

Welcome

May 17, 2026 ✠ 7th Sunday of Easter



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Vision All will know and experience God's love

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

School Mission To provide a safe environment and faith centered education where children can grow physically, intellectually, emotionally, socially, and spiritually



Restrooms are located downstairs from the back of Church or out the front left door of the Sanctuary and down the hall.



For elevator access, exit the front left door of the sanctuary. Go through the double doors and turn left.



A Hearing Assist system is available in the back of church at the Welcome Center. Please ask an Usher for assistance.



Children's bulletins available for ages 3-6 and 7-12. Activity bags in the back of church can be borrowed and returned after worship.



A space is available if your kids need to move while you watch worship. Exit the front left door of the sanctuary to Room 107.

 church center



Give, register, check-in, see the calendar, livestream and more!

Sunday Worship

8:15am—Classic Traditions
9:15am—Come downstairs to the Fellowship Hall for a treat and to meet others
9:45am—Education
10:45am—New Song

Live Stream and Cable Options

- Visit www.oslcs.org and click on Video Ministry
- Watch on the Church Center app or oursaviorexcelior.churchcenter.com
- 10:45am is broadcast on Mediacom Channel 21 on Saturdays & Sundays at 7:00pm

Sunday Mornings

- ◆ **Sunday School** 9:45am
Preschool-Kindergarten, Room B25
1st-2nd Gr, Room B24
3rd-4th Gr, Room 201
- ◆ **Confirmation** 9:45am
5th-6th Gr, Room 207
7th-8th Gr, Room 204
- ◆ **Senior High Bible Study** 9:45am
9th-12th Gr, Room B09
- ◆ **Adult Bible Studies** 9:45am
Room B06: *Nicene Creed*

Sunday Night

- ◆ **Sunday Night Woven Youth** 6:30pm
6th-8th Gr, Room B01
- ◆ **Sunday Night Elevate Youth** 6:30pm
9th-12th Gr, Room B09

Other Bible Studies

- ◆ **Monday Adult Bible Study** 3:30pm
Conference Room
- ◆ **Wednesday Zoom Bible Study** 10:00am
- ◆ **Thursday Online Bible Study** 9:00pm
- ◆ **Friday Men's Bible Study** 6:15am
Perkins, Chaska

Today's Worship Services

8:15am Traditional



The Light of Christ
“A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing”
LSB 493 (Vs. 1-4)
Invocation
Opening Sentences
Confession & Absolution
Kyrie
“A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing”
LSB 493 (Vs. 5-6)
Salutation & Prayer of the Day

Children’s Message & Check-in
Reading of God’s Word
Malachi 3:6-12
2 Corinthians 9:1-15
John 17:1-11

Nicene Creed
“Christ Is the World’s Redeemer” LSB 539
Message

Offering & Offertory

Prayers
Preparation for the Sacrament
Lord’s Prayer

“Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray”
LSB 623
“Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”
LSB 655

Post Communion
Benediction Sung by the Choir
“God’s Own Child, I Gladly Say It”
LSB 594 (Vs. 1, 5)
Announcements

10:45am Contemporary



The Light of Christ
“Who You Say I Am”
Invocation
Opening Sentences

Confession & Absolution
“Open Up the Heavens”
Prayer of the Day

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Nicene Creed
Message

Offering

Prayers
The Lord’s Prayer

The Lord’s Supper
“Open the Eyes of My Heart”

Benediction
“Forever”
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, May 17

Special Worship Services

First Fruits Sunday

The first step toward our future plans for the new Church Lobby starts **today** with the giving of our First Fruits Offering. This offering marks the beginning of our three-year commitment to raise the needed funds for the new addition.

If you don't receive a pink first fruit envelope, they can be picked up in the back of church. If you are using a pew envelope, be sure to specify it is for the "Capital Campaign."

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.

Last Day

Today is the last day of Sunday School, Confirmation, Youth Bible Study and Sunday Night Youth group. Thank you to all the fabulous volunteers who have helped, lead and teach this year!

And he [Christ] gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ. Ephesians 4:11-12

Thank you!



Sunday, May 24

10:00am

worship only



Church & School offices and programming will be closed on Monday, May 24 for Memorial Day.



Kick-off
to Summer
Sunday, May 31

- ☉ 8:30am Congregational Meeting
- ☉ 10:00am Worship in Sanctuary
- ☉ Potluck lunch to follow in the Community Center

Chicken will be provided.
Please bring a side dish
or dessert to share



Volunteer Appreciation Day

We Appreciate You Today (and Every Day)

Volunteers are essential to the ministry at Our Savior Lutheran Church & School! Who are our volunteers? Most likely you ... several times over! We (the staff) see you and appreciate all that you do! **Volunteers from A to Z.** Be sure to stop down during fellowship time for some treats!

- ♥ Acolytes
- ♥ Altar Care
- ♥ Audio/Visual (Livestream/Camera, sound, PowerPoint)
- ♥ Bible study leaders
- ♥ Blind Fellowship Outreach hosts
- ♥ Blood drive helpers
- ♥ Board of Directors
- ♥ Capital Campaign Volunteers
- ♥ Child Care Advisory Committee
- ♥ Children's message leaders
- ♥ Community Easter event helpers
- ♥ Elders
- ♥ Fellowship hosts
- ♥ Funeral helpers
- ♥ God's Guys—Men's Ministry
- ♥ Greeters
- ♥ GriefShare facilitators
- ♥ Grounds keepers
- ♥ Growth Group leaders
- ♥ ICA food shelf fillers
- ♥ Junior High Bible study leaders, helpers
- ♥ Lent meal hosts
- ♥ Lutheran Women in Mission (LWML)—Women's Ministry
- ♥ Meal packers (Feed My Starving Children, Harvest Pack)
- ♥ Meal providers (For staff, events, members)
- ♥ Member care support (transportation, household needs, love & support ...)
- ♥ Mission Committee
- ♥ Mission trippers
- ♥ Mission supporters and doers
- ♥ Musicians (choir, chimes, praise team, instrumentalists, vocalists)
- ♥ Operation Christmas Child (suppliers, helpers, packers, drop-off week collectors)
- ♥ Our Savior Gala (committee, helpers, servers)
- ♥ Prayer Warriors
- ♥ Quilters (cutting, sewing, tying and binding)
- ♥ Readers

- ♥ Safety Committee
- ♥ Senior High Bible study leaders, helpers
- ♥ Service project doer
- ♥ Stewardship Committee
- ♥ Summer Day Camp (leaders, snack helpers, check-in, meal providers, host home)
- ♥ Sunday School (teachers, helpers, substitutes)
- ♥ Tent set-up and take down
- ♥ Treehouse meal hosts
- ♥ Trustees
- ♥ Ushers
- ♥ Vacation Bible School (decorators, station leaders, group leaders, helpers, providers ...)

Volunteers Needed



Mon-Thurs, June 22-26
Age 3 through current 4th Graders

**Scan the QR code
 to volunteer, too.**

Vacation Bible School volunteers are needed June 22-25. VBS will take place Monday-Thursday from 9:00-11:30am. Help for the whole week or for one, two or three days.

- Set up, Sunday, June 21 from 12:30 to 3:00 pm **(NEED 7)**
- Middle School Helper **(all welcome)**
- High School or Adult Group Leaders **(NEED 17)**
- Preschool Games **(NEED 2)**
- Elementary Craft **(NEED 2)**
- Elementary Games **(NEED 2)**
- Snack **(NEED 2)**
- Opening and Closing Music/Drama **(NEED 4)**

Questions? Joe Aurich, Joe.Aurich@oslcs.org

May 26-30

New Member Class

If you have been attending Our Savior and are curious about becoming a member, please attend our New Member Class on **Saturday, May 30 from 8:30-12:30pm**. Contact Sandy.Blumenschein@oslcs.org if you plan to attend.

May 31-June 6

Help Needed

On **Sunday, May 31** there will be a potluck lunch following the single worship service. We are seeking some volunteers. If you can help, reach out to the Church Office or sandy.blumenschein@oslcs.org

- Coordinator for the day [1]
- Set-up the Community Center (date/time TBD) [4]
- Accept food before the congregational meeting [1]
- Accept food before the worship service [2]
- Set out, maintain, and clean up beverages & potluck table [4]
- Clean-up Community Center [2-3 leads]

This and That

Capital Campaign Commitments

We are still accepting commitment cards for the *Rooted in Christ, Opening our Doors* Capital Campaign to build a new church lobby that will improve accessibility, provide a gathering space, establish a clear and welcoming entry for the church and create additional space for ministry, fellowship and outreach. Cards are available in the back of church if you need one.

Return your card to "The Church Box" or **scan the QR code** ⇒ to make your commitment online.



Capital Campaign Commitment

This and That

Now Hiring

Our Savior School is hiring an Assistant Director of Extended Care and Float Teacher. This is a part time position (20-30 hours a week), potentially more hours in the summer. Pay range is \$20-\$28 an hour, based on experience.



Applicant must meet the MN Department of Human Services standards for teachers and directors.

Responsibilities include managing all aspects of Extended Care (K-5th Gr): staff, administration, enrollment; Ability to supervise EC teachers, aides, and children in program; Float teacher (Infant-Pre-Kindergarten) as needed; must be comfortable stepping into both leadership and classroom roles.



Vacation Bible School Mon-Thurs, June 22-26

9:00-11:30am

for ages 3 through entering 5th grade in 2026

We're going on an epic adventure through Australia, and you're invited! Jesus, who tells us "I am the way, and the truth, and the life" (John 14:6), will be our guide as we encounter amazing animals, lush landscapes, stunning sea life, and wondrous wilderness.

Student and Volunteer Registration



Last Week

Weekly offering received: May 9

Total received: \$15,725.64

Fiscal offering year to date: May 9

Total offering received: \$416,749.71

Total offering budgeted: \$406,342.63

% above or below budget: 2.6%

5/10 Worship: 105 + 78 = 183 Livestream 53/14

Prayers

- Guide the leaders of Our Savior in seeking Your will for this ministry; Give wisdom to the Building Committee and bless the Capital Campaign;
- Grant Your peace and reconciliation to overcome all hatred, conflict, and war; Grant safety to our military and first responders as they protect us;
- Provide healing to those who are sick and strength to those facing long term illnesses: Lu B, Darwin & Vangie K, Sarah P, Rosie B, Marlene D, Clyde A, Lori S, Jim L, Lorraine J;
- We pray for those celebrating birthdays this week.

Calendar

<p>17 First Fruits Service 😊 Volunteer Appreciation ❤️</p> <p>*8:15am Traditional Worship & Communion 9:15am Fellowship 9:45am Sunday School, Confirmation, Youth and Adult (Stewardship) Bible Study 9:30am Praise Team Practice *10:45am Contemporary Worship & Communion</p> <p>6:30pm 6th-8th Gr Woven & 9th-12th Gr Elevate Youth (Dinner in the Fellowship Hall)</p>	<p>18 3:30pm Bible Study: Hebrews 6:30pm Board of Directors 7:00pm Troop 409 PLC Meeting 7:00pm Building Committee (Fellowship Hall)</p>	<p>19 4:00pm Safety Committee Meeting</p>	<p>20 10:00am Zoom Bible Study 10:30am Early Childhood Center Spring Program 6:00pm Staff Appreciation Dinner</p>	<p>21 11:00pm A Time for Prayer 1:00pm Growth Group 7:30pm Praise Team 9:00pm Online Bible Study</p>	<p>22 6:15am Men's Bible Study: Perkins, Chaska 1:00pm Campaign Mailing <i>Last day of Preschool & Kindergarten</i></p>	<p>23 9:30am Recovery Support Group</p>
<p>24 ★ Holiday Schedule ★ *10:00am Single Worship & Communion ~NO Bible Study~</p> <hr style="border-top: 1px dashed black;"/> <p>31 🌸 Single Worship Service 🌸 8:30am Congregational Meeting *10:00am Single Worship & Communion Potluck Lunch to Follow</p>	<p>25</p> <p>All Programs Closed (Offices, Childcare, Preschool, Kindergarten & Extended Care)</p>	<p>26 6:00pm Trustee Meeting</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28 9:00am Quilters 11:00am A Time for Prayer 5:30pm Childcare Advisory Committee 9:00pm Online Bible Study</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30 9:30am Recovery Support Group (B01) 8:30am New Member Class (Conference Room)</p>