Propelled by the Holy Spirit
To Tell The Good News!

June 30, 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.
Time after Pentecost

This month and this weekend we celebrate Pride! First, we acknowledge our complicity in the pain and exclusion of LGBTQIA people. The church has been a particularly devastating and painful place of exclusion for many. We ask God to continue to open our hearts to one another and to all who seek God and community. May we continue to “draw the circle wide” and tell of Jesus’ inclusive love to all we meet.

Gathering

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

Gathering Song

Welcome

*Confession/Forgiveness

In this sacred space, let us acknowledge our shortcomings, seeking reconciliation with the Divine, with those we've hurt, and with ourselves.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination

Divine One,

Today, at this moment during PRIDE month, as a worshipping community centering the extravagant, inclusive love of God, we confess that we have caused harm to our gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, queer, plus siblings by what we have said and done, and by what we have left unsaid and undone. We have not
loved these neighbors as ourselves, even as we profess that the desire of our hearts is to follow the example of Christ Jesus, who opened his arms to all.

We confess that we have participated in the silencing of others, choosing not to listen to voices seen as too bold too disruptive, too unlike the expected melody.

Forgive us for the times we have followed the crowd, muting the symphony of your creation, afraid of the beauty and complexity of every note.

Forgive us for the walls we have built, walls of judgment and fear, that have kept your love and grace from reaching those who needed it most.

And to those we have harmed, in the spirit of reconciliation, we humbly ask for the gift of your forgiveness.

Presider:
Beloveds in Christ, we can still choose to hear God’s call, a gentle nudge on our spirits, reminding us that God has placed us here for a purpose.

All-Loving Source,
Empower us with courage and wisdom. Ignite a fire within, burning away fear and igniting compassion's flame. In the multitude of your names and identities of God, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

*Opening Song “All Are Welcome” #641
*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*

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**Word**

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

**First Reading**          2 Corinthians 8:7-15

A reading from Paul’s 2\(^{nd}\) letter to the Corinthians.

7 Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge,  
in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—  
so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.

8 I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness  
of your love against the earnestness of others. 9 For you know  
the generous act of our Savior Jesus Christ, that though he was rich,  
yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty  
you might become rich. 10 And in this matter I am giving my advice:  
it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something  
but even to desire to do something— 11 now finish doing it,  
so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it  
according to your means. 12 For if the eagerness is there,  
the gift is acceptable according to what one has—  
not according to what one does not have.
13 I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. 15 As it is written, “The one who had much did not have too much, and the one who had little did not have too little.”

This is the word of life.
Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia: Ho - ly Spir - it, fill our hearts with love.

Adapted from Collective creation, Seoul, Korea, 2012 World Council of Churches

The holy gospel according to Mark, the 5th chapter.
Glory to you, O God.

*Gospel Reading* 

Mark 5:21-43

21 When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. 22 Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw Jesus, fell at his feet 23 and begged him repeatedly, “My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live.” 24 So Jesus went with him. And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him.

25 Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages
for twelve years.  

She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, for she said, “If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.”

Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, “Who touched my clothes?” And his disciples said to him, “You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, ‘Who touched me?’ ”

Jesus looked all around to see who had done it. But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.”

While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader’s house to say, “Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?” But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, “Do not fear, only believe.” Jesus allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James.

When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, Jesus saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. When he had entered, he said to them, “Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping.” And they laughed at him.

Then he put them all outside, and took the child’s father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. Jesus took her by the hand and said to her, “Talitha cum,” which means, “Little girl, get up!” And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. Jesus strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

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  “Sing a New Church”

1. Summoned by the God who made us rich in our diversity,
2. Trust the goodness of creation; trust the Spirit strong within.
3. Bring the hopes of every nation; bring the art of every race.
4. Draw together at one table all the human family;

gathered in the name of Jesus, richer still in unity:
Dare to dream the vision promised sprung from seed of what has been.
Weave a song of peace and justice; let it sound through time and space.
shape a circle ever wider and a people ever free.

Let us bring the gifts that differ and, in splendid, varied ways,
sing a new Church into being, one in faith and love and praise.

Tune: NETTLETON

*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.

*Offertory
“Give Us Our Daily Bread”

Give us our daily bread. May we be satisfied.
May we be satisfied. Never be satisfied.

Give us our daily bread. May we be satisfied.
May we be satisfied. With only what we need.
Never be satisfied. If any be denied.

*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:

*Sanctus*  
Refrain 1 – Spanish; Verse – Cantor; Refrain 2 - English

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Words and Music: Guillermo Cuéllar  
Translation: Linda McCarr

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San-to san-to san-to san-to san-to es nues-tro
San-to san-to san-to san-to san-to es nues-tro
Holy holy holy holy holy holy is our
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Dios, Se-nor de to-da la tie-rra, san-to
Dios, Se-nor de to-da la his-to-ria, san-to
God, God, the Lord of all of his t'ry. Holy
God, Spirit guiding all of his t'ry holy

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San-to es nues-tro Dios.
San-to Dios.
ho-ly is our God
ho-ly is our God

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Que acompaña nuestro pueblo que vive en nuestras luchas,
Who accompanies our people, who lives with our struggles,
del universo entero el unico Señor.
of all the earth and heaven the one and only Lord.
Benditos los que en su nombre el evangelio anuncian,
Blessed those who in the Lord’s name announce the holy gospel,
lalucha y gran noticia de la liberación.
proclaiming the good news that our liberation comes.

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*Eucharistic Proclamation and Prayer*

As we move through the church year, we continue to keep our worship both faithful and fresh. The following adaptation of the Lord’s Prayer is by Joan Mitchell, one of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet and a Harvard Divinity School graduate focused on faith formation and scripture.
*The Jesus Prayer*

Let us pray together in words both faithful and fresh.

God among us and between us, around and within us, 
blessed be your names, you the whole, we a part.

May every day dawn with new delight 
and every night grow seeds of justice in our hearts.

Feed us today the fruit of our hands and your Earth.

Forgive us the harm and wrong we do to others 
as we forgive the harm and wrong they do to us.

Lead us from certainty and cynicism to curiosity and awe 
and free us to find you as you are – in all things. Amen.

*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.

“*As the Grains of Wheat*” #465

“*Healer of Our Every Ill*” #612

“*Draw the Circle Wide*”

*Post Communion Prayer*

*Post Communion Song*
God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Announcements

*Benediction

*Sending Song  "Dazzling Bouquet"

Refrain: Mine is the church where every-body's wel-come.
I know it's true 'cause I got through the door.
We are a daz-zing bou-quet of ev-ery kind of flow-er.
Jump in the vase, 'cause we've got space for more.
1. Come here, all you six foot gladiolas, 
come all you purple lilacs shining bright. 
Come, let us all bloom together in the garden; 
a carnival of fragrance and delight!

2. We don’t simply tolerate each other. 
We ask and tell, we don’t just turn away. 
We give attention to every bud and blossom. 
Let every face come grace the grand bouquet.

3. Our demons keep trying to divide us. 
They document their lies to make them true. 
Today we’re freed from our judging and excluding. 
Just look around, enjoy the lovely view!

*Dismissal*

Go in peace, tell the Good News! 
Thanks be to God!

Postlude

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Some of the language in the prayers of confession, thanksgiving, and benediction comes from reconcilingworks.org
Today’s Worship

Ministers: You!
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Prayers: Nate Blumenshine
Reader: Bruce Pederson
Accompanist: Catherine Preus
Piano partner: Jean Hendricks
Percussion: Benhi !Khabeb
Cantor: Kathleen Olsen
Livestream: Jakob Johnson

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 Bread for the World.

Wednesday morning bible study will be hybrid for the summer. We will meet both in the hospitality center at Our Saviour’s and on Zoom at 10:15am each Wednesday. See scheduled readings and zoom link on the website or weekly update.

Hope Academy Parking Ramp available on Sunday mornings

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.
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