About Us

Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church, a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, has been firmly planted in the Phillips Community since 1912. A Reconciling in Christ (RIC) congregation, we celebrate our diversity of age, race, gender identities, sexual orientations, culture and citizenship.

Welcome, Visitors!

Welcome to all visitors and guests. If you live here, we hope you’ll consider joining. If you are here for a short time, we hope you’ll feel at home. Please pick up a copy of our newsletter, The Sentinel, from the entry table.

Children are welcome to participate fully in worship. We feel strongly that children’s spirituality develops through experience. In our community, children lead as ushers, musicians, readers and communion servers. We offer kid’s worship folders. We expect that children will behave as children—giggles, wiggles and all. Kids (and their parents) sometimes need a break. In our reading corner in the Hospitality Center we offer books, a few toys and more. Kids and parents are invited to go in and out of the sanctuary as needed.

Safe Church. For the safety of all our children, we ask that children be attended at all times. Please accompany your child to the bathroom and reading corner. Copies of our Safe Church Policy are available from the church office.

Transportation and Parking

Parking. Handicap access is available in the small lot at the back of the church, accessed from the alley. Sunday morning we may use the Hope Academy lot (across Chicago Ave). The Phillips Eye Institute ramp on 24th Street (1/2 block west of the church) is public; the fee is $4. Please note street parking is limited to residents only during certain hours.

Buses. Route 5 runs on Chicago Avenue right in front of the church. For more options, please check our website: oursavioursmpls.org, call Metro Transit at 612-373-3333 or visit metrotransit.org.

• Hymns not printed in this worship folder are in the red Evangelical Lutheran Worship book which can be found either in front of you or under your seat.
• Hearing assistance devices and children’s worship folders are available from the ushers.
• An asterisk (*) indicates times in worship when the congregation is invited to stand.
Today’s festival is a bridge between the Advent-Christmas-Epiphany cycle that comes to a close today and the Lent-Easter cycle that begins in several days. On a high mountain Jesus is revealed as God’s beloved Son, echoing the words at his baptism. This vision of glory sustains us as Jesus faces his impending death in Jerusalem. We turn this week to Ash Wednesday and our yearly baptismal journey from Lent to Easter. Some churches put aside the alleluia at the conclusion of today’s liturgy. This word of joy will be omitted during the penitential season of Lent and will be sung again at Easter.

Gathering

*Thanksgiving for Baptism*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the eternal voice from heaven, the anointed and beloved one, the Spirit moving over the waters.

_Amen._
*Opening Hymn

“Morning Has Broken”  #556

*Greeting

The grace of our Savior 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

Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

Quiet reflection.

First Reading  Exodus 24:12-18

YAHWEH said to Moses,
“Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone,
with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.”
So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God.
To the elders he had said, “Wait here for us, until we come to you again;
for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.”

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain.
The glory of YAHWEH settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days;
on the seventh day God called to Moses out of the cloud.
Now the appearance of the glory of YAHWEH was like a devouring fire
on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel.
Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain.
Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 99  Refrain – All; Verses – Cantor

It is your greatness we proclaim, as we worship in this holy place.
Second Reading

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you
the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ,
but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty.
For Jesus received honor and glory from Abba God
when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying,
“This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”
We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with Jesus on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed.
You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place,
until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.
First of all you must understand this,
that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation,
because no prophecy ever came by human will,
but people moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation

The holy gospel according to Matthew, the 17th chapter.

Glory to you, O God.
Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And Jesus was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white.

Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.”

While Peter was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the vision until after the Son-of-Man has been raised from the dead.”

This is the Good News.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Children’s Sermon

After the children’s sermon, children may go with their teacher to children’s church. Or, families may decide to keep children in worship. We love all ages in worship and leave it to the families to decide. We now have nursery services available through all of worship.

Sermon

*Hymn of the Day

“Day By Day” #790

*Prayers of the People

Each petition will conclude with, “Hear us, O God” and the congregation responds, “your mercy is great.”
Meal

*Peace
The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.
(The people greet each other: “Peace be with you.”)

Gathering Our Gifts
All present, even those who contribute through automatic payments, are invited to lay hands upon the collection plate symbolizing their contributions.

*Offertory
“Take My Life That I May Be” #583

*Offering Prayer
Let us pray. God of wonder, you formed us in our mother’s womb, and from mother earth you bring forth this bread and wine.
We place them on your table, together with our lives and all that you have made.
Open the heavens to us and pour out your Spirit.
We wait for your mercy; we long for your peace; we hunger and thirst for Jesus Christ, our banquet of life. 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....
.... join their unending hymn
*Sanctus

Holy God, you alone are holy…
… with every breath.
We praise you, O God.

… into the future.
We bless you, O God.

… with us now.
We thank you, O God.

… we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

… in your church, without end.
Amen.
*Lord’s Prayer

*We join with other Christian communities in language both faithful and new to speak this ancient prayer.*

Heavenly Father, Heavenly Mother, holy and blessed is your true name.
We pray for your reign of peace to come. We pray that your good will be done.
Let heaven and earth become one.
Give us this day the bread we need. Give it to those who have none.
Let forgiveness flow like a river between us from each one to each one to each one.
Lead us to holy innocence beyond the evil of our days: Come swiftly Mother, Father, come.
For yours is the power, and the mercy, and the glory.
Forever your name is all one. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

Distribution

*All are welcome at the table. After you have received the bread, you may dip it into one of the cups: the dark liquid is wine, the light liquid is grape juice. Or, you may eat the bread and then drink from the last cup which is a common cup of wine. A gluten free wafer is also available. Those who do not yet commune may come forward for a blessing.*

*“God Extends An Invitation” #486
1 – Spanish; 2 - English

*“Awake, O Sleeper”*

A - wake, O slee - per! Rise up from the dead.

A - wake, a - wake, and Christ will shine up - on you.

*Cantor sings verse and congregation responds, “Christ will shine upon you.”*

*“Beautiful Savior” #838*

*Blessing*

*Prayer*
*Post Communion Song

“This Halle, Halle, Halle”

The Alleluia banner is escorted out of the worship space as we sing.

We continue our praise and celebration of Christ alive in our midst during Lent, but we “fast” from this most joyful expression in order to deepen our focus on the Jesus way of healing. We also pray to deepen our understanding of suffering, both in Jesus time and now, praying and working for wholeness for all of God’s creation. Alleluia returns to our worship at the Easter Vigil. We look forward to that!

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Announcements

*Blessing

*Sending Song

“We lean into our theme for Lent this year as we sing.

*Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve.

Thanks be to God!

Postlude


Today’s Worship

Ministers: The people of Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church
Presiding: Grant Stevenson
Preaching: Karen Stevenson
Assisting: Karin Craven
Reading: Deb Swenson-Klatt
Accompanist: Tom Witt
Cantor: Mary Preus
Altar Guild: Glenda Elder, Rachel Ackland and Lucy Selander
Hospitality February: Sarah Lindley and Lee Johnson-Scheie
Announcements

Altar Guild Winter Meeting For all who are on the Altar Guild including those who would like to become part of the Altar Guild, stay after worship today to attend the Winter meeting, fellowship and potluck in the Hospitality Center.

Mission of the Month: Community Emergency Service (CES) CES is a place in our neighborhood where people go when they need food or help obtaining emergency/referral assistance. Through direct aid, advocacy, referral, guidance and prayer support (if desired), CES seeks to strengthen families and individuals. OSLC has partnered with and supported CES for over 20 years. Ways to support CES:

- Visit the CES website (cesmn.org): learn more about the organization, and their volunteer and food shelf needs.
- Contribute: Help CES provide their vital services - please note “CES” on your check or pew envelope.
- Donate to the Food Shelf: Drop off non-perishable food donations in the coat room. Brown paper grocery bags with handles are also needed. (No plastic or small brown bags or expired foods)
- Support government programs like SNAP (“food stamps”) and work to create a more just and equitable food system that is necessary to meet the needs of food insecure households. Work toward ending hunger in Minnesota communities.

Shelter meal Saturday, 2/29/20
Thanks to those who've signed up so far. We still need the following:

- 4 servers/helpers (6:30-8p or so)
- 2 non vegetarian entrees for 12 each
- Pasta salad for 20
- Fruit: equivalent of 2 5# bags
- Dessert for 35

Wilderness Canoe Base Work Weekend Mark your calendars for May 15th-17th for our annual Wilderness Canoe Base work weekend. We’ll head up on Friday and return on Sunday. We will be doing a variety of projects at the camp to help it get ready to open up the camp for the season. There is also time to possibly canoe and sauna. You can get a preview of your time at Family Camp in July! Watch for more information on signing up in April.

Wilderness Canoe Base Summer Trip This summer, we are taking an intergenerational trip to Wilderness Canoe Base. Our dates are Thursday, July 30 - Sunday, August 2. We will leave from the cities quite early Thursday morning, have lunch on our way up to Wilderness, and arrive in the afternoon. On Sunday, we will leave after morning worship and brunch. While we are there, we will enjoy time together - canoeing, playing, exploring, rock climbing, worshiping, singing - sharing life and marveling at the beauty of creation.

If you would like to be part of this trip, please email Pastor Martha. You can register for the trip on the registration website. Everyone needs to register by March 15. Follow this link: http://lwlbci.com/osmplsintergen. Upon registration, a $50 deposit is due and processed through the website. Should you need financial assistance, or have any questions about the registration process or trip, please contact Pastor Martha.
**With Gratitude** We wish to express our deep gratitude for all the prayers and support we have received following our daughter, Christine's brain surgery this past fall. It's been a long recovery but it is continuing to go very well for her as she is back to working almost full time. We have felt your faithful prayers and God's ongoing presence during this journey.

- With sincere appreciation, Jack and Shar Hauer

**Chicago Avenue Urban Farms design workshop with the 24th Street Urban Farms Coalition**

On Saturday, **February 29 from 1-5**, we will be hosting a workshop to design the Chicago Ave. urban farm lot that is just north of the Our Saviour's Housing emergency shelter. This lot is part of the 24th St. Urban Farms Coalition, and we are hopeful that this site might be used and enjoyed by members of OSLC; staff, students and residents at OSCS; and other neighbors in our community.

We will spend these four hours meeting each other; learning about ecological gardening (including permaculture and ecological design concepts) from the farm coordinator of the coalition, Michele Manske; share a history and overview of the Phillips neighborhood and the organizations in the coalition; share our values and vision for the site; and then move into co-creating an initial design working off of the existing site map.

Come to meet neighbors, to learn about gardening and permaculture, to share your dreams and visions for this site and our neighborhood, and to get involved in the design process. Through this process we also step further into relationship with the 24th St. Urban Farms Coalition. The 24th Street Urban Farms Coalition works to create and nurture the culture and practice of local food production, healthy eating, healthy living and related activities throughout the Phillips community, and it is largely led by organizations in the native community, including the Indian Health Board, NACDI (Native American Community Development Institute), the Indigenous Food Network, Waite House, Ventura Village neighborhood association, with support from Indigenous People's Task Force, Dream of Wild Health.

Clearly, joining in this work is right in line with our strategic goals of living into a process of better engagement with our neighbors, of working for creation care and climate justice, and of dismantling white supremacy. The Spirit is at work in this venture!

If you plan to come, please email Pastor Martha so she can plan for snacks.

**Young Adults Trivia Night** Join young adults from Lutheran* churches across the Twin Cities for a trivia night on Tuesday, March 3 (be sure to vote first!) from 7-9 p.m. at Broken Clock Brewing Cooperative, 3134 California St NE, Minneapolis, MN 55418. Come by yourself, with a church group, or with another group of friends and meet other young adults interested in gathering, nerdery (church and non-church trivia questions included!), and general merriment. RSVP on the [facebook event](https://www.facebook.com/events/1996487057853467/), or contact Miriam Samuelson-Roberts at m.samuelson-roberts@westwoodlutheran.org with questions.

*no need to be Lutheran or even a churchgoer to attend—that’s just who is hosting.*

**Earworms Now Available: Love’s Wide Embrace.** Bret has finished recording the ten songs he wrote on commission for our 150th Anniversary. It includes Tom Witt on piano, and a gaggle of singers. If you want to listen/learn/enjoy the songs, there are three ways to purchase a copy: 1) talk to Bret on a Sunday, 2) email bret.hesla@gmail.com, or 3) download at [www.brethesla.com](http://www.brethesla.com). Format options: CD, digital download, songbook and/or piano scores—sorry, no wax cylinders.
New to Our Saviour's? Interested in learning more and building relationships?

We're glad you're here - welcome! Every year, this congregation invites newcomers who are interested in deepening their relationship with Our Saviour's to be part of Living Questions. In Living Questions, newcomers and oldcomers alike gather to share experiences, questions, and faith with one another, building community as the body of Christ and digging into the central teachings of the Christian faith. This year, we will gather on Sunday nights from March 1 - April 5 to share a meal together, hear about ministry at Our Saviour's, and share our questions and stories in small group conversations. If you are interested in being part of Living Questions or would just like to learn more, please contact Pastor Martha - martha@oursavioursmpls.org

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**Jesus is a Rock in a Weary Land**

**Lent**

*Ash Wednesday, February 26*

5:30pm  Dinner  
6:30pm  Worship with Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes

*Wednesday Connections*

March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 1

5:30pm  Dinner  
6:30pm  Holden Evening Prayer

**Holy Week**

*Palm Sunday, April 5*

10:30am  Palm Sunday Worship with Holy Communion

*Maundy Thursday, April 9*

7:00pm  Worship with Holy Communion and Foot Washing

*Good Friday, April 10*

7:00pm  Worship with reading of the Passion and Prayer Around the Cross

*Holy Saturday, April 11*

7:00pm  Easter Vigil with Holy Communion

*Easter Sunday, April 12*

9:00am  Easter Morning Breakfast  
10:30am  Festival Worship with Holy Communion
## This week at Our Saviour’s

**Sunday, February 23**
- Until 12:00: Women’s Retreat at Koinonia Retreat Center
  - 9:00am: Education for All Ages
  - 10:00am: Hospitality (HC)
  - 10:30am: **Worship (S)**
  - 11:30am: Altar Guild Meeting (HC)
  - 12:00pm: ISAIAH Team Meeting

**Monday, February 24**
- **SENTINEL DEADLINE**

**Tuesday, February 25**
- 12:30-2pm: Staff Meeting (CR)
- 6-7pm: OSCS Executive Committee Meeting (HC)

**Wednesday, February 26**
- 10:15-12pm: Bible Study (CR)
- 12-4:30pm: Neighborhood Quilting (HC)
- 5:30-7:30pm: Ash Wednesday Wednesday Connection
  - 5:30: Dinner- Nursery Open
  - 6:30: Ash Wednesday Service
- 7:30-8:30pm: Choir Rehearsal (S)

**Thursday, February 27**
- 7:30-9:30am: Women’s Breakfast at the Birchwood Cafe
- 12-5pm: A Celebration of Sandy (HC/ K)

**Friday, February 28**
- **Office Closed**
- 12-3pm: ELC Community Meeting (HC)

**Saturday, February 29**
- 10-2pm: American African Cooking Class (K)
- 1-5pm: 24th Street Urban Farm Coalition Garden Design Meeting (HC)

**Sunday, March 1**
- 9:00am: Education for All Ages
- 10:00am: Hospitality (HC)
- 10:30am: **Worship (S)**
- 12-2: Sandy Celebration Open House (HC)

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