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

Mark 8:27-38

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY - ELW#651 - *Oh, Praise the Gracious Power* (vs.1-5)

*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The assisting minister leads the prayers.

...God in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

...We entrust these and all our prayers to you, holy God, in the name of your beloved child, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

*EXCHANGE OF PEACE

OFFERING - *Sing Unto the Lord* arr. by Craig Courtney - Chancel Choir

(see text on insert)

*OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music with lyrics underneath. The first staff has three vocal parts: Leader, ALL, and Leader. The second staff has two vocal parts: ALL and Leader. The third staff is for ALL. The fourth staff is a piano accompaniment with 'Mmmm' written below it.

Leader: ALL: Leader:
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you. Lift up your hearts.

ALL: Leader:
We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

ALL:
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Mmmm Mmmm

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

...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.**

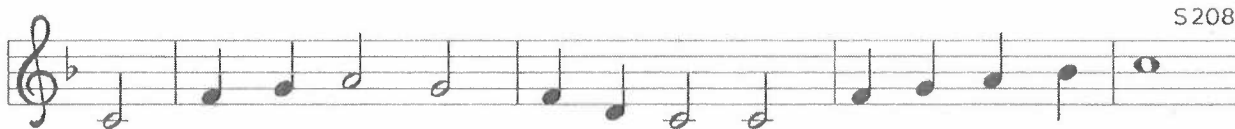
COMMUNION

Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come, here is your God.

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



- 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.

Sweet Hour of Prayer with Nocturne arr. by Anna Laura Page

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#1022 - *God Bless the Hands* (see insert)

*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

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 "Lead On, O King Eternal" with "The Lord Is My Light",

Arr. By Anna Laura Page

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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 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: Tracy; Marty; Maija, Paul, and those at home.

Our Extended Friends & Family: Richard (neighbor); The Banker Family (cousin of Mary Pflibsen); John (friend of Pastor Glenn's); Beverly (sister-in-law of Martha Neff Stum and Mary Neff); 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.

Newcomers and Visitors + Newcomers and Visitors + We're glad you're here. Please fill out the green slip in the pew rack and place in the offering plate. You're welcome to share in Holy Communion. Families - we have a small play area up front.

Nametags + Nametags help us get to know and remember each other. Please let the ushers know if you need one made for you.

Expansive Language + As Lutherans, we teach that "God calls all creation into being and gives people language as a way of responding to God and forming community" (Principles for Worship, Principle L-1). In worship at Our Saviour's, we seek to use expansive language for God and people, sometimes changing or offering alternatives to the printed text. For example, we offer "Maker" as an alternative to "Father." You are welcome to use words for God that you find sacred.

Current Liturgy Music + *liturgy* is the flow of our worship service - working together as people to praise God. Currently most of our liturgy music is from "Behold, I Make All Things New," and was written by Benjamin Splichal Larson. Read more about Ben and this liturgy here: benstillsings.com.

Sunday Forums - Understanding the Bible

Today: "How to Read the Bible [Less] Badly"

How do each of us interpret the Bible? Are we intentionally conscious of how we understand the Bible? Using a text by Pastor Karl Allen Kuhn (UCC) we will explore questions of inerrancy, infallibility, and inspiration.

September 22: "Reading the Bible From[/With] the Margins

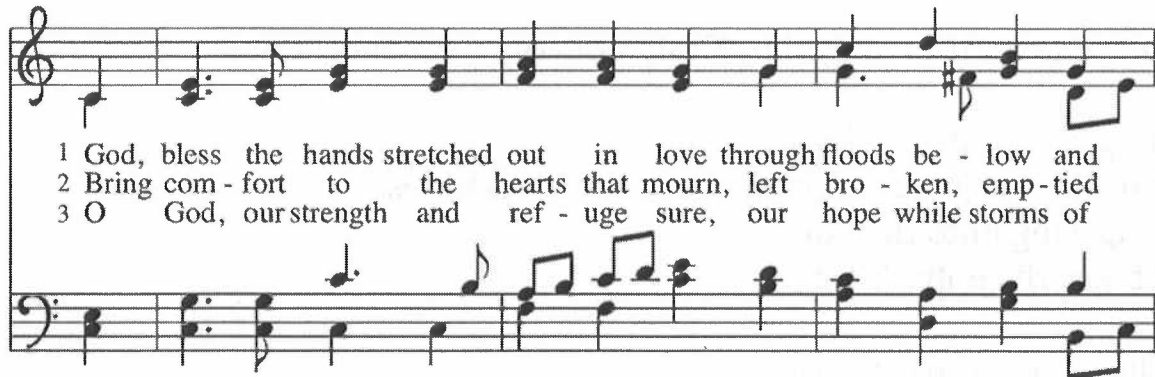
What "lens" do we use when we read the Bible? With help from a book by Prof. Miguel A. De La Torre of Liff School of Theology (Denver), we will focus on perspectives that are often ignored in reading the Bible.

Come & See:

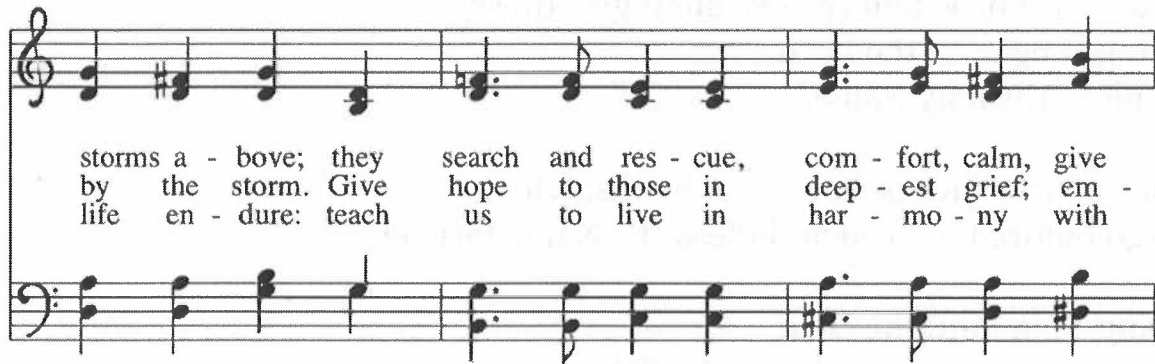
Exploring the Bible and a life of faith together. Begins Thursday, October 3
Thursdays from 12 - 1 PM - Patio Room. Led by: Pastor Glenn & Pastor Amalia.

Join with other seekers as we learn about Scripture, tradition, faith practices, and the path of a disciple in today's world. If you'd like, you can bring your own lunch. Bring your Bible - we will also have a number of Lutheran Study Bibles available for use during the class.

God, Bless the Hands




1 God, bless the hands stretched out in love through floods be - low and
 2 Bring com - fort to the hearts that mourn, left bro - ken, emp - tied
 3 O God, our strength and ref - uge sure, our hope while storms of



storms a - bove; they search and res - cue, com - fort, calm, give
 by the storm. Give hope to those in deep - est grief; em -
 life en - dure: teach us to live in har - mo - ny with



shel - ter, of - fer heal - ing balm. Oh, guard them by your
 pow - er us to bring re - lief. To you, O God, we
 earth and riv - er, sky and sea, pre - serv - ing wa - ters,



stead - fast hand; reach out in love to help us stand.
 raise our hands. Save us, we pray, from sink - ing sands.
 air, and lands as ho - ly work for hu - man hands.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: MELITA, John B. Dykes, 1823-1876

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Sing Unto the Lord, arranged by Craig Courtney - Chancel Choir

Sing, sing, sing unto the Lord,
Let your heart rejoice and your soul fill with gladness.
Sing, sing, sing unto the Lord,
Let us bless His holy Name.

Sing, sing, sing unto the Lord,
Let your voice proclaim His excellent greatness.
Sing, sing, sing unto the Lord,
Let us bless His holy Name.

Fill your hearts with praises and thanksgiving.
Let us go before the Lord and bless His Name forever.

Sing, sing, sing unto the Lord,
Let your voices join in praise to the Father.
Sing, sing, sing unto the Lord,
Let us bless His holy Name.

Sing, sing, sing unto the Lord,
Let us praise the Son and Holy Spirit;
Sing, sing, sing unto the Lord,
Let us bless His holy Name.

Congregational Potluck!

Sunday, September 29th, following the Sunday Forum. Rev. Martha Neff-Stum will be cooking up a main dish and we encourage you to bring some great salads and desserts. This is a chance to welcome back those who have been away, are new, or to catch up with one another over a meal.

Quilting Group

The OSLC Quilt Ministry meets the third Tuesday of each month in the Activity Building. If you are unable to join us we would love for you to stitch at home. You can pick fabric from our "stash" and make a quilt top at home. When your top is done just bring it back and the group will get it backed, batted, quilted, bound, and delivered.

Knit and Crochet Group

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

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 be on Thursday Nights at 6:30pm in the Activity Building. No prior choral experience is required, and you can join any time during the season. To find out more, please email Dr. Gréta Pásztor at gpasztor@lutherantucson.org.

Bell Choir 2024-2025 Season

The Our Saviour's Bell Choir will begin rehearsing again on Monday, September 30th at 6:30 PM in the Sanctuary. This is a perfect opportunity to come check out this happy group and help us create joyous, uplifting music. We welcome anyone who wants to ring and is willing to learn. For more info contact Kathie (kmmmiller@hotmail.com) or any current ringer.

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. 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.



Lay Shared Bible Study

Wednesday morning Bible study 10:30AM in the Pocket Room. Contact Laretta Olson, landjoe@cox.net.

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: \$120/person. Deadline to register is Sept. 21, 2024. It includes Saturday lunch but does not include lodging.

Register online: www.grandcanyonwomen.org/events

THOSE SERVING SUNDAY 9/15/2024

Presiding Minister	Rev. Amalia Vagts
Assisting Minister	Ted Adams and Rev. Glenn Schrader
Communion Assistants	Bonnie Phelps and Linda Zizka
Acolyte	Bonnie Phelps
Cantor	Jennifer Strand
Piano	Gréta Pásztor
Music	Chancel Choir
Usher	Patty Sirls and Diane Siefkes
Greeter	Patty Sirls and Bonnie Phelps
Coffee Host	Ms. Ellie Johnson
Treats	Gerry Meyer
Tech Team	Pflibsen/Bustamante
Scripture Background	John Indermark

THOSE SERVING SUNDAY 9/22/2024

Presiding Minister	Rev. Amalia Vagts
Preaching Minister	Rev. Glenn Schrader
Assisting Minister	Pam Hardman
Communion Assistants	Bonnie Phelps and Nilu Dorschner
Acolyte	Olga Ryan
Cantor	Jennifer Stand
Piano	Gréta Pásztor
Music	Bill and Ann DeVinney and Zhiyong Xu
Usher	Olga Ryan and Jennifer Strand
Greeter	Kathy DeVinney
Coffee Host	David Lester
Treats	Mary Lour Forier & Jack Wahl
Tech Team	Pflibsen/Bustamante
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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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9:00 - Sanctuary
Coffee following

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Monday - Thursday
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