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 metroride.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.
In today’s gospel the Samaritan woman asks Jesus for water, an image of our thirst for God. Jesus offers living water, a sign of God's grace flowing from the waters of baptism. The early church used this gospel and those of the next two Sundays to deepen baptismal reflection during the final days of preparation before baptism at Easter. As we journey to the resurrection feast, Christ comes among us in word, bath, and meal—offering us the life-giving water of God’s mercy and forgiveness.

Gathering

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

Gathering Music

The latest from Judy Halverson’s Climate Change Carols, sung to “The Ash Grove.”

Let all things now living sing forth in thanksgiving for all climate regulations we strive to obey.
Please take five minute showers, don’t stand there for hours, recycle the newsprint that’s left at your door.

Install only solar, attract what is polar and then try to roller an electric car.
With wind turbines spinning environment is winning when giving up sinning results will go far.

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy,

Lord, have mercy on us.
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

“Baptized and Set Free” #453

*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

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as YAHWEH commanded.
They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink.
The people quarreled with Moses, and said, “Give us water to drink.”
Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test YAHWEH?”
But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?”

So Moses cried out to YAHWEH, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.”
YAHWEH said to Moses, “Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.”

Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel.
He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested YAHWEH, saying, “Is YAHWEH among us or not?”

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

Psalm 95 refrain

1- Cantor; 2 and 3 - All

Come let us sing and give thanks to God!
Stand on the rock of our salvation.

Come let us sing and give thanks to God!
Stand on the rock and shout with joy!
Second Reading  Romans 5:1-5

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Savior Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

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

*Gospel Acclamation

The holy gospel according to John, the 4th chapter.

Glory to you, O God.

*Gospel Reading

John 4:5-42
Spark Story Bible page 420-425

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob’s well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.” (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, “How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?” (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.” The woman said to him, “Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?”

Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.” The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.” Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come back.”
The woman answered him, “I have no husband.”
Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband’; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!”
The woman said to him, “Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.”

Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship Abba God neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jewish people. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship Abba God in spirit and truth, for such worshipers Abba God seeks. God is spirit, and those who worship God must worship in spirit and truth.”
The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.”
Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.”

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that Jesus was speaking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you want?” or, “Why are you speaking with her?”

Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, “Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?” They left the city and were on their way to him.

Meanwhile the disciples were urging Jesus, “Rabbi, eat something.” But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” So the disciples said to one another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?”

Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of the one who sent me and to complete this work. Do you not say, ‘Four months more, then comes the harvest’? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”

Many Samaritans from that city believed in Jesus because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.” So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world.”

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

“I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”

1. I heard the voice of Jesus say, “Come un-to me and rest; Lay down, O weary hold, I freely give The living water; am this dark world’s light; Look unto me, your

2. I heard the voice of Jesus say, “Come thirst y one, Swoop down, and drink, and live.” I

3. I heard the voice of Jesus say, “I morn shall rise, And all your day be bright.” I

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.

“As the Grains of Wheat” #465

“Come To Me All Pilgrims Thirsty” #777

“You Are the Bread”

*Blessing

*Prayer
*Post Communion Song

Thank you, Lord, thank you, Lord,
been so good, been so good,
love you, Lord, love you, Lord,
thank you, Lord, I just want to thank you, Lord,
been so good, I just want to thank you, Lord,
love you, Lord, I just want to thank you, Lord.

Sending

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

*Blessing

*Sending Song

“If Your Hand You Feed Your People” #469

*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: Martha Schwehn Bardwell
Preaching: Laurie Eaton
Assisting: Joel Abrahamson
Reading: Linnea Peterson
Accompanist: Tom Witt
Cantor: Mary Preus
Altar Guild: Jaimie Bennett and Karin Craven
Hospitality March: Jeanne Asp and Kim Smith

Announcements

Mission of the Month: FoodShare/Community Emergency Service (CES) – Taking Action Against Hunger in MN! In this land of plenty, food insecurity and hunger are real. One in ten Minnesotans will experience the fear of not knowing where their next meals will come from (that is over 500,000 people). 14% of children in Minnesota do not have access to adequate food and 8% of all seniors experience hunger and will have to skip meals for lack of food. You can help by donating non-perishable foods or making a financial contribution. March 31 is the last day for donations to the FoodShare campaign. Thanks for your support.

• **Sunday School Weekly Food Drive:** For Sunday March 22, the kids’ food choice is cereal (whole grain cereal is preferred by CES). In addition, all items on the needs list (available in the Narthex) are welcome.

• To support CES with a cash donation: please note CES on your check or envelope. (CES can stretch each $1 into 2-3 meals).

**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 TODAY! 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 TODAY, March 15. Follow this link: http://lwbc.com/os-mlsintergen. 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

Sponsor an ELW for a newcomer!
On Sunday, March 29, we will present newcomers to OSLC who are participating in Living Questions and/or joining as members with ELWs as a gift to bless them in their continued journeys of faith. As has been our tradition, we invite members to 'sponsor' these gifts through financial contributions. If you would like to 'sponsor' an ELW, please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the narthex. Place a check for $25 in the offering plate with "ELW" in the memo line, or cash in a labeled envelope. You may also place your contribution in the pastor's box. Thank you for being part of extending God's holy welcome!

Easter Garden Contributions Please consider making a donation toward the purchase of flowers to decorate our sanctuary for Easter Sunday. The Worship Table will use your donations to purchase a variety of plants, creating a beautiful and colorful display. The cost of plants ranges from $6.00 to $21.00. You may make a contribution in any amount. The flowers will remain to decorate the space through the Easter season for as long as they last – with the exception of a few that will be delivered to some of our home-bound members after the Easter service. Please use the form in the worship Folder. Due by March 29, 2020
Jesus is a Rock in a Weary Land

Lent

Wednesday Connections
March 18, 25, April 1
5:30pm Community Meal
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 Youth Sponsored Easter Morning Breakfast
10:30am Festival Worship with Holy Communion
# This week at Our Saviour’s

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