

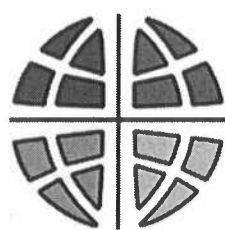
OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

SUNDAY WORSHIP

April 6, 2025
Fifth 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: Mary, Tracy & Marty; Maija, and those at home and in care facilities. Our Extended Friends & Family: Maria and Steve (friends of Olga Ryan); Our Extended Friends & Family: John (friend of Pastor Glenn's); 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); 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

April 6:

Special Congregational Meeting for Reconciling in Christ Statement

OSLC Church Council has called for a special meeting to consider adoption of a welcoming statement to establish our church as a Reconciling in Christ congregation. See further announcements regarding this meeting following the worship service.

The Scattering Group Study

The book club is meeting on this Tuesday at 12:00PM 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

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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

PRELUDE *Were You There?* arranged by Dan R. Edwards, Flute-Betsy Kohls - Bell Choir

***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.

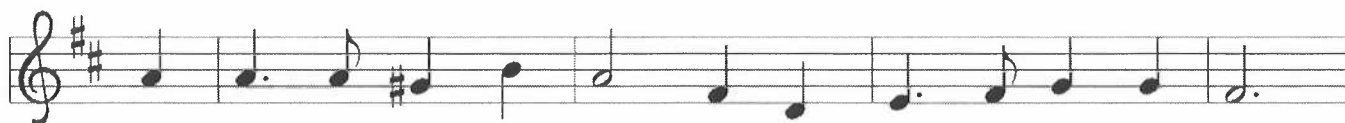
We confess our sin in the presence of God, and all creation, including one another.
Silence is kept for reflection.

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.**

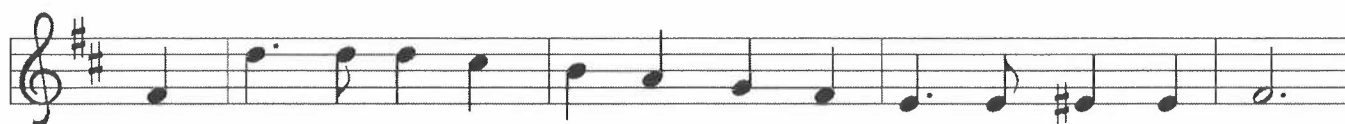
You have a place in God's house forever.
Amen.

***GATHERING HYMN** ELW # 338 *Beneath The Cross of Jesus*

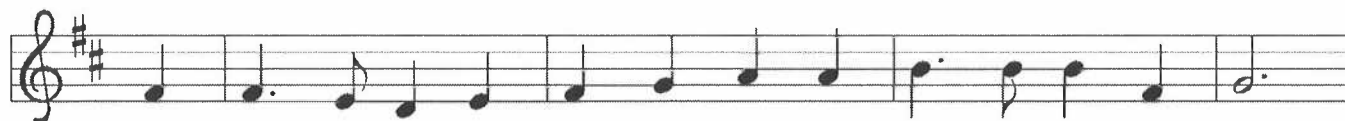
Beneath the Cross of Jesus



1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I long to take my stand;
2 Up - on the cross of Je - sus, my eye at times can see
3 I take, O cross, your shad - ow for my a - bid - ing place;



the shad - ow of a might - y rock with - in a wea - ry land,
the ver - y dy - ing form of one who suf - fered there for me.
I ask no oth - er sun - shine than the sun - shine of his face;



a home with - in a wil - der - ness, a rest up - on the way,
And from my con - trite heart, with tears, two won - ders I con - fess:
con - tent to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,



from the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat and bur - dens of the day.
the . . . won - der of his glo - rious love and my un - wor - thi - ness.
my . . . sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry all, the cross.

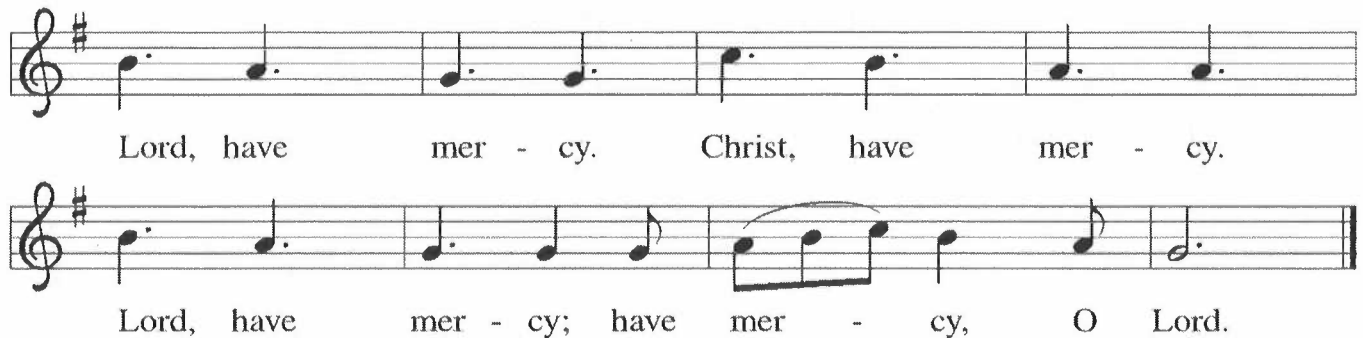
Text: Elizabeth C. Clephane, 1830–1869

Music: ST. CHRISTOPHER, Frederick C. Maker, 1844–1927

***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.**

*KYRIE



Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy; have mer - cy, O Lord.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

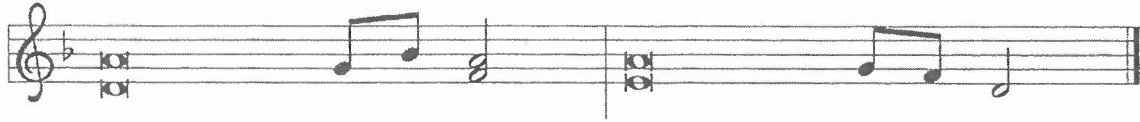
FIRST READING: Joshua 5:9-12

The LORD said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal, they kept the Passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the Passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and roasted grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

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

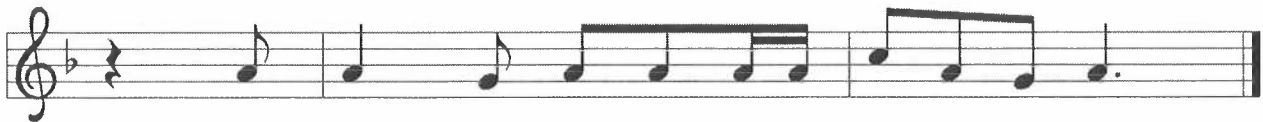
Psalm 32



¹ Happy are they whose transgressions | are forgiven,
and whose sin is | put away!

² **Happy are they to whom the LORD im- | putes no guilt,
and in whose spirit there | is no guile! R**

³ While I held my tongue, my bones with- | ered away,



Be glad, you righ - teous, and re - joice in the LORD.

be-

cause of my groaning | all day long.

⁴ **For your hand was heavy upon me | day and night;
my moisture was dried up as in the | heat of summer.**

⁵ Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not con- | ceal my guilt.

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." Then you forgave me the
guilt | of my sin.

⁶ **Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in | time of trouble;
when the great waters overflow, they | shall not reach them. R**

⁷ You are my hiding-place; you preserve | me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts | of deliverance.

⁸ **"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that | you should go;
I will guide you | with my eye.**

⁹ Do not be like horse or mule, which have no | understanding;

who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will | not stay near you."

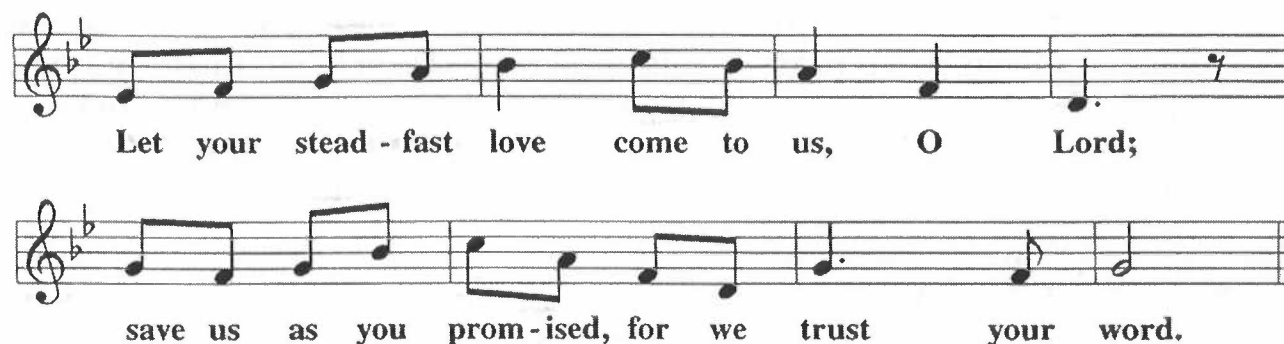
¹⁰ **Great are the tribulations | of the wicked;
but mercy embraces those who trust | in the LORD.**

¹¹ Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice | in the LORD;
shout for joy, all who are | true of heart. R

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we no longer know him in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; look, new things have come into being! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the one who knew no sin to be sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Let your stead - fast love come to us, O Lord;
save us as you prom - ised, for we trust your word.

*GOSPEL

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

Luke 15:11-32

Then Jesus said, "There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the wealth that will belong to me.' So he divided his assets between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant region, and there he squandered his wealth in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that region, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that region, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, and no one gave him anything. But when he came to his senses he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' So he set off and went to his father.

But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate, for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

"Now his elder son was in the field, and as he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command, yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your assets with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.' "

The Gospel of Jesus Christ.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Silence for Reflection

HYMN OF THE DAY ACS #1078 *There Is a Longing in Our Hearts* (next page)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The assisting minister leads the prayers.

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

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



O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer, when i call an - swer me. O

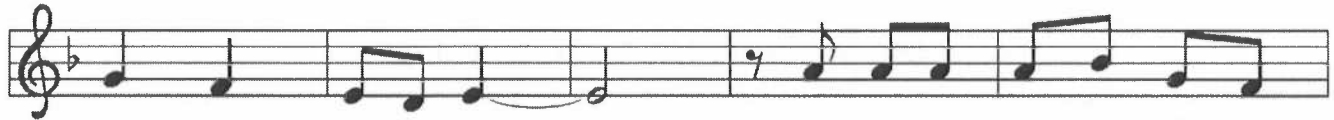
Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer; come and lis - ten to me.

There Is a Longing in Our Hearts

Refrain — All



There is a long-ing in our hearts, O Lord, for you to re -



veal your - self to us. There is a long-ing in our

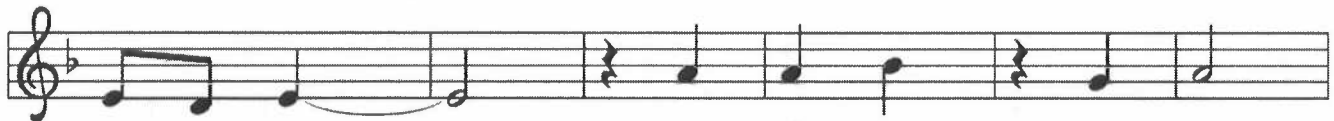


hearts for love we on - ly find in you, our God.

Leader or All

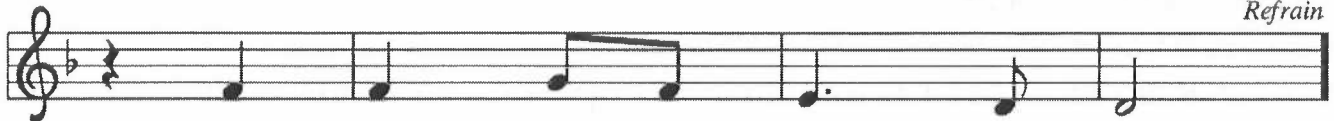


1 For jus - tice,	for free - dom,	for mer - cy:
2 For wis - dom,	for cour - age,	for com - fort:
3 For heal - ing,	for whole - ness,	for new life:
4 Lord, save us,	take pit - y,	light in our



hear our prayer.	In sor - row,	in grief:
hear our prayer.	In weak - ness,	in fear:
hear our prayer.	In sick - ness,	in death:
deep - est night.	We call you;	we wait:

Refrain



be near; hear our prayer, O God.

Text: Anne Quigley, b. 1955

Music: LONGING, Anne Quigley

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...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 *Ah, Holy Jesus* arr. by Susan Ullom Berns - Bell Choir

***OFFERING SONG** *In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful*

In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful

The musical score is written for a bell choir in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are: "In the Lord I'll be ev - er thank - ful, in the Lord I will re -
joice! Look to God, do not be a - fraid. Lift up your
voic - es, the Lord is near. Lift up your voic - es, the Lord is near." The score includes various musical notations such as chords, eighth notes, and triplets (marked with a '3').

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***OFFERING PRAYER**

Gracious Provider,
you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world.
As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing
those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ.

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...

..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 - *Lamb of God*

Lamb of God

The musical score for 'Lamb of God' is written on four staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are: 'Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.' The score ends with a double bar line.

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence, and Let Us Break Bread Together, Arr. Mark Hayes

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

SENDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

***BLESSING**

SENDING HYMN ELW #583 *Take My Life* (next page)

***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 - *Now The Green Blade Riseth* arr. by Daniel E. Hermany - Bell Choir

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CONGREGATIONAL SPECIAL MEETING

The Council has voted to call a Special Congregational Meeting today, April 6th immediately following worship to consider becoming 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.

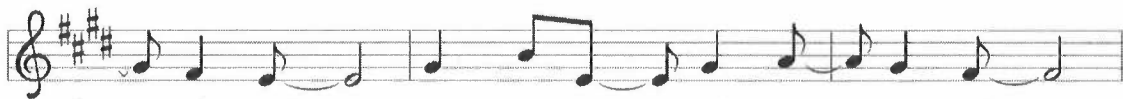
Take My Life, That I May Be

Toma, oh Dios, mi voluntad

Refrain/Estribillo



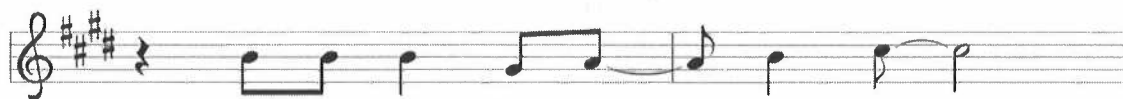
To - ma, oh Dios, mi vo - lun - tad, y haz - la tu - ya, na -
Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord,



da más; to - ma, sí, mi co - ra - zón
to thee; take my mo - ments and my days;



y tu tro - no en él ten - drás. ten - drás.
let them flow in cease - less praise. less praise.



1 Que mi vi - da en - te - ra, es - té
1 Take my hands and let them move
2 Take my sil - ver and my gold,
3 Take my voice and let me sing
4 Take my will and make it thine;



con - sa - gra - da a ti, Se - ñor;
at the im - pulse of thy love;
not a mite would I with - hold;
al - ways, on - ly for my King;
it shall be no lon - ger mine;



que a mis ma - nos pue - da guiar el im -
take my feet and let them be swift and
take my in - tel - lect and use ev - 'ry
take my lips and let them be filled with
take my heart, it is thine own; it shall



pul - so de tu a - mor.
beau - ti - ful for thee.
pow'r as thou shalt choose.
mes - sag - es from thee.
be thy roy - al throne.

Refrain/Estribillo

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.

Lent at Our Saviour's and Lutheran Campus Ministry at UA

PRAYERS AROUND



Wednesdays at

12:00 pm Sanctuary

6:15 pm Chapel

Co-led by Our Saviour's and Lutheran Campus Ministry at UA

HOLY WEEK SERVICES
SERVICES

Maundy Thursday April 17 - 6 PM
 service for healing, prayer & action

Good Friday April 18 - 6 pm
 prayer around the cross

Easter Sunday April 20
 7:15AM - Koch Chapel
 9:00AM - Sanctuary



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Today is the last day to order Easter Flowers in honor or in memory of someone. Please use the form in the bulletin or you can find them on the back table.



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 - 2 Cor. 1.

April Sunday Forums

April 13: *Palm Sunday: Garden Tours*

Join for an opportunity to mark the beginning of Holy Week with a special service and gathering. Following worship, enjoy coffee and tour the new rain garden, the memorial garden (60 new plants!) and the Jo- Musser-Krauss garden.

April 20: *Easter Sunday: No Sunday Forum*

We celebrate Easter with special services and gatherings.

April 27: *Recognizing the Reconciling in Christ Journey*

We will recognize the progress that Our Saviour's Lutheran is making in becoming a Reconciling in Congregation. What have we achieved? What lies ahead? What does an RIC congregation continue to work to do in creating a environment for welcoming the LGBT+ community and all who have experienced rejection by society and churches?

THOSE SERVING SUNDAY 4/6/2025

Presiding Minister Rev. Amalia Vagts
Assisting Minister Pam Hardman and
Rev. Glenn Schrader
Communion Assistants Bonnie Phelps and
Ginny Phillips
Acolyte Bonnie Phelps
Cantor Aysen Milliogullari
Keyboard Gréta Pásztor
Music Bell Choir
Usher Patty Sirls and
Angie Grandison
Greeter Gloria Schmidt
Coffee Host David Lester
Treats Mary Havenhill
Tech Team Pflibsen/Bustamante
Scripture Background John Indermark

THOSE SERVING SUNDAY 4/13/2025

Presiding Minister Rev. Amalia Vagts
Preaching Minister Rev. Glenn Schrader
Assisting Minister Ted Adams
Communion Assistants Bonnie Phelps and
Patty Sirls
Acolyte Ted Adams
Cantor Jennifer Strand
Keyboard Gréta Pásztor
Music Chancel Choir, Bell Choir
Usher Jeanne Gacke and
Kris Sanchez
Greeter Diane Siefkes
Coffee Host Fred and Donna Hudson
Treats
Tech Team Pflibsen/Bustamante
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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 the church office to set up regular online giving.



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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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