

OUR SAVIOUR LUTHERAN CHURCH

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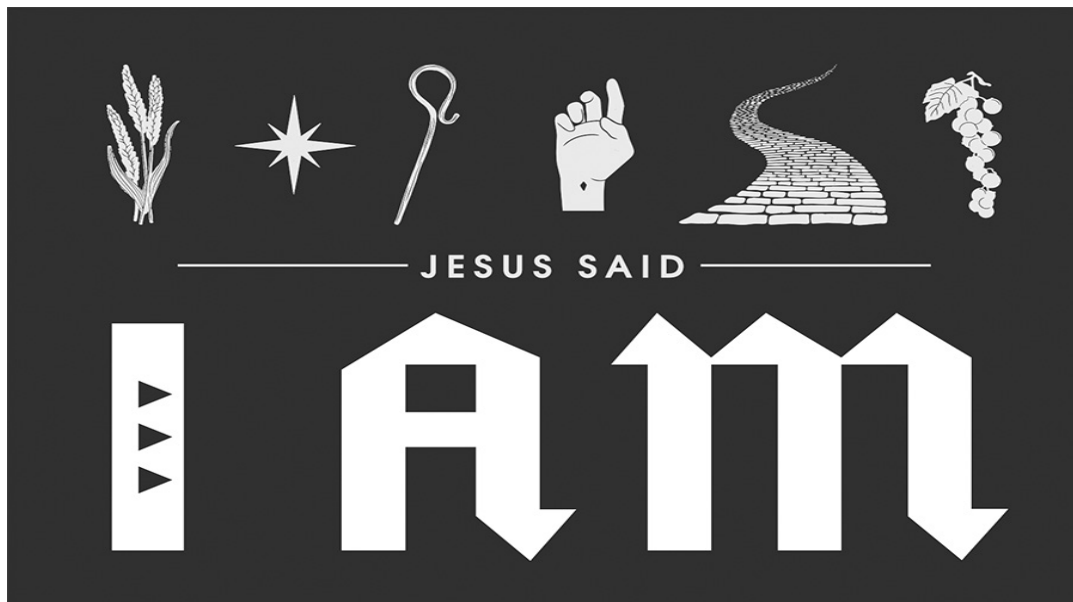
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Elaine Peters Guthrie, Church Council President

Rev. Matthew G. Zemanick, Stated Supply Pastor

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4th Wednesday in Lent March 18, 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 Lent

From the Latin root "to lengthen"- Lent is a time when the daylight is growing and the sun is reasserting itself. The forty days of Lent are a time of preparation for the resurrection joy of Easter. As we move toward the new life of the empty tomb, we are called to a life of prayer, fasting, and acts of kindness.

Gathering Prayer
please stand if you are able

The Psalm
*The congregation will please kneel
or you may sit*

**The Lord is my shepherd: I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
He leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul:
He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness
for His name's sake.
Yea, though I walk
through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil:
For Thou art with me,
Thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me
in the presence of mine enemies:
Thou anointest my head with oil,
My cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life:
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.
Amen**

Pastor: Let us pray . . . Eternal God be with us this night.
Help us to remember in this Lenten season this simple truth about the valley of the shadow of death - that in order for there to be a shadow, there must also be a light. That light is Jesus, the great light of the world and Lord, we do not walk alone through the valleys, but Jesus walks with us. His light is by our side. We are not alone. He will comfort us even on the darkest of days. In this is our hope - in this is our joy.

All: Amen

please be seated

Sequence Hymn *please remain seated*

**1. Abide with me, fast falls the eventide.
The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, oh, abide with me.**

**2. I need thy presence ev'ry passing hour;
What but thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r?
Who like thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, oh, abide with me.**

The Holy Gospel according to John,
Chapter 10, Verses 1-10
New Revised Standard Version

Jesus uses an image familiar to the people of his day to make a point about spiritual leadership. Good shepherds bring people to life through Jesus, but those who avoid Jesus are dangerous to the flock.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

1 Very truly I tell you Pharisees, anyone who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. 2 The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. 3 The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. 4 When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. 5 But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger's voice." 6 Jesus used this figure of speech, but the Pharisees did not understand what he was telling them.

7 Therefore Jesus said again, "Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. 8 All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. 9 I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. 10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ

Sequence Hymn *please remain seated*

**3. I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if thou abide with me!**

**4. Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes,
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;
Heav'n's morning breaks,
And earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.**

Sermon

Rev. Matthew Zemanick

Hymn of the Day

please stand for the Hymn

**1. Lord, speak to us, that we may speak
In living echoes of your tone;
As you have sought, so let us seek
Your straying children, lost and lone.**

**2. Oh, lead us, Lord, that we may lead
The wand'ring and the wav'ring feet;
Oh, feed us, Lord, that we may feed
Your hung'ring ones with manna sweet.**

**3. Oh, teach us, Lord, that we may teach
The precious truths which you impart;
And wing our words, that they may reach
The hidden depths of many a heart.**

**4. Oh, fill us with your fullness, Lord,
Until our very hearts o'erflow
In kindling thought and glowing word,
Your love to tell, your praise to show.**

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, and of all that is, seen
and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of
God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from
God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made. For us and
for our salvation he came down from heaven; by
the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate
from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For
our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he
suffered death and was buried. On the third day
he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right
hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to
judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will
have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of
life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and
glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We
believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness
of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

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 Prayers of the Church

*We will sing the following hymn and
refrain once - then the music will drop
for the prayers - you may hum along if
you like.*

*At the end of each petition, please
respond with: **Receive our Prayer***

sung once

**Blest are they, the poor in spirit;
Theirs is the kingdom of God.
Blest are they who hunger and thirst;
They shall have their fill.**

**Rejoice and be glad!
Blessed are you, holy are you.
Rejoice and be glad!
Yours is the kingdom of God!**

*at the end of the prayers, we will sing the hymn
and refrain again*

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**

Pastor: Lord, we ask that you would remember us in your kingdom as you have taught us 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**

please be seated

Congregational Announcements

Benediction

*please stand for the
Benediction and closing Hymn*

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Pastor: The blessing of the almighty and merciful God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you always, guiding your life according to the divine purpose.

All: **Amen**

Closing Hymn

**1. God, who made the earth and heaven,
Darkness and light:
You the day for work have given,
For rest the night.
May your angel guards defend us,
Slumber sweet your mercy send us,
Holy dreams and hopes attend us
All through the night.**

**2. Guard us waking, guard us sleeping,
And, when we die,
May we in your mighty keeping
All peaceful lie.
When the last dread call shall wake us,
Then, O Lord, do not forsake us,
But to reign in glory take us
With you on high.**

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**



**4th Wednesday in Lent
March 18, 2026**

Wednesday

Lent Mid-Week Worship - In Church

7:00 PM

**Sunday - March 22 - Lent 5
Worship**

10:00 AM

Arrivals and Departures . . .

Free Parking ~ Every Sunday for Worship 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



ANNOUNCEMENTS!!

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.

STATED SUPPLY PASTOR

Pr. Matthew Zemanick's Stated Supply agreement with OSLC was renewed. He will be with us at least until May 10, 2026. Thank you Mr. Matthew. We appreciate you!

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEEETING RESULTS

Number of Confirmed Members needed for Quorum: 39
Number of Ballots Returned: 47
Number of Ballots Voting YES on all questions: 42
Number of Invalid Ballots: 5
Number of Blank Ballots: 2

CURRENT CHURCH COUNCIL

Elaine Peters Guthrie (President)
Neil Pierre
Mico Zackchewski
Diann Pattyram
Nirvana Ramkissoon
Evelyn Mandal (Treasurer)
Beatrice Ramraj (Recording Secretary)



Update on the Call Process

SUNDAY IS THE BIG DAY!!

As previously announced, the Call Committee endorsed the Bishop's recommendation of a pastoral candidate for consideration by the Church Council and congregation. Council recently held a special meeting to decide on the recommendation of the Call Committee and voted to forward the recommended candidate to the congregation for final approval.

A two-thirds majority of members voting in favor of this recommendation will be required for approval.

In accordance with the Constitution of Our Saviour and the Guidelines of the Metro New York Synod, a special worship service of Our Saviour will be held at which the recommended candidate will preach and conduct worship. This will be a **single service** to which all members of the congregation are encouraged to participate.

This is an important moment for all of us. We have persevered in our faith journey without a permanent pastor for over two years. Throughout this period, we have continuously prayed for God's guidance in identifying a new pastor who will take us forward. We must continue to seek His guidance and be fully engaged in the final decision.

In consultation with the office of the Bishop, a special worship service will be held at Our Saviour on **Sunday, March 22, 2026 at 10 am**. This service will be immediately followed by a Special Congregational meeting to vote on the recommendation.

NOTE: There will be no 9 am and 11 am services that day.



Lent Mid-Week Sermon Series - Wednesdays @ 7:00 PM



Restoration: Finding Redemption in Our Mess

Often, we make a mess of our lives and wonder if there is any redemption. Through this sermon series we will learn to see our mess through the eyes of Christ to find redemption and restoration. Only when we reflect and meditate through our own brokenness can we focus on the cross as the place where we truly surrender control, leave our mess, and experience restoration.

Week One: February 25

Week Two: March 4

Week Three: March 11

Week Four: March 18

Week Five: March 25

Week 6: April 1

Holy Week Schedule

March 29 - April 5

Palm Sunday (Sunday of the Passion): March 29 - worship at 9 AM & 11 AM

Maundy Thursday: April 2 - worship at 8:00 PM

Good Friday: April 3 - worship at 12 PM, 1 PM, 6:30 PM & 8 PM

Easter Sunday (Resurrection of Our Lord): April 5 - worship at 9 AM & 11 AM



***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*

Greetings Church Family,

I wanted to send a quick note your way as we navigate these changing times together. I know that change can sometimes feel like a whirlwind – the possibility of having a permanent Called Pastor after more than 2 years of waiting – is maybe a little nerve-wracking, and definitely a new adventure! It's completely natural to feel a mix of things when the path ahead isn't perfectly clear.

But you know what? I truly believe this is also an incredible opportunity for us to step out in faith, trusting that God's hand is guiding us through every single twist and turn. Even when we're not entirely sure what's next, He always knows.

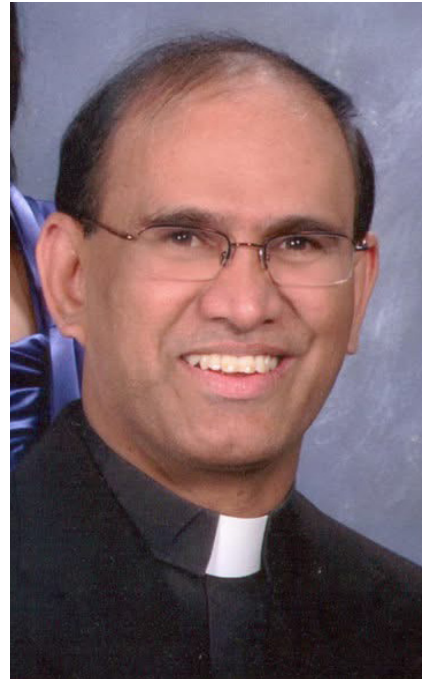
As part of our leadership team on the Church Council, I want to reassure you that we are spending a lot of time genuinely seeking God's wisdom in every decision we make. We're really committed to keeping the lines of communication open, listening to your thoughts and ideas, and just walking alongside each other as one big family in Christ.

This isn't just about getting through a transition; it's about seeing what amazing new things God is cooking up for us! He loves to surprise us, and I'm so excited to see how He continues to unfold His story right here among us.

So, let's make sure we're leaning on each other, offering encouragement, and keeping our focus firmly on Jesus – our rock who never changes, no matter what else is going on. Let's move forward with hearts full of hope, ready to lend a hand wherever it's needed, and just eager to witness all the incredible things God has planned.



***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. Hepzibah 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 box
- 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

For more information
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