

OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

SUNDAY WORSHIP



September 8, 2024
Sixteenth 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

This is the day that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it. (3x)

PRELUDE - *Amazing Love (My Lord, What Love Is This)* 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*

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.

Wor-thy is Christ, the lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.

Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and strength, and hon-or, bles-sing, and glo-ry are his.

This is the feast of vic-tory for our God.

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

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



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.



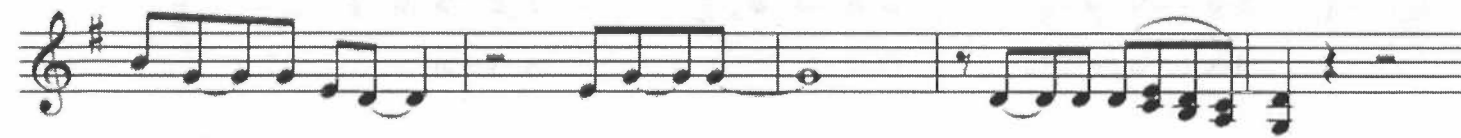
_____ This is the feast of vic-to-ry _____ for our God. _____



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: Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

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

PSALM 25:4-10

Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.

Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!

Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

He leads the humble in what is right and teaches the humble his way.

All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 3:10-17

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 7:31-37, 8:22-25

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY - ELW#612 - *Healer of Our Every Ill*

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

The assisting minister leads the prayers.

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

PASTOR: Holy One, nourish us with abundant life in Jesus Christ.

Amen.

***EXCHANGE OF PEACE**

OFFERING - *O Healing River* arr. by David Cherwien

***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 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...

...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.

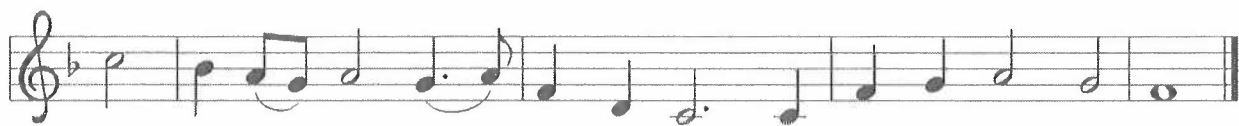
This is Christ's table. You and all are welcome here, without exception. Please follow the ushers' direction, filling in the communion rail starting on the right side. You may stand or kneel. If you prefer a blessing, cross your hands over your heart. Gluten free wafers are available. The wine is red; 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.

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee" with "Ave Verum" 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#886 - *Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

*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 *There is a Balm in Gilead* arr. by Mark Hayes

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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: Friends and Family of Ruth Strand; Tracy; Marty; Maija, Ruth, and those at home.

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

Knit and Crochet Group

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

Lay Shared Bible Study

Wednesday morning bible study 10:30AM in the Pocket Room.

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, and will continue Thursday nights until May 2025. No prior choral experience is required, and you can join any time during the season. We have an exciting selection of repertoire selected for the Fall, with the choir singing every other Sunday including Reformation Sunday, Christ the King Sunday, and Christmas. To find out more, please email Dr. Gréta Pásztor at gpasztor@lutherantucson.org.

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 (we are also trying to coordinate a truck for those who want to join but cannot walk). 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.

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: \$100/person by August 15, 2024, or \$120/person after August 15, 2024. Deadline to register is Sept. 21, 2024. It includes Saturday lunch but does not include lodging.

Register online: www.grandcanyonwomen.org/events

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.

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Sunday Forums - Understanding the Bible

Today: "How to Make [More] Sense Out of the Bible"

As the first in a three-part series, we will begin to build a renewed commitment to reading and faithfully interpreting the Bible using illustrations from a book by Pastor Adam Hamilton (UMC). Are there stumbling blocks in the Bible that have prevented you from regularly reading the Bible?

September 15: "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

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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.

THOSE SERVING SUNDAY 9/8/2024

Presiding Minister	Rev. Glenn Schrader
Assisting Minister	Nilu Dorschner
Communion Assistants	Bonnie Phelps and Olga Ryan
Acolyte	Nilu Dorschner
Cantor	Aysen Milliogullari
Piano	Gréta Pásztor
Usher	Kathy DeVinney and Pam Hardman
Greeter	Angie Grandison
Coffee Host	David Lester
Treats	Ms. Ellie Johnson
Tech Team	Pflibsen/Bustamante
Scripture Background	John Indermark

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	Nilu Dorschner
Piano	Gréta Pásztor
Music	OSLC Choir
Usher	Patty Sirls and Diane Siefkes
Greeter	Patty Sirls and Bonnie Phelps
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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
8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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