

Merry Christmas  
& Happy Holidays!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- November 30th, 2025 - December 21st, 2025  
~ Every Sunday @9:00am - Sunday Kids
- December 13th, 2025  
~ @9:30am - Decorate our Church for Christmas
- December 24th, 2025  
~ @6:30pm - Christmas Eve Worship  
~ @8:00pm - Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship
- December 25th, 2025  
~ @11:00am - Christmas Day Worship
- December 31st, 2025  
~ @8:00pm - Family Worship  
~ @11:00pm - Old Year's Night Worship

Let's welcome our newest Member for 2025



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# Our Saviour Lutheran Church

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## COVERAGE PASTOR'S UPDATE

By the grace of God, the spiritual family of OSLC is experiencing renewal once again. I see a great deal of enthusiasm and joy among the members. On Sunday, October 19, I had the privilege of presiding & preaching at both the 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. worship services. On that day, we introduced two new initiatives:

~~ Reintroducing the "Shaking of Hands" during the sharing of peace. This may seem like a simple act, but sharing peace helps to revitalize our community spirit by strengthening our bonds and rekindling the joy of fellowship. I witnessed much happiness among our members as we shared God's peace with one another. This small but meaningful gesture is a wonderful step in renewing our celebrative spirit.

~~ Launching the "Spiritual Caregivers Team" to reach out to our "shut-in" and "homebound" members. The team members will make phone calls or visits as needed and, at least once a month, they will bring Holy Communion to them. This team will not only provide much-needed spiritual care for our homebound members but also help support our future permanent pastor by lightening their workload and fostering spiritual leadership within the congregation.

I had the pleasure of conducting my 2nd baptism class at OSLC for Mark and Yolie Guthrie who baptized their daughter Emma on Sunday, November 9. Welcome to the newest member of OSLC!

*Rev. Israel D. P. Penumaka*

## COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

As your President, my role is to serve and not to be served. I am here to listen, encourage, guide, and serve you to be best of my ability. Your ideas, views, and opinions are valuable to me. Juggling a demanding full-time job, serving as Council President (another full-time job!!), and daily life is not an easy undertaking by any means. I am thankful for all the support, guidance and cooperation that you have provided to me since I took on this role. Let's continue to actively contribute and cooperate to uplift the glory of the Lord. I look forward to serving you, walking this path with you, and seeing Our Church thrive for the glory of God.

*Elaine Peters Guthrie*

## UPDATE ON OUR STATED SUPPLY PASTOR

Our Saviour Lutheran Church has been appointed a Stated Supply Pastor. Pastor Matthew Zemanick will serve 3 of 4 Sundays each month. His agreement with OSLC was extended through February 9, 2026.

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## CALL PROCESS UPDATES

We are eagerly awaiting word from the Bishop's Office with regards to a Called Permanent Pastor. I know they are diligently working on this, and I am confident that we will hear some good news soon!!

## THANK YOU BISHOP FOSTER

We would like to take this opportunity to extend our profound gratitude and appreciation to you for gracing our congregation with your presence on 11/09/2025. It was an immense honor and a true privilege for our entire church family to welcome you, especially considering your de-manding schedule and the significant period of transition your office is currently navigating. Your willingness to dedicate your valuable time to visit us speaks volumes about your unwavering commitment and compassion. Your sermon and insightful words were not merely powerful; they offered a beacon of light, providing clarity, comfort, and spiritual guidance that, I am sure, resonated deeply within the hearts of all who are present here today.

Your esteemed presence and inspirational leadership are extraordinary blessings to our congregation. We are all immensely encouraged and strengthened by your unwavering dedication to your ministry and the divine wisdom you so generously shared. We would be honored and delighted if you would consider visiting us again in the future, as your continued guidance and spiritual enrichment are truly cherished. Thank you, so very much and best wishes, to you and your team!!

## APPLY FOR CHURCH COUNCIL

We are looking for dedicated individuals to serve on the church council. If you're interested or would like more information, please contact Elaine Peters Guthrie (917-838-3337) or Neil Pierre (917-734-0701).

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