

Fourth Sunday in Lent



March 15th, 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: Community Emergency Service (CES)

CES has been operated for the last 65 years as an outreach ministry of Augustana Lutheran Church, offering vital support to neighbors in Minneapolis. Today, CES reaches nearly 150,000 neighbors each year through their Food Market, one of Minnesota's largest Meals on Wheels programs, and Ani-Meals program. Your donation and time will help CES continue to grow, provide more food and to share hope to our vulnerable neighbors, especially such hard times like these.

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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We began our journey through Lent with the story of the triumphal procession of Jesus into Jerusalem – a story we usually reserve for Palm Sunday. Each week we will continue to follow his journey all the way to the cross. These gospel texts lift up the stark contrasts between Jesus' embodiment of the reign of God and the systems of this world that are powered by contempt and injustice. May our faith be renewed in this season so we continue to see in Jesus Christ the One who truly saves, heals, and liberates us.

Gathering

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

Prelude

Welcome

*Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin before God, who removes our guilt and blots out all offenses.
Gracious God, **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you:
Gracious God, **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word:
Gracious God, **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For failing to recognize your coming reign, and for hindering the work of the Spirit:
Gracious God, **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition, and for disdain the living water Christ offers:
Gracious God, **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For disregarding voices from the margin, and for distrusting signs of your healing and hope in the world:
Gracious God, **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent,
and for disregarding Christ's call to come forth to life:
Gracious God, **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

Reading

A Letter from St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, Smithtown, NY

In this Lenten season, we will be reading letters written to Our Saviour's that we received during the ICE occupation in Minnesota. Just as early Christian communities received letters from the apostle Paul that we still read today, we receive these letters as gospel encouragement for our lives of faith. This letter was sent to us by St. Andrew's Lutheran Church in New York. You may find the full letter on the Prayer Wall.

We are writing to let you know that our congregation continues to hold you, your congregation and community in our hearts and prayers during these scary and uncertain times affecting the people in your community and all over the country. We stand with you in solidarity as sisters and brothers in Christ.

We are heartbroken over the events and the brutality of what is happening, especially in Minneapolis with the murder of US citizens and the inhumane treatment of immigrants. We are praying for all those who are grieving, hurt or fearful. We are asking God's presence to bring peace to your community. We pray that the Lord our God will bring healing, compassion and unity to all families and neighborhoods.

Much love from your sisters and brothers in Christ on Long Island.

For these saints in New York, we say together: **Thanks be to God.**

*Gospel Acclamation



Come, let us re - turn to our Source.



You who are torn, God will heal you; you who are



crushed, God will bind you up.



*Gospel

John 13:1–15, 33–35 (Spark Bible p.462)

The holy gospel according to John, the 13th chapter. **Glory to you, O God.**

¹Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to God. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. ²The devil had already decided that Judas son of Simon Iscariot would betray Jesus. And during supper ³Jesus, knowing that God had given all things into his hands and that he had come from God and was going to God, ⁴got up from supper, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. ⁵Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. ⁶He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" ⁷Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." ⁸Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." ⁹Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" ¹⁰Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." ¹¹For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

¹²After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had reclined again, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you?" ¹³You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for that is what I am. ¹⁴So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you...

³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and as I said to the Judeans so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

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

Footwashing, Handwashing and Anointing

Jesus calls us to love one another as he loves us - with humble, tender, embodied love. In the sanctuary, there will be several stations where you may receive handwashing, footwashing, or anointing. After you receive, you may choose to wash or anoint the next person, or return to your seat. In these embodied acts of humble service and love, we trust in God, our faithful shepherd, who walks with us through the valleys. We will practice footwashing and handwashing again on Maundy Thursday.

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

ELW 659

Hold On

Hold on,
hold on,
my dear ones,
here comes the dawn.

Behold, What Manner of Love

TFF 218

Sing in a canon as directed.



5 Be-hold what manner of Love God has Giv en un - to us, Be



9 hold what manner of Love God has Giv en un - to us,



13 That We should be called the children of God



That We should be called the children of God

***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

Sunday School

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



O beau-ty ev - er an - cient, O beau - ty ev - er new,
di - vine and Ho - ly Pres - ence, my be - ing sings to you,
in grat - i-tude, in wor - ship my be - ing sings to you!

*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.

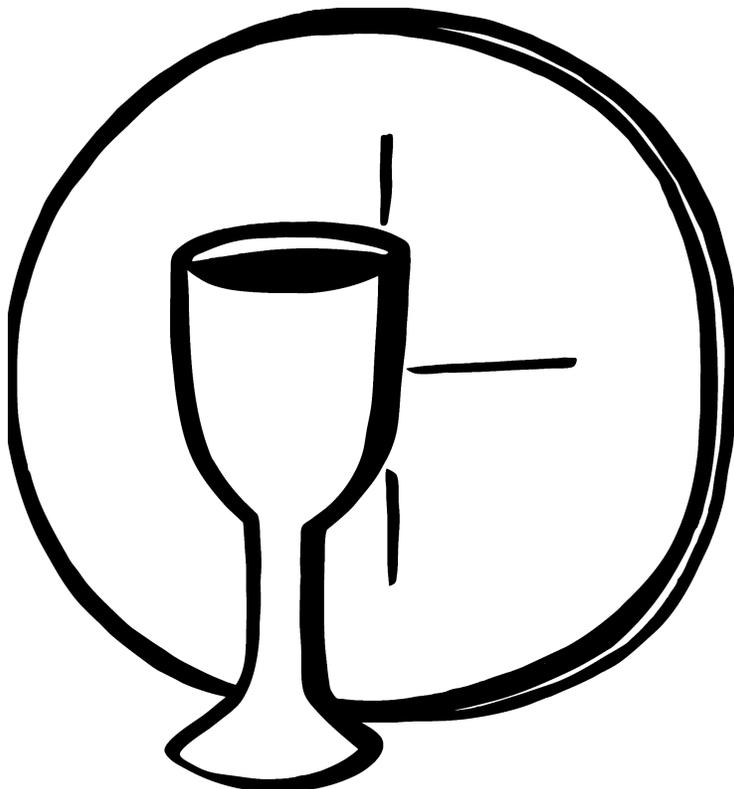
**As part of our commitment to using inclusive and expansive language for God, this season we are modifying the word 'kingdom' which connotes both maleness and a form of government unfamiliar to most of us. Instead, we will use 'kin-dom' which captures the way Jesus radically redefines family and invites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



Eat This Bread

ELW 472

Stream of Mercy Never Failing

Bret Hesla



1 Stream of mer - cy ne - ver fai - ling, Here we stand and look to you.
 2 Emp - ty pro - mis - es di - vide us. Emp - ty goals stand in our way.
 3 Keep us mind - ful of our one - ness in your wa - ter's wide em - brace.
 4. Stream of Mer - cy, flow up - pon us come and green our wil - ted vines



Pour your pre - sence now up - on us. Come and chris - ten us a - new.
 We re - nounce the ma - ny "is - ms" That turn "we" to "we and they."
 Give us eyes to see our kin - ship ev - ry - where in ev - ry face.
 We are thir - sting for your jus - tice now your realm our on - ly wine.



You have named us all your peo - ple. You have birthed us as your own.
 We ack - now - ledge our in - volve - ment. We have all di - vi - ders been.
 May we learn the way of Je - sus, learn to chal - lenge and to serve.
 Give us cour - age to be faith - ful may we know we're not a - lone.



You've re - stored us, whol - ly fam - ily, in your Spi - rit flow - ing down.
 Make us hea - lers of di - vi - sion, As your fam - ily we de - fend.
 May we learn to live to - ge - ther, Lov - ing all with - out re - serve.
 Give us joy in our re - un - ion with our sib - lings fin - ally known.

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.

***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

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 & Esther Sianipar
Preaching:	Martha Schwehn Bardwell & Esther Sianipar
Reader:	Sunday School, Grades 3-4
Prayers:	Sunday School, Grades 5-6
Children's Message/Skit:	Sunday School, Grades 1-2
Special Music:	Sunday School Students
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, March 18

8:30AM-9:30AM DIN

10:15AM Bible Study (HC/Zoom)

5:30PM Community Meal (HC)

6:30PM-7PM Holden Evening Prayer

7PM-8PM Adult Choir

Saturday, March 21

12PM-4PM Robert Langford's Funeral

Sunday, March 22

9AM Adult Forum: Empire: Then and Now

Ralph Baumgartner and Kristie Hennig will co-lead this forum.

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. This year, we will receive new members later in the Spring. More details coming soon!

SERMON NOTES



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*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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