

# 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*

## **Fifth Sunday after Epiphany February 8, 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. Arise, your light has come!  
The Spirit's call obey;  
Show forth the glory of your God  
Which shines on you today.**

**2. Arise, your light has come!  
Fling wide the prison door;  
Proclaim the captive's liberty,  
Good tidings to the poor.**

**3. Arise, your light has come!  
All you in sorrow born,  
Bind up the broken-hearted ones  
And comfort those who mourn.**

**4. Arise, your light has come!  
The mountains burst in song!  
Rise up like eagles on the wing,  
God's pow'r will make us strong.**

## 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 . . . Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life 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 58, verses 1-7  
*New Revised Standard Version*

*With the mountains and the foundations of the earth as the jury, God brings a lawsuit against Israel. God has "wearied" Israel with a long history of saving acts. God does not want or expect lavish sacrifices to attempt to earn divine favor. Rather God empowers the people to do justice, to love loyalty to God, and to walk shrewdly in God's service.*

Lector: Let us hear the Word of God

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 the Lord? 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?

Lector: This the Word of the Lord

**2 All: Thanks be to God**

## Responsive Reading

*Psalm 112, verses 1-7*

Lector: Praise the Lord! Happy are those who fear the Lord, who greatly delight in his commandments.

**All: Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

Lector: Wealth and riches are in their houses, and their righteousness endures forever.

**All: They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright; they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.**

Lector: It is well with those who deal generously and lend, who conduct their affairs with justice.

**All: For the righteous will never be moved; they will be remembered forever.**

Lector: They are not afraid of evil tidings; their hearts are firm, secure in the Lord.

**All: Amen.**

Second Reading taken from the Book of 1 Corinthians, Chapter 2, verses 1-12  
*New Revised Standard Version*

*Though people such as the Corinthians are enamored with human philosophy and wisdom, Paul continuously presents God's hidden wisdom which is Jesus Christ crucified. True spiritual maturity involves judging ourselves and others in light of God's revelation in the cross.*

Lector: Let us hear the Word of God

1 When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. 2 For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. 3 And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. 4 My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, 5 so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

6 Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. 7 But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. 8 None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. 9 But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him"— 10 these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God.

11 For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. 12 Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by 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. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven. Alleluia.**

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, Chapter 5, verses 13-20  
*New Revised Standard Version*

*In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus encourages his followers to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, doing good works and keeping God's commandments.*

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

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 your Father 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 kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. 20 For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

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. The Church of Christ, in ev'ry age  
Beset by change, but Spirit led,  
Must claim and test its heritage  
And keep on rising from the dead.**

**2. Across the world, across the street,  
The victims of injustice cry  
For shelter and for bread to eat,  
And never live before they die.**

**3. Then let the servant Church arise,  
A caring Church that longs to be  
A partner in Christ's sacrifice,  
And clothed in Christ's humanity.**

**4. We have no mission but to serve  
In full obedience to our Lord;  
To care for all, without reserve,  
And spread his liberating Word.**

## 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 pleading,  
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**

## Post-Communion Canticle

All: **Thank the Lord and sing his praise;  
Tell everyone what he has done.  
Let everyone who seeks the Lord  
Rejoice and proudly bear his name  
He recalls his promises  
And leads his people forth in joy  
With shouts of thanksgiving,  
Alleluia. Alleluia.**

## 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. God, whose almighty word  
Chaos and darkness heard  
And took their flight:  
Hear us, we humbly pray,  
And where the Gospel day  
Sheds not its glorious ray,  
Let there be light!**

**2. Lord, who once came to bring,  
On your redeeming wing,  
Healing and sight,  
Health to the sick in mind,  
Sight to the inly blind:  
Oh, now to humankind  
Let there be light!**

**3. Spirit of truth and love,  
Lifegiving, holy dove,  
Speed forth your flight;  
Move on the water's face  
Bearing the lamp of grace,  
And in earth's darkest place  
Let there be light!**

**4. Holy and blessed three,  
Glorious Trinity,  
Wisdom, love, might!  
Boundless as ocean's tide,  
Rolling in fullest pride,  
Through the earth, far and wide,  
Let there be light!**

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**



**Fifth Sunday after Epiphany**  
**February 8, 2026**

**Today - February 8, 2026**

**Sunday**  
Worship  
Worship

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

**Sunday - February 15, 2026**  
**Last 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.



## *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 Christ-mas 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 under-stood 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!"



***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.

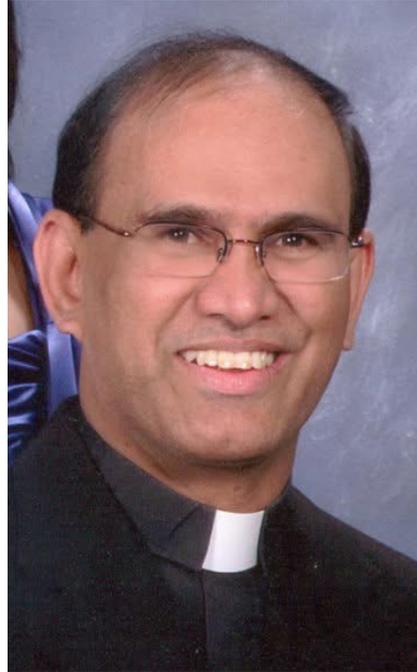
As your President, my role is to serve and not to be served. I am here to listen, encourage, guide, and serve you to be best of my ability. Your ideas, views, and opinions are valuable to me. Juggling a demanding full-time job, serving as your Council President (another full-time job I might add!!),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



## Transfiguration of Our Lord Last Sunday after Epiphany February 15, 2026

The season after the Epiphany ends in glory, with Jesus revealed once more as Christ. There are many epiphanies within the season: the visit of the magi, the presentation of Jesus in the temple (and Simeon's response), the Lord's baptism and his first miracle at Cana. On this Sunday, the last of the Epiphany season before Ash Wednesday takes us into Lent, we see Christ in all his glory, his transfiguration, atop the mountain. The Transfiguration marks an inbreaking of Christ's full glory in the physical world now, and we view this as a preview of the glory of Christ at his Second Coming. The argument for Jesus' return is rooted in the lived experience of Peter and the other apostles.

# 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



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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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