

April 28, 2024 Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

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.

Need hearing assistance or larger print? Please ask an usher.

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 expect that children will behave as children – giggles, wiggles, and all. Kids (and their parents) sometimes need a break. We offer a prayground in the sanctuary and also a reading corner in the Hospitality Center where 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 parking is available in the small lot at the back of the church, accessed from the alley and on Chicago Ave. Please note street parking around the church could be limited to residents during certain hours.

Buses. The D line runs on Chicago Ave. every 10 minutes and stops right at 24th. The 5 bus line still does run on Chicago Ave, but it is about every hour, and does stop at the new bus shelters, along with other intersections. For more information call Metro Transit at 612-373-3333 or visit metrotransit.org.

Fifth Sunday of Easter

This Sunday's image of how the risen Christ shares his life with us is the image of the vine. Christ the vine and we the branches are alive in each other, in the mystery of mutual abiding described in the gospel. Baptism makes us a part of Christ's living and life-giving self and makes us alive with Christ's life. As the vine brings food to the branches, Christ feeds us at his table. We are sent out to bear fruit for the life of the world.

Gathering

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

Gathering Music

Welcome

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

*Baptism

(Please see the bulletin insert as we gather facing the baptismal font.)

We sing: Love is flowing.... from the fountain of life.

Peace is pouring... Mercy streaming...

*Greeting

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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.

First Reading

Acts 8:26-40 (Spark Bible page 510)

A reading from Acts.

²⁶An angel of God said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) ²⁷So Philip got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah.

²⁹Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it."

³⁰So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah.

Philip asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?"

³¹The eunuch replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?"

And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. ³²Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

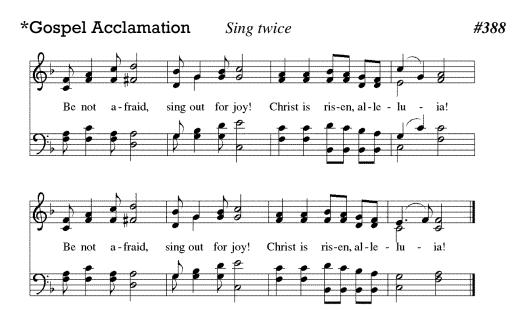
"Like a sheep led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth.

33In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." ³⁴The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" ³⁵Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus.

³⁶As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" ³⁸He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. ³⁹When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of God snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

This is the word of life.

Thanks be to God.



* The holy gospel according to John, the 15th chapter. **Glory to you, O God.**

*Gospel

John 15:1-8 (Spark Bible page 452)

Jesus said: ¹"I am the true vine, and my Abba is the vine grower ²who removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit my Abba prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me.

⁵I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.

⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned.

⁷"If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ My Abba is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

This is the Good News.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Sermon

After the children's sermon, young children may go with the nursery minister to the nursery for children's church time. Or, they are most welcome to stay in the sanctuary. We will welcome them back during the Peace.

Sermon

*Hymn of the Day "To Christ Belong, in Christ Behold" ACS 958



*Prayers of the People (Each petition will conclude with, "God of grace," and the congregation responds, "hear our prayer.")



Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

*Peace

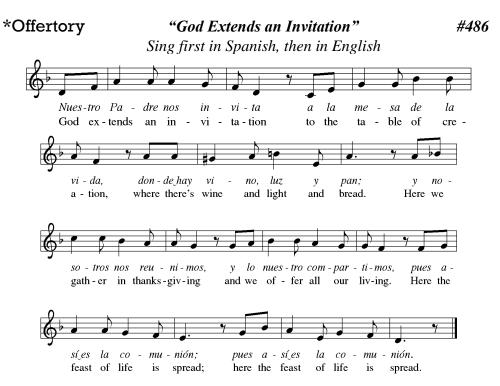
The peace of Christ be with you always.

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. Those worshipping online may contribute on our website: http://oursavioursmpls.org.



*The Great Thanksgiving

God be with you.

And also with you.

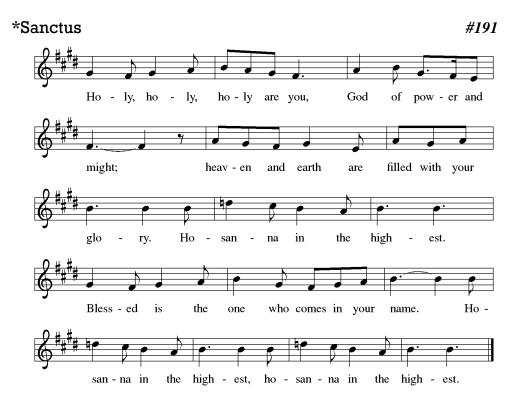
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to the living God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is indeed right..... and join their unending hymn:



*Eucharistic Proclamation and Prayer

*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 kin-dom 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 kin-dom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

*As part of our unfolding commitment to using inclusive and expansive language for God, this season we are choosing to modify the word 'kingdom' which connotes both maleness and a form of government unfamiliar to most of us. Instead, we will use 'kin-dom' which captures the way Jesus radically redefines family and invites everyone into loving relationship with God and neighbor.

Invitation to Communion

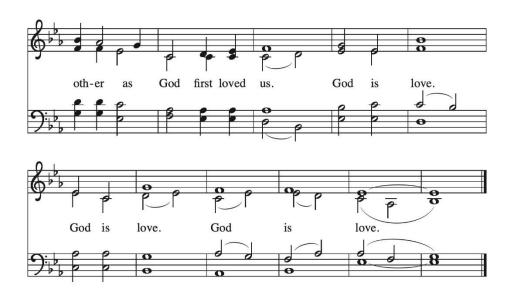
Distribution

All are welcome at Christ's table. We will serve from the front of each section. Ushers will guide you. After you have received bread, or a gluten free wafer, hold out your glass to the server and indicate whether you would like wine (the dark liquid), or grape juice (the light liquid in the second pitcher which has a shiny band attached to it). You are invited to eat and drink and then deposit your compostable cup with a server. Those who do not commune may indicate a preference for a blessing.









*Blessing

Sending

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

Announcements

*Blessing

*Sending Song

"We Know That Christ Is Raised"

#449

*Dismissal

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad!

Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Portions of the liturgy and clip art are taken from *Sundays and Seasons.com* © 2023 Augsburg Fortress. Used by permission under license # 45191. All hymns from ELW or *All Creation Sings. To Christ Belong* Text by Susan Briehl, Music by Robert Buckley-Farlee © 2011 admin. Augsburg Fortress. *God Is Love* by Mark Mummert © 2016 Augsburg Fortress. Used by permission under OneLicense.net # A-704050. Cover art by Theron Wangerin. Used by permission. *Come to the Table* by Daniel Pederson. Used by permission.

Today's Worship

Ministers: You!

Presiding/Preaching: Esther Sianipar
Prayers: Dan Swenson-Klatt
Reader: Laura Twedell

Accompanist: Tom Witt

Cantor: Mary Preus, Kathleen Olsen

Livestream: Jakob Johnson

Baptism of Madison Eva Hanlon

Parents: James and Joanna Hanlon Guest grandfather pastor: Brad Ulgenes

Sponsors: Jake and Katherine Ulgenes and Olivia Peterson

Information about Our Saviour's can be found on our website and on our Facebook page.

If you're interested in becoming a member of Our Saviour's, please reach out to Pastor Esther.
We call this process: Living Questions

Mission of the month is Reconciling Works and Lutheran Campus Ministry

This week at OSLC:

Wednesday morning bible study for May 1 is at 10:15am IN PERSON at church in the Hospitality Center. See scheduled readings and zoom link on the website or weekly update.

Choir rehearses at 7pm on Wednesdays from now until May 15 and sings each Sunday thru May 19 (Pentecost) at the 10:30am worship.

Hope Academy Parking Ramp available on Sunday mornings and more.

On Sunday mornings, between 8am and 2pm, you are welcome to park in the Hope Academy parking ramp located on 24th street between Chicago and Park Avenues. Other days of the week parking is available in the ramp from 7am to 11pm. A code is needed to enter and exit the ramp. You can pick up a card with parking information at church or call the church office: 612-871-2967. On Sundays after 2pm you can use the code to exit the ramp.



Our Saviour's Lutheran Church is a dynamic community, centered in Christ, called, nurtured and sent – to celebrate, serve and do justice.

612-871-2967 Office Hours: M-Th, 9-3 2315 Chicago Ave S, Minneapolis MN 55404 www.oursavioursmpls.org www.facebook.com/Our.Saviours.Lutheran.Church.Mpls

Pastor	Martha Schwehn Bardwell (on Sabbatical until July 16) martha@oursavioursmpls.org	612-871- 2967 opt 3
Pastor	Esther Sianipar esther@oursavioursmpls.org	612-871- 2967 opt 4
Music Director	Mary Preus marypreus@oursavioursmpls.org	612-871- 2967 opt 6
Office Manager	Marcin Cienski	612-871-
Front Desk & Office Volunteers	marcin@oursavioursmpls.org Jeanne Asp; Nancy Nygaard	2967 opt 7 612-871-
onice voluneers	Johnson (Monday)	2967
OSCS Executive Director	Mike Huffman mike@oscs-mn.org	612-871- 5900 opt 1