

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.

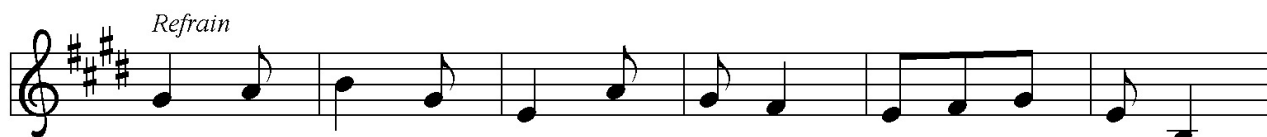
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the congregation
should stand in body
and/or spirit.
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speaking and singing
parts are in bold
font.*

*As we prepare for
worship, take time to
look around, to settle
in, to receive the Holy
Spirit's presence.*

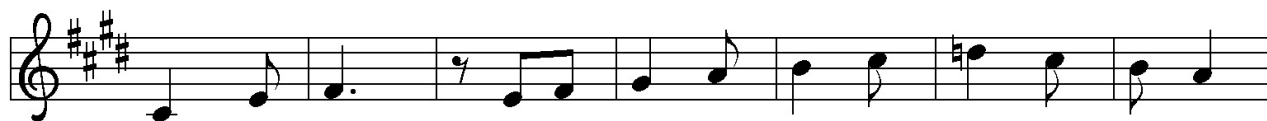


*All may make the sign
of the cross, the sign
that is marked at
baptism, as the
presiding minister
begins.*

***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;



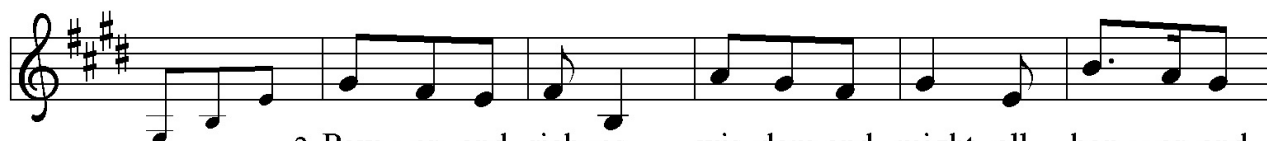
praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



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:



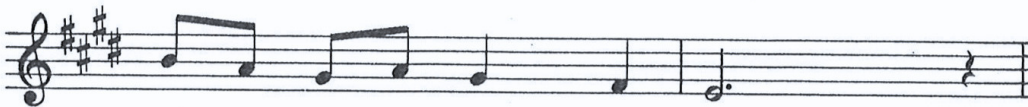
As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were



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.

*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.

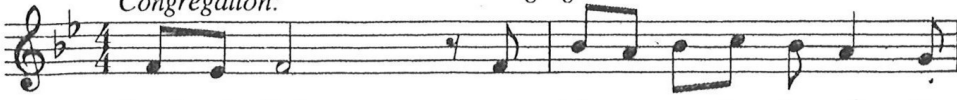
COMMUNION

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

COMMUNION HYMNS

LAMB OF GOD

Congregation: *Congregation or assistant:*



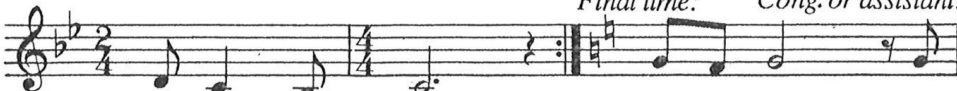
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

Congregation:



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

Final time: *Cong. or assistant:*

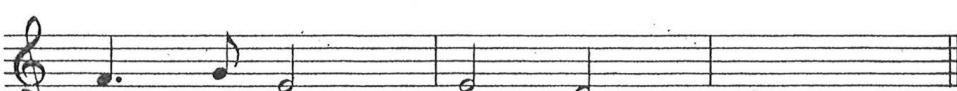


mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you

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 Exodus 14:19-31

Psalm 114 (Pulpit Side - Regular; Piano Side - Bold)

¹ Hallelujah! When Israel came out of Egypt,
the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,
² **Judah became God's sanctuary**
and Israel God's dominion.
³ The sea beheld it and fled;
Jordan turned and went back.
⁴ **The mountains skipped like rams,**
and the little hills like young sheep.
⁵ What ailed you, O sea, that you fled,
O Jordan, that you turned back,
⁶ **you mountains, that you skipped like rams,**
you little hills like young sheep?
⁷ Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord,
at the presence of the God of Jacob,
⁸ **who turned the hard rock into a pool of water**
and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

SECOND READING Romans 14:1-12

¹ Welcome those who are weak in faith but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. ² Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. ³ Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat, for God has welcomed them. ⁴ Who are you to pass judgment on slaves of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.
⁵ Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. ⁶ Those who observe the day, observe it for the Lord. Also those who eat, eat for the Lord, since they give thanks to God, while those who abstain, abstain for the Lord and give thanks to God.
⁷ For we do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. ⁸ If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹ For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.
¹⁰ Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. ¹¹ For it is written,
"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God."
¹² So then, each one of us will be held accountable.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

The event called Passover has happened. The grief of Egypt and Pharaoh over the deaths of their firstborn is such that they gladly allow Moses and the Israelites their "Exodus" (literally, a going out). But now, vengeance replaces grief. Egypt's army pursues the refugees. The Israelites are soon trapped between the Egyptians and the waters of the sea. Our reading takes up what happens next. Waters are experienced by some as deliverance, by others as disaster.

The psalm's praise grows out of Israel's Exodus from Egypt along with crossing the Jordan River into the promised land. The song serves as a defiant hope based on remembrance. No force of nature nor earthly institution can stand against God's power to bring new life and community.

In our reading from Romans two weeks ago, Paul urged the church to love one another. But how does love work when we have differing opinions on matters? In our reading today, the guiding principle is: don't fall into the trap of judging others. Judgment belongs to God, not us.

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

GOSPEL Matthew 18:21-35

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

*HYMN OF THE DAY ACS #1008 Forgive Your People

Forgive Your People *Perdona a tu pueblo*

Refrain / Estribillo



Per - do - na_a tu pue - blo, Se - ñor. Per -
For - give your . . . peo - ple, O Lord. For -



do - na_a tu pue - blo, per - dó - na - le, Se - ñor.
give your . . . peo - ple, for - give . . . us, O Lord.



1 Por e - sos hie - rros que te cla - va -
1 For cold and cru - el nails that im - pale
2 For all the dead - ly blows that have torn
3 For bear - ing all our wounds, we a - dore
4 May your whole life out - poured now flow through



ron, por las es - pi - nas que te pun -
you, for rag - ged rings of thorns that as -
you, for all the bit - ter words that still
you. Show us your feet, your hands, we im -
us, and may your death re - store and re -

Refrain / Estribillo



za - ron, per - dó - na - le, Se - ñor.
sail you, for - give . . . us, O Lord.
scorn you, for - give . . . us, O Lord.
plore you. For - give . . . us, O Lord.
new us. For - give . . . us, O Lord.

2 Por tus sangrientas llagas tan crueles, 3 Por tus heridas de pies y manos,
por los insultos y por las hieles, por los azotes tan inhumanos,
perdónale, Señor. perdónale, Señor.

4 Por la abertura de tu costado,
por haber muerto abandonado,
perdónale, Señor.

COMMUNION HYMNS

ELW #543 Go, My Children, With My Blessing

ELW #459 Waded in the Water

***SENDING HYMN** ELW #835 All Creatures, Worship God Most High!

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

All Creatures, Worship God Most High!



- 1 All crea-tures, wor-ship God most high! Sound ev - 'ry voice in earth and
- 2 Sing, broth - er wind; with clouds and rain you grow the gifts of fruit and
- 3 Sing, broth - er fire, so mirth - ful, strong; drive far the shad-ows, join the
- 4 All who for love of God for - give, all who in pain or sor - row



sky: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Sing, broth - er sun, in splen-dor
grain: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Dear sis - ter wa - ter, use - ful,
throng: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Dear moth - er earth, so rich in
grieve: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Christ bears your bur-dens and your



bright; sing, sis - ter moon and stars of night:
clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to hear: Al-le - lu - ia, al-le -
care, praise God in col - ors bright and rare:
fears; still make your song a - mid the tears:



lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia!

- 5 And you, most gentle sister death,
waiting to hush our final breath:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Since Christ our light has pierced your gloom,
fair is the night that leads us home.
Alleluia.

- 6 O sisters, brothers, take your part,
and worship God with humble heart:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
All creatures, bless the Father, Son,
and Holy Spirit, Three in One:
Alleluia.

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Education Sunday

Today is a day of recognition and thanks for learning and education! We welcome the Rev. Jenn Luong, Lutheran Campus Ministry Pastor and Director, as our guest preacher. We are grateful to have Lutheran Campus Ministry as a campus partner! Learn more at <https://lcmuofa.org/>.

We pray for all students, staff, coaches, teachers, and professors, that all will be blessed in their endeavors.

Almighty God, you give wisdom and knowledge.

Grant those who teach, coach, and lead the gift of joy and insight,

and students the gift of diligence and openness,

that all may grow in what is good and honest and true.

Support all who teach and all who learn,

that together we may know and follow your ways;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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OVERVIEW OF TODAY'S SCRIPTURE:

The readings for this sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time blend words of accountability and grace. In Exodus, waters that part to deliver the people of Israel are the same waters that wash over their pursuers. The psalm taunts anything, anyone, that would try to stand against God's sovereign purposes. Paul weighs in against our presuming to judge others. All stand accountable to God. Jesus tells a parable in response to a question about forgiveness. The answer it provides is stunning in its grace and demanding in its practice.

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THOSE SERVING THIS SUNDAY 9/13/26

Preaching Minister	Rev. Jenn Luong
Presiding Minister	Rev. Amalia Vagts
Assisting Minister	Olga Ryan
Communion Assistants	Deacon Wendi Van Beek, Mary Pflibsen
Acolyte	Deacon Wendi Van Beek
Keyboard	Dawn Hartley
Cantor	Danny White
Music	Chancel Choir
Usher	Jennifer Strand, Patty Sirls
Greeter	Sophia Rankin
Cross Bearer	Olga Ryan
Coffee Host	Catalina Rankin
Treats	Adrian/Saphir Family
Tech Team	Pflibsen/Bustamante
Scripture Background	John Indermark

THOSE SERVING NEXT SUNDAY 9/20/26

Preaching Minister	Rev. Amalia Vagts
Assisting Minister	Nilu Dorschner
Communion Assistants	Kathy DeVinney
Acolyte	Mary Lou Forier
Keyboard	Dawn Hartley
Cantor	Joy Bulawa
Usher	Asher and Mary Havenhill
Greeter	Hildi Williams
Cross Bearer	Asher Havenhill
Coffee Host	Fred Hudson
Treats	Mary Havenhill
Tech Team	Pflibsen/Bustamante
Scripture Background	John Indermark