



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, March 17, 2024
5th 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

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)



"I Bind unto Myself Today"
LSB 604 (Vs. 1, 2, 3, 5)

Invocation

Opening Sentences

Confession & Absolution

Kyrie

Salutation & Prayer of the Day

Children's Message & Digital Check-in

Reading of God's Word
Hebrews 4:14-5:10
John 1:14-18

Nicene Creed

"My Song Is Love Unknown"
LSB 430 (Vs. 1, 2, 6, 7)

Message

Offerings

Offertory

Prayers

Lord's Prayer

Benediction

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

Announcements

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



Invocation

"Your Love Awakens Me"

Opening Sentences

Confession & Absolution

"Restore"

Children's Message & Digital Check-in

Reading of God's Word
Hebrews 4:14-5:10
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"Let the Praises Ring"

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, March 17

National Youth Gathering Meeting

There will be a National Youth Gathering parent/youth meeting on **Sunday, March 17 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.



March 18-23

Lent Worship



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

3/20 Supper by God's Guys: Sloppy Joes

Shorewood Landing is Hosting ...

⇒ Gently and Sensible Downsizing on **March 20 at 2:00pm**. Details on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.

March 18-23

Men's Breakfast Bible Study

God's Guys (all men) are invited to attend the stand alone Breakfast Bible Studies on **Saturday, March 23 20** 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."

Feed My Starving Children

Ladies are invited to pack meals at Feed My Starving Children on **Saturday, March 23 from 9:15-11:15am**. If you are interested in participating, please sign upon the LWML Bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.

Blood Drive



Blood Drive **Our Savior Lutheran Church and School Excelsior**

Gym
23290 Highway 7
Excelsior, MN 55331

Saturday, March 23, 2024
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



Register at www.RedCrossBlood.org and search for OurSaviorExc or 55331 to find the drive.

Ongoing Events

Regular Events

Check out the Church calendar for regular, monthly or bi monthly events.

- ♦ Saturday recovery Support Group
- ♦ Music Rehearsals (Choir, Chimes Praise Team)
- ♦ A Time for Prayer every Thursday
- ♦ Monthly Cribbage
- ♦ Quilters, typically 2nd and 4th Thursdays
- ♦ Pickleball (many Saturday mornings)
- ♦ Prayer Vigils on the 3rd Sat of the month

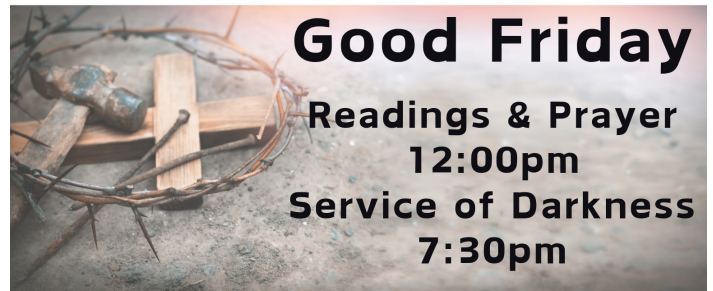
Community Easter Event

March 25-30

Travel to Easter

Participants are asked to register **ONE ADULT PER FAMILY** for an arrival time on **Saturday, March 30 beginning at 9:00am**. Parents will travel with their kids throughout the event. There will be stairs involved with elevator access for those that need it.

Follow the map to collect stickers and do fun activities throughout the Extended Care rooms, the Fellowship Hall, basement classrooms, first and second floor classrooms. Families will finish their travels in the Gym with a snack and an Indoor Obstacle Egg Hunt. **This event is FREE! Please invite your friends!**



Help is Needed

Volunteer registration is open! You will play an essential role! Share the story of Jesus from Palm Sunday to His resurrection on Easter morning, with an egg hunt, too! Register on Church Center or contact Laurie.Bromenshenkel@oslcs.org.

Before Event

- Distribute posters
- Classroom set up
 - Tues, 3/26 1:00pm
 - Fri 3/29 at 9:00am

During Event

- Interacting with Guests
- Assisting with a Craft
- Characters in Costume
- Floaters (1 per floor)
- Indoor Obstacle Egg Hunt
- Prayer Station

After Event

- Clean up



Please prayerfully consider how you can help!
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Sunday, March 31

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.

Mission Support

TreeHouse Plant Sale

TreeHouse is an organization that supports at risk youth. They are grateful of a very consistent, connected, and committed group of teens over the past few months. That consistency has enabled incredible growth in their Tuesday Support Group.



TreeHouse is partnering with Green Earth Growers for their **annual plant sale fundraiser**. Your order will further TreeHouse's mission to end hopelessness among teens in your community. Money raised will fund retreats, camps, and outings for teens.

The sale closes on April 1 and you can pick up your flower order from their Minnetonka location. They have 12" patio plants (\$45), 12" hanging baskets (\$45), Annuals by the flat (\$40-\$50) and herbs by the flat (\$40).

- ◇ Pick up a flyer in the back of church
- ◇ Orders must be made online at **TreeHouse.org/PlantSale**
- ◇ Scan the QR code with your camera



OMELET BREAKFAST

Sunday, April 7 from 8:30-12:30pm
Community Center (Door #5)

Start your Sunday off right. Pick your favorite ingredients and watch as your omelet is cooked right in front of you!

Hash browns, sausage, cinnamon rolls, fruit and beverages will also be served.

YOUTH FUNDRAISER

Suggested Donation
\$15 Youth (10+) & Adults
\$6 Kids (9 and under)



No Bible Study, Confirmation or Sunday School

All proceeds will go toward youth attending the 2025 National Youth Gathering

This and That

Attendance

Sun, March 10: 185 Livestream: 61+

Wednesday 3/13: 47 + 40 = 87 Livestream: 17+

Budget Update

Weekly offering received: March 9

- Total received: \$41,006.23

Fiscal offering year to date: March 9

- Total offering received: \$234,386.38
- Total offering budgeted: \$215,960.69
- % above or below budget: 8.5%

Note of Thanks

Thank you all for your many blessings--prayers, meals, drivers, and listening ears--during my recent medical issues. Our Savior Church is filled with people who care about other people. I'm so grateful for you all! Rosie Breheim

100th Anniversary Highlight: God's Guys

God's Guys, previously known as the Men's Club, is a vital part of discipleship here at Our Savior. God's Guys is open to all adult men. No formal meetings are held but events are held to encourage discipleship, outreach, service, and fellowship.

God's Guys has hosted a simulcast of Promise Keepers, given support to TreeHouse, helped at the Gala, taken a bus load to a Twins Game, run weekly Pickleball, monthly cribbage games, men's breakfast Bible studies, and help out as needed.

Please join us anytime you would like. Watch the bulletins and emails for upcoming events. To get involved contact Gary Schrupp, Roger Martin, Tim Studenski or George Hipp or just show up!

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; Thank you Lord for providing an Organist that will begin in Mid April;
- Dear Lord, we ask you to bless the upcoming Travel to Easter and Obstacle Egg Hunt on March 30; Guide the preparations, provide willing volunteers and bring many families to hear about forgiveness and love through Your death and resurrection;
- 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, Rosie Breheim, Marlene Doheny;
- We pray for those celebrating birthdays this week.



Mission Updates

Rev. Matthew & Kali Wood

Pastor Wood and Pastor Eban Ezar Aruan made a presentation in the Riau province of Indonesia on church and ministry. They allowed plenty of time for questions which guided the discussion to things that the GKLI pastors, evangelists, and congregational elders were curious about.

The Indonesia Hymnal project is scheduled to be completed by March 31. Deaconess Sandra Rhein is working on the tedious process of gathering the meta data for the hymns and liturgies ... all those little works at the bottom of every page. The goal is to have the hymnal ready to print by July and have a dedication ceremony in November, when Deaconess Sandra will be visiting.

A couple of family updates: Eleanor turned 7. All three girls have started gymnastics and they are loving it.

Rev. Paul & Gena Nelson

(New) Rev. Paul and Gena Nelson and their children Alec, Mika and Caedmon serve on behalf of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod in Medan, Indonesia. Pastor Paul helps train and mentor local pastors and lay leaders.

Pray for Paul and Gena as they serve in Southeast Asia. Pray also for each member of the family as children leave the nest and family dynamics shift and adjust.

⇐ Learn more at www.lcms.org/Nelson

Calendar

17 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 5:45pm National Youth Gathering Informational Meeting 6:30pm 6th-8th and 9th-12 Gr Youth	18 3:30pm Bible Study: The Messiah	19 1:00pm Women's Bible Study: Unshakable 5:30pm 100th Anniversary Committee 6:30pm Board of Directors	20 10:00am Zoom Bible Study Lent Worship 4:30 & *6:30pm Dinner hosted by 5:15-6:15pm 7:30pm Music Rehearsal	21 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	22 6:15am Men's Bible Study: Luke Perkins, Chaska	23 8:00am Men's Breakfast Bible Study 9:00am Recovery Support Group 9:15-11:15am Women at Feed My Starving Children 10:00-4:00pm Blood Drive
24 Worship *8:15am Classic Traditions 9:15am Fellowship 9:30am Education for all ages 9:30am Praise Team Practice *10:45am New Song 6:30pm 6th-8th and 9th-12 Gr Youth	25 3:30pm Bible Study: The Messiah 7:00pm Troop 409 PLC Meeting	26 1:00pm Women's Bible Study: Unshakable 6:00pm Trustees	27 10:00am Zoom Bible Study 6:00pm Music Rehearsal	28 9:00am Quilters Circle Maudy Thursday Worship *6:30pm 7:30pm Praise Team	29 6:15am Men's Bible Study Good Friday Worship 12:00pm Readings & Prayer *7:30pm Tenebrae (Service of Darkness) <div> All Church & School Programs Closed— Childcare, Preschool, Kindergarten, Extended Care & Offices </div>	30 9:00am Recovery Support Group 9:00am Travel to Easter with Indoor Obstacle Egg Hunt
31 Easter Sunday Worship w/ Communion 6:00am Sunrise Service *8:00am Classic Traditions 9:30am Blended *11:00am New Song ~NQ Sunday School/Confirmation/Bible Study~ 6:30pm 6th-8th and 9th-12 Gr Youth						