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 metrottransit.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.
Baptism is sometimes called enlightenment. The gospel for this Sunday is the story of the man born blind healed by Christ. “I was blind, now I see,” declares the man. In baptism God opens our eyes to see the truth of who we are: God's beloved children. In the midst of a pandemic it is even more important to remember that we too can open our eyes to what God intends. What is God showing you today?

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
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

“Shepherd Me, O God”

All – Refrain; Verse 1 – Cantor; Vss. 2, 3, 4 - All

Refrain

All

Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.

1 God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want, I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love, I lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth, my fear no evil, for you are at my side, your walk by the quiet waters of peace.

2 Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul, you sprit shall sing the music of your name, rod and your staff, my comfort and my hope.

3 Though I should wander the valley of death, I walk by the quiet waters of peace.

4 You have set me a banquet of love in the face of hatred, crowning me with love beyond my pow’r to hold.

*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.

Reading

Ephesians 5:8-14

For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light.
Live as children of light— for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true.
Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord.
Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them.
For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly;
but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light.
Therefore it says, “Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

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

*Gospel Acclamation

The holy gospel according to John, the 9th chapter.
Glory to you, O God.

*Gospel Reading

John 9:1-41
Spark Story Bible Page 432-436

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth.
His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?”
Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned;
he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him.
We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day;
night is coming when no one can work.
As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.”

When he had said this, Jesus spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva
and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, saying to him,
“Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent).
Then he went and washed and came back able to see.
The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask,
“Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?”
Some were saying, “It is he.” Others were saying, “No, but it is someone like him.”
He kept saying, “I am the man.”
But they kept asking him, “Then how were your eyes opened?”
He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me,
‘Go to Siloam and wash.’
Then I went and washed and received my sight.”
They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.”

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind.
Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes.
Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight.
He said to them, “He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.”
Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath.”
But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?” And they were divided.
So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.”
He said, “He is a prophet.”

The Judeans did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight
until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them,
“Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?”
His parents answered, “We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind;
but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes.
Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.”
His parents said this because they were afraid of the Judeans;
who had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah
would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.”

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him,
“Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.”
He answered, “I do not know whether he is a sinner.
One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.”
They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?”
He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen.
Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?”
Then they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses.
We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man,
we do not know where he comes from.”
The man answered, “Here is an astonishing thing!
You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes.
We know that God does not listen to sinners,
but does listen to one who worships and obeys the will of God.
Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind.
If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.”
They answered him, “You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?”
And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said,
“Do you believe in the Son-of-Man?”
He answered, “And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.”
Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.”
He said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped Jesus.
Jesus said, “I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.”
Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, “Surely we are not blind, are we?”
Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would not have sin.
But now that you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.

This is the Good News.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Children’s Sermon

Sermon

*Hymn of the Day

“Still Waters”

Still waters restore my soul. Calm waters revive my spirit.

Still waters restore my soul. My cup over-flows.

Blessing Newcomers   Suspended until we are together again. You are in our prayers!

*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.”

*Lord’s Prayer

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.

*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

*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.

*Gather at the Table

You spread a table before me with my foes at hand;
You anoint my head with oil; my cup, it overflows.

Sending

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

*Blessing

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

Refrain
Jesus is a rock in a weary land, a weary land, a weary land
My Jesus is a rock in a weary land, a shelter in the time of storm.

Verse 1
No one can do like Jesus, not a mumbling word he said;
he went walking down to Lazarus’ grave, and he raised him from the dead.

Verse 2
When Jesus was on earth, the flesh was very weak;
he took a towel and girded himself and he washed his disciples’ feet.

Verse 3
Yonder comes my Savior, him whom I love so well;
he has the palm of victory and the keys of death and hell.
*Dismissal
Go in peace to love and serve.
Thanks be to God!

Postlude
Announcements

Mission of the Month: FoodShare/Community Emergency Service (CES) – Taking Action Against Hunger in MN! Over 3 million visits are made to MN food shelves each year. Monthly over 1,300 clients utilize the CES food shelf. The need is even greater during the COVID-19 pandemic. You can help stock the shelves by donating non-perishable foods or making a financial contribution. The MN FoodShare Campaign will multiply all food and cash donations. March 31 is the last day for donations to the FoodShare campaign. Thank you for supporting CES.

- Sunday School Weekly Food Drive: For Sunday March 29, the kids’ food choice is 4# bags of sugar. Additional items are welcome and needed. The Sunday School kids are challenging the congregation to donate 300 pound in March. We’ve already delivered 150# to CES. Remember, you can still drop off your food donations during the day if you stop by church.
- To support CES with a cash donation: please note CES on your check when you mail it in or donate online. Remember – food shelves can stretch $1.00 into food for 2 or more meals. Can we make it to $2000?

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.

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. If you are interested in being part of Living Questions or would just like to learn more, please contact Pastor Martha - martha@oursavioursmpls.org
Jesus is a Rock in a Weary Land

Lent

Wednesdays, March 25, April 1

6:30pm   Holden Evening Prayer on Facebook Live

Holy Week
Please note the Holy Week Schedule may change as circumstances change.
Stay Tuned

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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