

# OUR SAVIOUR LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## Second Sunday of Easter April 12, 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 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 . . . O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. As we gather today open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: **Amen**

## Gathering Hymn

- 1. Christ the Lord is ris'n today; Alleluia!  
Christians, hasten on your way; Alleluia!  
Offer praise with love replete, Alleluia!  
At the paschal victim's feet. Alleluia!**
- 2. For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Alleluia!  
Sinless in the sinner's stead. Alleluia!  
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia!  
Now he lives, no more to die. Alleluia!**
- 3. Hail, the victim undefiled, Alleluia!  
God and sinners reconciled, Alleluia!  
When contending death and life, Alleluia!  
Met in strange and awesome strife. Alleluia!**
- 4. Christians, on this holy day, Alleluia!  
All your grateful homage pay; Alleluia!  
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia!  
Now he lives, no more to die. Alleluia!**

## 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: Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessings, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

All: **Amen**

## Hymn of Praise

**1. Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing  
my great Redeemer's praise,  
the glories of my God and king,  
the triumphs of his grace!**

**2. My gracious Master and my God,  
assist me to proclaim,  
to spread through all the earth abroad  
the honors of your name.**

**3. The name of Jesus charms our fears  
and bids our sorrows cease,  
sings music in the sinner's ears,  
brings life and health and peace.**

**4. He speaks, and list'ning to his voice,  
new life the dead receive;  
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice,  
the humble poor believe.**

**5. To God all glory, praise, and love  
be now and ever giv'n  
by saints below and saints above,  
the church in earth and heav'n.**

*please be seated*

## The Ministry of the Word

*The First Reading taken from the Book of Acts,  
Chapter 2, Verses 14a, 22-32  
New Standard Revised Version*

*After the Holy Spirit comes to the apostles on Pentecost, Peter preaches the gospel to the gathered crowd. He tells them that Jesus, who obediently went to his death according to God's plan, was raised from the dead by God. Finally, he appeals to scripture, quoting Psalm 16:8-11, to show that Jesus is the Messiah: though crucified, the risen Jesus is now enthroned.*

Lector: Let us hear the Word of God

14a But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, 36 Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified."

22 "Fellow Israelites,[a] listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth,[b] a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— 23 this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. 24 But God raised him up, having released him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. 25 For David says concerning him,

‘I saw the Lord always before me,  
for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;  
26 therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;  
moreover, my flesh will live in hope.  
27 For you will not abandon my soul to Hades  
or let your Holy One experience corruption.  
28 You have made known to me the ways of life;  
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

29 “Fellow Israelites,[c] I may say to you confidently  
of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried,  
and his tomb is with us to this day. 30 Since he was a  
prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him  
that he would put one of his descendants on his throne.  
31 Foreseeing this, David[d] spoke of the resurrection of  
the Messiah,[e] saying, ‘He was not abandoned to Hades,  
nor did his flesh experience corruption.’

32 “This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are  
witnesses.

Lector: This the Word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God**

## Responsive Reading

*Psalms 16*

Lector: Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

**All: I say to the Lord, “You are my Lord;  
I have no good apart from you.”**

Lector: As for the holy ones in the land, they are the  
noble ones in whom is all my delight.

**All: Those who choose another god multiply their  
sorrows; their drink offerings of blood I will  
not pour out or take their names upon my lips.**

Lector: The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup;  
you hold my lot.

**All: The boundary lines have fallen for me in  
pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage**

Lector: I bless the Lord, who gives me counsel;  
in the night also my heart instructs me.

**All: I keep the Lord always before me; because  
he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.**

Lector: Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul  
rejoices; my body also rests secure.

**All: For you do not give me up to Sheol or let your  
faithful one see the Pit.**

Lector: You show me the path of life.

In your presence there is fullness of joy; in  
your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

All: **Amen**

## Second Lesson

*The First Reading taken from the Book of Peter,  
Chapter 1, Verses 3-9*

*New Standard Revised Version*

*This epistle was written to encourage Chris-  
tians experiencing hardships and suffering  
because of their faith in Christ. The letter opens  
by blessing God for the living hope we have  
through Christ's resurrection even amid difficult  
circumstances and surroundings.*

Lector: Let us hear the Word of God

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus  
Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth  
into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus  
Christ from the dead 4 and into an inheritance that is  
imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven  
for you, 5 who are being protected by the power of  
God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed  
in the last time. 6 In this you rejoice,[a] even if now  
for a little while you have had to suffer various trials,  
7 so that the genuineness of your faith—being more  
precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by  
fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and  
honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. 8 Although you  
have not seen[b] him, you love him, and even though  
you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice  
with an indescribable and glorious joy, 9 for you are  
receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of  
your souls.

Lector: This the Word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God**

## Gospel Hymn *Part 1*

*please stand if you are able*

**Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-jah  
Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-jah  
Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-jah  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah**

**Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-jah  
Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-jah  
Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-jah  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah**

## Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia. Blessed are those who have not yet seen and yet have come to believe.**

**The Holy Gospel** according to John,  
Chapter 20, verses 19-31  
*New Revised Standard Version*

*The risen Jesus appears to his disciples, offering them a benediction, a commission, and the gift of the Holy Spirit. But one of their number is missing, and his unbelief prompts another visit from the Lord.*

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

19 When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." 20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. 21 Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." 22 When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

24 But Thomas (who was called the Twin[a]), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. 25 So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

26 A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." 27 Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." 28 Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" 29 Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. 31 But these are written so that you may continue[b] to believe that Jesus is the Messiah,[c] the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Pastor: This is the gospel of the Lord.

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

## Gospel Hymn *Part 2*

**Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-jah  
Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-jah  
Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-jah  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah**

**Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-jah  
Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-jah  
Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-jah  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah**

*please be seated*

Sermon

Rev. Matthew Zemanick

## Hymn of the Day

*please stand for the hymn*

**1. O Thou who this mysterious bread  
Didst in Emmaus break,  
Return, herewith our souls to feed,  
And to thy followers speak.**

**2. Unseal the volume of thy grace,  
Apply the gospel word;  
Open our eyes to see thy face,  
Our hearts to know the Lord.**

**3. Of thee communing still, we mourn  
Till thou the veil remove;  
Talk with us, and our hearts shall burn  
With flames of fervent love.**

**4. Enkindle now the heavenly zeal,  
And make thy mercy known,  
And give our pardoned souls to feel  
That God and love are one.**

## 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,  
Al-mighty 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

**1. Precious Lord, take my hand,  
Lead me on, let me stand,  
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;  
Through the storm, through the night,  
Lead me on to the light:**

**2. When my way grows drear,  
Precious Lord, linger near,  
When my life is almost gone,  
Hear my cry, hear my call,  
Hold my hand lest I fall:**

**3. O dear Lord, take my hand  
Lead me on, let me stand  
I am tired, I'm weak, I am worn  
Through the storm, through the night  
Lead me on to the light  
Take my hand, precious Lord  
Lead me home**

*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. On our way rejoicing  
Gladly let us go.  
Christ our Lord has conquered;  
Vanquished is the foe.  
Christ without, our safety;  
Christ within, our joy;  
Who, if we be faithful,  
Can our hope destroy?**

**On our way rejoicing;  
As we forward move,  
Hearken to our praises,  
O blest God of love!**

**2. Unto God the Father  
Joyful songs we sing;  
Unto God the Savior  
Thankful hearts we bring;  
Unto God the Spirit  
Bow we and adore,  
On our way rejoicing  
Now and evermore.**

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

All: **Thanks be to God**



**Second Sunday of Easter**  
**April 12, 2026**

**Today - April 12, 2026**  
**Second Sunday**  
Worship  
Worship

9:00 AM  
11:00 AM

**Sunday - April 19, 2026**  
**Third Sunday**  
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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Dear Our Saviour Lutheran Family,

As today draws to a close, it marks a bittersweet moment for our congregation, as we bid farewell to our dedicated Stated Supply Pastor, Matthew Zemanick. While we are saddened to see him go, we are profoundly grateful for the spiritual guidance, leadership, and warm fellowship he has provided us over these past many months.

Pastor Matthew stepped into his role with remarkable grace and unwavering commitment. Through his thoughtful sermons, he has truly nourished our souls and strengthened our faith. His steady presence and inspiring faith have been a source of comfort and stability to us all during his time with us, leaving a lasting positive impact on Our Saviour Lutheran.

We extend our deepest appreciation for his tireless efforts, his generous spirit, and the dedication he has shown to each of us. We have been immensely blessed by his ministry among us.

As Pastor Matthew embarks on new endeavors, we send him off with our sincerest best wishes and heartfelt prayers. May God continue to guide him, bless his path abundantly, and keep him always in His loving grace.

He will be truly and deeply missed by each member of our congregation. We encourage everyone to take a moment to offer your personal thanks and farewells to Pastor Matthew.

With heartfelt gratitude and God's blessings,



## **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.

### **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  
Nirvana Ramkissoon (Secretary)  
Diann Pattyram  
Evelyn Mandal (Treasurer)



## **We Have a Permanent Pastor!**

*Welcome and  
Congratulations Pastor Danielle  
McCleary!*

*Her official start date is  
April 15, 2026, and she will be  
conducting worship from Sunday,  
April 19, 2026!*

Pastor Danielle McCleary is a Virginia native passionate about history, advocacy, and how they intersect in our society. She graduated from Roanoke College with a Bachelor of Arts in History and Christian Studies. Following her undergraduate studies, she attended United Lutheran Seminary in Philadelphia, earning her Master of Divinity in 2020.

Ordained to the ministry of Word and Sacrament in the fall of 2021, she has served in the New Jersey Synod of the ELCA ever since. During her time in the New Jersey Synod, she has served as a parish pastor, a member of the Go And... evangelism planning team, and a synod council member.

At the beginning of 2025, she began serving as the Outreach Manager for 1946: The Mistranslation that Shifted Culture.

Danielle and her wife, Kim, married in 2020 and have two cats, Lito and Reily. When not working, you can find Pastor Danielle enjoying time with her family and friends, running, or enjoying a good laugh.



***Our Stated Supply Pastor,  
Rev. Matthew Zemanick!!***

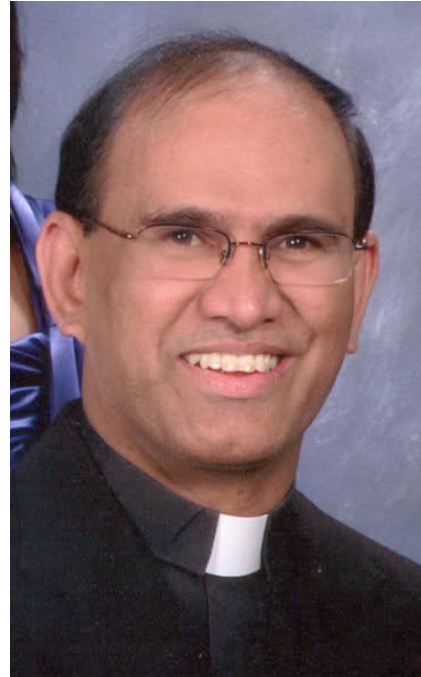
The Rev. Matthew G. Zemanick is currently on leave from call and in a period of discernment after his layoff from Lutheran Disaster Response. Before this reduction in force at the Church-wide organization, Pr. Matthew served as Program Director, Lutheran Disaster Response Initiatives.

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.



***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 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.



## Third Sunday of Easter

### **Third Sunday of Easter** **April 19, 2026**

As we continue our profound journey through the Easter season, our attention now turns to the Third Sunday of Easter, a truly significant occasion situated two weeks after the glorious celebration of Christ's resurrection. This particular Sunday, affectionately known by some as Good Shepherd Sunday or Misericordia Sunday, invites us into a deeper contemplation of the risen Lord's enduring presence and His unfailing guidance for all who place their trust in Him. This sacred day is uniquely dedicated to reflecting upon the powerful and comforting post-resurrection appearances of Jesus to His disciples. These encounters were not merely fleeting glimpses but transformative experiences, solidifying their faith and confirming the miraculous triumph over death.

# 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.

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

Apartment \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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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

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- 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)

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# Our Saviour Lutheran Church

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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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