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 metrorail.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.
During Lent we journey with all those around the world who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil. In today’s gospel Jesus tells Nicodemus that he must be born of water and Spirit. At the font we are given a new birth as children of God. As God made a covenant with Abraham, in baptism God promises to raise us up with Christ to new life. From worship we are sent forth to proclaim God’s love for all the world.

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Gathering Music

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
who is present, who gives life,
who is our rock in a weary land.

Amen.

If you were to keep watch over sins, O God, who could stand?
Yet with you is forgiveness, and so we confess.

Sing
Gracious God, 

have mercy on us.

We confess that we have turned away from you, knowingly and unknowingly.

We have wandered from your resurrection life.

We have strayed from your love for all people.

Turn us back to you, O God.

Give us new hearts and right spirits,

that we may find what is pleasing to you

and dwell in your house forever. Amen.

Receive good news: God turns to you in love.

All your sin is forgiven in the name of + Jesus Christ,

who leads us from death into life.

Thanks be to God.

*Opening Hymn

“Praise and Thanks and Adoration” #783

*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

YAHWEH said to Abram,

“Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house
to the land that I will show you.

I will make of you a great nation,

and I will bless you, and make your name great,

so that you will be a blessing.

I will bless those who bless you,

and the one who curses you I will curse;

and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

So Abram went, as YAHWEH had told him; and Lot went with him.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.
Psalm 121

Sung to: New Britain (Amazing Grace)

I to the hills will lift my eyes; from whence shall come my aid?  
My help is from the Lord alone, who heav’n and earth has made.

God will not let your foot be moved, your guardian never sleeps;  
God’s watchful and unslumb’ring care protects and safely keeps.

Your faithful keeper is the Lord, your shelter and your shade;  
‘neath sun or moon, by day or night, you shall not be afraid.

From evil God will keep you safe, provide for all you need;  
your going out, your coming in, God will forever lead.

Second Reading

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh?  
For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God.  
For what does the scripture say?  
“Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.”
Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due.  
But to one who without works trusts God who justifies the ungodly,  
such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

For the promise that he would inherit the world  
did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law  
but through the righteousness of faith.  
If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void.  
For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace  
and be guaranteed to all Abraham’s descendants,  
not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham  
(for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”) —  
in the presence of the God in whom Abraham believed,  
who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Word of God, word of life.  
Thanks be to God.
Glory to you, O God.

*Narrator: Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jewish people.*

He came to Jesus by night and said to him,

“Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God;
for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.”

Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you,
no one can see the reign of God without being born from above.”

Nicodemus said to Jesus, “How can anyone be born after having grown old?
Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?”

Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you,
no one can enter the reign of God without being born of water and Spirit.
What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit.
Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’
The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it,
but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes.
So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

Nicodemus said to Jesus, “How can these things be?”

Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?
Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen;
yet you do not receive our testimony.
If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe,
how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things?

“No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son-of-Man.
And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son-of-Man be lifted up,
that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.
Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world,
but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

This is the Good News.

Praise to you, O Christ.
Children's Sermon – Bring your noisy offering! During Lent it will be given to C.E.S. 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.

Sermon

*Hymn of the Day

“Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth” #735

Blessing Newcomers

*Prayers of the People

Each petition will conclude with, “we pray” and the congregation responds in song, “God of mercy, hear our prayer; God of mercy, hear our prayer.”

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

*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
“Create In Me a Clean Heart” #185

*Offering Prayer
Let us pray.
Holy and generous host, you set a table where we feast as friends.
Prepare us to witness to your goodness with every gift you have given us to share, that all people may know your peace, through Jesus Christ, now and forever. 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

*Eucharistic Proclamation and Prayer

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

… now and forever.
Amen.
*Lord’s Prayer

Joining with the people of God throughout the ages, let us pray with confidence.

Our Mother, our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. 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.

“What Feast of Love”  #487

“Just As I Am, Without One Plea”  #592

“My Life Flows On in Endless Song”  #763

*Blessing

*Prayer

*Post Communion Song
Sending

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

*Blessing

*Sending Song  “Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Land”  #333

*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: Laurie Eaton
Preaching: Martha Schwehn Bardwell
Assisting: Jeanne Heer
Reading: Maryellen Skan
Accompanist: Catherine Preus
Cantor: Mary Preus
Altar Guild: Susan Erickson and Larue Unglaube
Hospitality March: Jeanne Asp and Kim Smith

Announcements

Learn about the East Phillips Indoor Urban Farm Project with Pizza from our Neighborhood Oven! After worship this afternoon, March 8, over a pizza lunch, we will welcome Karen Clark, former MN house representative for our district, and neighbors from Little Earth who will present to us about the East Phillips Indoor Urban Farm Project and their fight with the city to make this project a reality. This is a unique opportunity for us to keep building relationships with neighbors and to learn about how we might stand in solidarity with them to work for a just and healthy neighborhood. Please plan to stay after church for this conversation, and enjoy the food!

To learn more about the East Phillips Indoor Urban Farm Project and the battle with the city over the Roof Depot site, read these articles:

• Opinion exchange, with Patricia Torres Ray and Karen Clark – “Not in my backyard is alive and well in progressive Minneapolis”, written on 2/20/20. www.startribune.com and search for “not in my backyard”

• A longer article from City Pages from last May. Go to www.citypages.com and search for “hope in the arsenic triangle”

Mission of the Month: FoodShare/Community Emergency Service (CES) – Taking Action Against Hunger in MN! In addition to donated foods, CES purchases a significant amount of perishable food for the Home Delivery Program, the food shelf (Super Shelf) and Meals on Wheels. The MN FoodShare Campaign will multiply all food and cash donations. Fight hunger with generosity (food and funds). Thanks for your support!

* Please make checks out to OSLC and note CES on the check or envelope. Food shelves can stretch cash further than food donations.

• For Sunday March 15th, the kid’s food choices are canned tuna and salmon. These are the items the kids have chosen to focus on for donations, however all items on the ‘Needs List’ are welcome.
**Altar Guild 65th Anniversary Celebration, Sunday, March 29** Join the Altar Guild as they celebrate their 65th Anniversary with cake and coffee after worship on March 29!

**Altar Guild Photo** The Altar Guild would like to have a group photograph taken to honor the March 29th 65th Anniversary celebration of the Altar Guild. To **ALL Altar Guild members**, please be prepared to remain after worship for just a short time to take a group picture on March 15th.

**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 Update – Register online by March 15** 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.

You can register for the trip on the registration website. Everyone needs to register by **March 15**. Follow this link: [http://lwlbci.com/os-mplsintergen](http://lwlbci.com/os-mplsintergen). 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. If you are in a situation where you can't make the commitment and deposit by March 15, but you are still a 'maybe' or 'probably,' please also let Pastor Martha know. We need to at least have a solid estimate of numbers by that date.
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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