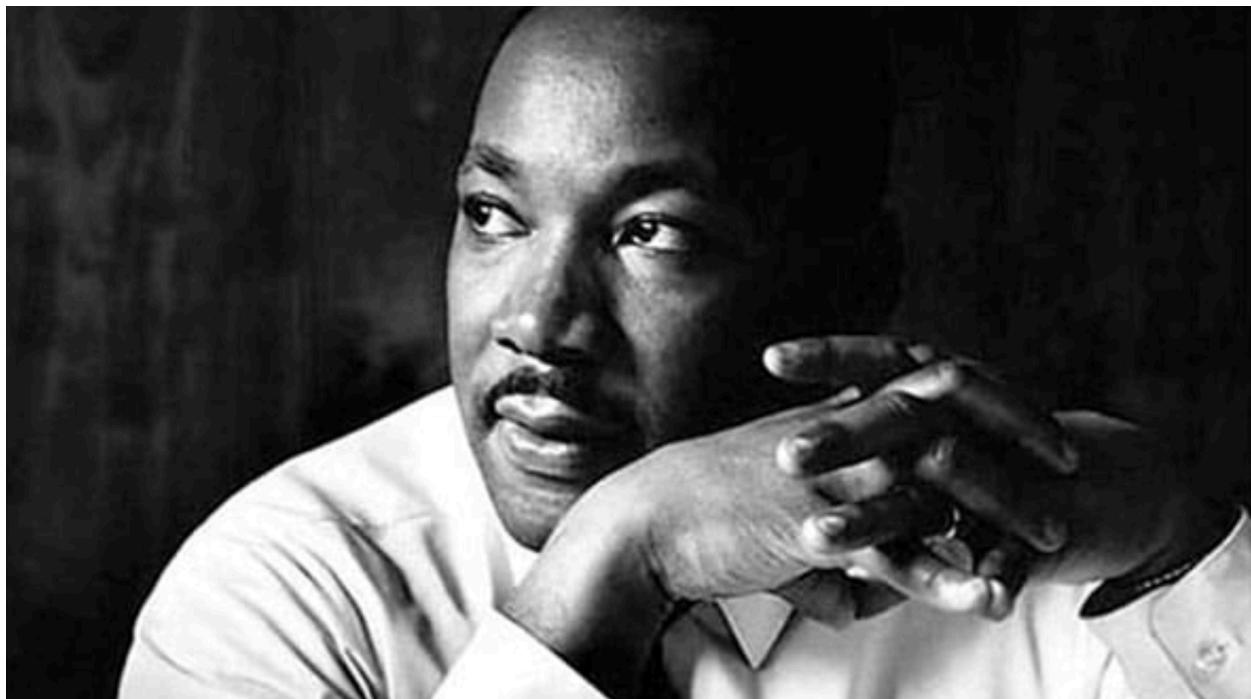


Martin Luther King Jr. Remembrance Sunday



January 18th, 2026
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. We offer a playground in the Sanctuary with books and coloring supplies for kids to use during the service. There are bags that can be brought to your seats with supplies. We also have a reading corner in the Hospitality Center with books and toys. Kids and their parents are invited to go in and out of the Sanctuary as needed.

Safe Church. For the safety of all 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 - Parking is available in the parking lot off the alley behind church, on the local streets (follow signs as some parking is only residential or has hour restrictions) and at the Hope Academy Parking ramp at 24th St and Park Ave. The arms are up on Sunday mornings until 2pm. Parking there other days requires a code. Pick up a card at church with the ramp code. There are handicap parking spots available in the front and back of the church.

Bus - The D line runs every 10 minutes on Chicago Ave. For more options, visit metrotransit.org.

Mission of the month: Our Saviour's Community Services-Housing

Our Saviour's Housing (OSH) includes both the Emergency Shelter, and Permanent Supportive Housing Program. Currently 111 residents participated in Permanent Supportive Housing Program, and 94% remained stably housed and 38 residents living in the Emergency Shelter at full capacity. Your generosity will help OSH navigate a season of change, increase their capacity to operate a physically larger shelter, and continue to enhance the quality of services OSH provides who've experienced homelessness pursue greater housing stability.

Online giving - If you are interested in giving online to Our Saviour's for the Mission of the Month or general offering, use this QR Code:



Second Sunday after Epiphany

Today we honor the life and ministry of pastor and civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Everyday, we are striving to be “God’s Beloved Community” and to embody the immortal words of “injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.”

Gathering

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

Prelude

Welcome

Opening Litany

L: You don't have to have a college degree to serve.

All: **Everybody can be great. Because anybody can serve.**

L: You don't have to make your subject and verb agree to serve.

All: **Everybody can be great. Because anybody can serve.**

L: You don't have to know about Plato and Aristotle to serve.

All: **Everybody can be great. Because anybody can serve.**

L: You don't have to know about Einstein's Theory of Relativity to serve.

All: **Everybody can be great. Because anybody can serve.**

L: You don't have to know the Second Theory Of Thermo-Dynamics in physics to serve.

All: **Everybody can be great. Because anybody can serve.**

L: You only need heart full of grace. A soul generated by love.

All: **Everybody can be great. Because anybody can serve.**

***Opening Hymn**

Oh, I Woke Up This Morning

TFF 166

1. Oh, I woke up this morning with my mind, and it was stayed, stayed on freedom. (3x)

Hallelu (Hallelu), Hallelu (Hallelu), Hallelujah.

2. I was walking and talking with my mind ...
3. I was singing and praying with my mind, (stayed on Jesus) ...
4. Oh, I woke up this morning with my mind ...

**=indicates God's children rise in body or spirit*

*Greetings

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

Isaiah 49:1-7

¹ Listen to me, O coastlands,
 pay attention, you peoples from far away!
God has called me before I was born,
 and while I was in my mother's womb God named me.
² God made my mouth like a sharp sword;
 I was hid in the shadow of God's hand.
God made me a polished arrow;
 I was hid away in God's quiver.
³ And God said to me, "You are my servant,
 Israel, in whom I will be glorified."
⁴ But I said, "I have labored in vain,
 I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;
yet surely my cause is with God,
 and my reward with God."
⁵ And now God says,
 who formed me as a servant in the womb,
to bring Jacob back to God,
 and that Israel might be gathered to God,
for I am honored in the sight of God,
 and God has become my strength—
⁶ God says,
"It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
 to raise up the tribes of Jacob
 and to restore the survivors of Israel;
I will give you as a light to the nations,
 that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

⁷Thus says God,

the Redeemer of Israel, the Holy One of Israel,
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,
the slave of rulers,
“Monarchs shall see and stand up,
chieftains, and they shall prostrate themselves,
because God, who is faithful,
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

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

Second Reading

from “A Letter from Birmingham Jail”

King wrote this letter while he was in jail in 1963. It was addressed to white clergy who were calling his work of active nonviolent resistance to end racial segregation “unwise and untimely.”

I am in Birmingham because injustice is here. Just as the eighth century prophets left their little villages and carried their “thus says the Lord” far beyond the boundaries of their hometowns; and just as the Apostle Paul left his little village of Tarsus and carried the gospel of Jesus Christ to practically every hamlet and city of the Graeco-Roman world, I too am compelled to carry the gospel of freedom beyond my particular hometown.

Moreover, I am cognizant of the interrelatedness of all communities and states. I cannot sit idly by in Atlanta and not be concerned about what happens in Birmingham. Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny.

*Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*Gospel

John 1:29-42 (Spark Bible p. 246)

The holy gospel according to John, the 1st chapter. **Glory to you, O God.**

²⁹ John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰ This is the one of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ ³¹ I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” ³² And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³ I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘The one on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ ³⁴ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.”

³⁵ The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶ and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” ³⁷ The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸ When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” ³⁹ He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where Jesus was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. ⁴⁰ One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. ⁴¹ Andrew first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed). ⁴² He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

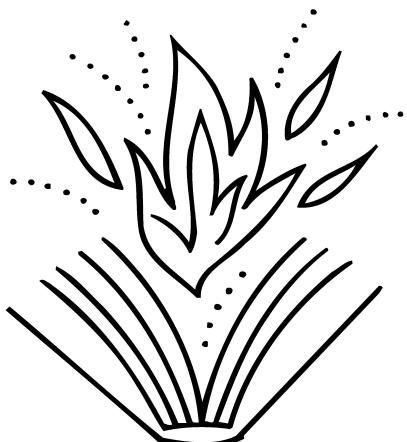
This is the Good News. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children’s Sermon

After the children’s sermon, young children may go with the nursery minister for children’s church and be welcomed back during the sharing of the peace. They are also most welcome to stay in the sanctuary.

Sermon

There is space for sermon notes on the insert page.



***Hymn of the Day**

Ain't Gonna Let Nobody Turn Me Around

1. Ain't gonna let nobody turn me around (turn me around...)

Refrain: Keep on walking, keep on talking,
Marching up to freedom land

2. Ain't gonna let racism turn me around (turn me around...)

3. Ain't gonna let no hatred turn me around (turn me around...)

4. Ain't gonna let discrimination turn me around (turn me around...)

5. Ain't gonna let nobody turn me around (turn me around...)

***Prayers of the People**

Each petition ends: God of grace...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.**

Gathering our Gifts

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

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: oursavioursmpls.org.

***Offertory**

*To the melody of **Come All You People***

Come all you people

Come and thank the Spirit (3x)

Come now and worship our God

***Offertory Prayer**



*The Great Thanksgiving

God be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts! **We lift them to our God.**

Let us give thanks to the Living God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Eucharistic Prayer

As part of the eucharistic prayer we confess the great mystery of faith to the tune of the Civil Rights Movement anthem, "We Shall Overcome." We learned this from Trinity Lutheran in Manhattan:

Jesus Christ has died, Jesus Christ is risen,

Jesus Christ will come again.

Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe

Jesus Christ will come again.

*The Prayer of Jesus

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 commitment to using inclusive and expansive language for God, this season we are modifying 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 a loving relationship with God and neighbor. Whether saying 'kin-dom' or 'kingdom,' we proclaim the subversive reign of God's love and justice.*

Healing Prayer at the Font

During communion distribution, you are invited to the font for individual prayers.

Distribution

All are welcome at Christ's table. Ushers will guide you. After receiving bread or a gluten-free wafer, hold out your glass for wine (dark) or juice (light). Following communion, deposit your compostable cup with a server. Those who do not commune may indicate a preference for a blessing.

Come to the Table

ELW 481

Spirit of the Living God

TFF 101

Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.

Though the Earth Shall Change

ACS 1035



Though the earth shall change, though the mountains tremble,
though the waters rage, you, God, are here.
Though the nations war, though the peoples bat-tle,
though the em-pire fal-ters, we will not fear.

***Blessing**

Sending

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

God Welcomes All

God welcomes all, strangers and friends;
God's love is strong and it never ends.

***Benediction**

This is a benediction song that we learned at Luther Crest Bible Camp this summer.

As you go on your way may Christ go with you
May Christ go before you to show you the way
May Christ go behind you to encourage you
Beside you to befriend you, above you to watch over
Within you to give you peace

***Dismissal**

Alleluia! Go in peace. Love and serve God! **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

All are invited to the Hospitality Center for announcements and community time.

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Today's Worship

Ministers:	You!
Presiding:	Esther Sianipar
Preaching:	Martha Schwehn Bardwell
Reader:	Bruce Pederson
Prayers:	Craig Johnson
Special Music:	OSLC Choir
Musicians:	Alyssa Schwitzer & Kent Goodroad
Sound:	Mike Libby
Livestream:	Jakob Johnson
Communion Recruiters:	5th & 6th graders
Window Blinds:	Remi Hanson

This week at OSLC:

Wednesday, January 21
8:30AM-9:30AM DINS
10:15AM Bible Study (HC/Zoom)
5:30PM Community Meal
6:15PM Singing Circle
7PM Choir

Saturday, January 24
9AM-12PM Synod Youth Choir
3:30PM-7PM Dance and Potluck

Sunday, January 28

Adult Forum: – Book study: See Me, Believe Me: A Guide to Deepen Allyship with Congregational Leaders of Color (Session 1 of 2)



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centered in Christ, called, nurtured and sent –
to celebrate, serve and do justice.*

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