



Vision

All will know and experience God's love.

Mission

To be a welcoming community, rooted in scripture, growing in faith and proclaiming Jesus is the way.

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Welcome Guests

Sunday, January 14, 2024
2nd Sunday After Epiphany

- **Restrooms** are located downstairs from the Church Lobby.
- **Handicap access** to the lower level is inside Door #1 or you can exit the front left door of the sanctuary, go through the 1st double doors and left at the next double doors.
- A **Hearing Assist** system is available in the back of church at the Welcome Center.
- **Children's Bulletins** are available for ages 3-6 and 7-12.
- **The Nursery** is available for parents and children. Exit the front left door of the sanctuary (no matter how noisy your children are ... it's OK ... really.) and follow the signs.

Sunday Schedule

- ✦ **8:15am**—Classic Traditions
- ✦ **9:15am**—Fellowship Time
- ✦ **9:30am**—Christian Education
- ✦ **10:45am**—New Song

Live Stream and Cable Options

- ✦ **Church Center app** or <https://oursaviorexcelior.churchcenter.com/channels>
- ✦ **Visit www.oslcs.org** and click on Video Ministry or the Facebook image at the top
- ✦ **10:45am Broadcast on Mediacom Channel 21** on Saturdays & Sundays at 7:00pm

Digital Check-in

We invite everyone to digitally check-in each week, especially if you are watching at home.

CHECK-IN

- ☒ In-person
- ☒ Live streaming
- ☒ Watching later

Pull out your smart phone and check in the entire household (first/last name and email required for each adult).

- ☒ **OSLCS.org**
- ☒ Check in on the **Church Center app**
- ☒ Scan the **QR Code** →



No smart phone or e-mail? Please sign the **registration pad** in the pews.

Christian Education

Preschool through High School—Sunday, 9:30-10:30am: **Pre-K #202 ~ 1st-2nd #201 ~ 3rd-4th #204 ~ 5th #B24 ~ 6th & Parents #207 ~ 7th-8th #B01 ~ 9th-12th Youth Room #B09**

Matthew—Adult Bible Study, Sunday, 9:45-10:30am, Room B06 with Pastor Fred

The Messiah: Revealing Jesus in the Old Testament—Monday, 3:30pm, Conference Room

Heroes of the Faith—Zoom Study, Wednesday, 10:00am with Pastor Fred

Online Bible Study—Facebook or on YouTube, Thursday, 9:00-9:30pm with Pastor Adam

Luke—Men's Study, Friday, 6:15am, Perkins in Chaska with Pastor Holz (stay for breakfast)

30 Virtues that Built a Man—Monthly Saturday Men's Breakfast Bible Study ... watch the calendar

Today's Worship Services

8:15am Classic Traditions Holy Communion



"Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens"
LSB 589

Invocation

Opening Sentences

Confession & Absolution

Kyrie

This is the Feast

Salutation & Prayer of the Day

Children's Message & Digital Check-in

Reading of God's Word

Isaiah 40:1-11

2 Peter 3:8-14

Mark 1:1-8

Apostles' Creed

"The Only Son from Heaven"

LSB 402 (Vs. 1, 3)

Message

Offerings—**"Lord Make Us Worthy"**

Natalie W. Sleeth, Arr. Ellie Leimer

Prayers

Preparation for the Sacrament

Lord's Prayer

"Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling"

LSB 827

"Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"

LSB 901

Post Communion

Benediction

"Abide, O Dearest Jesus"

LSB 919 (Vs. 1, 6)

Announcements

10:45am New Song Holy Communion



Invocation

"Run To The Father"

Opening Sentences

Confession & Absolution

"Word Of God Speak"

Children's Message & Digital Check-in

Reading of God's Word

1 Kings 19:9-18

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

John 17:11-18

The Apostles' Creed

Message

Offerings

Prayers

Lord's Prayer

The Lord's Supper

"Be Still My Soul"

Benediction

"Whom Shall I Fear

(God of Angel Armies)"

Announcements

Are You Getting the Weekly E-News?

If you are not getting the Our Savior eNews in your e-mail box on Fridays, please sign up now! Log onto www.oslcs.org and sign up toward the bottom of the page or scan the QR code to get started.



Sunday, January 14

Holy Communion

In the Bible, the Apostle Paul wrote: *Let a person examine himself and so eat of the bread, and drink of the cup* (1 Cor. 11:28). Before attending the Lord's Supper, ask yourself the following questions

- Do I believe that I am sinner, and am sorry for my sins? (Prov. 28:13; Rom. 3:23; 1 John 1:8-9)
- Do I believe that Jesus Christ by his death, offers me forgiveness for all my sins? (Rom. 5:8; Col. 2:13; Heb. 9:28; 1 John 1:7)
- Do I believe that I receive the body and blood of Christ in and with the bread and wine (not merely symbolically present)? (Mat. 26:26-28; 1 Cor. 10:16; 1 Cor. 11:24-25)
- Do I desire to turn from my sinful ways and live a God pleasing life by the power of the Holy Spirit? (Is. 1:16; John 8:11; Rom. 6:12)

If you are unable to answer yes to these questions, please talk to the pastor or an elder before communing, as participating without a proper understanding of Holy Communion can be spiritually harmful (1 Cor. 11:27-29).

If you can answer yes to these questions, then come with a repentant heart and join us in the reception of the Lord's Supper. Adults and children not yet instructed about Holy Communion are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.

Prayer Vigil

You are invited to a monthly Prayer Vigil on the third Saturday of each month. Join us on **Saturday, January 20 from 9:00-10:00am** in the Sanctuary. You are welcome to come and go anytime throughout the Prayer Vigil. Prayer Guides will be available.

Financial News

2023 Giving Statements

The 2023 giving statements were sent out last week through email or mailed to those without email addresses. If you did not get it, you can contact Sandy in the Church office and she can resend the statement to you.

Budget Update

Weekly offering received: Dec 31

- Total received: \$36,727.88

Fiscal offering year to date: Dec 31, 2023

- Total offering received: \$1,020,974.91
- Total offering budgeted: \$1,115,030.00
- % above or below budget: -8.4%

January 15-20

We NEED your help to pack meals!

- ♥ Your help is needed at the Harvest Pack Servant event! **We need you and 69 friends!**
- ♥ Please register in Church Center if you are planning to attend (so the staff can sleep at night). Walk ins are also welcome if your plans change.
- ♥ Please arrive at 1:45pm (Doors #2 or 3) to check-in so we can begin the instructions in the Sanctuary at 2:00pm.
- ♥ Thank you for helping to feed out neighbors!



Servant Event
Sign up TODAY!
Lend a Hand

Help pack 20,000 nutritious meals for our local food shelves through Harvest Pack

Open to families, youth and adults.
Set-up, measure ingredients, weigh, seal, pack boxes, stack them for distribution, clean-up.

We NEED 70 volunteers!

Saturday, Jan 20 | 1:45 check-in
2:00-4:00pm

Registration encouraged ... Walk ins welcome!

Our Savior Lutheran Church & School
Enter Door #2 or 3 for check-in & orientation



Everyone is invited to a Christian Life Gathering Saturday, January 20, 2024

9:00 - 11:00am

\$5 Registration fee, First Timers Free

Joel Landskroener presenting:
"Why Lutheran Schools are Essential"
Colossians 2:8



Joel is the Executive Director at Mayer Lutheran High School (MLHS)

Gifts from the Heart

♥ \$10 coffee or fast food gift cards for MLHS Staff ♥

Victory Lutheran Church
16200 Berger Drive, Eden Prairie, Minnesota
952-934-0956

Hosted by the Lake Minnetonka LWML Zone



Upcoming Events

Our Savior LUTHERAN
Excelsior, MN

SAT JAN 27, 4:30-7:30PM

FREE popcorn! Snacks and drinks available for purchase

YOU ARE INVITED

GAME & MOVIE NIGHT

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY AND ALL AGES

4:30pm Games for all ages Led by the the OSLCS Youth
Cribbage, Ticket to Ride, Settlers of Catan, Chutes and Ladders, Uno ... in the Fellowship Hall

4:30pm "Paw Patrol, the Movie" playing in the Gym. Mats will be out to sit/lay on or bring a blanket and comfy chair!

6:00pm Pizza (or bring your own supper if you prefer)

6:45pm "The Price is Right" for everyone of all ages

FREE WILL OFFERING TO SUPPORT YOUTH GOING TO THE 2025 NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING

Scan the QR code for more details, tickets or to bid at the silent auction

2024 Our Savior Gala

Back to the 50's

Saturday, Feb 10, 5:30pm
in the Our Savior Community Center

Unable to attend? You can bid on silent auction items from anywhere!

Come for an evening of food, friends and fundraising with an online Silent Auction, Dinner, Games and a Live Auction.

Childcare is available with advanced registration

Tickets starting at \$35

Proceeds will go toward

- Upgrades for each Our Savior School classroom and future classroom expansion
- The Church organ from 1951 needs to be replaced or updated with new technology
- God's Guys actively supports the young adults with mailings and care packages
- Upcoming youth mission trips and the 2025 National Youth Gathering

Our Savior LUTHERAN
Excelsior, MN

Spring Scrapbooking Retreat

Saturday, April 27 9:00am - 9:00pm

\$65 per table
\$10 discount before March 1, 2024

Includes help hauling your projects in, work space, meals and snacks

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Proceeds benefit Our Savior Youth Mission Trips and the upcoming National Youth Gathering

Our Savior Gala

Tickets are now available for purchase. Scan the QR code or go to www.OSLCS.org and click on the image and see all the details, including ticket sales, activities for the evening and child care. **Get your early bird discounted tickets by January 15!**

We are also seeking donations for the silent and live auctions (individual items or themed baskets). If you wish to donate, please contact Laura.Kimber@oslcs.org

Get your discounted tickets through Monday!



This and That

Hearing Assist

A reminder that we have a Hearing Assist system available in the Church Lobby. Please sign out the device each week. You would be welcome to leave the device in the Church pew after worship and an usher can put it away.

Household Updates

If your personal information has changed (address, phone numbers, email ...) you can update it in Church Center. If you choose to share your information, you will then have access the directory on the **Church Center app** or go to <https://oursaviorexcelsior.churchcenter.com/>

If you would like to be included in this online directory, contact Sandy at sandy.blumenschein@OSLCS.org.

If you are not as tech savvy, please share any updated information with Sandy in the church office at 952-474-5181 x242. She can update the information for you. Thanks!

Altar Flowers

Sign up to provide **altar flowers** for a special event (birthday or anniversary) or in memory of someone. Sign up on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board, near the restrooms.

Fellowship

Fellowship hosts are needed. Sign up to host a week in the Fellowship Hall near the drinking fountain. You would be responsible for providing and picking up treats, coffee and clean up. If there is no host, coffee will be the only thing that is served.

Offering Envelopes

If you received offering envelopes in December, you probably noticed that you received only January and February envelopes. By sending envelopes six times a year (bi-monthly) instead of four times (quarterly), we are able to save a significant amount of cost in postage. So, watch for your next envelopes to arrive in February, April, June, August, October and December. Contact sandy.blumenschein@oslcs.org or 952-474-5181 x242 with questions.

Work Order Form

If you see something that needs fixing, replacing or replenishing, scan the code and fill in the form with as much detail as possible.



Work Order Form

Are You a Missionary?

You can be! Our Savior Lutheran Church has a fund to help support members going on mission trips. The money is available to any individual/family going on a mission trip either in the US or internationally. It can be with a group from our church or through/with another Christian organization.

Request forms are available on the Mission Board in the Fellowship. Fill it out and return to the church office or a Mission Committee member. The Mission Committee will distribute funds based on need and other requests received.

Recovery Support Group

Are you in recovery, or have a family member or loved one who has an addiction to alcohol or drugs? A Hazelden Alumni Support Group meets **every Saturday from 9-10:00am** at Our Savior in the Conference Room. Enter on the west side, Door #12.

Anyone is welcome to come join the group and share in our experience, strength and hope. This group is on-going with no start or stop date. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Sandy Krause.

Attendance

Sun, Jan 7: 101+94=195 Livestream: 51+ / 19+

Prayers

- Guide and direct the leaders of Our Savior; Give the leaders of this state and nation the wisdom and integrity to lead us;
- Grant Your peace and reconciliation to overcome all hatred, conflict, and war;
- Gracious God, please grant us wisdom as we wait on Your timing to provide a Director for Our Savior School and an Organist for the church; Thank you for everyone filling these roles while we wait;
- Lord be with Jerry Rosamond and the team of 100 others going to Alexandria, Louisiana to equip the church to share the Gospel and make disciples; We pray for many souls to come to faith in Jesus and the 12 churches involved;
- Lord, provide willing volunteers for the Harvest Pack event on Saturday, January 20 for the hungry in our community;
- Provide healing to those who are sick and strength to those facing long term illnesses including: Lu Beise, Ken Kuhnly, Darwin & Vangie Krueger, Don Hoekstra, Sarah Pietz, Carol Pumper, Lorraine Johnson, Rosie Breheim;
- We pray for those celebrating birthdays this week.



A large group of our young adults got together to hang out and catch up on January 2.

WE'RE HIRING

Our Savior Lutheran Church in Excelsior is seeking an organist / choir accompanist
Contact Fred.Limmel@oslcs.org

We're HIRING!
JOIN OUR TEAM

Early Childhood Positions

- Assistant Teacher or Aide
- Toddler Teacher
- Substitute Teachers

send your resume to: director@oslcs.org
Our Savior School, Excelsior, Minnesota
www.oursaviorschool.org 952-474-5181

Calendar

14 Worship w/ Communion *8:15am Classic Traditions 9:15am Fellowship 9:30am Pre-8th, 7th-8th Confirmation, 9th-12th and Adult Bible Study 9:30am Praise Team Practice *10:45am New Song 6:30pm 6th-8th Gr Woven Youth 6:30pm 9th-12 Gr Elevate Youth	15 No Kindergarten Extended Care Open 3:30pm Bible Study: The Messiah	16 5:30pm 100th Anniversary Committee 6:30pm Board of Directors	17 10:00am Zoom Bible Study 6:00pm Music Rehearsal	18 12:00pm A Time for Prayer 6:00pm Childcare Advisory Committee 6:30pm American Heritage Girls 7:00pm Praise Team 9:00pm Online Bible Study	19 6:15am Men's Bible Study: Luke Perkins, Chaska	20 8:00-11:00am Pickleball (13+ with parent to adults) 9:00am Prayer Vigil 9:00am Recovery Support Group 9:00am LWML Christian Life Gathering at Victory Luth, Eden Prairie 2:00-4:00pm Harvest Pack Servant Event (20,000 meals)
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National Lutheran Schools Week						
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