



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, February 18, 2024
1st Sunday in Lent

- **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

Unshakable—Women's Study, Tuesday, 1:00pm, Fellowship Hall ([Beginning March 5](#))

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 (Communion 2nd & last)



"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"
LSB 657

Invocation

Opening Sentences

Confession & Absolution

"On Eagles' Wings" LSB 727 (Vs. 1, 4)

Salutation & Prayer of the Day

Children's Message & Digital Check-in

Reading of God's Word
Ecclesiastes 5:10-12
1 Timothy 6:2b-10
Matthew 6:19-24

Nicene Creed

"God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It"
LSB 594 (Vs. 1, 2, 5)

Message

Offerings

"Create in Me" LSB 956

Prayers

Lord's Prayer

Benediction

"O Christ, You Walked the Road"
LSB 424 (Vs. 1 - 4)

Announcements

10:45am New Song (Communion 2nd & last)



Invocation

"God So Loved"

Opening Sentences

Confession & Absolution

"Lord I Need You"

Children's Message & Digital Check-in

Reading of God's Word
Ecclesiastes 5:10-12
1 Timothy 6:2b-10
Matthew 6:19-24

Nicene Creed

"My Worth Is Not In What I Own

Message

Offerings

Prayers

Lord's Prayer

Benediction

"Enough"

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.

You can also log onto www.oslcs.org and click on **"This Week's Bulletin"** to see the Friday eNews, weekly bulletins and quarterly ministry updates. Don't miss out!



Sunday, February 18



Calendar Available

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

Lent Devotions

There are Lent devotional books available today in the back of church. Be sure to pick one up!

February 19-24

Youth Skiing

9th-12th Grade youth will be going skiing at Afton Alps Ski and Snowboard Area on **Monday, February 19**. The cost is \$125 including ski rental or \$85 without rental. Meet at church at 9:00 am, skiing at 10:00am and will return to church at 9:00pm.

Men's Breakfast Bible Study

God's Guys (all men) are invited to attend the stand alone Breakfast Bible Studies on **Saturday, February 24** from 8:00-9:30am in the Fellowship Hall. Pastor Adam and Roger Martin will be leading a study based on the book called "Thirty Virtues that Built a Man."

Pickleball will also be played this day, open to Men, women and youth 13+ with their parent(s) from 8:00-11:00am.

Out of Office

Several staff members will be attending the Best Practices Conference in Phoenix, AZ this week (Wednesday—Saturday). We pray this will be a time of growth and renewal! We are also grateful for those who will still be in the office taking care of things.

February 19-24



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), Bloom GG (3/13) **TBD (3/20)**

2/21 Dinner: Shredded chicken sandwiches with chips, coleslaw, pickles, and dessert.

Sunday, February 25

National Youth Gathering Meeting

There will be a National Youth Gathering parent/youth meeting on **Sunday, February 25 at 5:45pm**. If your child is interested in attending in 2025 or you want to learn more about it (no commitments necessary) please attend this informational meeting.

Order Your Easter Lily Plant

If you would like to provide an Easter lily plant in honor of or in memory of someone, please fill out the information below, include payment to OSLCS and return it to the offering plate or "The Church Box." The deadline to place your order is March 10. The lilies will be a yellow fragrance-free variety.

Name: _____ # Plants: _____ (\$13 each)

In Honor/Memory of: _____



Sunday, February 25

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.

March Events

Women's Bible Study

The Women's Bible Study, *Unshakable*, will begin on **Tuesday, March 5** at 1:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Contact Elaine Taggatz if you would like to participate.

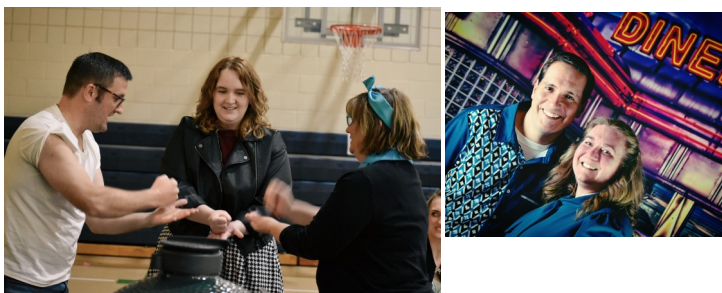
Through this Bible study, we walk through the lives of eight remarkable men and women whom God shook to the core, then used to point people to the hope of salvation. We will learn their history. We will peer into their struggles. And we will see how God moved in their lives to teach us vital spiritual lessons today.

Our Savior Gala

Pics

Thanks to everyone who attended the Gala on February 10! It was a great evening of fun and friends. The link for all the photos was sent out in the Friday eNews or you can scan the QR code to see all the fun. Thanks to Kat & Lily for the photos.

Gala!





100th Anniversary Event
Sunday, March 10

10:00AM WORSHIP ONLY

Worship in the Sanctuary followed by the Fish Fry in the Community Center

FOLLOWING WORSHIP
FISH FRY
HOSTED BY: GOD'S GUYS
A free will offering will be taken

Meal includes fish with tartar sauce, baked potato with butter & sour cream, cole slaw, roll and dessert



Blood Drive

Our Savior will be hosting a Blood Drive on **Saturday, March 23**. If you are eligible to donate, register at www.RedCrossBlood.org and search for OurSaviorExc or 55331 to find the drive.

Community Easter Egg Event

Many details are still being worked out, but help will be needed on **Saturday, March 30**. Be watching for more to come!



Vacation Bible School

Weekly Stats

2024 VBS

This year we are offering one VBS program July 8-12.

- ☺ The full day VBS is for those entering 1st-6th
 - ☺ **Please register for the wait list if you want your kids to come** (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

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 or signup in the back of church TODAY.

- ◆ 8:45-12:15pm
- ◆ 12:30-3:15pm
- ◆ 8:45-3:15pm
- ◆ 11:45-12:45pm lunch
- ◆ 8:30-9:15am Check in
- ◆ 11:45-12:15pm Check out
- ◆ 2:45-3:15pm Check out

There are a lot of opportunities for you to serve! Questions? Laura.Kimber@oslcs.org



Budget Update

Weekly offering received: Feb. 10

- Total received: \$45,797.72

Fiscal offering year to date: Feb 10

- Total offering received: \$95,081.32
- Total offering budgeted: \$93,096.21
- % above or below budget: 2.1%

Attendance

Sun, Feb 11: 105 + 92 = 197 Livestream: 30+ / 25+

Ash Wednesday: 81 + 62 = 143 Livestream: 47

Mission Update

LINC Twin Cities

The inaugural launch of LINC's Mission Accelerator is off to a great start! The cohort is full with 15 local missionaries who have an idea to bring gospel flourishing to our city in some creative ways. Some are florists, lawyers, pastors, and electricians—each with an idea to bring Jesus to their corner of the city.

One leader expressed that this is the help that he needed to get started. This program is for gospel-motivated leaders who are committed to being a LIGHT to our city by starting non-profits, church plants and ministries that bring hope and help to our city.



Other Mission

Check out the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall

- **Kenya Children's Fund** is holding its Journey of Faith Gala on April 25
- **Child Evangelism Fellowship** is building Good News Clubs in schools around the state
- **Time to Revive** shares the Good News in the US and 41 different African nations, too!
- **Lutheran Bible Translators** work hard to translate the Bible into many languages around the world. There are still 3,749 languages that have little or no access to scripture!

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;
- Be with Jerry and the Mission Team sharing the Gospel in Glendale, AZ and for a safe return home this week;
- 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;
- We pray for comfort and peace for the family of Dorothy Caine (Sandy Krause's mom) who passed away on Tuesday;
- We pray for those celebrating birthdays this week.



Calendar

18 Worship *8:15am Classic Traditions 9:15am Fellowship 9:30am Pre-6th, 7th-8th Confirmation, 9th-12th and Adult Bible Study 9:30am Praise Team Practice *10:45am New Song 6:30pm 6th-8th Gr Woven 6:30pm 9th-12 Gr Elevate Youth	19 No Kindergarten 8th-12th Gr Youth Skiing Extended Care Open 3:30pm Bible Study: The Messiah	20 5:30pm 100th Anniversary Committee 6:30pm Board of Directors	21 10:00am Zoom Bible Study Lenten Worship 4:30 & 6:30pm Dinner hosted by AHG 5:15-6:15pm 7:30pm Music Rehearsal	22 9:00am Quilters Circle 12:00pm A Time for Prayer 7:00pm Praise Team 9:00pm Online Bible Study	23 6:15am Men's Bible Study: Luke Perkins, Chaska	24 8:00am Men's Breakfast Bible Study 8:00-11:00am Pickleball (13+ with parent to adults) 9:00am Recovery Support Group 5:30pm AHG Daddy Daughter Dance
Staff at Best Practices Conference						
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