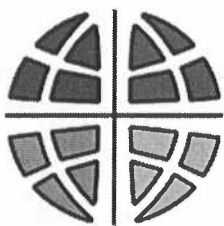


OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH **SUNDAY WORSHIP**

March 23, 2025
Third Sunday in Lent



Welcome to Our Saviour's



ELCA

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: Havenhill Family, Mary, Jewel, Tracy & Marty; Maija, DeeAnn, and those at home and in care facilities. Our Extended Friends & Family: Maria and Steve (friends of Olga Ryan); Taylor (granddaughter of Kathy DeVinney); 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); Sally (friend of Kathy DeVinney); Tom (brother-in-law of Ted Adams); Abel (great grandson of Laverne Walsh); Maureen (mother of Adam Delaossa); Jeanne (friend of Schatzi Taylor); Ann (mother of Asher Havenhill); Michael Bales (brother of Alan Bales); Grant and Shirley (brother and sister-in-law of Theda Doak; John (son of Martha Neff Stum and Paul Stum); Sam; Libby (friend of Theda Doak); Leigh Ann and Ashley (friends of Kathy DeVinney); Eleanor (mother-in-law of Kris Sanchez)

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.

Current Liturgy Music + *liturgy* is the flow of our worship service - working together as people to praise God. Currently our liturgy music is from *Evangelical Lutheran Worship and Renewing Worship*.

TODAY'S SUNDAY FORUM

Welcoming TIHAN and New Updates on Their Ministry

Join us as we gather in the southeast corner of the Activity Building to bless the TIHAN office space. This will be an opportunity to see the offices now that TIHAN personnel have settled in. Following the blessing, we will hear from TIHAN Executive Director Scott Blades, TIHAN Board Members, and a CarePartner served by TIHAN about the work that TIHAN is doing, current events affecting our CarePartners, and the impact that TIHAN, with the help of member congregations like OSLC, can have on the life of Tucsonans living with HIV/AIDS. If time permits, you can decorate a gift bag for TIHAN care packages.

The Scattering Group Study

The book club is meeting on Tuesdays at 1:00PM in the patio room. You can join at anytime. We read and discuss one chapter per week. *The Scattering* is available through Amazon, Thriftbooks and the publisher, Wipf & Stock. A couple of copies will also be available through the Our Saviour's library.

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Third Sunday in Lent

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 *Change My Heart, O God* - Chancel Band

***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, **✝** who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.
Amen.

We confess our sin in the presence of God, and all of creation, including one another.
Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate One,
**you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love,
but our lives do not always reflect you
and your love for the world.
We do not show others the tender compassion
you have shown to us.
We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality
you grant to all people.
We oppress others,
even though you have set us free again and again.
We squander the abundant gifts of the earth.
Transform our lives
and guide us again in the way of the cross.**

You have a place in God's house forever.

Amen.

***GATHERING HYMN ELW #736** *God the Sculptor of the Mountains*

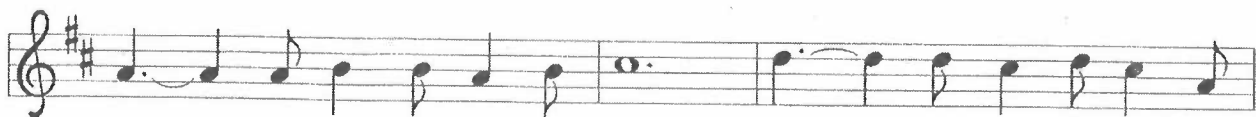
736 God the Sculptor of the Mountains



1	God	the sculp-tor	of the	moun-tains,	God	the mill-er	of the
2	God	the nui-sance	to the	Pha-raoh,	God	the cleav-er	of the
3	God	the dress-er	of the	vine-yard,	God	the plant-er	of the
4	God	the un-ex-pect-ed	in-	fant,	God	the calm,	de-ter-mined



sand,	God	the jewel-er	of the	heav-ens,
sea,	God	the pil-lar	in the	dark-ness,
wheat,	God	the reap-er	of the	har-vest,
youth,	God	the ta-ble-turn-ing	proph-et,	



God	the pot-ter	of the	land:	you	are womb	of all	cre-
God	the bea-con	of the	free:	you	are fount	of all	de-
God	the source	of all	we eat:	you	are host	at ev-'ry	
God	the re-sur-rect-ed	truth:		you	are pres-ent	ev-'ry	



a-	tion,	we	are form-less;	shape	us	now.
liv-	'rance,	we	are sight-less;	lead	us	now.
ta-	ble,	we	are hun-gry;	feed	us	now.
mo-	ment,	we	are search-ing;	meet	us	now.

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JENNINGS-HOUSTON
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***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**

READING: Isaiah 55:1-9

Hear, everyone who thirsts; come to the waters;
and you who have no money, come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.
Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread
and your earnings for that which does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.
Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live.
I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.
See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples.
Now you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know
you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.

Seek the LORD while he may be found;
call upon him while he is near;
let the wicked forsake their way
and the unrighteous their thoughts;
let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.
For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

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

Psalm 63:1-8 -to be read

¹ O God, you are my God; eager- | ly I seek you;
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land
where there | is no water.

² **Therefore I have gazed upon you in your | holy place,
that I might behold your power | and your glory.**

³ For your steadfast love is better than | life itself;
my lips shall | give you praise.

⁴ **So will I bless you as long | as I live
and lift up my hands | in your name.**

⁵ My spirit is content, as with the rich- | est of foods,
and my mouth praises you with | joyful lips,

⁶ **when I remember you up- | on my bed,
and meditate on you in | the night watches.**

⁷ For you have | been my helper,
and under the shadow of your wings I | will rejoice.

⁸ **My whole being | clings to you;
your right hand | holds me fast.**

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Soli Deo Gloria

5 A bil - lion voic - es in one great song, now soft and
gen - tle, now deep and strong, in ev - 'ry
cul - ture and style and key, from hill and val - ley, with sky and
sea, with Christ we praise you e - ter - nal - ly:
So - li De - o glo - ri - a! So - li De - o glo - ri - a!

***GOSPEL**

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

Luke 13:1-9

At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.[Jesus] asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you, but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the other people living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you, but unless you repent you will all perish just as they did."

Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the man working the vineyard, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good, but if not, you can cut it down.' "

The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Silence for Reflection

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW #329 *As the Sun with Longer Journey*

As the Sun with Longer Journey



1 As the sun with long-er jour-ney melts the win-ter's snow and ice,
2 Through the days of wait-ing, watch-ing, in the des-ert of our sin,
3 Praise be giv-en to the mak-er of the sea-sons' year-ly round:



with its slow-ly grow-ing ra-diance warms the seed be-neath the earth,
search-ing on the far ho-ri-zon for a sign of cloud or wind,
Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Spir-it—Source, Sus-tain-er, Lord of life,



may the sun of Christ's up-ris-ing gent-ly bring our hearts to life.
we a-wait the heal-ing wa-ters of our Sav-ior's vic-to-ry.
as the ev-er turn-ing a-ges roll to their e-ter-nal rest.

Text: John Patrick Earls, OSB, b. 1935
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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The assisting minister leads the prayers.

Congregations sings twice through at the beginning and once at the end.

O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, when we call answer us
O Lord hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, come and listen to us.

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

...Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life. **Amen.**

***EXCHANGE OF PEACE**

OFFERING *Testify to Love* Arr. by Ralph Van Manen

***OFFERING PRAYER** - *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* (all sing)
Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise
While the hope of endless glory fills my heart with joy and love
Teach me ever to adore thee; may I still thy goodness prove.
Almighty God, your love is cast, like seed upon the ground
O let the dew of grace appear, and righteous fruits abound.

***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 to give our thanks and praise in all ways and 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

Jesus welcomes you as you are to the table. Become what you receive.

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.

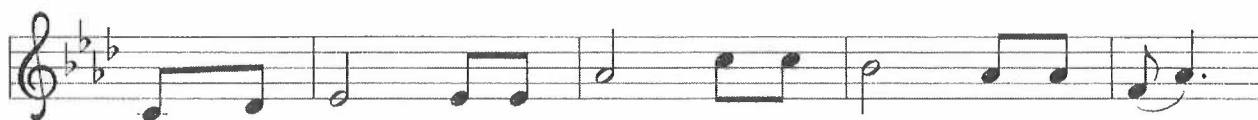
COMMUNION MUSIC - *I've Got Peace Like River* (all sing) Chancel Band

1. I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river in my soul (2x)
2. I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain in my soul.
3. I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean in my soul.

ELW # 773 *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

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1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
2 When my way grows . . drear, pre-cious Lord, lin - ger near,
3 When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws . . near,



I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
when my life is . . . al - most . . gone,
and the day is . . . past and . . . gone,



Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall.
at the riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand.



Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.

Text: Thomas A. Dorsey, 1899-1993

Music: George N. Allen, 1812-1877, adapt. Thomas A. Dorsey

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PRECIOUS LORD
Irregular

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

MISSION MOMENT - TIHAN

SENDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BLESSING

SENDING HYMN ELW #636 *How Small Our Span of Life*

How Small Our Span of Life



1 How small our span of life, O God, our years from birth till death:
2 And yet our speck of life is spanned by your in - fin - i - ty;
3 O Christ, you left e - ter - ni - ty to plunge in time's swift stream,
4 We thank you, God, for kind-ling faith that lights our tran - sient years,



a sin - gle beat with - in the heart, the catch - ing of a breath,
our tick of time on earth is caught in your e - ter - ni - ty.
to share the short-ness of our span, our mor - tal lives re - deem.
il - lu - min - ing our pil - grim - age through mists of doubt and fears;



a drop with-in the o - cean's deep, a grain up - on the shore,
While suns and stars spin end - less - ly through depths of cos - mic space,
You filled your cross-closed years with love; you loved us to the end
for hope that sees a life be - yond the swift - ly pass - ing days;



a flash of light be - fore we sleep to see the sun no more.
while ae - ons roll and ag - es pass, you hold us in your grace.
and touch us with your ris - en life that ours may time trans - cend.
for love, both hu - man and di - vine, that lifts our hearts to praise.

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., b. 1923

Music: KINGSFOLD, English traditional

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***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Live in hope.

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 - Keep On Keeping On Trad. African American Tune - Chancel Band

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Flowers donated today by TIHAN in memory of Ms. Ellie Johnson

PALM SUNDAY - Sunday April 13

In the Gospels of Mark and Matthew, those welcoming Jesus into Jerusalem, laid their cloaks on the ground and cut leafy branches from nearby trees and fields. The people lay down their cloaks in Luke's Gospel and in the Gospel of John, they gather palm branches and shout, "Hosanna!" which means "Save us!"

This Palm Sunday, we encourage you to bring either something green and leafy from your yard or a gently worn clothing item that can be donated following our service. We will gather in the Courtyard at the beginning of worship and process together into the Sanctuary.

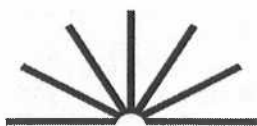
CONGREGATIONAL SPECIAL MEETING

The Council has voted to call a Special Congregational Meeting on Sunday, April 6th immediately following worship to become a Reconciling in Christ through adoption of the following Welcome Statement:

Welcome. 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 ending systems that cause harm. Christ is our peace and breaks down the walls that divide us (Ephesians 2:14). Our communion table is Christ's table. You and all people are welcome without exception.

Please make plans to join us on this day.

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Come and See - Thursdays 12 - 1 PM, Patio Room

What is "Come & See?" This is a weekly exploration of faith and life. We are presently reading through Paul's letters to the church in Corinth (1 and 2 Corinthians). In these letters, Paul addresses many familiar themes for ancient and modern communities of faith. We examine Scripture together through conversation, context, and background. Open to anyone who is interested in learning with others. Led by Pastor Glenn and Pastor Amalia. Bring a Bible or use one of the provided Lutheran study Bibles. You are welcome to bring and eat your lunch while we meet. 12-1 pm in the Patio Room (enter through the Office or Koch Chapel). At present, we are on 1 Cor. 16

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March Sunday Forums

March 30: *Save Our Schools Arizona (SOSAZ)*

Kari Hull, the Deputy Director of Outreach for SOSAZ and Shelly Hartman, the Pima County Community Action Team (CAT) Coordinator for SOSAZ will join us. Topics will include current issues related to public school funding, education bills the legislature has recently put forward, and the consequences of school vouchers. This presentation will offer new opportunities to become involved with an open discussion.

LENT + HOLY WEEK SERVICES



Wednesdays - 12PM & 6:15 PM - Chapel
Co-led by Our Saviour's and Lutheran Campus Ministry

Maundy Thursday - 6 PM
service for healing, prayer & action

Good Friday - 6 pm

PRAYERS AROUND



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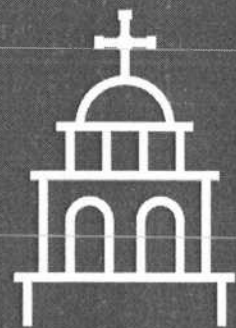
EASTER SERVICES

Sunday April 20, 2025

Easter Sunday

7:15AM - Koch Chapel

9:00AM - Sanctuary



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SMALL GROUP MINISTRY

Centering Prayer

Meets weekly from 12-1 on Tuesdays in Koch Chapel. We begin at 12:15 with simple instruction, then 20 minutes of Centering (silent) prayer. Then we spend about 20 minutes engaging with the upcoming Gospel text using a practice called *lectio divina*. No preparation or experience necessary.

Caring Ministry

This growing ministry is a group of people who visit, call, and send card to our members and friends at home. Talk with Bonnie Phelps if you are interested in getting involved.

Quilting Group

Meets monthly on the third Tuesday of each month in the Activity Building. You can also pick up fabric and stitch at home. Contact Kathie Miller.

Knit and Crochet Group

This group makes prayer shawls, as well as hats and lap blankets for migrants and others. Anyone interested in joining please text Donna Lounsbury, 520-400-2514

Chancel Choir

Rehearses weekly on Thursdays at 6:30 PM in the Activity Building. All singers welcome. Loving and supportive community - no prior choral experience required. Contact Dr. Gréta Pásztor at gpsztor@lutherantucson.org.

Bell Choir

Rehearses weekly on Mondays at 6:30 PM in the Sanctuary. Happy group that enjoys creating joyous, uplifting music. Learners welcome. Contact Kathie Miller (kmmiller@hotmail.com) or any other Ringers.

Spanish Class

¿Aprender español? Or do you want to learn? Join this free one-hour drop-in class for all levels. Tuesdays at 6:30 in the Activity Building. Taught by Pastor Mateo and Annette Chavez. Email amchavez111@gmail.com to register.

Other Ways to Grow Your Faith:

Weekly events led by community and Our Saviour's members - open to anyone.

All events in Activity Building.

Mindfulness Meditation (Mondays, 1:30 - 2:30 PM); Men's Bible Study (Tuesdays, 7:00 AM); Lay Shared Bible Study (Wednesdays, 10:30 AM. Contact Laretta Olson at landjo@cox.net).

THOSE SERVING SUNDAY 3/23/2025

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Preaching Minister Rev. Amalia Vagts
Assisting Minister Mary Lou Forier
Communion Assistants Bonnie Phelps and
Patty Sirls
Acolyte Jennifer Strand
Cantor Jordan Fouts
Music Chancel Band, Jordan
Fouts, Michael Marty, Jack
O'Brien, David Lester, Jeff
Ladderud, Ron Rude
Usher Jennifer Stand and
Hildi Williams
Greeter Jeanne Gacke
Coffee Host Ron and Nancy Rude
Treats Mary Pflibsen
Tech Team Pflibsen/Bustamante
Scripture Background John Indermark

THOSE SERVING SUNDAY 3/30/2025

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Assisting Minister Jennifer Strand and Rev.
Glenn Schrader
Communion Assistants Bonnie Phelps and
Mary Pflibsen
Acolyte Mary Pflibsen
Cantor Nilu Dorschner
Keyboard Gréta Pásztor
Music Chancel Choir,
Samuel Rodriguez
Usher Laretta Olson and
Patty Sirls
Greeter Sophia Rankin
Coffee Host Catalina Rankin
Treats Mary Pflibsen
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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
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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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