



RISEN SAVIOR

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May 2026



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WORSHIP

SUNDAY
Worship

» **Traditional**
8:00 am & 11:30 am

Contemporary
9:00 am & 10:30 am

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE
FROM MEMORIAL WEEKEND THROUGH LABOR DAY

8:00 am	Traditional	Sanctuary
9:30 am	Contemporary	Worship Center (Inspire Kids Club)
11:00 am	Traditional	Sanctuary

8:00 AM & 9:30 AM SERVICES LIVESTREAMED

Summer Schedule begins May 24

Admin Building Office Hours
 Tu-Th 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
 Fri. 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

MEMORIAL DAY
HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

OVERWHELMED
Sermon Series

JOIN US
FOR COFFEE AND DONUTS
IN BETWEEN SERVICES
EVERY SUNDAY

IT'S A GREAT WAY TO CONNECT WITH OTHERS!
~TO VOLUNTEER WITH THIS MINISTRY
GO TO THE COFFEE TABLE FOR MORE DETAILS~

Sermon Archive

If you are unable to join us in-person or via livestream worship at our available service times, don't worry, the entire sermon will be available the same day after 1:30 pm. Visit risensavioraz.org, select "Sermons" at the top of the page and you can view any of our previous sermons.

Additional Parking Available

Just a reminder that there is additional parking available at the Administration Building and we have permission to use the Safeway parking lot (North of NB) for our Sunday service overflow. Also, if you are able to walk a little further, it would be kind of you to leave the front handicapped spots open to those who have limited mobility.

I AM THE way
THE truth
AND THE life.
John 14:6



We would like to invite you to gather to celebrate "Padre" Dave Poedel's faithful service, compassion, heartfelt prayers, and the countless lives he has touched over his years at Risen Savior. Padre has been a steady source of encouragement, wisdom, and love for his church family and the community.

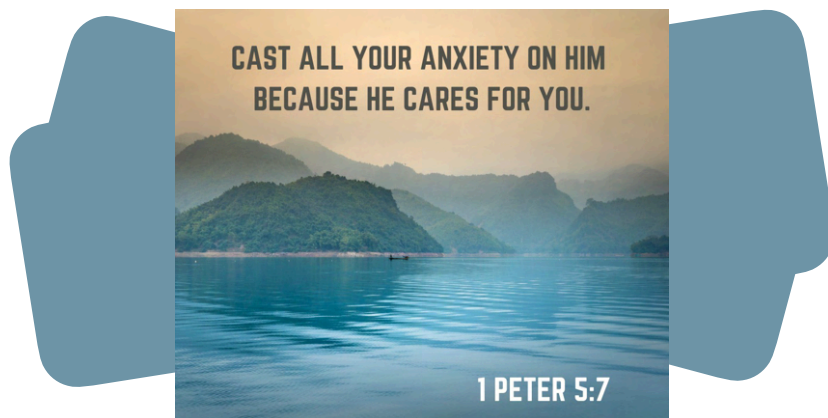
We are grateful for the sermons that inspired us, the prayers that strengthened us, the guidance that helped us grow, and the genuine care that made each person feel valued and seen. The impact of his ministry extends far beyond these walls and will continue to influence lives for generations to come.

He plans to spend some time traveling with his wife Carol and visiting with his many grandchildren.

Join us to express appreciation, enjoy light refreshments and a Card Shower on **May 17 at 9:00 am in the South Building Fellowship Hall.**

If you are unable to attend, feel free to place a card or a note of appreciation in the basket at the Welcome Center for the Card Shower or drop it off at the Church Office.

*Thank you for sharing your passion for ministry with us Padre,
you will be missed by many!*



NEED SOMEONE TO TALK TO?
 FACING A TOUGH TIME?
 NEED A LISTENING EAR?
 NEED SUPPORT?
 YOU AREN'T ALONE.



Contact the Church Office to speak with a Stephen Minister 480.895.6782.



Hooks and Needles Ministry Update

Tuesdays at 10:00 am in the SB Genesis Conf Rm
 This Ministry is in need of donated yarn; four-ply, worsted yarn works best. Donations can be dropped off at the Church Office or in the Ministry Donation Cabinets in the either building. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Our ministry has made approximately 450 blankets. The blankets have been donated to The Salvation Army to support the homeless, especially during this cold weather, as well as to Hospice of the Valley. For more information contact Marion at 602.920.3319.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We LOVE our volunteers-if you have been waiting for a sign...this is IT! Use the QR code or contact the Church Office to find your place as a Risen Savior Volunteer!

SIGN UP TODAY!



RISEN SAVIOR
 Early Childhood Center

Preschool Features:

- Hands on lesson plans that are fun!
- NAEYC Accreditation
- 4-Star center by Quality First

SCHEDULE A TOUR

480.802.1505
 www.RisenSaviorPreschool.org

Call Today!



MARICOPA BIBLE STUDY: THE CHOSEN

Mondays at 6:30 pm, RSVP for address. This study meets every Monday in Maricopa City. RSVP to Linda 480.452.8980 to get the meeting location or to ask questions.



Join Them for Worship...

Did you know...Over 80% of people say they would try a church if they were personally invited. BUT, only about 2% of people EVER invite someone they know to their church-Let's change this! When you invite someone, offer to attend worship or the event with them. Mention that coffee and doughnuts are available before the service so you can meet them early to find a seat together. Or you can suggest coffee or lunch after the event/service.

Many people are hesitant to go to church alone, especially for the first time. Meeting them on campus early and going into the building with them will help make them feel more at home and welcome.

What's on the App?

"This Week" link...This link has Sunday's bulletin (and seasonal services) & News & Notes. If you stream online, miss a service or attend our contemporary services-this is the way to view the bulletin or to prepare for service in advance.



Women's Morning Ministry
NO Meetings from May 14-28

Thursdays at 9:00 am in the NB Multi-Use Room.

Are you searching for connection and a deeper faith? Women's Morning Ministry meets every week and offers just that. This ministry is open to all women and offers a variety of book studies, faith-searching and connection activities throughout the year. RSVP to annie.wolf@risensavioraz.org or reach out with any questions.



Women's Ministry Facebook Page

This page is where we encourage one another to connect with God, ourselves and each other. It's for women after God's heart. "Like" our page today. You can find this group under the RSLCS Facebook page "Groups", "Women's Ministry". Contact Annie for more information at



Every Gift Matters

As passionate followers of Jesus, and stewards of earthly God-given gifts and blessings, prayerfully consider an annual gift, or legacy gifting to Risen Savior Foundation. All gifts help us expand Christian education and ministry projects in God's Kingdom. Your gifts have blessed, and continue to bless, Risen Savior Ministries. If you have questions or would like to speak with a Foundation Board Member, contact foundation@risensavioraz.org.

Save the Date

Water your Soul

SUMMERTIME WOMEN'S MINISTRY

RISEN SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

THURSDAYS, JUNE 4, 11, 25
 NO SESSION ON JUNE 18
 NORTH BUILDING
 9:00-11:00am

**FELLOWSHIP, PODCASTS,
 REFLECTION AND SHARING**

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GRIEF SHARE

GRIEF RECOVERY
SUPPORT GROUPS

Beginning Monday, May 4 at 9:30 am
OR May 6 at 6:00 pm
in South Building, Psalms Conf. Room

GriefShare is a weekly seminar/support group for those experiencing the loss of a loved one.

For more info contact the Church Office or email Linda at lrauch007@icloud.com.

LANDSCAPE MINISTRY

Thursdays at 6:00 am at the SB Patio.

This ministry meets weekly for fellowship and to care for the church campus grounds and landscaping needs. Contact Chuck for more information on how to be a part of this ministry at cmdeath1@gmail.com.

Piece Maker Quilter's Ministry

Wednesdays at 9:00 am
in the SB Fellowship Hall.



It is our privilege to serve our community by providing quilts and supplies to various organizations throughout the Phoenix area. Recently, one of our members suggested a new organization: the John Volken Academy, located on Val Vista Dr. at Hunt Hwy in Gilbert. Our quilting group has been having fun searching for quilt fabrics that showcase a "cowboy" theme. We have donated bunk sized quilts and household supplies. We hope to continue assisting this worthy organization.

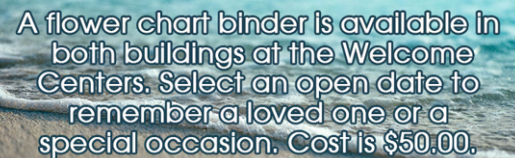
There are sometimes events that are open to the public at their facility. For more information, check out their website: jvaranch.org

You don't have to quilt or even sew! If you can pin fabric together, cut, measure, iron fabric, or tie a knot, you qualify. If you have questions, call Dottie Mitchell 480.759.0977 or Gail Solway 805.404.7604.



What are Stephen Ministers? How Can They Help You?

Are you going through a tough time? Stephen Ministers are members of the congregation who listen, care, encourage and provide emotional and spiritual support to people who are facing a crisis, or going through tough times. The care you receive is confidential, free and very helpful. Contact the Church Office at info@risensavioraz.org for more information.



A flower chart binder is available in both buildings at the Welcome Centers. Select an open date to remember a loved one or a special occasion. Cost is \$50.00.

Visitation Ministry

This work is done by lay members who offer care and encouragement through personal visits. These volunteers provide a listening ear, prayer, companionship, and spiritual support to those who may be homebound, hospitalized, grieving, or otherwise in need. Their presence helps extend the love of Christ and the care of the congregation beyond the walls of the church. Some of those who help in this ministry offer communion during their visits. Contact the Church Office if you would like to schedule a visit.



Braille Ministry

Tuesdays at 8:30 am in the
SB Fellowship Hall.
*Braille will break for the
summer starting May 19.*

Our dedicated group of volunteers meet weekly producing books of the Bible for the seeing impaired. We would be happy to show our production process, answer any questions and invite those interested

FINANCIALS

More detailed reports can be obtained by contacting our Director of Operations, Susan Mello, at susan.mello@risensavioraz.org.

Monthly and Quarter End Financial Overview Key Financial Indicators - March 2026

	March 2026	Budget	Delta	March 2025	Delta
Operating Cash	152,065	NA	NA	46,824	105,241
Weekly Tracked Giving	41,099	38,100	2,999	36,013	5,086
Weekly Loose Plate	2,688	3,040	(352)	2,811	(123)
Net Income	46,940	12,433	34,507	14,495	32,445

Key Financial Indicators - Q1 2026 vs Q1 2025

	Q1 2026	Budget	Delta	Q1 2025	Delta
Total Tracked Giving	647,722	578,000	69,722	546,325	101,397
Total Loose Plate	31,179	36,400	(5,221)	33,668	(2,489)
Preschool Income	356,672	388,725	(32,053)	387,109	(30,437)
Other Income	20,169	17,860	2,309	26,567	(6,398)
Total Expenses	894,262	937,400	(43,138)	934,715	(40,453)
Net Income	161,480	83,585	77,895	58,595	102,886

DEVELOP



Men's Early Bird Bible Study *May 9 & 23*

**This Ministry meets the 2nd and 4th Saturdays
 each month at 7:30 am**

in the North Building Multi-Use Room.

Doors open at 7:00 am for coffee, donuts and fellowship. Feel free to bring a friend or fellow member, all men are welcome. Contact Chuck at 480.766.3626 with any questions.

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- CALENDAR
- CONNECT
- GIVE ONLINE

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Available on the **App Store**
 GET IT ON **Google Play**



REQUEST A PASTOR VISIT/PRAYERS

* To have someone pray with you by phone, in-person or to submit a prayer request email info@risensavioraz.org (add prayers to the subject line). Prayers remain on the list unless an update is provided.

*To notify the church of a surgery or hospitalization, please email info@risensavioraz.org and include the facility and contact number.

*After hours that need a timely response from a Pastor, please call 480.895.6782 ext. 120 and leave your name and phone number.

Baptism at Risen Savior

If you or someone you know is interested in getting more information on being baptized, contact the Church Office at 480.895.6782 or scan the QR code to complete a short form.



ADULT BIBLE STUDY **NO MEETING 5/17**

Sundays at 9:15 am in the SB Fellowship Hall.
 Join us each Sunday as we gather to study the Bible. Each week's study is individual, so join us at any time. All adults are welcome!



LWML Mission Grant Update: Introducing Muslims to the Savior, \$100,000

"Lutheran Heritage Foundation (LHF) supports the mission of the church — bringing Christ to the lost so that, through the Holy Spirit and the Word, they may believe in Christ their Savior. For over 30 years, LHF has been extending the ministry of God's Word by translating and publishing Lutheran books that help explain the Bible. They have translated and published more than 1,500 titles in over 150 languages, which have been distributed at no cost to churches, pastors, individuals, and missionaries. About a quarter of the world's population — over 1.9 billion — identify as Muslim. They are living in spiritual darkness and starving for the love of Jesus Christ. This grant will fund the publication of over 20,000 Lutheran books, the Small Catechism, A Child's Garden of Bible Stories, and devotions translated into the Arabic, Farsi, Bahasa Indonesian, and Kazakh languages that will be distributed in the United States and worldwide."

Giving Toward LWML Grants

Please consider supporting our Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) Grants by giving one of the following ways.

- www.risensavioraz.org/give OR on the Risen Savior App, select 'Give'

Please select the Fund: "Other Offerings" and Type "LWML Missions" in the text box. We are suggesting a minimum \$5.00 donation to help cover transaction fees.



Prayer Warriors Prayer Focus

**Wednesdays at 9:30 am in the
SB Proverbs Conf. Room.**

If you have a passion for speaking to the Lord in prayer or lifting up those in need, join us every Wednesday! Contact Joan at mandjscott@cox.net with any questions. This ministry prepares a Prayer Focus that all the congregation is invited to partake in. It's a weekly prayer for a specific topic, all you do is add this prayer to your regular prayer time! The Prayer Focus for each week for this month is:

May 3-This Thursday, May 7th, is our National Day of Prayer, let us join with others across our nation to seek God's forgiveness, guidance and blessings for our nation. II Chronicles 7:14, Psalm 22:27-28, Psalm 33:12

May 10-Let's pray for all mothers and ask God to fill them with His Holy Spirit for all the tasks required of them. Proverbs 31:10,26,28, John 16:21, Ephesians 6:2-3

May 17-As we begin Dementia Awareness Week, let us pray for compassionate care for those who suffer from any form of dementia, and for patience and understanding for their families and caregivers. Isaiah 41:13, 1 Peter 5:7, Ephesians 4:32a

May 24-This Pentecost Sunday, let us thank Jesus for the gift of the Holy Spirit, and ask Him to keep us filled so that we may be the church He desires. Matthew 3:11, Acts 2:1-4, Galatians 5:22-23

May 31-Render praise as we celebrate Trinity Sunday, recognizing the fullness of God's character as Father, our Creator; the Son, our Redeemer; and the Holy Spirit, our Sanctifier. Deuteronomy 6:4, Matthew 3:16-17, Matthew 28:19-20

YOUTH & TEEN INFORMATION

Contact Jill with any questions regarding our youth groups at Jill.lopez@risensavioraz.org.



Inspire Kids Club
(Ages 3 yrs-Grade 6)
NO meeting 5/10 & 5/24
Sundays at 10:30 am in the
NB Youth Rooms.
Look for the Sign-in table.

NURSERY
(Age 3 and under)
Available on Sundays during the 9:00 & 10:30 am
service in the North Building Youth Rooms.



Preschool-Kindergarten - Think about all the people in this world. People like you. People who are nothing like you. People who have made great choices. People who have made horrible choices. People who live near you, and people who live on the other side of the world. There are many different people in this world, and Jesus cares about every one of them.



Elementary - After the church was formed, being a follower of Jesus wasn't easy. But we can see in God's Big Story that no matter what happens, we can have the perseverance to not give up when it gets hard because God is with us.



Register Here



Rain Forest VBS Registration is Open! Step through the mist into Rainforest Falls, overflowing with wild waterfalls, towering trees, and colorful creatures. Beneath a canopy of chattering birds and howling monkeys, kids plunge into a lifelong adventure of discovering the nature of God. They'll explore what it means to be rooted in relationship with God, their creator, a safe place in life's storms. Cost is \$45 per child, recommended for ages pre-k-6th grade.



Rainforest Falls
VBS
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!
Monday June 15 - Thursday 18, 2026
9am - 12pm

Rainforest Falls
Exploring the Nature of God

YOUTH & TEEN INFORMATION

Ignite & Impact - NO Meeting 5/10 & 5/24

We all want to be part of something significant. We want to make a difference! We dream of making an impact and leaving the world better than we found it. Some people try to change the world all alone, but the people who've made the biggest and most positive differences in the world know you can't do anything truly significant on your own. Jesus told us this on his last day on earth. He gave his followers a mission that would change the world — but he made it clear we couldn't do it alone. He was sending us on a mission together. In this series from the New Testament, we'll learn from Jesus and some of his earliest followers that Jesus sends us on a mission — a mission that can bring healing, that can only be accomplished together, and that we can boldly choose to be a part of.



Senior Sending
2026

We will be honoring our graduating seniors
May 17, 2026.

If your child is graduating, please send us:

- Their name
- the name of their High School
- a graduation headshot
- what they are doing next

Please send these to
aldebaran.austin@risensavioraz.org by May 1



ACSTO
Arizona Christian School Tuition Organization

ACSTO exists to give all kids the opportunity to attend a private Christian School. We have the privilege of being able to do this by transforming tax credit donations into valuable tuition scholarships —helping families afford a private Christian Education. Contact the Early Childhood Center for more information 480.802.1505 or visit ACSTO.org for more details.

VBS REGISTRATION IS OPEN

JUNE 16-18



Exploring the Nature of God

