

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

Sunday Worship

October 12, 2025

Eighteenth 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 Setting Three from Evangelical Lutheran Worship.

Prayer Requests Family and Friends of Connie Rietschel, William. Mary, Tracy & Marty, Schatzi, and those at home and in care facilities.

Our Extended Friends & Family: Prayers of joy for new parents Paige & Michael Marty and new daughter, Emily Claire. Prayers of joy for new parents Addison & Nicole Coen and new sons, Felix and Asher. Family and friends of Gerri Ballmer (Patty Sirls' cousin), 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, and Libby (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); 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).

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

80TH ANNIVERSARY *Celebration!*



1955

Talk about a history walk — This was a FUTURE “walk.” Sanctuary ground-breaking ceremony with complete mock-up of the Sanctuary to be. And every seat was taken. Let’s fill up our History Walk — invite any previous members you know. It’s their history too.



SATURDAY OCTOBER 25, 2025
10AM History Walk
12PM Celebratory Meal

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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 *Fairest Lord Jesus* arranged by Donald Allured - 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, ☩ one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God,
have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

***GATHERING HYMN** ELW #580 How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord

How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord



- 1 How clear is our vo - ca - tion, Lord, when once we heed your call
- 2 But if, for - get - ful, we should find your yoke is hard to bear;
- 3 We mar - vel how your saints be - come in hin-dranc-es more sure;
- 4 In what you give us, Lord, to do, to - geth - er or a - lone,



to live ac-cord-ing to your word and dai - ly learn, re-freshed, re - stored,
if world-ly pres-sures fray the mind and love it - self can - not un - wind
whose joy - ful vir - tues put to shame the ca - sual way we wear your name,
in old rou-tines or ven-tures new, may we not cease to look to you,



that you are Lord of all and will not let us fall.
its tan - gled skein of care: our in - ward life re - pair.
and by our faults ob - scure your pow'r to cleanse and cure.
the cross you hung up - on, all you en - deav - ored done.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: REPTON, C. Hubert H. Parry, 1848–1918

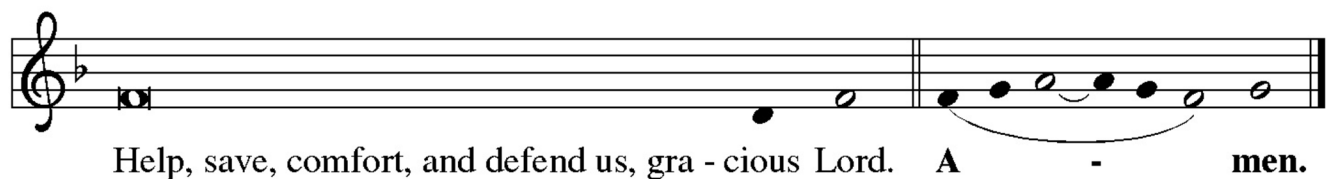
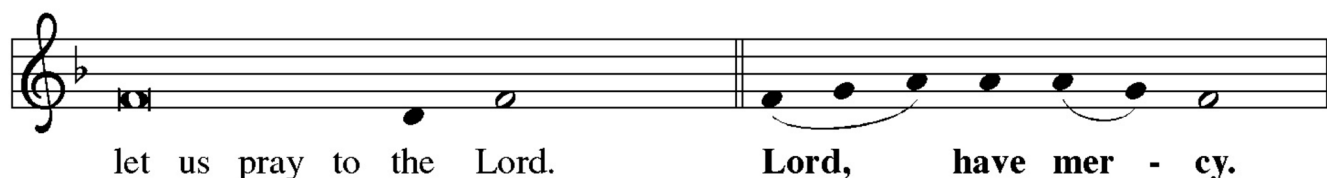
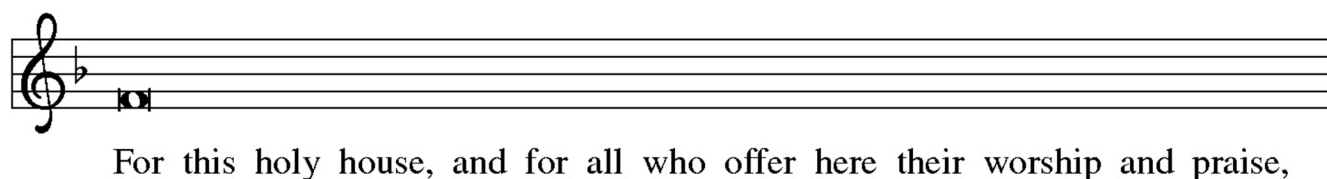
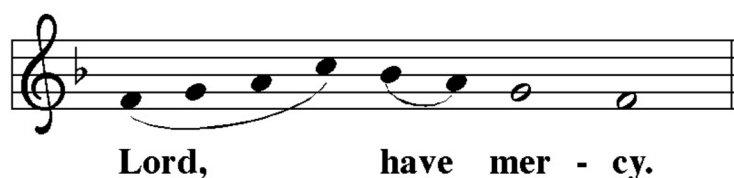
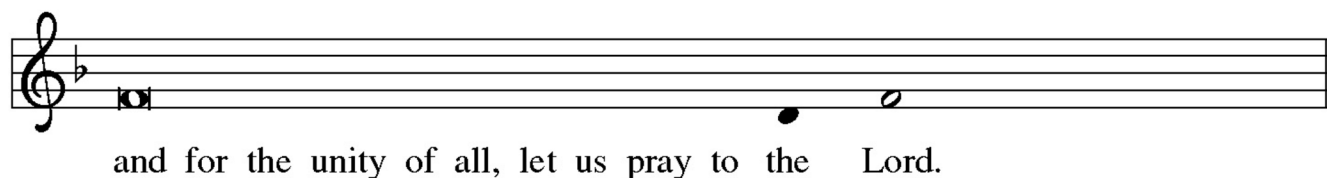
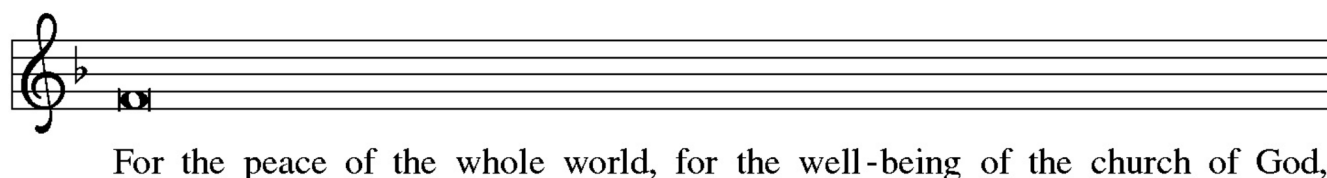
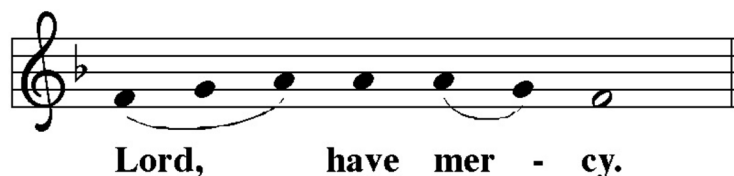
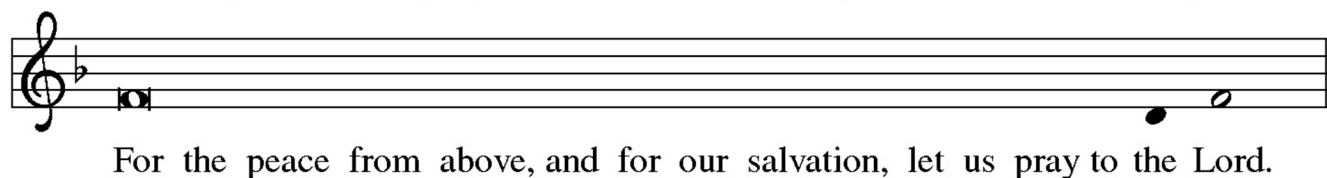
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***GREETING**

The grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

*KYRIE



***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

FIRST READING 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c

This story of the healing of the Syrian general Naamaan is full of irony. He and his armies were the enemies of Israel. Yet, it is a captive of Israel serving in his household who suggests he can be cured by an Israelite prophet. When Naamaan balks at what Elisha directs him to do, the servants of Naamaan persuade him to do it. This man of might is powerless without these two interventions of servants. They become the means to God's healing.

¹ Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from a skin disease. ² Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. ³ She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his skin disease."

⁷ When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his skin disease? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

⁸ But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." ⁹ So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. ¹⁰ Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean." ¹¹ But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God and would wave his hand over the spot and cure the skin disease! ¹² Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. ¹³ But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" ¹⁴ So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

^{15a, b, c} Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel."

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.



Psalm 111

¹ Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the Lord with [|] my whole heart,
in the assembly of the upright, in the [|] congregation.

² **Great are your [|] works, O Lord,
pondered by all who de- [|] light in them.**

³ Majesty and splendor [|] mark your deeds,
and your righteousness en- [|] dures forever.

⁴ **You cause your wonders to [|] be remembered;
you are gracious and full [|] of compassion.**

⁵ You give food to [|] those who fear you,
remembering forev- [|] er your covenant.

⁶ **You have shown your people the power [|] of your works
in giving them the lands [|] of the nations.**

⁷ The works of your hands are faithful- [|] ness and justice;
all of your pre- [|] cepts are sure.

⁸ **They stand fast forev- [|] er and ever,
because they are done in [|] truth and equity.**

⁹ You sent redemption to your people and commanded your cove- [|] nant forever;
holy and awesome [|] is your name.

¹⁰ **The fear of the Lord is the begin- [|] ning of wisdom;
all who practice this have a good understanding. God's praise en- [|] dures forever.**

SECOND READING 2 Timothy 2:8-15

The opening three words in our passage might seem odd: “Remember Jesus Christ.” Who in the church, especially a beloved colleague like Timothy, is going to forget? The better question might be “when,” not “who.” The author writes from prison, in chains. It is a place that might suggest being forgotten. But for Paul, remembrance is life-giving. In the middle of our reading, there are words scholars view as an early baptismal liturgy that Paul is remembering.

⁸ Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, ⁹ for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. ¹⁰ Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. ¹¹ The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;

¹² if we endure, we will also reign with him;

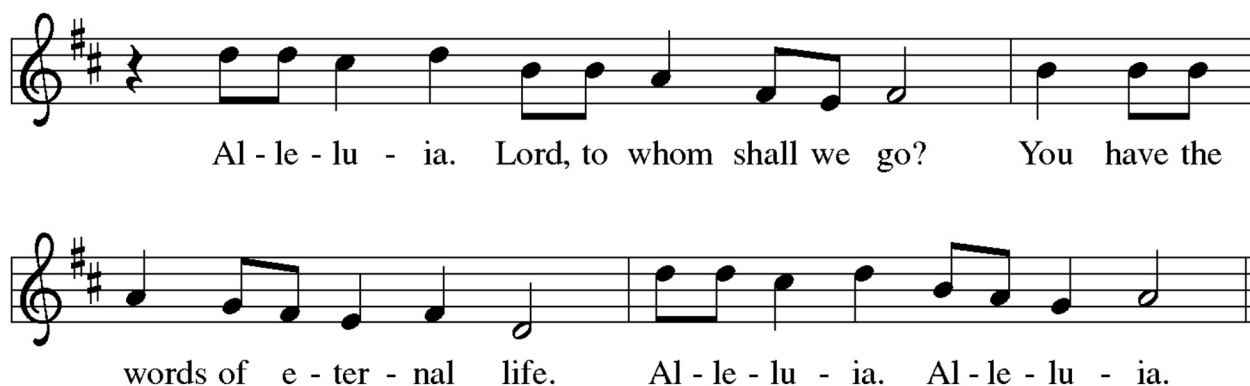
if we deny him, he will also deny us;

¹³ if we are faithless, he remains faithful—

he cannot deny himself.

¹⁴ Remind them of this, and warn them before the Lord that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. ¹⁵ Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

***Gospel**

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

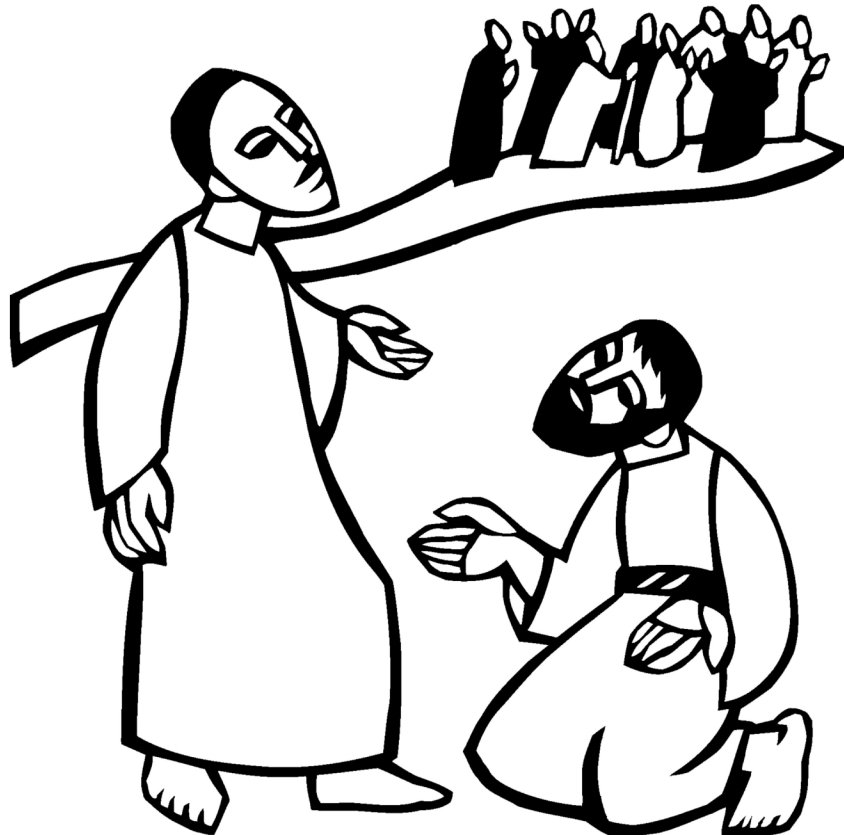
Luke 17:11-19

¹¹ On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³ they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" ¹⁴ When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵ Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶ He prostrated himself at Jesus's feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine?" ¹⁸ Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹ Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

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

SERMON

Silence for Reflection

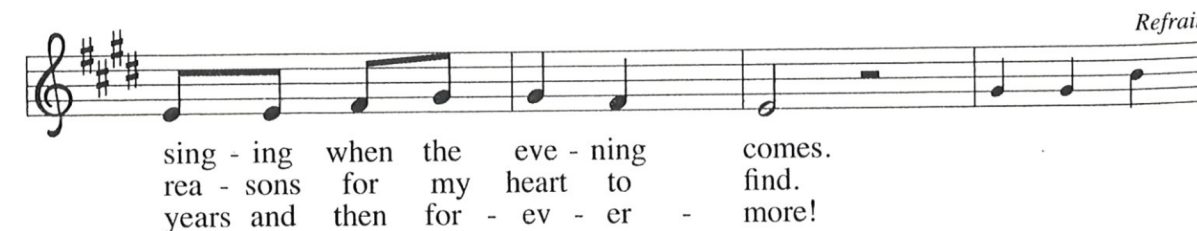
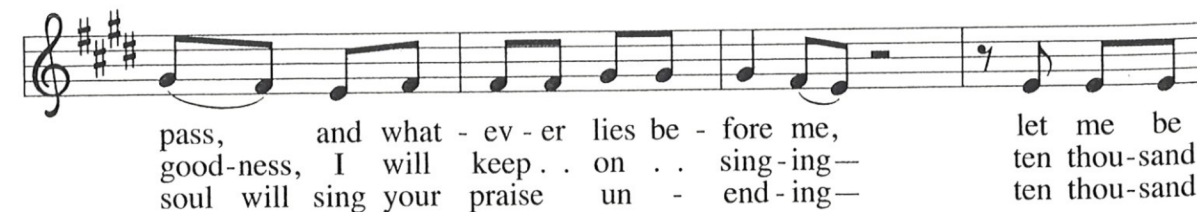
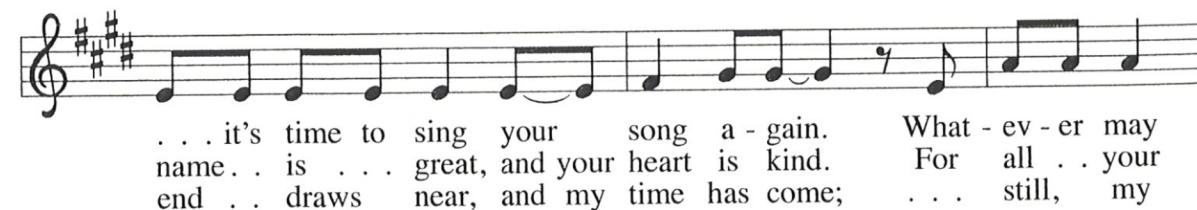
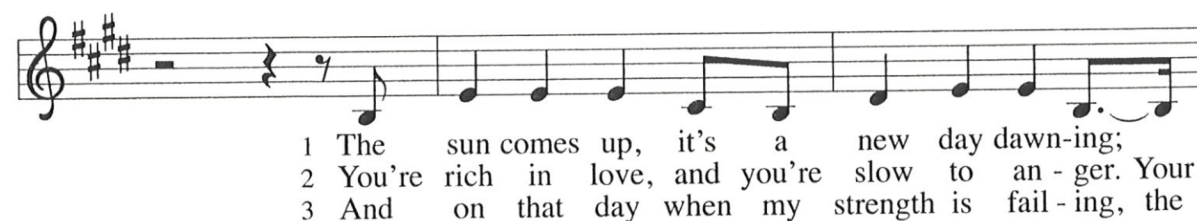
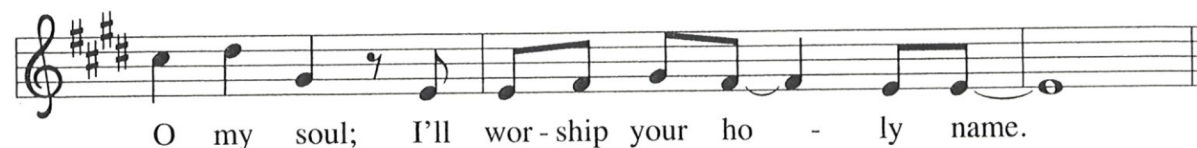
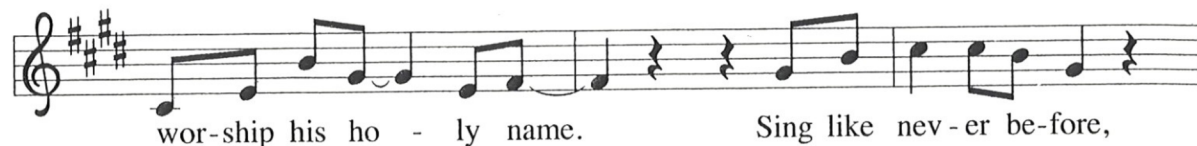
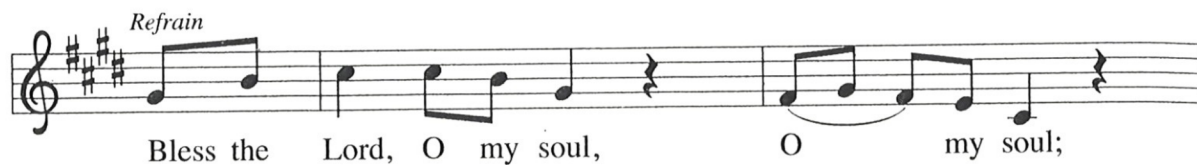


PRAISE, THANKSGIVING

1097

Ten Thousand Reasons

Bless the Lord, O My Soul



*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The assisting minister leads the prayers.
...God in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

...We entrust these prayers to you, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. **Amen.**

*EXCHANGE OF PEACE

OFFERING

Swing Low, Sweet Chariot arranged by Patricia Cota

Bell Choir

*OFFERING PRAYER ACS #1056 (sing three times in English or Spanish)

God Bless to Us Our Bread

Ben - di - ce, Se - ñor, nues - tro pan, y da pan a los que tien - en
God bless to . . us our . . bread, and give bread . . to all those who are

ham - bre y ham - bre de jus - ti - cia a los que tien - en
hun - gry, and hun - ger for jus - tice to those who are

pan. Ben - di - ce, Se - ñor, nues - tro pan.
fed. God bless to . . . us our . . . bread.

Text: Argentine traditional, collected by Federico Pagura, 1923–2016; tr. John L. Bell, b. 1949
Music: BENDICE NUESTRO PAN, Argentine melody, collected by Federico Pagura; arr. John L. Bell
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*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.**

Indeed, it is our joy to give thanks
In all ways and all places to you, Creator God.
In great love you sent us Jesus, your Only Begotten,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened arms to all.

...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,**

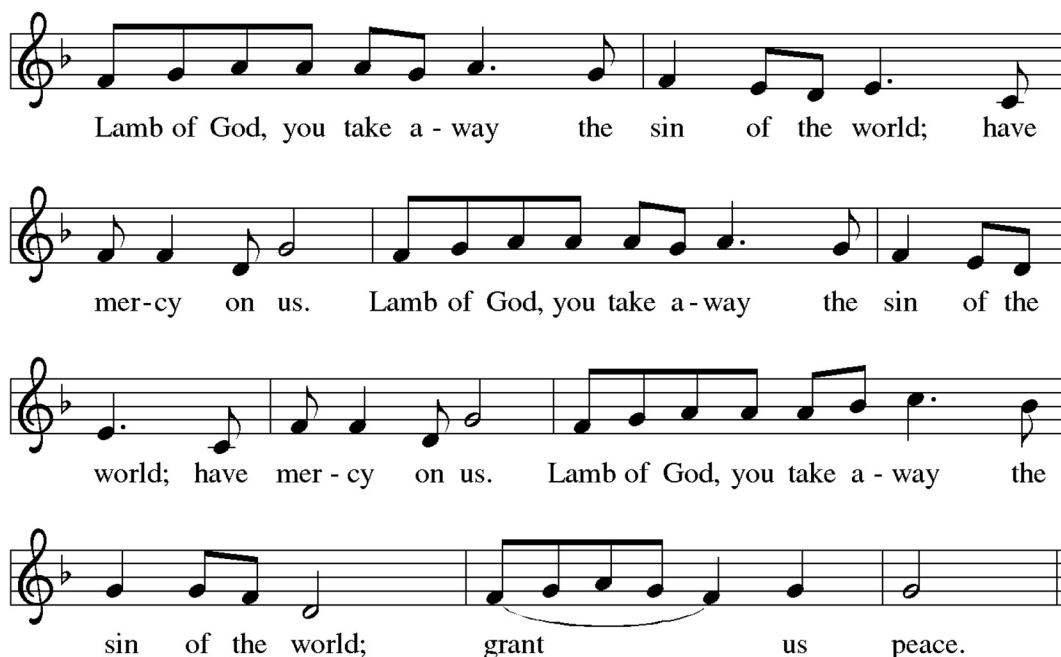
**as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

COMMUNION

Come to this Table of mercy. 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; 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 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.

ELW #856 How Great Thou Art

ELW #858 Praise the Lord, the Almighty

SENDING PRAYER

Gracious God,

in this meal you have drawn us to you and nourished us at your table with the living body and life blood of Christ. Send us forth to be your people in the world, to proclaim your truth and love, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

SENDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BLESSING

***SENDING HYMN** ELW #955 Come to the Water of Life

Turn to follow the cross as it passes.

Come to the Water of Life

1 All who are thirst - y for mer - cy, all who are thirst - y for
2 All who are thirst - y for heal - ing, all who are thirst - y for
3 All who are thirst - y for beau - ty, all who are thirst - y for
4 All who are thirst - y for jus - tice, all who are thirst - y for

love; all who are thirst - y for love, for mer - cy,
touch; all who are thirst - y for touch, for heal - ing,
truth; all who are thirst - y for truth, for beau - ty,
peace; all who are thirst - y for peace, for jus - tice,

come: come to the Wa - ter of life.
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Text: Ray Makeever, b. 1943

Music: WATER OF LIFE, Ray Makeever

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***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Christ is with you!

Thanks be to God.

OCTOBER HAPPENINGS

Come & See - Tuesdays, 11 AM,

Weekly faith formation conversations for everyone. This fall we will focus on the upcoming readings for the week. We'll spend time with the "Hidden Gem" reflection prepared by John Indermark, which will take us deeper into one of the texts. Held in the Patio Room. Bring your Bible or borrow one of our Lutheran Study Bibles. Led by Pastor Amalia.

Centering Prayer - Tuesdays, 12:15

Centering Prayer is a form of Christian contemplation that involves sitting in silence, focusing on a sacred word, consenting to God's presence and action within. We pray for 20 minutes. Held in Koch Chapel. Beginners welcome.

Our Saviour's Chancel Choir - Thursdays at 6:30 PM

Choir rehearsals are Thursdays at 6:30PM. Everyone is welcome to sing with the choir! Share the music. Talk to Aysen Millioğulları about joining: Aysen@lutherantucson.org

Our Saviour Bell Choir - Mondays at 6:30 PM

We welcome all who are interested in ringing or just curious to see what is involved. If you have any questions just ask any current bell ringer or contact Kathie (kmmmiller@hotmail.com)

Gospel of Luke Book Study - Monday October 13 at 6:30PM

Want to take a deeper dive into the Gospel of Luke?

Ever wondered what all those rich person parables are about? Interested in continuing to explore more the words of the Prophets for our world today? If the answer is yes, we invite you to join a Study of the Gospel of Luke through the lens of economic and social justice. A group is forming to study the new book by activist theologian, Ched Myers, *Healing Affluenza and Resisting Plutocracy - Luke's Jesus and Sabbath Economics*.

Join us Monday Oct. 13 6:30pm to 8pm in the Ramada Room. This journey with Luke will challenge us personally, in our households, and our communities, both locally and globally.

Contact: Paula Miller for more information

Newcomer Gatherings - October 19, following Worship

If you are new to the Our Saviour's community and thinking about joining or engaging more deeply in worship and community life and would like to get to know more about Our Saviour's, please join a Newcomer Gathering on September 7 and 21. We will meet in the Activity Building "Pocket Room" following worship. Email Pastor Amalia if you would like to sign up or learn more. We will receive newcomers to the congregation in worship on October 26 (Reformation Day).



Saturday October 25 80th Anniversary Celebration

**R.S.V.P. - online (link in Monday's eNews)
or sign up in the Narthex**

SMALL GROUP MINISTRY

Centering Prayer

Meets weekly from 12:00 on Tuesdays in Koch Chapel. We begin at 12:15 with simple instruction, then 20 minutes of Centering (silent) prayer. No preparation or experience necessary.

Come and See

Meets weekly from 11:00 - 12:00 on Tuesdays in the Patio Room. Weekly faith formation conversations for everyone. This fall we will focus on the upcoming readings for the week. We'll spend time with the "Hidden Gem" reflection prepared by John Indermark, which will take us deeper into one of the texts. Held in the Patio Room. Bring your Bible or borrow one of our Lutheran Study Bibles. Please note the new day and time.

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 Aysen at Aysen@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 (kmmmiller@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.

Wednesday Bible Study

Meets Wednesdays at 10:30 in the Pocket Room. Contact Lauretta Olson for more information - landjo@cox.net.

Grief Group

Meets the second Saturday of each month in the Ramada Room at 10:00AM. Led by Pastor Ricki from Hospice of the Valley

Other Ways to Grow Your Faith:

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

Mindfulness Meditation (Mondays, 1:30 - 2:30 PM); Men's Bible Study (Tuesdays, 7:00 AM)

THOSE SERVING TODAY

10/12/2025

Presiding Minister	Rev. Amalia Vagts
Assisting Minister	Jennifer Strand
Communion Assistants	Bonnie Phelps, Pam Hardman
Acolyte	Bonnie Phelps
Keyboard	Betsy Dunlap
Cantor	Aysen Millioğulları
Music	Bell Choir
Usher	Mel Bowman, Diane Siefkes
Greeter	Donna Lounsbury, Daphne Myers
Cross Bearer	Jeanne Gacke
Coffee Host	David Lester
Treats	Joanna Keyl
Tech Team	Pflibsen/Bustamante
Scripture Background	John Indermark

THOSE SERVING SUNDAY

10/19/2025

Presiding Minister	Rev. Amalia Vagts
Preaching Minister	Rev. Ron Rude
Assisting Minister	Hildi Williams
Communion Assistants	Mary Pflibsen
Acolyte	Jennifer Strand
Keyboard	Nancy Rude
Cantor	Nilu Dorschner
Music	Chancel Choir
Usher	Bill and Ann DeVinney
Greeter	Jennifer Strand
Cross Bearer	Mary Pflibsen
Coffee Host	Kris Sanchez
Treats	Mary Pflibsen
Tech Team	Pflibsen/Bustamante
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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.

Ministry Team

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