



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 21st 2024
4th 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

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**"Praise the One Who Breaks the
Darkness" LSB 849**

Invocation

Confession & Absolution

Kyrie

This is the Feast

Salutation & Prayer of the Day

Children's Message & Digital Check-in

Reading of God's Word

Deuteronomy 6:4-15

1 Corinthians 10:1-21

Matthew 7:1-6

Apostles' Creed

"O God, My Faithful God"

LSB 696 (Vs. 1, 4, 5, 6)

Message

Offertory

Prayers

Preparation for the Sacrament

Lord's Prayer

"Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure"

LSB 533

"Be Still, My Soul" LSB 752

"Beautiful Savior" LSB 537

Post Communion

Benediction

"O God of God, O Light of Light"

LSB 810 (Vs. 1, 4)

Announcements

10:45am New Song Holy Communion

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Invocation

"Jesus"

Confession & Absolution

"We Believe"

Children's Message & Digital Check-in

Reading of God's Word

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The Apostles' Creed

Message

Offerings

Prayers

Lord's Prayer

The Lord's Supper

"The Heart of Worship"

Benediction

"Love the Lord"

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 28

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.

People in Need



We will be collecting for the People in Need Fund **today** to help those in our church family and in our community who are in need of assistance.

Online giving

- Use an envelope in the pew
- Scan the QR Code
- **Text** any amount to **84321** and follow the instructions. Key word: *People in Need*
- Give through the Church Center App



Calendar Available

You can pick up a February calendar and the birthdays for the month at the back of Church.

Sunday, February 4

"No Bake" Bake Sale


Next Sunday, the LWML will be having it's "No Bake" bake sale. This fundraiser is easy on the waist and all proceeds to toward mission grants. You are also invited to bring in your Mite box offerings.

8th Grade Confirmation Meeting

There will be a parent meeting on Sunday, February 4 at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall.

February 5-10

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

The gala is JUST TWO WEEKS AWAY!

Attend the Our Savior Gala

By simply attending and having a fun evening out with friends, you are supporting Our Savior School, upgrading the Church organ, supporting the youth and young adults. Participation in the games or bidding on auction items are not necessary to attend. But come, and have fun!

Tickets

Scan the QR code to get more information or to order your tickets! We look forward to a fun evening with you. Ticket prices go up after February 5.



We are going *Back to the 50's*!

You are invited to dress for the theme (optional, not required)! The ladies wore dresses with cinched waists and full skirts, pedal pushers/capri pants, pencil skirts, poodle skirts and saddle shoes. The guys wore suits with skinny ties, pleated trousers, knit polos and the greaser style with leather jackets, jeans and slicked back hair.

Our Savior Gala

Vacation Bible School

Bidding

Anyone can bid at the Silent Auction, if you attend the Gala or if you cannot attend. You can register to get a bidder number. Feel Free to share with others, too.



Silent Auction Items up for Bid

- Restaurant Gift Cards
- Activity Passes
- Cat Basket
- Kitchen Basket
- Fishing Items
- Kids Baskets
- Big Game Snack Basket
- DeWalt Impact Drill
- Bag of Groceries from Trader Joe's
- Bowling Packages
- Oil Changes and Car Washes
- Garden Centers
- MN Twins Autographed Baseball
- 2 Hand Made End Tables
- Kids Birthday Parties ...



Live Auctions Items (Must be Present to bid)

- Beef (1/8)
- Cabin Getaway to LaPorte, MN
- Beverage Wagon ...

Auction Donations Still Being Accepted

We are still seeking donations for the Silent and Live Auction for the Our Savior Gala. Reach out to **Laura Kimber@oslcs.org** if you have any questions. We are asking for your donations to be brought to Church by Friday, February 2.

- Individual items
- A themed basket
- Something from your business or employer

Theme Ideas ... Possibilities are Endless

- Holiday / Travel
- Kids / Games
- Adult beverages / Wine & Cheese / Bourbon
- Ice cream toppings / Jams & Jellies / Home Grown

2024 VBS

This year we are offering one VBS program July 8-12. Last year's Day Camp was such a huge success, that once the registration opened, it completely filled up in 30 hours! Many of our community members registered and invited their friends to do the same. What a wonder testimony to the quality of this program.

- ☺ The full day VBS is for those entering 1st-6th
 - ☺ Please register for the wait list (We are working hard to add more spots)
- ☺ The half day VBS is for kids ages 3 through entering Kindergarten.
 - ☺ Openings are still available



Volunteer Opportunities

Be a VBS Volunteer!

We NEED your help reaching out to our community! Can you help for one shift? A few shifts? Several days? All day? Opportunities are available for adult, high school and middle school youth volunteers.

Go to Church Center to register TODAY. Please don't wait! Be a part of this sought after community Outreach event! **We cannot open VBS to more kids without volunteers who commit now** to support the children who still want to register.

- ♦ For Adults and High School Youth
 - ♦ 8:45-12:15pm—18-20 shifts, 5 days
 - ♦ 12:30-3:15pm—8-10 shifts, 4 days
 - ♦ 8:45-3:15pm—5 shifts, 5 days
 - ♦ 11:45-12:45pm lunch—3 shifts, 5 days
 - ♦ 8:30-9:15am Check in—5 shifts, 5 days
 - ♦ 11:45-12:15pm Check out—3 shifts, 4 days
 - ♦ 2:45-3:15pm Check out—3 Shifts, 4 days
- ♦ 7th-8th Grade youth
 - ♦ 8:45-12:15pm—8+ shifts, 5 days

This is a lot of shifts! But one person could sign up for several or a lot of them! We hope you will join our volunteer team and help us reach out to our community, Questions? Laura.Kimber@oslcs.org



A promotional graphic for Kids VBS. It features a yellow sun with a smiley face at the top center. Below it are three circular photos: a group of children sitting on the grass, a group of children standing in a line, and a group of children playing. To the left is a QR code. To the right is the logo for 'Our Savior LUTHERAN Excelsior, MN'. The text 'KIDS' is in orange, 'ages 3-6th grade' is in blue, and 'VBS' is in large blue letters. Below this is the address '23290 HIGHWAY 7 EXCELSIOR, MN 55331' and the website 'OSLCS.ORG'. The dates 'JULY 8-12' are in large red letters. At the bottom, it says 'FOR MORE INFORMATION: Laura.kimber@oslcs.org'. Below that, it lists 'Full Day VBS: Entering 1st-6th Grade, \$65/student' and 'Half Day VBS: Ages 3-entering Kindergarten, FREE'.

KIDS
ages 3-6th grade
VBS

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- ♥ Volunteers, scan the QR code to help
- ♥ Kids can register for the wait list

Financial News

2023 Giving Statements

The 2023 giving statements were emailed 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: Jan 20

- Total received: \$14,523.69

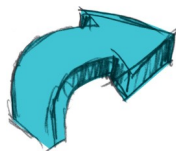
Fiscal offering year to date: Jan 20

- Total offering received: \$27,905
- Total offering budgeted: \$37,033.67
- % above or below budget: -24.6%

Attendance

Sun, Jan 21: 102+202=304 Livestream: 55+ / 26+

**Check
It out!**



Get a deeper understanding of your Baptism into the passion and death of Christ.

Baptism involves death, burial, and resurrection.

"Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life." (Romans 6:3-4).

Wednesday, Lenten Worship 4:30 or 6:30pm

Ash Wednesday - Feb. 14

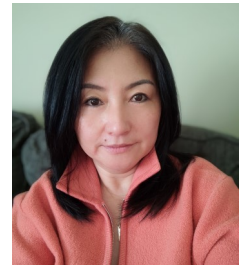
Lenten Worship - Feb 21, 28, March 6, 13, 20

Supper in the Fellowship Hall 5:15-6:16pm

Jamaica Mission Trip (2/14), American Heritage Girls (2/21),
LWML (2/28), Youth (3/6), TBD (3/13, 3/20)

Our Savior School Staff

We are excited to have a new Staff member at Our Savior School. Xin Shen will be working in the Infant room in the afternoons. She enjoys working with the children. In her spare time, she enjoys listening to music, cooking and drinking coffee and tea!



We have also welcomed back Naomi Johnson, who will be working in several different classrooms and Sarah Score as a substitute teacher.



We were blessed to have so many Our Savior School students, their families and our staff here last Sunday, kicking off National Lutheran School's Week! Praise God for our wonderful staff who teach Jesus' love every single day!

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;
- 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, Rosie Breheim, Marlene Doheny (recovering from a fall);
- We pray for those celebrating birthdays this week.

Save the Date

PARENTS

Night Out

Friday, February 16, 6:00-8:30pm



Spring
Scrapbooking
Retreat



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

Saturday,
April 27

9:00am - 9:00pm

\$65 per table

\$10 discount before March 1, 2024





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



Calendar

28 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	29 3:30pm Bible Study: The Messiah 7:00pm Troop 409 PLC Meeting	30 6:00pm Trustees	31 10:00am Zoom Bible Study 6:00pm Music Rehearsal	1 12:00pm A Time for Prayer 6:30pm American Heritage Girls 7:00pm Praise Team 9:00pm Online Bible Study	2 6:15am Men's Bible Study: Luke Perkins, Chaska	3 8:00-11:00am Pickleball (13+ with parent to adults) 9:00am Recovery Support Group
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Staff at Best Practices Conference