

OUR SAVIOUR LUTHERAN CHURCH

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LENT

Fourth Sunday in Lent March 15, 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

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.**

Pastor: Let us pray . . . Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ, and come among us. By your gracious life and death for us, bring light into the darkness of our hearts, and anoint us with your Spirit, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: **Amen**

Hymn of Praise

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

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

repeat verse 1

please be seated

The Ministry Of The Word

The First Reading taken from the Book of Samuel, Chapter 16, verses 1-13
New Revised Standard Version

Samuel anointed David even though he was the eighth-oldest son of Jesse and did not match his brothers in height or other physical characteristics. With the anointing came endowment with the spirit of the LORD, designating David as the LORD's chosen successor to Saul.

Lector: Let us hear the Word of God

1 The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." 2 Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.'" 3 Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." 4 Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" 5 He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

6 When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." 7 But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." 8 Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." 9 Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." 10 Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has

not chosen any of these.” 11 Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.” 12 He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, “Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.” 13 Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.”

Lector: This the Word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God**

Responsive Reading

Psalm 23

Lector: The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

**All: He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
he leadeth me beside the still waters.**

Lector: He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

**All: 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.**

Lector: Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

**All: Surely, goodness and mery shall follow me
all the days of my life: and I will dwell in
the house of the LORD for ever.**

Second Reading taken from the Book
of Ephesians, Chapter 5, verses 8-14
New Revised Standard Version

*Because we now live in the divine light that is
Jesus Christ, we conduct our lives in ways that
reflect the light of Christ, so that our activity is
truly pleasing to God.*

Lector: Let us hear the Word of God

8 For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light— 9 for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. 10 Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. 11 Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. 12 For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; 13 but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, 14 for

everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, “Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

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

**Jesus says, I am the light of the world;
whoever follows me will have the light of
life.**

The Holy Gospel according to John,
Chapter 9, verses 1-41

New Revised Standard Version

*Jesus heals a man born blind, provoking a
hostile reaction that he regards as spiritual
blindness to the things of God.*

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

1 As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. 2 His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” 3 Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. 4 We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. 5 As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” 6 When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, 7 saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. 8 The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” 9 Some were saying, “It is he.” Others were saying, “No, but it is someone like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.” 10 But they kept asking him, “Then how

were your eyes opened?" 11 He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." 12 They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

13 They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. 14 Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. 15 Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." 16 Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. 17 So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet."

18 The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight 19 and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" 20 His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; 21 but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." 22 His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. 23 Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

24 So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." 25 He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." 26 They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" 27 He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" 28 Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. 29 We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." 30 The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. 31 We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. 32 Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. 33 If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." 34 They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out.

35 Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" 36 He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." 37 Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking

with you is he." 38 He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. 39 Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." 40 Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" 41 Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains.

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. Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost,
But now am found;
Was blind, but now I see.**
- 2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!**
- 3. Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come;
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.**
- 4. The Lord has promised good to me;
His Word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.**

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. Beautiful Savior, King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love Thee, truly I'd serve thee,
Light of my soul, my Joy, my Crown.**

**2. Fair are the meadows, Fair are the wood-
lands,
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer;
He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.**

**3. Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight,
Bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels in the sky.**

**4. Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration,
Now and forevermore be Thine!**

*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: 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.**

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

Benediction

Pastor: May God restore in you the joy of salvation, strengthen your love for your neighbor, and grant you peace. May the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you forever.

All: **Amen**

Closing Hymn

**1. Pass me not, O gentle Savior,
Hear my humble cry;
While on others Thou art calling,
Do not pass me by.**

**Savior, Savior, Hear my humble cry;
While on others Thou art calling,
Do not pass me by.**

**2. Let me at a throne of mercy
Find a sweet relief;
Kneeling there in deep contrition,
Help my unbelief.**

**3. Trusting only in Thy merit,
Would I seek Thy face;
Heal my wounded, broken spirit,
Save me by thy grace.**

**4. Thou the Spring of all my comfort,
More than life to me,
Whom have I on earth beside Thee?
Whom in Heav'n but Thee?**

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

All: **Thanks be to God**



Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 15, 2026

Today - March 15, 2026
4th Sunday in Lent
Worship
Worship

9:00 AM
11:00 AM

Wednesday - March 18, 2026
3 Wednesday in Lent
Worship

7:00 PM

Sunday - March 22, 2026
5th Sunday in Lent
Worship

10:00 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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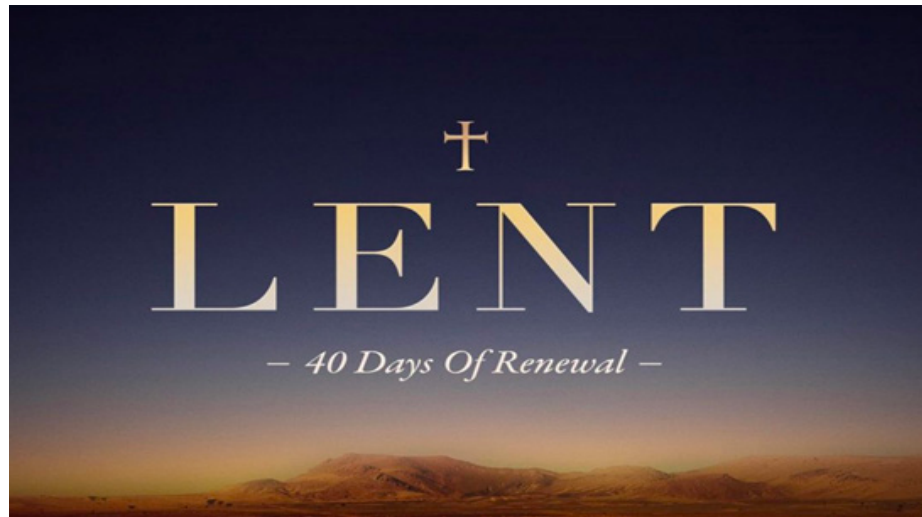
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Lent Mid-Week Sermon Series - Wednesdays @ 7:00 PM



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

Holy Week Schedule

Holy Week 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



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 MEETING 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

NEXT SUNDAY!! NEXT SUNDAY!!

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.

Atwo-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



***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.

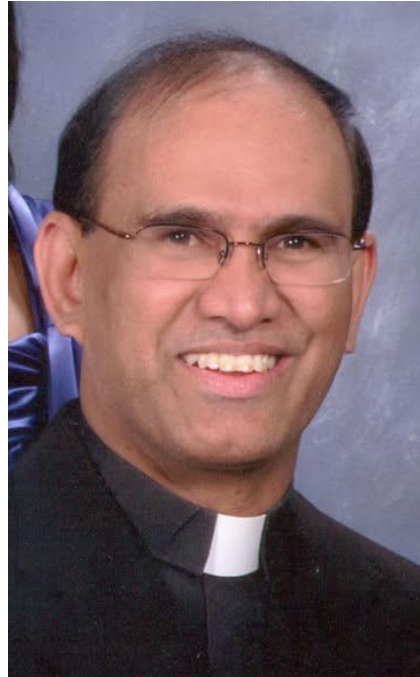
As part of our leadership team on the Church Council, I want to reassure you that we are spending a lot of time genuinely seeking God's wisdom in every decision we make. We're really committed to keeping the lines of communication open, listening to your thoughts and ideas, and just walking alongside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



The Fifth Sunday of Lent



Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 22, 2026

The Fifth Sunday in Lent focuses on Jesus as the resurrection and the life, highlighting faith, hope, and preparation for Easter. It is the final Sunday before Palm Sunday and Holy Week, marking a pivotal moment in the Lenten Season, which is a 40-day period of reflection, repentance, and spiritual preparation for Easter. Unlike other Sundays, which focuses on themes like temptation, living water, or light, the fifth Sunday emphasizes Jesus' power over death through the gospel story of Lazarus being raised from the dead.

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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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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