



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 4, 2024
5th 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 (Communion 2nd & last)



“When to Our World the Savior Came”

LSB 551 (Vs. 1, 2, 4, 5)

Invocation

Confession & Absolution

Kyrie

Gloria in Excelsis

Salutation & Prayer of the Day

Children's Message & Digital Check-in

Reading of God's Word

Romans 2:1-11

Luke 18:9-14

Apostles' Creed

“O Holy Spirit, Grant Us Grace”

LSB 693

Message

Offerings

Offertory

Prayers

Lord's Prayer

Benediction

“Thy Strong Word”

LSB 578 (Vs. 1, 4, 5, 6)

Announcements

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



Invocation

“Corner Stone”

Confession & Absolution

“One Thing Remains (Your Love Never Fails)”

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Reading of God's Word

Romans 2:1-11

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Benediction

“Good Good Father”

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, February 4



Calendar Available

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

A "No Bake" Bake Sale

The Lutheran Women in Mission is "Mission Minded" and will be holding a "No Bake/Bake Sale" with proceeds going towards mission projects.

*A bit of news - we have today
A 'Bakeless Bake Sale' is on the way.
In these busy, rushing, hectic times
Who bakes cookies, cakes, breads & pies?
You'd be surprised if you counted the cost
Of ingredients, heat and time you lost.
Baking for sales is extra work
Yet, nobody really wants to shirk.*

*So we've thought of a plan that is really grand
And we feel quite sure that you'll understand.
In the apron pocket - please put the price
Of a pie or cake or something nice.*

*Without fuss or bother you've done your part
We hope you'll give with a loving heart.
This is the end of our little tale
Wish us success for our "No Bake" Bake Sale!*

Please return the "apron envelopes" or LWML Mites in the back of Church. Your offerings support mission grants like a Disaster Response Team



Trinity Lutheran Church Disaster Response Team (TLC DRT) in Tyler, Texas, answers the call to serve our neighbors in need by ministering to the physical and spiritual needs of people affected by severe storms such as hurricanes, tornadoes, and floods. The team is comprised totally of volunteer workers who set up base camps in areas that have been affected by natural disasters. They listen compassionately to the stories of people who have been affected by storms and share Christ's love with them in Word and action.

TLC DRT's equipment and trailers are also used by volunteers from other teams, causing additional wear and tear on equipment. This grant will allow repair and replacement of necessary equipment so the team can continue to be Christ's hands and feet and share God's love to people affected by disasters.

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

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

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

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.



Bidding

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

Live Auctions Items (Must be Present to bid)

- Beef (1/8)
- Cabin Getaway to LaPorte, MN
- Beverage Wagon
- Large Green Egg Grill & Smoker

February 11-17



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)

Vacation Bible School

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.

- ☺ 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

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. 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



PARENTS NIGHT OUT

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16

6:00-8:30PM



Drop Off
your children
9 months and older
for a night of fun and
games in the Gym

Pizza and carrots will be served.

*** Registration is required for those eating pizza ***

Sponsored by the Junior & Senior High Youth

Questions? Joe at joe.aurich@oslcs.org




Upcoming Events



A promotional graphic for Kids VBS. It features three circular photos of children in various activities, a smiling sun, and a QR code. The text reads: "KIDS ages 3-6th grade VBS". Below this, it says "OUR SAVIOR EXCELSIOR" and "23290 HIGHWAY 7 EXCELSIOR, MN 55331". The dates "JULY 8-12" are prominently displayed. The website "OSLCS.ORG" is also listed. At the bottom, contact information for Laura.kimber@oslcs.org is provided, along with pricing for Full Day VBS (\$65/student) and Half Day VBS (FREE).

KIDS
ages 3-6th grade
VBS

OUR SAVIOR EXCELSIOR 23290 HIGHWAY 7 EXCELSIOR, MN 55331 JULY 8-12 OSLCS.ORG

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Laura.kimber@oslcs.org
Full Day VBS: Entering 1st-6th Grade, \$65/student
Half Day VBS: Ages 3-entering Kindergarten, FREE

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

Weekly Stats

Budget Update

Weekly offering received: Jan 27

- Total received: \$8,815.86

Fiscal offering year to date: Jan 20

- Total offering received: \$36,721.20
- Total offering budgeted: \$49,378.23
- % above or below budget: -25.6%

Attendance

Sun, Jan 28: 81 + 98 = 179 Livestream: 39+ / 26+



A graphic for "Early Childhood Positions Open" at Our Savior School. It features a photo of a toddler holding a yellow cloth. Text includes "Toddler Teacher or Asst. Teacher" and "Substitute Teachers". A blue cloud contains the email "director@oslcs.org". A yellow box at the bottom provides the website "OurSaviorSchool.org" and phone number "952-474-5181". At the bottom, a photo of a piano keyboard with musical notes is shown, with a blue speech bubble saying "WE'RE HIRING". Below this, text states "Our Savior Lutheran Church in Excelsior is seeking an organist / choir accompanist" and provides the contact email "Fred.Limmel@oslcs.org".

Early Childhood Positions Open

Our Savior SCHOOL
Excelsior, MN

Toddler Teacher or Asst. Teacher

Substitute Teachers

send resume to director@oslcs.org

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Contact Fred.Limmel@oslcs.org



A graphic for a "Spring Scrapbooking Retreat". It features a QR code, a photo of scrapbooks, and a pink background with white clouds. Text includes "Spring Scrapbooking Retreat", "Saturday, April 27 9:00am-9:00pm", "\$65 per table", and "\$10 discount before March 1, 2024". It also lists "Includes help hauling your projects in, work space, meals and snacks". The Our Savior Lutheran Church logo and address are at the bottom, along with the website "www.oslcs.org" and phone number "952-474-5181". A note at the bottom states "Proceeds benefit Our Savior Youth Mission Trips and the upcoming National Youth Gathering".

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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;
- Grant peace and comfort to Wayne Oelfke and his family whose mom passed away Jan 22;
- Grant peace and comfort to Randy Christy and his family whose mom on Thursday;
- We pray for those celebrating birthdays this week.

Mission Updates

- **Link Twin Cities**—Thanks for partnering to bring the hope of Jesus to our communities. Investments help develop church planters, nonprofit leaders and Christian entrepreneurs who are carrying the Gospel to every corner of our cities.
- **ICA Food Shelf**—Our support helps people like Bill, who worked for the same company for more than 35 years when he was suddenly laid off. With little available savings, he came to the food shelf for a few months for assistance. Just as he was about to start a new job, he suffered a debilitating stroke. Now with medical bills and being unemployed, he needed help again from the food shelf. With support from ICA, Bill is now stable and found reliable income. He has now become a regular donor to ICA. He is trying to provide some of the help he received.
- **Samaritan's Purse**—More information about the Greatest Journey ... after the Shoebox. There is also info about how you could help provide medical equipment and supplies that save lives in Mission Hospitals.
- **Voice of the Martyrs**—There are several new resources that share how VOM helps persecuted Christians around the world.

Calendar

4  LWML "No Bake" Bake Sale  Worship *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 6:00pm 8th Gr Confirmation Parent Meeting 6:30pm 6th-8th Gr Woven Youth 6:30pm 9th-12 Gr Elevate Youth	5 3:30pm Bible Study: The Messiah 6:00pm Troop 409 Meeting	6 6:30pm Elders	7 10:00am Zoom Bible Study 6:00pm Music Rehearsal	8 9:00am Quilters Circle 12:00pm A Time for Prayer 7:00pm Praise Team 9:00pm Online Bible Study	9 6:15am Men's Bible Study: Luke Perkins, Chaska TBD Gala Set-up	10 9:00am Recovery Support Group 5:30-9:00pm Our Savior Gala 
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Staff at Best Practices Conference						
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