

OUR SAVIOUR LUTHERAN CHURCH

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First Sunday after Epiphany January 11, 2026 Welcome !

It is wonderful to worship with you today !

All are welcome regardless of church affiliation – or no church affiliation – faith tradition – or no faith tradition. And we mean all ! Brown, Black, White, Yellow, young, old, single, married, divorced, gay, straight, republican, democrat, crying babies and screaming toddlers – whatever you are – you will be welcome here. No matter your gifts, abilities or struggles.

All parts of today's worship service are printed in this service bulletin.

Restrooms can be found downstairs.

Feel free to take pictures, videos, post to social media, even during worship - it's OK ! We love sharing God's word and hope you will too !

Parents with small children are welcome to use the church entryway area (through the glass doors) for quiet time. There is a changing table in the Women's bathroom.

The Season of Epiphany

The light of the star leads people far and near to worship the newborn ruler of the world. The Epiphany story reminds God's people to hold the light of the world high so all people may be drawn to its revealing light. The star of Epiphany will lead us to the cross of Christ. But, even then, the light of the resurrection will draw us even further into God's brilliant future.

Gospel Acclamation
please stand if you are able

Alleluia. A voice from heaven said, "This is my son, the beloved with whom I am well pleased." Alleluia!

Gathering Prayer
please stand if you are able

Gathering Hymn

- 1. As with gladness men of old
Did the guiding star behold;
As with joy they hailed its light,
Leading onward beaming bright;
So most gracious Lord, may we
Evermore be led by thee.**
- 2. As with joyful steps they sped,
Savior, to thy lowly bed,
There to bend the knee before
Thee, whom heav'n and earth adore;
So may we with willing feet
Ever seek thy mercy seat.**
- 3. As they offered gifts most rare
At thy cradle, rude and bare,
So may we with holy joy,
Pure and free from sin's alloy,
All our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to thee, our heav'nly king.**
- 4. In the heav'nly country bright
Need they no created light;
Thou its light, its joy, its crown,
Thou its sun which goes not down;
There forever may we sing
Alleluia to our King.**

Brief Order For Confession and Forgiveness

please remain standing

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and
of the Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen**

Pastor: Trusting in the word of life given in baptism,
let us now draw near to God in humility and con-
fidence, confessing our sin.

If you are able, please kneel or you may sit

Pastor: God of grace and truth,

All: **We confess that we have not lived as the body
of Christ in the world. We have veiled our
hearts from your light. We have resisted your
call to follow. We have failed to proclaim your
mercy. Forgive us for the sake of Christ, heal
us with your abundant grace, and help us walk
as children of the light.**

please remain kneeling

Pastor: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ
came among us to proclaim release to the captives,
to let the oppressed go free. Today the promise
is fulfilled: God forgives you all your sins. May
the Holy Spirit strengthen you to follow Christ in
newness of life.

All: **Amen**

Greeting

please stand if you are able

Pastor: The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

All: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray . . . O God our Father, at the baptism
of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and
anointed him with the Holy Spirit. As we gather for
worship this day, make all who are baptized into Christ
faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons,
and empower us all with your Spirit, through Jesus
Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with
you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: **Amen**

Hymn of Praise

**1. Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
we are goin' to see the King!**

**2. No more cryin' there we are goin' to see the King,
No more cryin' there we are goin' to see the King,
No more cryin' there we are goin' to see the King,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
we are goin' to see the King!**

repeat verse 1

please be seated

The Ministry Of The Word

The First Reading taken from the Book of *Isaiah*, Chapter 42, verses 1-9
New Revised Standard Version

Lector: Let us hear the Word of God

God's servant is endowed with God's spirit in order to bring justice to the nations. The servant will not exercise authority boisterously or with violence, nor will weariness ever prevent the fulfilling of the servant's task. God's old promises have been fulfilled; the servant's new assignment is to bring light to the nations.

1 But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. 2 He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; 3 a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice.

4 He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. 5 Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: 6 I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, 7 to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness.

8 I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. 9 See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

Lector: This the Word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God**

Responsive Reading

Psalm: 29

Lector: Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

All: **Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name; worship the Lord in holy splendor.**

Lector: The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters.

All: **The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.**

Lector: The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

All: **He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.**

Lector: The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.

All: **The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

Lector: The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare; and in his temple all say, "Glory!"

All: **The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.**

Lector: May the Lord give strength to his people! May the Lord bless his people with peace!

All: **Amen**

Second Reading taken from the Book of Acts, Chapter 10, verses 34-43
New Revised Standard Version

Lector: Let us hear the Word of God

Peter crosses the sharp religious boundary separating Jews from Gentiles and proclaims the good news of God's inclusive forgiveness in Jesus' name to Cornelius, a Roman centurion. As a result of Peter's preaching, Cornelius and his family become the first Gentiles to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

34 Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, 35 but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. 36 You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. 37 That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: 38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

39 We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; 40 but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, 41 not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. 42 He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. 43 All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God**

Gospel Hymn Part 1
please stand if you are able

**Break now the bread of life, Dear Lord to me,
As once you broke the loaves beside the sea.
Beyond the Sacred page, I seek you Lord;
My spirit waits for you, O living Word.**

**Bless your own truth dear Lord, to me, to me,
As when you blest the bread by Galilee.
Then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall;
And I shall find my peace, my all in all!**

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew,
Chapter 3, verses 13-17
New Revised Standard Version

All: **Glory to you, O Lord**

Before Jesus begins his ministry, he is baptized by John, touched by the Spirit, and identified publicly as God's child.

13 Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. 14 John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" 15 But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented.

16 And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. 17 And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: **Praise to you, O Christ**

Gospel Hymn *Part 2*

**You are the Bread of Life, Dear Lord to me,
Your Holy Word the truth that rescues me.
Give me to eat and live with you above;
Teach me to love your truth, for you are love.**

**Oh, send your Spirit Lord, now unto me,
That he may touch my eyes and make me see.
Show me the truth concealed within your Word,
And in your book revealed I see my Lord.**

please be seated

Sermon

Sharon Glasgow

Hymn of the Day

please stand for the hymn

**1. When Jesus came to Jordan
to be baptized by John,
He did not come for pardon
but as the Sinless One.
He came to share repentance
with all who mourn their sins,
To speak the vital sentence
with which good news begins.**

**2. He came to share temptation,
our utmost woe and loss,
For us and our salvation
to die upon the cross.
So when the dove descended
on him, the Son of Man,
The hidden years had ended,
the age of grace began.**

**3. Come, Holy Spirit, aid us
to keep the vows we make;
This very day invade us,
and ev'ry bondage break.
Come, give our lives direction,
the gift we covet most:
To share the resurrection
that leads to Pentecost.**

The Prayers of the Church

*At the end of each petition of the prayer
the Pastor shall say: Lord in your mercy*

Please respond with: Receive our prayer

Pastor: Into your hands O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: **Amen**

at the conclusion of the prayers

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: **And also with you.**

*with a handshake or a wave, we greet one another
with a sign of God's peace. . .*

*please be seated for the collection of offering
following the sharing of the peace*

Offertory

*Sung by congregation
as the gifts are presented at the altar
Please stand if you are able*

**Accept, O Lord, the gifts we bring
To place upon your table.
We do not worship as we ought,
But only as we're able.**

**Our hopes our dreams, our toils and cares
We lift in prayer before you.
Lord, by your grace now come to us,
As humbly we adore you.**

AM: Let us pray . . . O Mighty One

All: **God of healing and hope, you bless those who
are hungry, promising to fulfill them with
good things. Fulfill that promise through us
and these your gifts. Nourish us with the abun-
dance of your feast and unite us into the bless-
ed body of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

AM: God of field and flower, wheat and grape, you have nourished us with the bread of heaven that gives life to the world. Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son, send us out to gather your good gifts for all hunger and thirst, and embolden us to love and serve in Christ's name.

All: **Amen**

please be seated

Congregational Announcements

please stand for the Benediction and Closing Hymn

Pastor: May The Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. May the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

All: **Amen**

Closing Hymn

**1. Songs of thankfulness and praise,
Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise;
Manifested by the star
To the sages from afar,
Branch of royal David's stem
In thy birth at Bethlehem:
Anthems be to thee addressed,
God in flesh made manifest.**

**2. Manifest at Jordan's stream,
Prophet, Priest, and King supreme;
And at Cana wedding guest
In thy Godhead manifest;
Manifest in pow'r divine,
Changing water into wine;
Anthems be to thee addressed,
God in flesh made manifest.**

**3. Manifest in making whole
Palsied limbs and fainting soul;
Manifest in valiant fight,
Quelling all the devil's might;
Manifest in gracious will,
Ever bringing good from ill:
Anthems be to thee addressed,
God in flesh made manifest.**

**4. Grant us grace to see thee, Lord,
Present in thy holy Word;
Grace to imitate thee now
And be pure, as pure art thou;
That we might become like thee
At thy great Epiphany,
And may praise thee, ever blest,
God in flesh made manifest.**

AM: The worship has ended, the service now begins.
Go in peace, serve the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**



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**First Sunday after Epiphany
January 11, 2026**

Today - January 11, 2026

**Sunday
Worship
Worship**

**9:00 AM
11:00 AM**

**Sunday - January 18, 2026
Second Sunday after Epiphany**

**Worship
Worship**

**9:00 AM
11:00 AM**

**Worship - Online Worship Package - every
Sunday at 12:00 Noon**

Every Sunday at Noon we will continue to post our on-line worship service - it is NOT a live version of our Sunday worship, but a different experience tailored to watching and interacting at home. Thousands watch every week - watch it - share it - like it - comment!

These 30 minute worship videos are found on the church Facebook page, the church's YouTube channel or by going to the church web site and clicking on the button on the bottom right of the home page that says "Watch Live"

These videos are archived and can be watched 24/7.

We will no longer be showing worship live from the church building on a Sunday morning.

Arrivals and Departures . . .

Free Parking ~ Every Sunday
Available on the south side of 90th Avenue from 175 Street to 178 Street. You MUST display a yellow parking permit. To get a permit ask an usher - they are FREE!

Hand sanitizers are available in the entryway and in the bathrooms.



Contact Us . . .

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For any questions or concerns regarding the worship assistants schedule, please reach out to Leah Singh at 917-306-0098



Call Committee Updates...

Update on the Call Process – 01/06/2026

The Call process for a new Pastor of Our Saviour Lutheran is proceeding smoothly. Following an initial interview with the candidate referred by the Bishop of the Metro New York Synod, the Call Committee has scheduled a second interview which will take place in late January, to be followed by a chance to observe the candidate preaching at a neutral venue. If everything proceeds in a positive direction the Committee will forward its recommendation to the Council for Council's decision. The final decision to appointment a new Pastor will be taken by the congregation, at a specially arranged service and meeting where a vote will be taken.

As we are still in the early stages of this process, we are unable to disclose other details because of the need to maintain strict confidentiality at this juncture. This is a time for prayer and discernment, to faithfully seek God's guidance in this crucial moment. We will provide further updates as the process continues.

*Neil Pierre,
Call Committee Chair*



The Season of Epiphany and the Time after...

The Season of Epiphany is a Christian liturgical period after Christmas (January 6 - Ash Wednesday) focusing on Jesus's manifestation or revelation as God's Son to the world, highlighting His divinity through events like the Magi's visit, His Baptism, and the Transfiguration, inviting believers to see Christ's light in their daily lives and share it. It's a time for spiritual awakening, moving from Christmas wonder to living out Christ's light in the "Ordinary Time" before Lent.

Epiphany is both a day and a season on the church calendar. The day is January 6; the season is the time between the close of the Christmas celebration and the beginning of Lent. The word "epiphany" has a variety of meanings intimately related to one another. Epiphany means the shining of a light, a shining forth, a manifestation, an appearance, or a revelation.

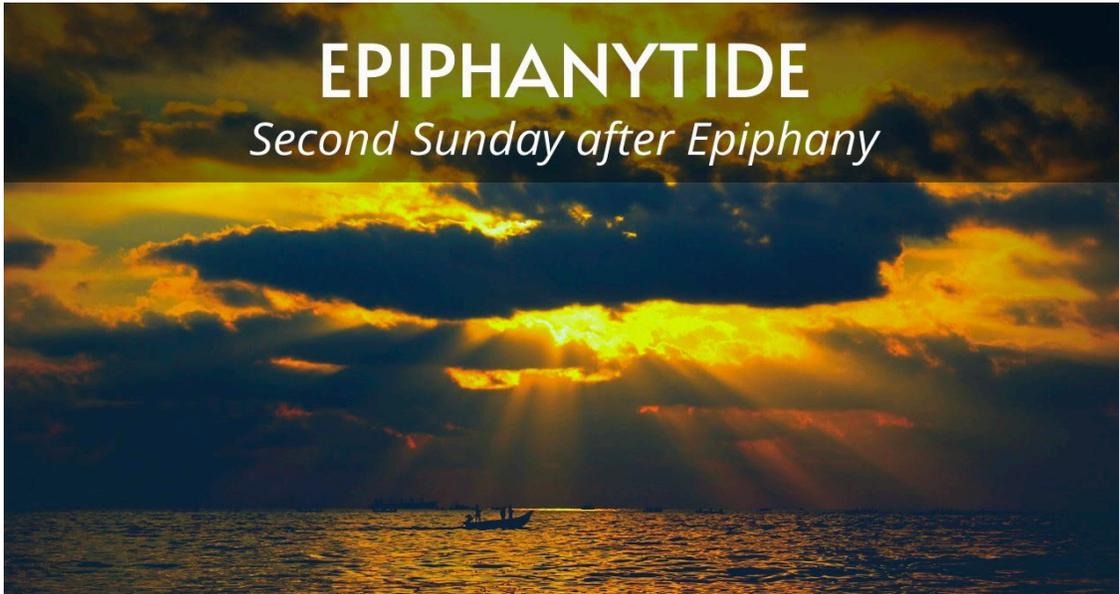
The Day of the Epiphany, with Easter and Pentecost, is one of the three oldest and most important festivals observed by Christians. This is true even though today the festival seems to be little understood and under-celebrated.

The Festival of the Epiphany apparently had its origin in the east at the beginning of the third century. By the end of the third century, January 6 had become the accepted date for the celebration of the festival. In those days, Epiphany Day commemorated the birth of Jesus, His Baptism, and His first miracle at Cana in Galilee. At the outset, it was a splendid, multifaceted commemoration.

The most splendid and radiant manifestation of Jesus' deity is shown to us on the last Sunday of the Epiphany Season. The event is The Transfiguration of Our Lord. Taking Peter, John, and James, Jesus went up on a mountain to pray. "And as He was praying, the appearance of His face was altered, and His clothing became dazzling white." Moses and Elijah of Old Testament days "appeared in glory and spoke to him of his departure which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem." Peter, James, and John were asleep for a while, but "when they became fully awake they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him." Then, "a cloud came and overshadowed them" and "a voice came out of the cloud saying, "This is my Son, my Chosen One; listen to him!"



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Second Sunday after Epiphany **January 18, 2026**

2026The incarnate Son of God is revealed as the Savior and “as a light for the nations” whose salvation reaches around the world. John the Baptist revealed Jesus as “the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,” recalling the Holy Spirit descending from heaven at Jesus’ baptism in the waters of the Jordan. In baptism, we are anointed by the same Spirit and adopted by God the Father. We are saved and sustained by the Light of the World and “not lacking in any gift” as we await His revealing.



***Welcome back our
very own,
Sharon Glasgow!!***

Sharon was seeking an improved quality of life after life changing events in Guyana, She was presented with a job opportunity in New York City Public School system.

Sharon was raised in the Anglican Church in Guyana where she served as a Sunday School Teacher and Lay Preacher. After migrating to the United States in 2003 to take up her teaching position where she still serves. She chose to worship with her aunts at Our Saviour Lutheran Church in Jamaica and subsequently became a member.

Sharon is deeply committed to the work of the Lord. And accepts the call to serve this church community. She is widowed and resides in Long Island with her adult son. She is grateful to Almighty God for his favor and blessings upon her life.



***Our Stated Supply Pastor,
Rev. Matthew Zemanick!!***

The Rev. Matthew G. Zemanick is currently on leave from call and in a period of discernment after his layoff from Lutheran Disaster Response. Before this reduction in force at the Church-wide organization, Pr. Matthew served as Program Director, Lutheran Disaster Response Initiatives.

Previously, Pastor Matthew served for nearly five years on Chicago's Southeast Side as a parish pastor, community organizer, and environmental justice chaplain.

He grew up in the Patapsco River Valley, holds degrees from the George Washington University and the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, and enjoys swimming (especially in the ocean), cooking, language, and adventure.



*Update from
Elaine Peters Guthrie
Church Council
President*

I would like to express my profound gratitude to each and every one of you for entrusting me with the privileged task of serving as the Council President of Our Church. We are, above all, a family: diverse and unique in our own ways. I appreciate and value this uniqueness and I am committed to fostering an atmosphere of inclusivity and mutual respect.

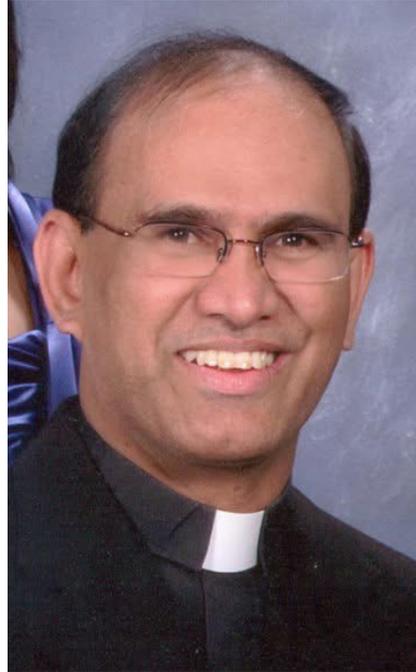
As your President, my role is to serve and not to be served. I am here to listen, encourage, guide, and serve you to be best of my ability. Your ideas, views, and opinions are valuable to me. Juggling a demanding full-time job, serving as your Council President (another full-time job I might add!!), 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.

I am certain that with our united resilience, faith, and the grace of God, we can surmount any and all challenges. I have faith that together we can make significant achievements as we move forward: we can organize outreach programs, host spiritual enrichment activities, and become more involved in the betterment of Our Church community.

Best regards always!



***Our Coverage Pastor
Daniel Peter***



Pastor Daniel Peter is a Rostered Pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), currently working at St. Paul's International Lutheran Church, Floral Park, NY, since October, 2000. Pastor Daniel's family, which includes his wife (Rev. Sarah Geddada), and his daughter (Rev. Hephzibah Penumaka) were invited by the Metropolitan New York Synod of the ELCA to develop the Indian Ministry in Lutheran Church in October, 2000.

By the grace of God, Pastor Daniel is actively involved in Synod and Church wide programs that helped to develop his leadership skills. He served in the Synod Council of the Metropolitan New York Synod and was on the Synod Executive Committee for two years. He was on the Board of Directors of Seafarers as well as the Board of Directors of Lutheran Higher Education in the Synod.

Pastor Daniel is also a member of the Asian and Pacific Islanders Ministry in the ELCA and serves on the Asian Church Planting Team of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Before migrating to the United States, Pastor Daniel worked in India as the Parish Pastor in Andhra Pradesh and became Program Secretary for the Student Christian Movement in India (SCMI). He then moved to Hong Kong with his family and worked as the General Secretary of the World Student Christian Federation. He later served as an Interim Pastor of Kowloon Union Church, Hong Kong. Pastor Daniel resided in Hong Kong for six and half years. In this capacity, he traveled extensively throughout India and abroad. Pastor Daniel studied Anthropology in both his Undergrad and Graduate Programs in Andhra University, India. He later completed his Bachelors and Master of Theology at United Theologica College, Bangalore.

Welcome !

If you are joining us for the first time today or if your personal information has changed, please use this tear-off card to help us keep in touch with you and let you know of all the great things happening at Our Saviour Lutheran Church.

My Name _____

Address _____

Apartment _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____

E-mail address _____

This is my:

- 1st time at worship
 2nd time at worship

I would like more information on:

- Becoming a Member
 Baptizing my child
 I would like a Pastor to call
 Other _____

I am asking the church to pray for the following person or reason

- I would like these prayers to be kept confidential
- I would like these prayers to be added to the church prayer list to be read next Sunday morning during worship
(Names will be included for one week)

Please tear off this card and either

- place it in the offering plate
- give it to an usher



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The Perfect church . . . for those who aren't !

This year marks our 102nd year of ministry in Queens. Organized in 1923, Our Saviour Lutheran Church includes people from 26 nations of origin, gathered together to celebrate in Word and Sacrament the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to root our hope in the power of the Good News.

As a people who have been touched by God's love in Jesus Christ, we respond by giving our lives in friendship and service.

We are: A Joyful people !
 A Diverse people !
 Gathered for worship !
 Scattered for ministry !

Welcome !

Worship Schedule

Worship every Sunday
9:00 AM ~ 11:00 AM

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