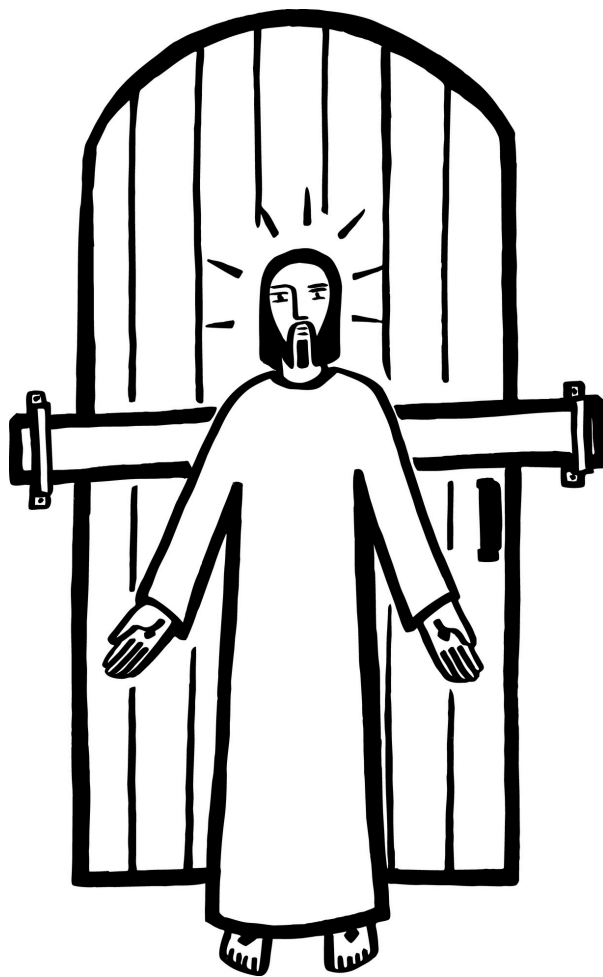


Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

Sunday Worship

April 12, 2026
Second Sunday of Easter



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

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.

Current Liturgy Music + liturgy is the flow of our worship service - working together as people to praise God.

Prayer Requests: Our Saviour's Community: Fred Alvord; Pat Alvord; Mary Wildner-Bassett (daughter's surgery); Corky Ronstadt (at-home care), Mary Neff (care facility), Schatzi Taylor (care facility), Hildi Williams (recovering from injury); Martha Neff Stum (health diagnosis); Pam Hardman (death of friend); and all at home and in care facilities.

Our Extended Friends & Family: Pastor Adele Resmer, former interim pastor (recovering from back surgery); Kay G. recovering from hip replacement surgery(Mary Pflibsen's aunt); Sarah and family (great niece of Donna Lounsbury); Shawn (friend of David Lester); Becky (Daughter of Mary Wildner-Bassett) Frenchie (Friend of Judy and John Indermark); Lia (granddaughter of Angie Grandison), Beverly (Mother of Hildi Williams), David (Son of Geoff and Suzy Swann); Jeanne (Cousin of Alan Bales); Barbara (sister-in-law of Kenith Ijams); Peggy (sister of Bonnie Phelps); Josh, Melissa, Mary Ann Libby (friends of Chris and Theda Doak); Megan (niece of Chris and Theda Doak); Sally, and Ashley, (friends of Kathy DeVinney); Grant and Shirley (brother and sister-in-law of Theda Doak; John (son of Martha Neff Stum and Paul Stum); Sam; Eleanor (mother-in-law of Kris Sanchez; Daniel (neighbor's son of Gloria Schmidt); Rich (cousin- in-law of Jennifer Strand) Misty (friend of Schatzi Taylor)Will (nephew of Chris and Theda Doak); Leaticia, Azogan, Meivis, Sidibe, Bintou, Zinsou, and Mabel (friends of Rachel Starner); Michael (friend of Suzanne Hesh);Beverly and Shorty (Dave Varley's parents).

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 the second Sunday of Easter continue the story of the Risen Christ among us. The first epistle of Peter affirms God's raising of Jesus as our hope in difficult times. The psalm praises God for actions that bring and restore life in creation and in our lives. The gospel of John affirms that the faith of Thomas ultimately does not rely on prior demands for proof. In doing so, it opens God's blessing to all of us who have not seen and yet come to trust in the Risen Christ.

This morning, we welcome David Horr as our guest organist. David serves as secretary and treasurer of the Southern Arizona Chapter of the American Guild of Organists (SAAGO) and has been an active member of the Tucson music community for many years. A retired department store executive and university professor, he has shared his musical gifts for over 50 years as an organist in Protestant and Catholic churches as well as Jewish synagogues. His experience includes recital performances in Ohio, Kentucky, Pennsylvania, and Tucson, along with more recent service as organist at St. Mark's Presbyterian Church in Tucson. David now enjoys substituting for his colleagues while continuing to share his musical gifts with congregations throughout the area, and we are delighted to have him with us today.

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**An asterisk indicates the congregation should stand in body and/or spirit.
Congregation's speaking and singing parts are in bold font.*

WELCOME

PRELUDE *The Gift of Love* arr. John Carter

David Horr

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

We give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Merciful God,
you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come.
You lead us beside still waters.
Thank you for the waters of creation:
morning dew, gentle rain, flowing aquifers.
Thank you for the waters that nourish us.
Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness
who accompanies us on our journeys.
We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection.
We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow.
Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows.
Break down barriers that divide us.
Fill us with your peace.
Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy One, thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism,
and for making us a new creation.
We join with creation, giving you honor and praise,
now and forever.

Amen.

*GATHERING HYMN - ELW #376 Thine Is the Glory

Thine Is the Glory

1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the
2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he
3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-

vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment
greet thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness
out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con - qu'rors,

rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes
hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;
through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

Refrain
where thy bod - y lay.
death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring
to thy home a - bove.

Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

*GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY

FIRST READING

Our first reading is from the first letter of Peter.

This letter was likely written in Rome and sent in Peter's name. Its opening verse identifies the recipients as believers in five provinces of what is now northern Turkey. Today's reading indicates they have "suffered various trials." The persecutions of the church in this region became pronounced in the last quarter of the first century. The core of this passage is the hope we have through the resurrection of Jesus. Even for those not alive at the time of Jesus, faith and love join us to that hope.

1 Peter 3:1-9

^{14a} Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd]: ²² "Fellow Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know ²³ this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. ²⁴ But God raised him up, having released him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. ²⁵ For David says concerning him,

'I saw the Lord always before me,
for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;
²⁶ therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
moreover, my flesh will live in hope.

²⁷ For you will not abandon my soul to Hades
or let your Holy One experience corruption.

²⁸ You have made known to me the ways of life;
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

²⁹ "Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰ Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. ³¹ Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

'He was not abandoned to Hades,
nor did his flesh experience corruption.'

³² "This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses."

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 16

Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;
I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."

**All my delight is in the godly that are in the land,
upon those who are noble among the people.**

But those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied.

I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods, never take their names upon my lips.

O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; it is you who uphold my lot.

My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; indeed, I have a rich inheritance.

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me night after night.

I have set the Lord always before me;

because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;
my body also shall rest in hope.

For you will not abandon me to the grave, nor let your holy one see the pit.

You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

***GOSPEL**

The Holy Gospel according to John.
Glory to you, O Christ.

John 20:19-31

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸ Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The gospel of Jesus Christ
Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON

Deacon Wendi Van Beek

The Peace of the Lord

La paz del Señor



1 *La paz del Se - ñor, la paz del Se - ñor, la*
 1 The peace of the Lord, the peace of the Lord, the
 2 The peace of the Lord, the peace of the Lord, the
 3 The peace of the Lord, the peace of the Lord, the



paz del Re - su - ci - ta - do: la paz del Se -
 peace of the ris - en Lord Je - sus: the peace of the
 peace of the ris - en Lord Je - sus: the peace of the
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ñor a ti ya mí, a to - dos al - can - za -
 Lord is for you and for me, and al - so for all of God's
 Lord is a - mong us right now, so o - pen your - selves to re -
 Lord kept with - in can - not live, so o - pen your - selves now to



rá; la paz del Se - ñor a ti ya
 chil - dren. The peace of the Lord is for you and for
 ceive it. The peace of the Lord is a - mong us right
 share it. The peace of the Lord kept with - in can - not



mí, a to - dos al - can - za - rá.
 me, and al - so for all of God's chil - dren.
 now, so o - pen your - selves to re - ceive it.
 live, so o - pen your - selves now to share it.

2 *La paz del Señor, la paz del Señor,
 la paz del Resucitado:
 se hace presente ahora y aquí
 apréstate a recibirla;
 se hace presente ahora y aquí
 apréstate a recibirla.*

3 *La paz del Señor, la paz del Señor,
 la paz del Resucitado:
 no puede vivir encerrada en sí,
 apréstate a compartirla;
 no puede vivir encerrada en sí,
 apréstate a compartirla.*

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***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

...Hear us O God. **Your mercy is great.**

...Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation.
Amen.

***EXCHANGE OF PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERING - *Orison* by Douglas E. Wagne

David Horr

***OFFERING PRAYER**

***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...
...we praise your name forever.

***THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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

Come as you are. Become what you receive.

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.

COMMUNION HYMNS 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.

ACS #941 Breathe on Us, Breath of God

Breathe on Us, Breath of God

Breathe on us, Breath of God; Breath of God, breathe on us.

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ELW # 386 O Sons and Daughters, Let us Sing

Hymnal

SENDING PRAYER

SENDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BLESSING

*SENDING HYMN ELW #548 Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen

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

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*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God!

Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen



1 Rise, O church, like Christ a - ris - en,
 2 Rise, trans - formed, and choose to fol - low
 3 Rise, re - mem - ber well the fu - ture
 4 Ser - vice be our sure vo - ca - tion;



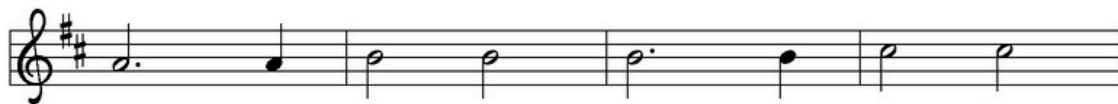
from this meal of love and grace;
 af - ter Christ, though wound - ed, whole;
 God has called us to re - ceive;
 cour - age be our dai - ly breath;



may we through such love en - vi - sion
 bro - ken, shared, our lives are hal - lowed
 pres - ent by God's lov - ing nur - ture,
 mer - cy be our des - ti - na - tion



whose we are, and whose, our praise.
 to re - lease and to con - sole.
 Spir - it - ed then let us live.
 from this day and un - to death.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia;
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia;
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia;
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



God, the won - der of our days.
 Christ, our pres - ent, past, and goal.
 Spir - it, grace by whom we live.
 Rise, O church, a liv - ing faith.

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Lent Special Offering for Hunger Relief: \$947.25

Thank you to all who gave additional gifts during Lent. Together, we were able to send \$947.25 to ELCA World Hunger. 1 in 11 people worldwide live in hunger. As the ELCA, we are called to respond. Your gifts fund clinics, microloans, clean water, livestock, meals and advocacy — sustainable solutions that address root causes of hunger. Here in the US, over 47 million face food insecurity (an increase of 1 million from just one year ago). Together we pray: God bless to us our bread, give bread to those who are hungry and hunger for justice to those who are fed. Amen.

Blenman- Elm Neighborhood Home and Garden Tour

Today 10:30 - 5:00

Self-guided neighborhood tour.

You must have a ticket for this event. See QR code in this article. One of our 5 areas of focus is "Neighborhood," so we are delighted to be part of this year's tour.

"The Blenman Elm Home Tour is a celebration of how neighbors care for both history and each other," said a home tour committee member. "It's a rare opportunity to see how historic spaces evolve through thoughtful, creative living."

BLENMAN-ELM NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION INVITES YOU



BLENMAN-ELM NEIGHBORHOOD HOME & GARDEN TOUR 2026

DWELLINGS THROUGH TIME

A self-guided tour of historic dwellings, casitas, and gardens. Proceeds benefit neighborhood projects and Blenman Elementary School.

04.12.2026
10:30 AM - 4:30 PM



Tickets at Eventbrite

Visit blenman-elm.org for more information



SUNDAY
APRIL 19TH
10:30 AM

PIANO RECITAL

Mozart • Gárdonyi
Schumann • Liszt



Benjámín Diószegi & Gréta Pásztor Wung

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Tucson, AZ

Free Admission



We welcome Deacon Wendi Van Beek as our preacher. Ordained in 2025 as a Minister of Word and Service with the ELCA and called by the Grand Canyon Synod as Minister of Community Engagement to Lutheran Campus Ministries, Deacon Wendi presently serves as Interim Director for Tucson's Lutheran Campus Ministry. Deacon Wendi is a graduate of Wartburg Theological Seminary and a member of Our Saviour's.

THOSE SERVING TODAY

4/12/2026

Presiding Minister	Rev. Amalia Vagts
Preaching Minister	Deacon Wendi Van Beek
Assisting Minister	Kathy DeVinney
Communion Assistants	Mary Pflibsen, Sharon Reinbott
Acolyte	Claudia Saphir
Keyboard	David Horr
Usher	Patty Sirls, Jennifer Strand
Greeter	Catalina Rankin
Cross Bearer	Jennifer Strand
Coffee Host	Sharon Reinbott
Treats	Adrian/Saphir
Tech Team	Pflibsen/Bustamante
Scripture Background	John Indermark

THOSE SERVING SUNDAY

4/19/2026

Presiding Minister	Rev. Amalia Vagts
Assisting Minister	Nilu Dorschner
Communion Assistants	Kathy DeVinney, Jennifer Strand
Acolyte	David Lester
Keyboard	Betsy Dunlap
Cantor	Joy Bulawa
Music	Chancel Choir
Usher	Mary and Asher Havenhill
Greeter	Diane Siefkes
Cross Bearer	David Lester
Coffee Host	Kris Sanchez
Treats	Deacon Wendi Van Beek/LCM
Tech Team	Pflibsen/Bustamante
Scripture Background	John Indermark

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Sunday Worship Times

9:00 - Sanctuary
Coffee following

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

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