

Fifth Sunday After Epiphany



February 8th, 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: Calvary Food Shelf

Calvary Food Shelf (CFS) is now operating in challenging times! It shows its resilience to get food to those who are food insecure. It is located at 39th and Chicago Avenue and currently has the job of getting food for families who are afraid to leave their homes. Volunteers are delivering food on Tuesdays and Thursdays that serve between 85-95 families twice a week. Your continued prayers, time and support to CFS will be greatly appreciated to bring more food and resources to vulnerable families.

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:



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Isaiah declares that when we loose the bonds of injustice and share our bread with the hungry, the light breaks forth like the dawn. In another passage from the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus, the light of the world, calls his followers to let the light of their good works shine before others. Through baptism we are sent into the world to shine with the light of Christ.

Gathering

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

Prelude

Welcome

***Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, One God,
Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty Savior,
Prince of Peace. **Amen.**

Reconciling God,
we yearn for your presence to transform our grief, pain, and despair.
We confess that we have not always prepared room in our hearts for your love;
we have not always recognized your presence among us;
we have not always embraced your message of peace.
We cry out, weary with the burden of violence, oppression, and fear.
We confess our failure to make room for those seeking refuge;
our participation in violent systems that harm your innocent ones;
our reluctance to embody your good news. Be born in us today
and teach us to sing the joyful song of your salvation. Amen.

God's grace upon grace flows over you.

☩ Christ's presence redeems the whole creation.

Your sins are forgiven. Let the earth rejoice and be glad! **Amen.**



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

*Opening Hymn

Somebody Prayed for Me

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1 Some-bod - y prayed for me, had me on their mind,
2 My moth - er prayed for me, had me on her mind,
3 My fa - ther prayed for me, had me on his mind,
4 The peo - ple prayed for me, had me on their mind,



took some time to pray for me. I'm so glad they prayed,
took some time to pray for me. I'm so glad she prayed,
took some time to pray for me. I'm so glad he prayed,
took some time to pray for me. I'm so glad they prayed,



I'm so glad they prayed, I'm so glad they prayed for me.
I'm so glad she prayed, I'm so glad she prayed for me.
I'm so glad he prayed, I'm so glad he prayed for me.
I'm so glad they prayed, I'm so glad they prayed for me.

***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 58:1-9a [9b-12]

¹ Shout out, do not hold back!

 Lift up your voice like a trumpet!

Announce to my people their rebellion,
 to the house of Jacob their sins.

² Yet day after day they seek me

 and delight to know my ways,

as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness
 and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;

they ask of me righteous judgments,

 they delight to draw near to God.

³ “Why do we fast, but you do not see?

 Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?”

Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day,
 and oppress all your workers.

⁴ Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight
 and to strike with a wicked fist.

Such fasting as you do today

 will not make your voice heard on high.

⁵ Is such the fast that I choose,
 a day to humble oneself?

Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush,
 and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?

Will you call this a fast,
 a day acceptable to God?

⁶ Is not this the fast that I choose:
 to loose the bonds of injustice,
 to undo the thongs of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
 and to break every yoke?

⁷ Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,
 and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover them,
 and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

⁸ Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
 and your healing shall spring up quickly;

your vindicator shall go before you,
the glory of God shall be your rear guard.
^{9a} Then you shall call, and God will answer;
you shall cry for help, and God will say, Here I am.
^{9b} If you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,
¹⁰ if you offer your food to the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness
and your gloom be like the noonday.
¹¹ God will guide you continually,
and satisfy your needs in parched places,
and make your bones strong;
and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water,
whose waters never fail.
¹² Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
the restorer of streets to live in.

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

Second Reading

John Lewis (February 21, 1940 – July 17, 2020) was a towering American civil rights leader, congressman, and "conscience of Congress" who dedicated his life to nonviolent activism. As a SNCC leader, Freedom Rider, and key 1963 March on Washington speaker, he championed voting rights and justice, enduring brutal violence—notably on "Bloody Sunday"—to help reshape American democracy. This passage on being human comes from John Lewis' book Across That Bridge: A Vision for Change and the Future of America.

"You are a light. You are the light. Never let anyone - any person or any force - dampen, dim or diminish your light ... Release the need to hate, to harbor division, and the enticement of revenge. Release all bitterness. Hold only love, only peace in your heart, knowing that the battle of good to overcome evil is already won."

Words of wisdom, words of witness. **Thanks be to God!**



Gospel Acclamation *We've Come This Far by Faith

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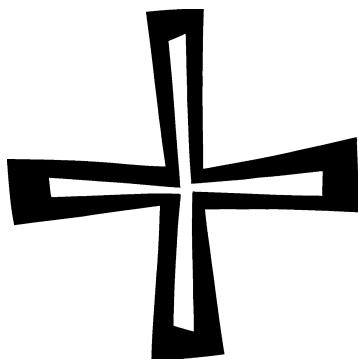
Refrain – All

We've come this far by faith, leaning on our God;
 trust-ing in God's ho - ly word, God's nev - er failed us yet.

Oh, We can't turn back, we've come this

far by faith. We've come this far by faith.

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*Gospel

Matthew 5:13-20 (Spark Bible p.268)

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

[Jesus said:] ¹³ “You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

¹⁴ You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵ No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to God in heaven.

¹⁷ Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸ For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹ Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the dominion of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the dominion of heaven. ²⁰ For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the dominion of heaven.”

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

Let Streams of Living Justice

ELW 710

*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

OSLC Adult Choir

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.

Bread of Life, Our Host and Meal

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Way Maker

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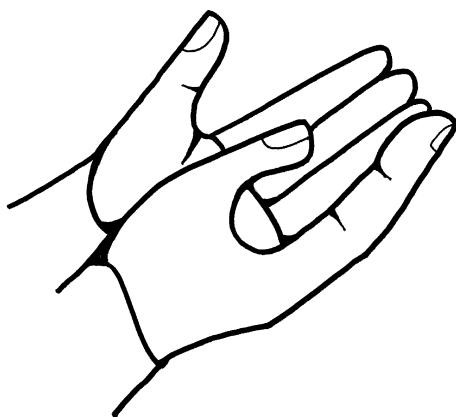
Way maker, miracle worker, promise keeper, light in the darkness
My God, that is who You are
Way maker, miracle worker, promise keeper, light in the darkness
My God, that is who You are

Our Love Will Carry Us Through (song from Hennepin Methodist community sing)



3 We are here. (We are here.) With our ci - ty. (With our ci - ty.) Our
5 love for each oth - er will carry us through. Yes our
love for each oth - er will carry us through. We are

***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:	Martha Schwehn Bardwell
Preaching:	Esther Sianipar
Reader:	Laura Twedell
Prayers:	Nate Blumenshine
Special Music:	OSLC Adult 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, February 11

8:30AM-9:30AM DIN

10:15AM Bible Study (HC/Zoom)

5:30PM Community Meal (HC)

6:15PM-7PM Spirit is Alive

7PM-8PM Adult Choir

Sunday, February 15

9AM Adult Forum: Discussion about our Welcome Statement

11:30AM Youth Gathering (CR)

Interested in Membership at OSLC?

Wonderful! Please reach out to one of the pastors in person or via email to share your interest and questions. We will receive new members this Spring. We invite newcomers to be part of Wednesday night conversations that we call "Living Questions" - this is coming up in March. More information coming soon!

SERMON NOTES



OUR SAVIOUR'S Lutheran Church

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

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