

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

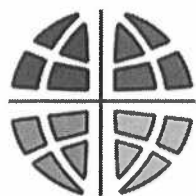
Sunday Worship

August 3, 2025

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost



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 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 *Now the Feast and Celebration* by Marty Haugen.

Prayer Requests: Melanie, Donna, Mary, Tracy & Marty, Gene, Addison and Nicole, and those at home and in care facilities. Our Extended Friends & Family: David - son of Geoff and Suzy former Our Saviour's members; Jeanne (Cousin of Alan Bales); Barbara (sister-in-law of Kenith Ijams); Peggy (sister of Bonnie Phelps); Josh, Melissa, and Mary Ann (friends of Chris and Theda Doak); Megan (niece of Chris and Theda Doak) Sandy and Doug, Sally, Ashley, and Kamri (friends 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); 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); Eleanor (mother-in-law of Kris Sanchez; Bert and Maria (Friends of Jon and Nilu Dorschner); Kristian and Melissa (Jon and Nilu Dorschner's son and daughter-in-law); Pat (friend of congregation).

Names will remain on the list for three weeks, unless requested for longer.

Pastor Glenn and Ted's Celebration on August 17

Please join Pastor Glenn and Ted following worship service on Sunday, August 17 in the Activity Building to mark their nearly 20 years at Our Saviour's. This will be an opportunity to say "good-bye" since this will be their last time with the congregation before they head for Colorado. Look for some treats — and for the last of the Myer lemon lemonade too!

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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.

PRELUDE *Two Pieces* by Jean-Philippe Rameau

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

In the name of the Sovereign, and of the † Savior, and of the Spirit.

Amen.

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

you free us to love others;

we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.

You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace;

we turn away from the abundant life you offer.

You surround us with patience, kindness,

and generosity;

we grow weary in doing what is right.

In your mercy, forgive us.

Do not give up on us.

Heal us, break our bonds,

and show us the path of life.

Amen.

You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith.

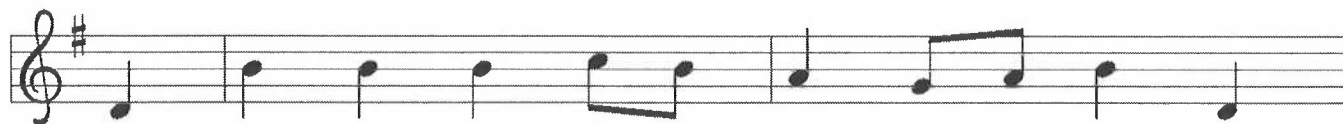
In the cross of † Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit,

you are free. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

Amen.

***GATHERING HYMN** ELW #676 *Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak*

Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak



1 Lord, speak to us, that we may speak in
2 Oh, lead us, Lord, that we may lead the
3 Oh, teach us, Lord, that we may teach the
4 Oh, fill us with your full - ness, Lord, un -



liv - ing ech - oes of your tone; as you have sought, so
wan-d'ring and the wa - v'ring feet; oh, feed us, Lord, that
pre - cious truths which you im - part; and wing our words, that
til our ver - y hearts o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and



let us seek your stray - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.
we may feed your hun - g'ring ones with man - na sweet.
they may reach the hid - den depths of man - y a heart.
glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879, alt.

Music: CANONBURY, Robert Schumann, 1810–1856

***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 Luke 12:13-21

¹³ Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus,] "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." ¹⁴ But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" ¹⁵ And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." ¹⁶ Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷ And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' ¹⁸ Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' ²⁰ But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' ²¹ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Hosea 11:1-11

¹ When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son.

² The more I called them, the more they went from me; they kept sacrificing to the Baals and offering incense to idols.

³ Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk; I took them up in my arms, but they did not know that I healed them.

⁴ I led them with cords of human kindness, with bands of love. I was to them like those who lift infants to their cheeks. I bent down to them and fed them.

⁵ They shall return to the land of Egypt, and Assyria shall be their king, because they have refused to return to me.

⁶ The sword rages in their cities; it consumes their oracle priests and devours because of their schemes.

⁷ My people are bent on turning away from me. To the Most High they call, but he does not raise them up at all.

⁸ How can I give you up, Ephraim? How can I hand you over, O Israel? How can I make you like Admah? How can I treat you like Zeboiim? My heart recoils within me; my compassion grows warm and tender.

⁹ I will not execute my fierce anger; I will not again destroy Ephraim, for I am God and no mortal, the Holy One in your midst, and I will not come in wrath.

¹⁰ They shall go after the LORD, who roars like a lion; when he roars, his children shall come trembling from the west.

¹¹ They shall come trembling like birds from Egypt and like doves from the land of Assyria, and I will return them to their homes, says the LORD.

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

SERMON READING Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

² Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher,
vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

¹² I, the Teacher, was king over Israel in Jerusalem. ¹³ I applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to humans to be busy with. ¹⁴ I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun, and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

^{2:18} I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to my successor, ¹⁹ and who knows whether he will be wise or foolish? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. ²⁰ So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, ²¹ because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. ²² What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? ²³ For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

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

SERMON

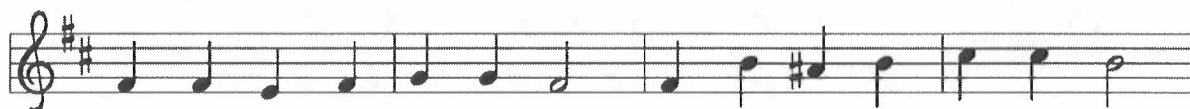
Silence for Reflection

***HYMN OF THE DAY** ACS #1004 *Faith Begins By Letting Go*

Faith Begins By Letting Go



- 1 Faith be - gins by let - ting go, giv - ing up what had seemed sure,
- 2 Faith en - dures by hold - ing on, keep - ing mem-'ry's roots a - live
- 3 Faith ma - tures by reach - ing out, stretch - ing minds, en - larg - ing hearts,



tak - ing risks and press - ing on, though the way feels less se - cure:
so that hope may bear its fruit; prom - ise - fed, our souls will thrive,
shar - ing strug - gles, liv - ing prayer, bind - ing up the bro - ken parts;



pil - grim - age both right and odd, trust - ing all our life to God.
not through mer - it we pos - sess but by God's great faith - ful - ness.
till we find the com - mon - place ripe with wit - ness to God's grace.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944

Music: RATISBON, J. G. Werner, *Choralbuch*, 1815

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The assisting minister leads the prayers.

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

...Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

***EXCHANGE OF PEACE**

OFFERING *Holy Manna* by John Carter

***OFFERING PRAYER**

Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

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 to give our thanks and praise in all ways and all places...

...We praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***HOLY HOLY HOLY**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
might; heav - en and earth are filled with your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

...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

The feast of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice

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; grape juice is clear. Please let an usher know if you would like communion brought to your pew.

COMMUNION MUSIC *Lamb of God*

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
you break the chains of ha - tred and
you are the way of jus - tice and
you are the way of mer - cy and

Congregation:

world: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,
fear:
peace:
love.

Final Stanza
Congregation or Assistant:

mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you

Congregation:

take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

grant us peace, grant us peace.

ELW #793 *Be Thou My Vision*

ELW #397 *Loving Spirit*

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

SENDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

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***SENDING HYMN ELW #655** *Son of God, Eternal Savior*

Son of God, Eternal Savior



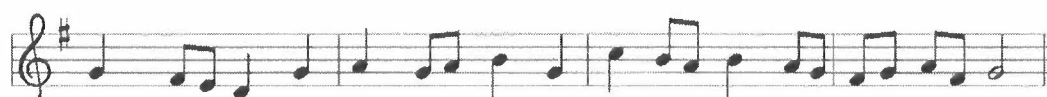
1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,
2 As you, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, so may we for oth - ers live.
3 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and Prince of peace;
4 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,



Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race,
Free - ly have your gifts been grant - ed; free - ly may your ser - vants give.
hush the storm of strife and pas - sion, bid its cru - el dis - cords cease.
Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race:



you our head, who, throned in glo - ry, for your own will ev - er plead:
Yours the gold and yours the sil - ver, yours the wealth of land and sea;
By your pa - tient years of toil - ing, by your si - lent hours of pain,
by your pray - ing, by your will - ing that your peo - ple should be one,



fill us with your love and pit - y, heal our wrong, and help our need.
we but stew - ards of your boun - ty held in sol - emn trust will be.
quench our fe - vered thirst of plea - sure, stem our self - ish greed of gain.
grant, oh, grant our hope's fru - i - tion: here on earth your will be done.

***DISMISSAL**

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

Sunday Altar Care Helpers

Can you help **put away our communion elements after worship on Sunday?**

This role takes about 15-20 minutes if we have two people working together. We are looking for a few folks who can help out 1 a month of so with this simple task. No experience necessary!

Cross-bearer

Can you help carry the cross and send us out God's love? Sign up in the back of the Sanctuary.

Sandwich Delivery

Our fearless sandwich ministry team is looking for a person or people who can pick up a regular shift helping to deliver all the freshly made sandwiches to Grace St. Paul. This is the perfect role for a person or couple who like to stay for coffee and then has an additional 15-20 minutes to run sandwiches to Grace St. Paul, then stop back here to drop off the key. Your 20-30 minutes on Sunday is part of getting food to over a 100 people the following day!

Pray without Ceasing - on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month, Our Saviour's hosts a community prayer group in our Chapel at 5:30. Open to anyone, this thirty minute service is a time of song, silence, and a chance to share prayers of lament and prayers for hope. The next one is **August 4**.

SMALL GROUP MINISTRY

You will find (or can create) many ways to get to know others through small group ministry at Our Saviour's. Many of these groups take a pause during the summer because of vacation and travel schedules. This also provides the chance for informal book groups, movie and game nights, public witness, and other great ideas you might have to connect people here or out in the community. **From September to May** we offer vocal and bell choir and a variety of faith formation groups on Sunday mornings and throughout the week. Our young people connect with other Lutheran teens in Tucson through Super Youth. Pastor Mateo and Annette Chavez offer weekly Spanish classes for all levels. **Throughout the year**, you can connect with quilting, prayer shawl groups, our Caring Ministry team that reaches out to those at home or in care centers, and lay-led Bible and prayer groups. Talk with other members or the pastors if you'd like to learn more about these groups.

Do you get the eNews?

Every Monday, we send out a eNewsletter with a key events, readings, and prayers for the week. You can also find out what's happening on the Events Page on our website (www.lutherantucson.org). Fill out a green sheet or email the church office (oslc@lutherantucson.org) to sign up.

THOSE SERVING SUNDAY 8/3/2025

Presiding Minister Rev Glenn Schrader
Assisting Minister Rev. Amalia Vagts
Communion Assistants Jennifer Strand
Acolyte Laurretta Olson
Cantor Jenifer Strand
Keyboard Aysen Milliogullari
Usher Betsy Dunlap
Greeter Diane Siefkes, Ginny Phillips
Cross Bearer Gloria Schmidt
Coffee Host Asher Havenhill
Treats Catalina Rankin
Tech Team Nancy Rude
Scripture Background Pflibsen/Bustamante
John Indermark

THOSE SERVING SUNDAY 8/10/2025

Presiding Minister Rev. Amalia Vagts
Assisting Minister Hildi Williams
Communion Assistants Ted Adams
Acolyte Ted Adams
Cantor Jennifer Strand
Keyboard Betsy Dunlap
Usher Scott Koenig, Pam Hardman
Greeter Donna Lounsbury, Daphne Myers
Cross Bearer Eldon Krueger
Coffee Host Fred Hudson?
Treats Joanne Keyl
Tech Team Pflibsen/Bustamante
Scripture Background John Indermark

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 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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Loving Spirit



- 1 Lov - ing Spir - it, lov - ing Spir - it, you have cho - sen me to be—
- 2 Like a moth - er you en - fold me, hold my life with - in your own,
- 3 Like a fa - ther you pro - tect me, teach me the dis - cern - ing eye,
- 4 Friend and lov - er, in your close - ness I am known and held and blessed:
- 5 Lov - ing Spir - it, lov - ing Spir - it, you have cho - sen me to be—



you have drawn me to your won - der, you have set your sign on me.
feed me with your ver - y bod - y, form me of your flesh and bone.
hoist me up up - on your shoul - der, let me see the world from high.
in your prom - ise is my com - fort, in your pres - ence I may rest.
you have drawn me to your won - der, you have set your sign on me.

Text: Shirley Erena Murray, b. 1931

Music: RESTORATION, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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ELW #793 *Be Thou My Vision*

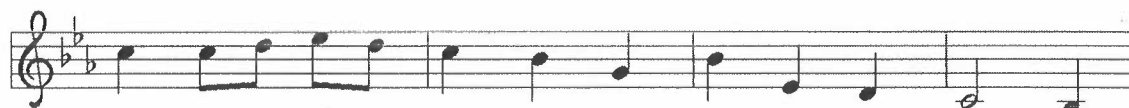
Be Thou My Vision



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,
Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,
thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Text: Irish, 8th cent.; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860-1935, alt.: tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880-1931
Music: SLANE, Irish traditional