

OUR SAVIOUR LUTHERAN CHURCH

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LENT

First Sunday in Lent February 22, 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.

First Sunday In Lent

4,160. That's how many Sundays most people get in a lifetime. And, so often, we waste them. Why? Because we're busy or unintentional or more concerned with what the culture says than what God says. But Sundays, especially Sundays during Lent, are too good to be wasted. Take just a few moments in prayer each Sunday of Lent, and you'll be one step closer to who God is calling you to be!

Gathering Prayer

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, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall raise us again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One Good, now and forever.

All: **Amen**

Gathering Hymn

**1. We have come into His house
Gathered in His name to worship Him
We have come into His house
Gathered in His name to worship Him
We have come into His house
Gathered in His name
To worship Christ the Lord
Worship Him Christ the Lord.**

**2. Let's forget about ourselves
Concentrate on Him and worship him
Let's forget about ourselves
Concentrate on Him and worship him
Let's forget about ourselves
Concentrate on Him
And worship Christ the Lord.
Worship Him Christ the Lord.**

**3. He is all my righteousness
I stand complete in Him and worship Him
He is all my righteousness
I stand complete in Him and worship Him
He is all my righteousness
I stand complete in Him
And worship Christ the Lord
Worship Him Christ the Lord.**

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.**

Opening Hymn

please stand if you are able

**1. A mighty fortress is our God,
A sword and shield victorious;
He breaks the cruel oppressor's rod
And wins salvation glorious.
The old satanic foe,
Has sworn to work us woe!
With craft and dreadful might
He arms himself to fight.
On earth he has no equal.**

**2. Though hordes of devils fill the land
All threat'ning to devour us,
We tremble not, unmoved we stand;
They cannot overpower us.
Let this world's tyrant rage;
In battle we'll engage!
His might is doomed to fail;
God's judgement must prevail!
One little word subdues him.**

**3. God's Word forever shall abide,
No thanks to foes, who fear it;
For God himself fights by our side
With weapons of the Spirit.
Were they to take our house,
Goods, honor, child, or spouse,
Though life be wrenched away,
They cannot win the day.
The Kingdom's ours forever!**

The Ministry Of The Word
The First Reading taken from the
Book of Genesis, Chapter 2, verses 15-17, 3: 1-7
New Revised Standard Version

Human beings were formed with great care, to be in relationship with the creator, creation, and one another. The serpent's promise to the first couple that their eyes would be opened led, ironically, to the discovery only that they were naked.

Lector: Let us hear the Word of God

15 The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. 16 And the Lord God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; 17 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

1 Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?'" 2 The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; 3 but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" 4 But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; 5 for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." 6 So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. 7 Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked;

Lector: This the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Responsive Reading
Psalms 32

Lector: Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

All: Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

Lector: While I kept silence, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long.

All: For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

Lector: Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

All: Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you; at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them.

Lector: You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.

All: I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you.

Lector: Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding, whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle, else it will not stay near you.

All: Many are the torments of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.

Lector: Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

All: Amen

Second Reading taken from the Book
of Romans, Chapter 5, verses 12-19
New Revised Standard Version

Through Adam's disobedience, humanity came under bondage to sin and death, from which we cannot free ourselves. In Christ's obedient death, God graciously showers on us the free gift of liberation and life.

Lector: Let us hear the Word of God

12 Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned— 13 sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. 14 Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come. 15 But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. 16 And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justifi-

fiction. 17 If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. 18 Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. 19 For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God**

Gospel Hymn *Part 1*
please stand if you are able

**Word of God, come down on earth,
Living rain from heaven descending;
Touch our hearts and bring to birth
Faith and hope and love unending.
Word almighty, we revere you;
Word made flesh, we long to hear you.**

**Word eternal, throned on high,
Word that brought to life creation,
Word that came from heaven to die,
Crucified for our salvation,
Saving Word, the world restoring,
Speak to us, your love outpouring.**

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew,
Chapter 4, verses 1-11
New Revised Standard Version

*Jesus experiences anew the temptations that
Israel faced in the wilderness. As the Son of
God, he endures the testing of the evil one.*

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

1 Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. 2 He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. 3 The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." 4 But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" 5 Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, 6 saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" 7 Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put

the Lord your God to the test.'" 8 Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; 9 and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." 10 Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" 11 Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord

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

Gospel Hymn *Part 2*

**Word that caused blind eyes to see,
Speak and heal our mortal blindness;
Deaf we are: our healer be;
Loose our tongues to tell your kindness.
Be our Word in pity spoken;
Heal the world, by our sin broken.**

**Word that speaks God's tender love,
One with God beyond all telling,
Word that sends us from above
God the Spirit, with us dwelling,
Word of truth, to all truth lead us;
Word of life, with one Bread feed us.**

please be seated

Sermon Rev. Matthew Zemanick

Hymn of the Day

please stand for the hymn

- 1. Jesus, still lead on, Till our rest be won;
And, although the way be cheerless,
We will follow, calm and fearless;
Guide us by your hand - To our Father's land.**
- 2. If the way be drear, If the foe be near,
Let no faithless fears o'ertake us,
Let not faith and hope forsake us;
Safely past the foe - To our home we go.**
- 3. When we seek relief - From a long-felt grief,
When temptations come alluring
Make us patient and enduring;
Show us that bright shore
Where we weep no more.**
- 4. Jesus, still lead on, Till our rest be won;
Heav'nly leader, still direct us,
Still support, console, protect us,
Till we safely stand - In our Father's land.**

please be seated for the collection of offering

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
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.**

Apostles' Creed

the congregation will please remain standing

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of
heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He
was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under
Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell. On the third day he rose
again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at
the right hand of the Father. He will come again
to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life ever-
lasting. Amen.**

The Prayers of the Church

please remain standing

*We will sing two verses of the following hymn-
then the music will drop for the prayers - you
may hum along if you like.*

*When the music rises, we will again sing the
hymn twice.*

**Lord, listen to your children praying
Lord, send your Spirit in this place.
Lord, listen to your children praying,
Send us love, send us power, send us grace**

at the end of the prayers

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always

All: And also with you.

*With a smile and a wave, (no handshakes please)
we greet one another
with a sign of God's peace. . .*

*please remain standing
following the sharing of the peace*

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 right and a good and joyful thing always
and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father
Al-mighty, Creator of heaven and earth. You are
the one who was, and is, and is yet to come.
And so with your people on earth and all the
company of heaven, we praise your name and
join their unend-ing 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.

5 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: The bread which we break

All: **Is a sharing in the body of Christ.**

Pastor: The cup over which we give thanks

All: **Is a sharing in the blood of Christ.**

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. My Jesus, I love Thee, I know thou art mine,
For Thee all the follies of sin I resign;
My gracious Redeemer, my Saviour art thou;
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.**
- 2. I love Thee, because Thou hast first loved me,
And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree;
I love Thee for wearing the thorns on thy brow:
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.**
- 3. I'll love Thee in life, I will love Thee in death,
And praise Thee as long as Thou lendest me
breath;
And say when the death dew lies cold on my brow,
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.**
- 4. In mansions of glory and endless delight,
I'll ever adore Thee in heaven so bright;
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow,
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.**

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

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

All: Amen

AM: Let us pray.. God our creator,

All: **At this table you have satisfied us with the
good things of your grace. Fix our hearts
on your mercy and truth, that our lives may
re-lect your love for all creation; through
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Post-Communion Canticle

All: For the bread which you have broken,
For the wine which you have poured,
For the words which you have spoken,
Now we give you thanks, O Lord.

In your service, Lord, defend us;
In our hearts keep watch and ward,
In the world to which you send us
Let your kingdom come, O Lord.

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. Alleluia, song of gladness,
Voice of joy that cannot die;
Alleluia is the anthem
Ever dear to choirs on high;
In the house of God abiding
Thus they sing eternally.**
- 2. Alleluia! Lead our praises,
True Jerusalem and free;
Alleluia, joyful mother,
Bring us to your jubilee;
But by Babylon's sad waters
Mourning exiles now are we.**
- 3. Alleluia cannot always
Be our song while here below;
Alleluia our transgressions
Make us for a while forgo;
For the solemn time is coming
When our tears for sin shall flow.**
- 4. In our hymns we pray with longing:
Grant us, blessed Trinity,
At the last to keep glad Easter
With the faithful saints on high;
There to you forever singing
Alleluia joyfully.**

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**



**1st Sunday in Lent
February 22, 2026**

**Today
Lent 1
Worship
Worship**

**12:00 PM
7:00 PM**

**Wednesday - February 25, 2026
Mid-week Worship in Church**

7:00 PM

**Sunday - March 1
Lent 2
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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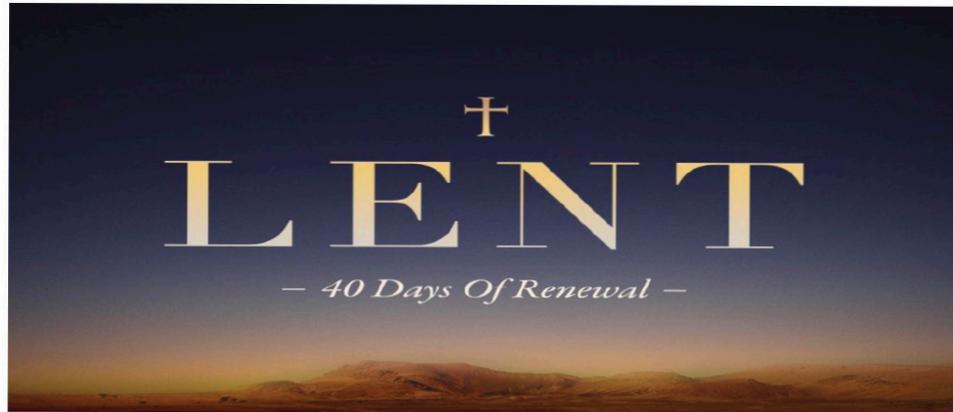
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For any questions or concerns regarding the worship assistants schedule, please reach out to Leah Singh at 917-306-0098



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.

Mid-Week Lenten Series - Wednesdays @ 7:00 PM

Week One: February 25

Week Two: March 4

Week Three: March 11

Week Four: March 18

Week Five: March 25

Week Six: April 1

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday (Sunday of the Passion): March 29, 2026

Holy Week: March 29 – April 5, 2026

Maundy Thursday: April 2, 2026

Good Friday: April 4, 2026

Holy Saturday: April 4, 2026

Easter Sunday (Resurrection of Our Lord): April 5, 2026



Believing - Belonging - Becoming

❖ Faith Matters ❖

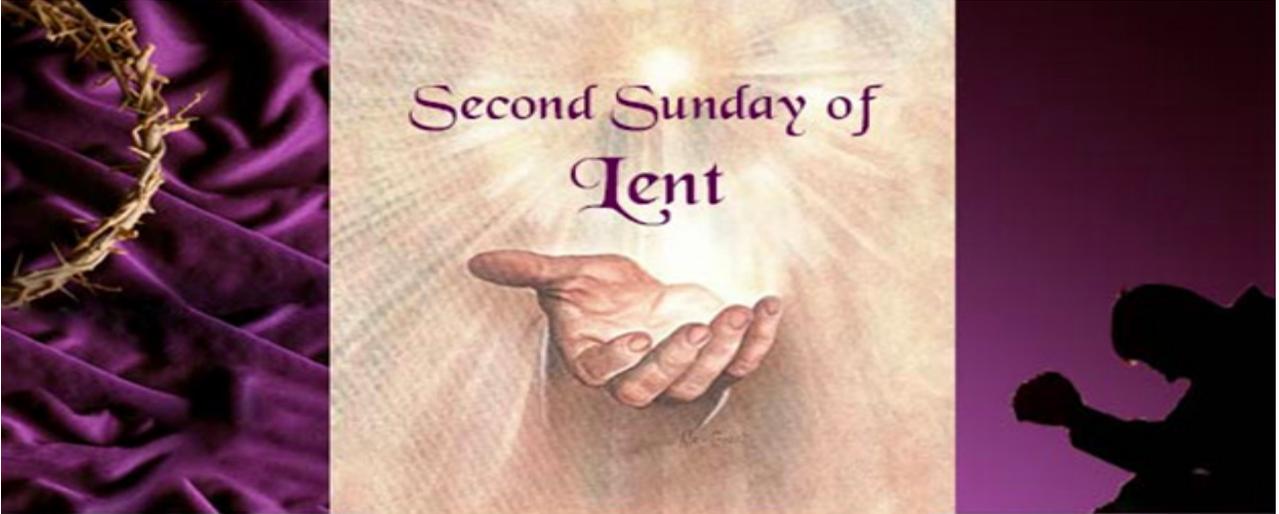
Annual Meeting Results

Number of Confirmed Members needed for Quorum:	39
Number of Ballots Returned:	48
Number of Ballots voting YES on all questions:	42
Number of Invalid Ballots:	5
Number of Blank Ballots:	1

Current Church Council

Elaine Peters Guthrie (President)
Neil Pierre
Mico Zackchewski
Diann Pattyram
Michelle Bissessar
Nirvana Ramkissoon

Evelyn Mandal (Treasurer)
Beatrice Ramraj (Recording Secretary)



Second Sunday in Lent

March 1, 2026

Lenten Practices:

This Sunday encourages reflection on prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, which help deepen one's relationship with God. These practices mirror the faith and commitment shown by Abram and the disciples, fostering spiritual growth and preparation for Easter.

- **Prayer:** Listening to God and seeking guidance, as the disciples did on the mountain.
- **Fasting:** Letting go of worldly comforts to focus on spiritual priorities.
- **Almsgiving:** Acting in charity and service, reflecting God's love to others. The Second Sunday of Lent serves as a reminder that faith requires courage, trust, and perseverance, and that God's guidance and grace are always present, even in uncertain or challenging times.



***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.

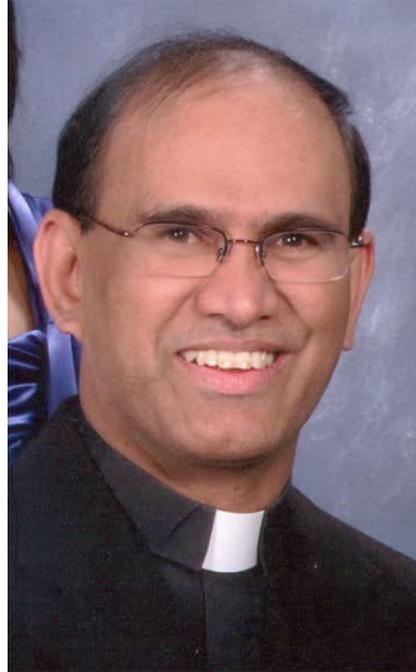
As your President, my role is to serve and not to be served. I am here to listen, encourage, guide, and serve you to be best of my ability. Your ideas, views, and opinions are valuable to me. Juggling a demanding full-time job, serving as your Council President (another full-time job I might add!!),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



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.

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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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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