

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

Sunday Worship - Season of Creation



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WELCOME



ELCA

Your presence builds up the body of Christ. We welcome and affirm God's diversity, including all ethnicities, cultures, races, sexual

orientations, gender identities and expressions, abilities, ages, and life experiences. You are invited to full participation in our congregation because of who you are. We lament and confess how the Christian Church has withheld Christ's love by misusing the power of institution. We commit to advocating for God's justice and mercy for all of creation, including humans. We commit to anti-racism and other ways of ending systems that cause harm. Christ is our peace and breaks down the walls that divide us. Our communion table is Christ's table. You and all people are welcome without exception.



RECONCILING IN CHRIST

Welcome Newcomers

We hope you are comfortable here. A few notes about our bulletin and worship. The white part of the bulletin gets re-used each week to conserve resources. The right-side margin contains details about the service and readings to help you connect more fully with worship. The yellow insert contains today's readings, songs, prayer requests, and announcements. Please take it home for your continued use this week. You can find more details for newcomers on the back page of the white bulletin. We are glad you are here - you are welcome in this space because of who you are.

Being Lutheran

As Lutherans, we see, hear, teach, and follow Jesus for the sake of our neighbor. Neighbor means anyone other than us, including creation. We see God in vulnerability - God meets us at the cross. In our deepest pain, God is present. Baptized into Christ, we live a new life - claimed and named forever as God's beloved. In the bread and wine of communion we receive and share Christ with all of creation. This is because of who God is, not because of what we do (or don't do). We receive God's grace through faith - in Scripture, the living word of God, and the sacraments of baptism and communion, which transform our lives so that we love and serve God, our neighbor and all of creation. A transformed life is one centered in Christ by the Spirit, following and trusting in God alone; freed to love, liberate, and serve.

Season after Pentecost

WELCOME

PRELUDE

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
who pours love into our hearts
and healing upon the earth.
Amen.

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith,
let us confess our sin.

Silence for Reflection

Compassionate God,
**we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness
in the world and in our own hearts.**

Creation groans from overuse.

Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships.

Indifference keeps us from seeking justice.

**Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love
to others.**

Turn our hearts back to you.

Restore our world and reconcile us to one another.

**Renew us to live as your holy people,
following the way of Jesus Christ.**

Amen.

Hear this good news:

We have peace with God through ☩ Jesus Christ,
in whom there is no condemnation,
but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life.
Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

Amen.

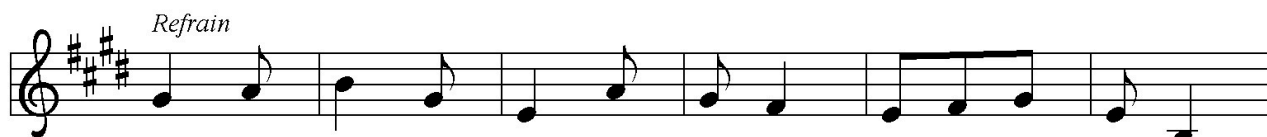
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the congregation
should stand in body
and/or spirit.
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*As we prepare for
worship, take time to
look around, to settle
in, to receive the Holy
Spirit's presence.*

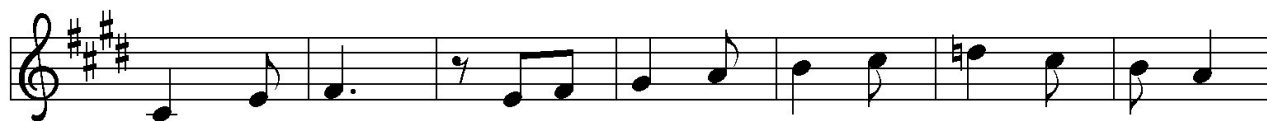


*All may make the sign
of the cross, the sign
that is marked at
baptism, as the
presiding minister
begins.*

***GATHERING HYMN** *Now the Feast and Celebration*



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.



2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of



God; to make all things new.

***GREETING**

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

FIRST READING: *See insert*
Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: *See insert*

SECOND READING: *See insert*
Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**



The readings and psalm can be found in the yellow insert.

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*

***GOSPEL**

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

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

Listen deeply as the gospel lesson is being read

SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY** *See insert*

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**
...God in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

***EXCHANGE OF PEACE**

OFFERING



*OFFERING PRAYER

AS THE GRAINS OF WHEAT

Refrain:
Congregation:



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were



gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread;



so may all your peo-ple from all the ends of earth be



gath-ered in - to one in you.



1. As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,—
2. Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when



may we share the pres-ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

to Refrain

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

God be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Holy God, mighty and merciful...

...Your mercy endures forever. **Your mercy endures forever.**

Trusting in the mercy and compassion of God who is with us as Parent and Creator, we pray as Jesus taught,

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.

This congregation tends to use the traditional form of the Lord's Prayer. You are welcome to pray using other versions, words, or languages that may be more familiar to you. You are also encouraged to address God in a way that most opens your heart to relationship with God (Creator, Father and Mother, Abba, Our Only Home are a few options). Jesus taught this form of prayer to the disciples to encourage sincere and meaningful conversation with God.

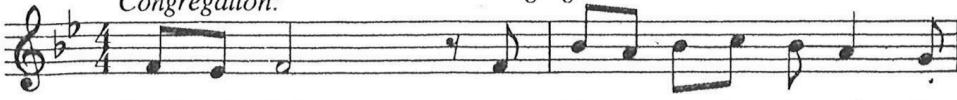
COMMUNION

The gifts of creation shared with God's creatures.
Come and share!

COMMUNION HYMNS

LAMB OF GOD

Congregation: *Congregation or assistant:*



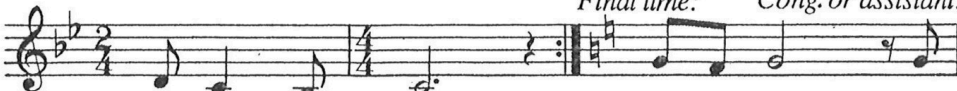
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

Congregation:



world: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,

Final time: *Cong. or assistant:*

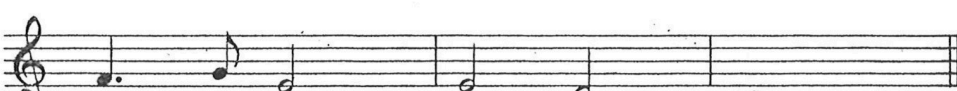


mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you

Congregation:



take a - way the sin of the world: grant us peace,



grant us peace, grant us peace.

Additional invocations:

you break the chains of hatred and fear:
you are the way of justice and peace:
you are the way of mercy and love:

Communion Hymns: *See insert*

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

SENDING PRAYER

SENDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BLESSING

*SENDING HYMN *See insert*

*DISMISSAL

Go out in joy. Christ is with you.
Thanks be to God!

*This is Christ's table.
You and all are
welcome, without
exception. If you
prefer a blessing only,
cross your arms over
your heart. Gluten-
free wafers available
by request. The wine is
red; the grape juice is
clear. Please let an
usher know if you
would like communion
brought to your pew.*



*Turn to follow the
cross as it passes and
leads us to love and
service in the world.*

Deepen Your Faith This Fall

Come & See – Tuesdays at 11:00 AM, Patio Room

Weekly faith formation conversations for anyone, no preparation needed. We spend time reflecting on one of the upcoming readings for Sunday and with the "Hidden Gem" reflection prepared by John Indermark. The conversation is intended to deepen contemplative Scripture reading and prepare for Sunday worship. Held in the Patio Room. Bring your Bible or borrow a Lutheran Study Bible. Led by Pastor Amalia.

Bell Choir - Mondays at 6:30 PM, Sanctuary

We welcome all who are interested in ringing or just curious to see what is involved. If you have any questions, ask any current bell ringer or contact Kathie Miller.

Chancel Choir - Thursdays, 6:30 PM, Activity Building

Everyone is welcome to join our choir. Experienced and new singers are invited to help us share music during worship. Chancel Choir rehearses weekly with Dr. Aysen Millioğulları and sings twice a month during worship. Talk to Aysen if you would like to learn more.

Public Faith Team - 4th Monday of the month, 6:00 PM, Patio Room

Hear the Gospel on Sunday, live it on Monday. Meet with others to engage in community advocacy in support of immigrants, people who are homeless, and others in need. Talk with Paula Miller.

Sunday Forums, Sundays at 10:30 AM, Activity Building

Throughout the fall, we will hold a variety of learning opportunities on Sunday mornings following worship. Check the bulletin or Weekly eNews for upcoming forums.

Worship Ministers

Help prepare for and lead worship. Ushers, assisting ministers, altar care, A/V tech team – offer to do what you love or learn a new skill. Talk to Pastor Amalia or email oslc@lutherantucson.org

Coffee Hosts

Do you come to church for the coffee? Help make it happen – hospitality-minded people needed to prepare coffee and serve treats (brought by others)

Other Weekly Events at Our Saviour's

Meditation Group, Mondays at 1:30 PM. Call Kevin 520-290-6949 for more information.

Men's Bible Study, Tuesdays at 7:00 AM, Activity Building

Spanish Class, Tuesdays, 6:30 PM, Activity Building – open to all levels, free

Community Bible Study, Wednesdays, 10:30 AM, Activity Building

Lutheran Campus Ministry Dinner & Worship, Wednesdays (UA, PCC, other young adults) 6:00 PM



Newcomers + We're glad you're here. Please fill out the green slip in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. You're welcome to share in Holy Communion.

Families + we have a small play area (pray-ground) up front. The joyful sounds and movements of children in worship are the welcome sounds of children growing in faith. Parents, thank you for doing the hard work of worshipping with children. This congregation is here to support you.

Hearing Assistance + headphones are available to assist in hearing the service. Please contact an usher to get set up with one.

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.

Liturgy + Our sung liturgy is from Now the Feast and Celebration, by Marty Haugen.

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

9:00 - Sanctuary
Coffee following

Office Hours

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

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FIRST READING Isaiah 5:1-7

- ¹ I will sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard:
My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill.
² He dug it and cleared it of stones and planted it with choice vines;
he built a watchtower in the midst of it and hewed out a wine vat in it;
he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded rotten grapes.
- ³ And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah,
judge between me and my vineyard.
⁴ What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it?
When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield rotten grapes?
- ⁵ And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard.
I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured;
I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down.
⁶ I will make it a wasteland; it shall not be pruned or hoed,
and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns;
I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.
- ⁷ For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel,
and the people of Judah are his cherished garden; he expected justice
but saw bloodshed; righteousness but heard a cry!

PSALM 80:7-15 (Pulpit Side - Regular; Piano Side - Bold)

- ⁷ Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.
⁸ **You have brought a vine out of Egypt; you cast out the nations and planted it.**
⁹ You cleared the ground for it; it took root and filled the land.
¹⁰ **The mountains were covered by its shadow and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.**
¹¹ You stretched out its tendrils to the sea and its branches to the river.
¹² **Why have you broken down its wall,
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?**
¹³ The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it,
and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.
¹⁴ **Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven;**
¹⁵ **behold and tend this vine;
preserve what your right hand has planted.**

SECOND READING Philippians 3:4b-14

[Paul writes:] ^{4b} If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.
⁷ Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸ More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

- ¹² Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal, but I press on to lay hold of that for which Christ has laid hold of me. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I have laid hold of it, but one thing I have laid hold of: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead,
¹⁴ I press on toward the goal, toward the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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

Sunday October 4, 2026

We usually associate parables with Jesus. But Isaiah offers here a parable told of God's beloved "vineyard" of Israel. The parable opens in the voice of the prophet. But then the parable shifts into the voice of God. God's nurturing actions on behalf of the vineyard have resulted in a crop of injustice. The parable closes with the judgment that God will now act in new ways.

The psalmist takes up Isaiah's theme of Israel as God's vineyard. The main difference: the psalmist pleads on behalf of the vineyard after Isaiah's vision of judgment and exile have fallen. The psalm does not dispute God's basis for judgment. Rather, it pleads for God's mercy to remember and restore.

A colleague once said to a group of us: your windshield needs to be bigger than your rear-view mirror. Those words capture the spirit of Paul's words here. Reasons to dwell in the past, to gaze into the rear-view mirror, are set aside. What matters for Paul is the course that lies ahead and forward. Similar to an athlete in competition, Paul strives for the goal of his call in Jesus Christ.

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

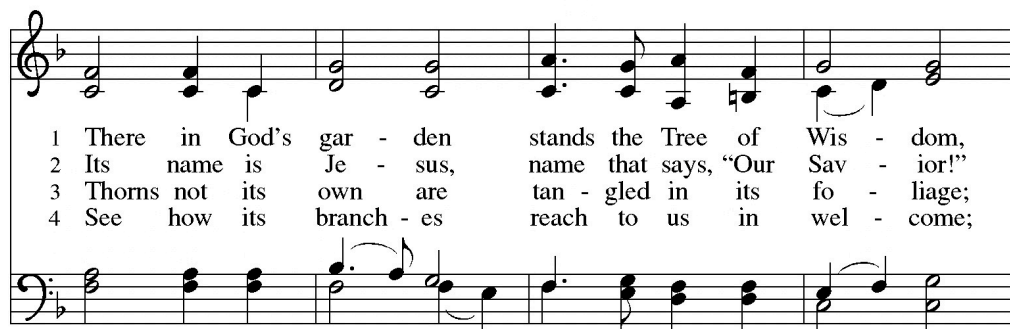
GOSPEL Matthew 21:33-46

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

***HYMN OF THE DAY** ELW #342 There in God's Garden (vs. 1-4)

There in God's Garden

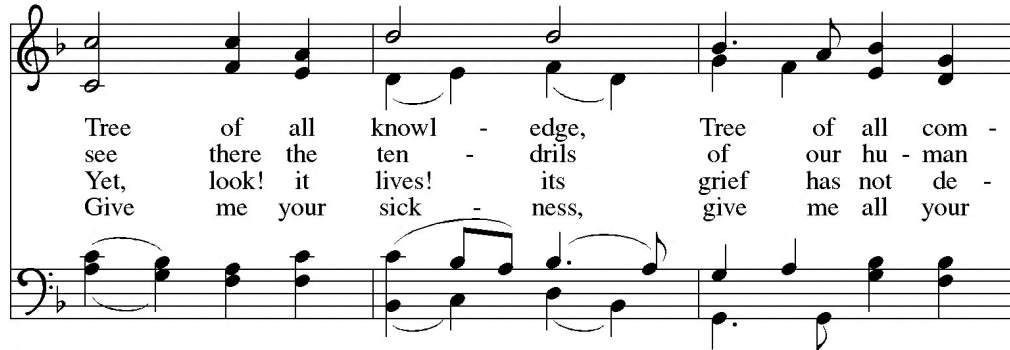
*Listen deeply as the
gospel lesson is being
read*



1 There in God's gar - den stands the Tree of Wis - dom,
2 Its name is Je - sus, name that says, "Our Sav - ior!"
3 Thorns not its own are tan - gled in its fo - liage;
4 See how its branch - es reach to us in wel - come;



whose leaves hold forth the heal - ing of the na - tions:
There on its branch - es see the scars of suf - f'ring;
our greed has starved it, our de - spite has choked it.
hear what the Voice says, "Come to me, ye wea - ry!



Tree of all knowl - edge, Tree of all com -
see there the ten - drils of our hu - man -
Yet, look! it lives! its grief has not de -
Give me your sick - ness, give me all your



pas - sion, Tree of all beau - ty.
self - hood feed on its life - blood.
stroyed it nor fire con - sumed it.
sor - row, I will give bless - ing."

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COMMUNION HYMNS

ELW #580 How Clear is Our Vocation Lord

ELW #519 Open Your Eyes, O Faithful People

***SENDING HYMN** ACS #987 Guide My Feet
Guide My Feet

*Please turn to follow
the cross as it passes
and leads us to love
and service in the
world.*

Leader All

1 Guide my feet
2 Hold my hand
3 Stand by me while I run this race.
4 I'm your child
5 Search my heart

Yes, my Lord!

Guide my feet
Hold my hand
Stand by me while I run this race.
I'm your child
Search my heart

Yes, my Lord!

Guide my feet
Hold my hand
Stand by me while I run this race,
I'm your child
Search my heart

for I don't want to run this race in vain.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: GUIDE MY FEET, African American spiritual; arr. *This Far by Faith*

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SPECIAL MUSIC TODAY:

PRELUDE *Morning Prayer* by Tammy Waldrop - Bell Choir

OFFERING *A Ringer's Prayer* by Judy Hunnicutt - Bell Choir

Prayer Requests: Pam Hardman; Chris Doak; Alecia Chrin; Justin Schneider; Gerry Meyer; Corky Ronstadt; Mary Neff; Lydia Slipp; and all at home and in care facilities.

Our Extended Community: Friends and Family of Kathy Gregory upon the death of her husband Gary (friends of Ann and Bill DeVinney); Liz (friend of Mary Wildner-Bassett); Sarah (great niece of Donna Lounsbury); Becky (Daughter of Mary Wildner-Bassett); Josh, Mary Ann (friends of Chris and Theda Doak); Megan (niece of Chris and Theda Doak); Jennifer, Sally, and Ashley, Gwen, and Tyler on the passing of their daughter Elora (friends of Kathy DeVinney); Grant and Shirley (brother and sister-in-law of Theda Doak); John (son of Martha Neff Stum and Paul Stum); Daniel (neighbor's son of Gloria Schmidt); Will (nephew of Chris and Theda Doak); Leaticia, Azogan, Sidibe, and Zinsou, (friends of Rachel Starner); Mary Etta (friend of Suzanne Hesh); Rita (friend of John and Judy Indermark); Nancy (friend of Cindy Bales).

Names will generally remain on the list for three weeks, unless requested for renewal. Please contact the church office for corrections, updates, and additions.

OVERVIEW OF TODAY’S SCRIPTURE:

The readings for this eighteenth Pentecost link how the setting of minds can influence our lives, for better or worse. The “stages” of Israel’s journey in Exodus often result from Israel’s mindfulness (or not) of God. The psalmist appeals for remembrance of God’s life-giving works. Paul in Philippians urges the church to find unity and love by having the mind of Christ. Jesus frames a dispute over authority with a parable. Both story and dispute hinge on the ability of minds to change for the good.

THOSE SERVING THIS SUNDAY 10/4/26

- Presiding Minister** Rev. Amalia Vagts
- Assisting Minister** Mo Krieg
- Communion Assistants** Deacon Wendi Van Beek, Linda Zizka
- Acolyte** Jennifer Strand
- Keyboard** Dawn Hartley
- Cantor** Dr. Aysen Millioğullari
- Music** Bell Choir
- Usher** Patty Sirls and Diane Siefkes
- Greeter** Gloria Schmidt
- Cross Bearer** Asher Havenhill
- Coffee Host** Sharon Reinbott
- Treats** Sue McLaren
- Tech Team** Pflibsen/Bustamante
- Scripture Background** John Indermark

THOSE SERVING NEXT SUNDAY 10/11/2026

- Presiding Minister** Rev. Amalia Vagts
- Assisting Minister** Mary Pflibsen
- Communion Assistants** Deacon Wendi Van Beek, Patty Sirls
- Acolyte** Mo Krieg
- Keyboard** Dawn Hartley
- Cantor** Joy Bulawa
- Music** Chancel Choir
- Usher** Bill and Ann DeVinney
- Greeter** Patty Sirls
- Cross Bearer** Mo Krieg
- Coffee Host** Fred Hudson
- Treats** Melissa Wyatt
- Tech Team** Pflibsen/Bustamante
- Scripture Background** John Indermark

Rev. Jenn Luong, called to serve University of Arizona Lutheran Campus Ministry, will be installed today at 4 pm in the chapel. Bishop Hutterer will preach and preside. There will be a reception and meal to follow.