

# OUR SAVIOUR LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## 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.*

**Gathering Prayer**  
*please stand if you are able*

## **Third Sunday after Epiphany January 25, 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.

## Gathering Hymn

- 1. God of our life, all glorious Lord,  
Be now and evermore adored!  
Into the opening of this day  
Bring grace and love and peace, we pray.**
- 2. Make clear our path, that we may see  
Where we must walk to be with thee  
And ever listen for thy voice,  
That we may make thy way our choice.**
- 3. Give us thy help in ev'ry task,  
Nor let us fail of thee to ask  
For grace in speech, for love in deed,  
From wrongful actions to be freed.**
- 4. At eventide then will we raise  
A grateful heart in songs of praise,  
And worship thee and thy dear Son  
With God, the Spirit, ever one**

## 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 confidence, 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 . . . Lord God, your loving kindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

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 9, verses 1-4  
*New Revised Standard Version*

*The northern tribes of Zebulun and Naphtali experienced the gloom of defeat by Assyrian military forces, but they are assured that their condition will be reversed when God makes a light-filled appearance. The joy they will experience will resemble celebrations of great harvests, because God will deliver them from everything that diminishes or oppresses them.*

Lector: Let us hear the Word of God

1 But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

2 The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined. 3 You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. 4 For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Lector: This the Word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God**

## Responsive Reading

*Psalm 27:1, 4-9*

Lector: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

**All: One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.**

Lector: For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock.

**All: Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord.**

Lector: Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me!

**All: "Come," my heart says, "seek his face!" Your face, Lord, do I seek.**

Lector: Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help. Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of my salvation!

**All: Amen**

**Second Reading** taken from the Book of 1 Corinthians, Chapter 1, verses 10-18  
*New Revised Standard Version*

*Paul calls upon the Corinthians to end their dissensions and share the unified outlook of the gospel. Discord arises when we forget that we belong not to human leaders or institutions but to Christ. Indeed, the unifying word of the cross of Christ is the center of the gospel and the power of God's salvation.*

Lector: Let us hear the Word of God

10 Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. 11 For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. 12 What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ."

13 Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? 14 I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, 15 so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name.

16 (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) 17 For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. 18 For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

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!**

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia. In the Word was life, and the life was the light of all people. Alleluia!**

**The Holy Gospel** according to Matthew,  
Chapter 4, verses 12-23  
*New Revised Standard Version*

*Jesus begins his public ministry shortly after John the Baptist is imprisoned by Herod. He proclaims the nearness of God's reign and calls four fishermen to be his disciples.*

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

2 Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. 13 He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, 14 so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

15 “Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles— 16 the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.” 17 From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

18 As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. 19 And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” 20 Immediately they left their nets and followed him. 21 As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. 22 Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

23 Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

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

Rev. Matthew Zemanick

## Hymn of the Day

*please stand for the hymn*

**1. Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult  
Of our life's wild, restless sea,  
Day by day his clear voice sounding,  
Saying, "Christian, follow me."**

**2. As of old St. Andrew heard it  
By the Galilean lake,  
Turned from home and toil and kindred,  
Leaving all for his dear sake.**

**3. Jesus calls us from the worship  
Of the vain world's golden store,  
From each idol that would keep us,  
Saying, "Christian, love me more."**

**4. In our joys and in our sorrows,  
Days of toil and hours of ease,  
Still he calls, in cares and pleasures,  
"Christian, love me more than these."**

**5. Jesus calls us! In your mercy,  
Savior, make us hear your call,  
Give our hearts to your obedience,  
Serve and love you best of all.**

## 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 abundance of your  
feast and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus  
Christ our Savior. Amen**

## The Great Thanksgiving *spoken*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is indeed right and a good and joyful thing always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. We sing for joy because you have redeemed your people. Your people who have walked in darkness have seen a great light. And so, with your people on earth and with all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn . . .

## The Sanctus

*spoken by congregation*

All: **Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name  
Of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

## Eucharistic Prayer

Pastor: Holy God, Creator of all and source of life, in the beginning your word brought light into the whole world. In the fullness of time, you sent your Word, born of Mary, to shine in our darkness and to make us your daughters and sons.

All: **Amen, Come Lord Jesus.**

Pastor: In the night in which he was betrayed our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying: Take and eat; this is my body given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his birth and life among us, his death and resurrection, we await his coming again when all things will be restored in him.

By your Spirit bless us and this bread and cup, that, held and nourished by you, we may live as your children, shining with the light of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your Holy Church, both now and forever.

All: **Amen**

Pastor: And now with the confidence of children of God, we are bold to pray.

All: **Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen**

Pastor: Christ is the true bread that has come down from heaven. Emmanuel, God with us.

All: **Lord, give us this bread always.**

*please remain standing for the singing  
of the Agnus Dei*

**Agnus Dei** *sung*

All: **Lamb of God  
You Take away the sin of the world  
Have mercy - Have mercy - On us**

**O - Lamb of God  
You Take away the sin of the world  
Have mercy - Have mercy - On us**

**Lamb of God  
You Take away the sin of the world  
Have mercy - Have mercy - On us**

**O - Lamb of God  
You Take away the sin of the world  
Grant us - Grant us - Your peace**

*please be seated*

## The Holy Communion

Instructions for receiving  
Holy Communion

*All are welcome at the Lord's Table for communion;  
children and those of other faiths are invited  
to share the bread and a blessing.*

*Communion will be distributed in this fashion:  
Please come to the front of the church to receive  
the bread from the Pastor.*

*If you are seated on the **right** side of the church  
please go to the **right** side communion rail.*

*If you are seated on the **left**  
side go to the **left** side communion rail.*

*The Assistant Minister will follow with the cup.  
Please dip your wafer into the wine when prompted.*

## Communion Hymn

*to be sung by the congregation*

**1. Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,  
calling for you and for me;  
see, on the portals he's waiting and watching,  
watching for you and for me.**

**Come home, come home;  
you who are weary come home;  
earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,  
calling, O sinner, come home!**

**2. Why should we tarry when Jesus is plead-  
ing, pleading for you and for me?  
Why should we linger and heed not his  
mercies, mercies for you and for me?**

**3. Time is now fleeting, the moments are  
passing, passing from you and from me;  
shadows are gathering, deathbeds are coming,  
coming for you and for me.**

**4. O for the wonderful love he has promised,  
promised for you and for me!  
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and  
pardon, pardon for you and for me.**

*When all have returned to their seats,  
the congregation will please stand*

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

All: **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. Sweetly, Lord, have we heard Thee calling,  
"Come, follow Me!"  
And we see where Thy footprints falling  
Lead us to Thee.**

**Footprints of Jesus,  
that make the pathway glow!  
We will follow the steps of Jesus  
where'er they go.**

**2. Though they lead o'er the cold, dark moun-  
tains,  
Seeking His sheep,  
Or along by Siloam's fountains,  
Helping the weak.**

**3. If they lead thro' the temple holy,  
Preaching the Word,  
Or in homes of the poor and lowly,  
Serving the Lord.**

**4. Then at last, when on high He sees us,  
Our journey done,  
We will rest where the steps of Jesus  
End at His throne.**

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**



**Third Sunday after Epiphany  
January 25, 2026**

**Today - January 25, 2026**

**Sunday  
Worship  
Worship**

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

**Sunday - February 1, 2026  
Fourth 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 . . .**

How to Reach 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 – Preparing for a New Pastor

As we move forward with the Call process, your Call Committee has been working closely with the OSLC Council and the MNYS Bishop's office to ensure that each step proceeds smoothly and efficiently. We are prayerfully preparing for the second interview later this month, to be followed by a chance to observe the candidate preach at a neutral venue. You the members of this congregation will take the final decision to appointment a new Pastor, at a specially arranged service and meeting where a vote will be taken – date to be announced.

But we must prepare our hearts and minds to receive a new Pastor. We appreciate the strong support and leadership provided by Pastor Daniel and Pastor Matthew and we thank them.

Following are some steps we must take to begin our preparation:

- Communicate any concerns or spiritual support needs to the President or any member of the Church Council, or to the Church Office – Tel: 718-739-7452. We will ensure that these are addressed as quickly as possible.
- Contact the Church Office if support is needed for weddings, funerals or other family events. Do not engage privately with Pastors who have served us in the past. While we understand that strong bonds continue to exist for many of us, it is crucial that we begin to create the space needed for the new Pastor to function effectively and independently.
- It will take all of us to rebuild our congregation. Offer your time to serve in any of the crucial stewardship roles – ushers, acolytes, altar preparation or church maintenance. Please step up and volunteer.
- Finally, faithfully seek God's guidance in this crucial moment through continuous prayer and discernment.

*Neil Pierre,  
Call Committee Chair*



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS!!**

### **ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS**

The Annual Meetings of the Congregation will be held on Sunday, February 15, 2026, following each Sunday worship service – 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM.

We will vote to accept, or not accept:

1. The Annual Reports Package - which will be sent to you before the end of January
2. The Church Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 - also in the Annual Reports package
3. Nominations for Church Council

Questions regarding the budget, the Annual Reports, or nominations to Church Council must be received either by mail, or email, by February 8, 2026.

According to our Church Constitution there can be NO questions or nominations from the floor at the meetings.

### **COMING SOON.....TRAINING FOR USHERS & ASSISTING MINISTERS**

#### **Ushers:**

For current Ushers and anyone high school age and above. Be a part of the Welcome Team at YOUR CHURCH. The only requirements are attending training and arriving for worship 1/2 hour early on your scheduled day - and to be able to greet everyone with a smile! You do not need to be a member to serve!

#### **Assisting Ministers:**

For current Assisting Ministers and anyone high school age and above who are Confirmed. Assisting Ministers are perhaps the most visible of any worship assistant as they prepare the altar and help lead worship on Sundays.

If you have any questions, or need additional information, please feel free to reach out to your Council President, Elaine Peters Guthrie, or any of our Council Members: Beatrice Ramraj, Neil Pierre, Sarah Guthrie, Claris Hussain, Joshua Persaud, Mico Zachsowski, Geeta Leung, or Evelyn Mandal.



## **Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**

### **February 1, 2026**

The significance of the 4th Sunday after Epiphany lies in its focus on the Sermon on the Mount, which is a central part of Jesus' teachings. This sermon is often referred to as "the Beatitudes" and is the first part of Jesus' "Sermon on the Mount," which outlines the values and principles of living a life aligned with God's will. The sermon serves as a guide for believers on how to live their lives according to the teachings of Jesus, emphasizing the importance of following the Kingdom of Heaven over the Kingdom of this World. It also addresses the concept of authority, highlighting Jesus' authority and the need for Christians to follow His teachings and live out His principles in their daily lives. The sermon encourages reflection on how we have been touched by the presence of God through Jesus Christ and the importance of living a life that reflects His teachings and values.



## *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 splendorous, multifaceted commemoration.

The most splendorous 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!"



***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.

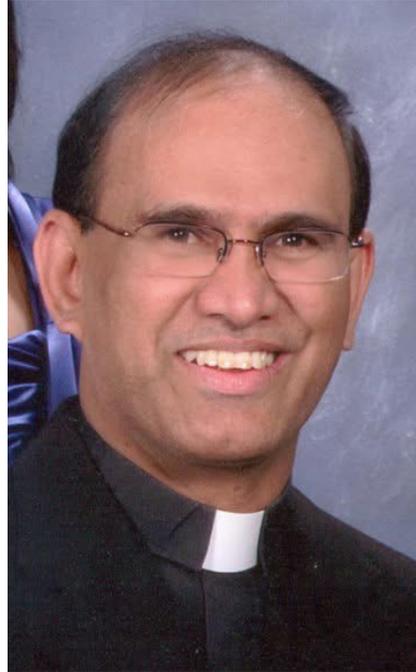
As your President, my role is to serve and not to be served. I am here to listen, encourage, guide, and serve you to be best of my ability. Your ideas, views, and opinions are valuable to me. Juggling a demanding full-time job, serving as your Council President (another full-time job I might add!!),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

Bend and tear off along this line



# Our Saviour Lutheran Church

90-04 175th Street  
Jamaica, NY 11432

## 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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