

Sunday Worship

8:30 a.m. Traditional
10:15 a.m. Contemporary
Both services stream live on YouTube

Service Hymns

Opening Hymn: ELW 260
The King Shall Come
Hymn of the Day: ELW 436
Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying
Communion Hymn:
Old Rugged Cross
Sending Hymn: ELW 244
Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

10:15 Kids In Worship—Prayground

Our Saviour's loves kids in worship! The Prayground is a space for younger kids to enjoy playing while watching and listening to worship. Parents are encouraged to stay nearby and remind children to keep engaged with quiet play and quiet talking while also seeing what's going on with worship.

10:15 Kids' Ministry

Kids age 3 - 5th grade will stay in worship with their families through the Children's Message, then will head out to Kids' Ministry age group rooms for the rest of the service. Families can pick them up in their rooms after worship.

HOLY COMMUNION

All are welcome to receive Communion at Our Saviour's.

You may commune in place with a Communion kit or come forward.

Gluten Free wafers are available at the front of each section for you to pick up as you come forward. If you cannot have any gluten cross-contamination, you can also dip in the cups of wine on the stands.

Servers are available to serve those who wish to commune in place. Simply give them a wave when they begin to look around after serving their section. Communion kits are available from the ushers if you prefer.



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Pastor Matt Polsdofer

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OSLC WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Advent Sermon Series: What Do You Fear? Insisting on Hope: This Advent Luke's Gospel begins the story of Jesus with a simple phrase: "In the time of Herod..." It may sound like a small historical note, but it reminds us that Jesus was born into a fearful and uncertain world — one marked by instability, hurt, and oppression. In many ways, it's not so different from our world today. Yet woven through the story of Christ's birth is a repeated invitation: "Do not be afraid." Fear runs through the story, but so does hope. Mary, Joseph, the shepherds, and the magi are each called not to deny their fear, but to move through it — trusting that God is already at work. When we find ourselves in fearful times, can we do the same? What if naming our fears is the first step to seeing how God is breaking in — bringing light, love, and hope into the world? As you journey through this Advent season, may your hope become gritty and resilient. And may you remember: hope that trembles is still hope. This Advent, let's insist on hope and trust that good news is greater than fear.

FINANCE TEAM UPDATE

A huge thank you to the congregation for your continued faithful giving to the General Fund. **The 2025 General Fund Operating Budget is \$1.2 million.** This supports our ongoing ministries—worship, outreach, pastoral care, and faith formation. Because of your giving, meaningful ministry continues every day.

At this time, we find our giving lagging behind our expenses. We typically have a very strong December, and anticipate making up the gap during the month of December. Now might be a good time to look at what your commitment was for the year, and to make plans to complete your gift by the end of the year. Also, if you are able, could you consider making an extra gift to the General Fund in December? Every gift matters, and every dollar given goes toward sharing God's love in this community and beyond. We give thanks for your continued giving to the ministries of Our Saviour's, and for an outstanding response to the Making Room Campaign. Great things lie ahead for Our Saviour's, and we are so grateful for all your gifts! -Scott Muyres, OSLC Treasurer

MAKING ROOM UPDATE

We are overjoyed to share that as of November 20, 2025 commitments to the *Making Room* Campaign total **\$1,386,792!** We are at 98.7% of the goal! \$18,733 remaining!

If you haven't yet had a chance to make your 3-year pledge, there's still time!

OPPORTUNITIES

Blue Christmas Worship—Thursday, December 4, 6:30 p.m.

At Our Saviour's, we realize that the holidays can be difficult for many. If you have experienced the death of a loved one, a divorce, loss of health or job, or dealing with any sort of challenge in life, come and gather with others who are hungering for a glimpse of hope. All are welcome. The light of Christ shines in the darkness. Come and see.

Christmas Poinsettia Garden

During the Christmas season Our Saviour's Worship Space is graced with beautiful poinsettias. If you would like to donate a plant or make a donation in honor or in memory of a loved one, please complete an order form and return it to the church office no later than Sun., Dec. 14. The cost is \$10 per plant. Forms are available at the Reception Desk.

WELCOME MICHELLE REICHOW—INTERIM VISITATION LAY MINISTER

We are excited to welcome Michelle Reichow in this new role! As Visitation Lay Minister, Michelle will visit and bring communion primarily to our senior and homebound members. She will also join the Pastors in leading the Wednesday Bible Study. While Michelle is not new to Our Saviour's, this is a new role for her, and we look forward to her getting started. Michelle, along with her husband and children, joined Our Saviour's in 1979. Michelle continues to be a member, although she has moved from her East Bethel home. She attended Christos Center for Spiritual Formation and is a trained Spiritual Director, a ministry that accompanies persons in their spiritual journey. Michelle enjoys spending time with her dog Ellie, her adult children, Heather and Brent, her two granddaughters and their spouses along with her 3 great grandchildren. Michelle looks forward to visiting with our senior or homebound members, praying and communing with them and listening to their stories.

Every time you give to Our Saviour's you help to fulfill our mission of "Reaching Out with a Voice of Hope." Use QR to give online:



Christmas Caring & Sharing

Friday, December 12
Doors open at 6:30; Program starts at 7:00

A Christmas Music Party at Our Saviour's!

- Food Drive – all proceeds go to NACE
- Christmas carol sing-along with Craig Clark
- Ugly Christmas sweater contest
- Franklin the Christmas Pig
- Bake sale, hot cocoa bar, photo booth, cookie decorating, and more!
- Admittance is a bag of items for NACE or a suggested donation of \$10 (checks made out to OSLC)

hosted by the Music & Worship Team



The Giving Tree: Alexandra House Christmas Drive—Consider donating a gift for family members (children, adults and pets) at the Alexandra House shelter this Christmas. The Alexandra House provides shelter and protection to survivors of domestic violence and abuse. The Giving Tree adorned with gift suggestions for all ages is located by the Reception Desk. Please consider taking an ornament and returning it with the suggested gift by Sunday December 7th. All gifts must be NEW and unwrapped. Please no gifts depicting violence or weapons. Thank you for being God's hands and feet to help bless others this Christmas.

2026 OFFERING ENVELOPES AVAILABLE

Stop by the Reception Desk starting today to pick up offering envelopes for 2026, if needed. Electronic giving does not require envelopes. If you have questions about the best way to give to OSLC in 2026, stop by the Reception Desk anytime and we can help!

THANK YOU

The Prayer Bead Ministry sends our sincere thanks to everyone who supported our Bead and Jewelry Sale on November 2nd. Your generosity in purchasing items and making heartfelt voluntary contributions continues our tradition of providing beads free of charge to benefit recipients at OSLC, our region, and throughout the world. The people of OSLC make our church community so special! We hope you enjoy your purchases and feel the joy in your giving. May God's peace and blessings be with you always. With deepest gratitude, Karen Bush and the OSLC Prayer Bead Ministry

HYMNAL NEWS

As we explore new hymns together, more people are reaching for a hymnal to follow along! If you would like to donate a hymnal (\$27/hymnal) in honor or in memory of someone, please pick up a form at the reception desk. Each donated hymnal will include a commemorative sticker recognizing your thoughtful gift.

CHILDREN~YOUTH~FAMILY (CYF) www.oursavioursslc.org/cyfhome

Now Showing Family Movie Night!

Polar Express! – rated PG, Friday, December 5, 6:00 p.m. ALL ages are invited! Join your friends for a fun, themed night of snacks and a movie! Those 5th grade and younger must have a parent/guardian attend with them. Movie Admission is FREE. If you would like to join us for a meal, the cost is \$5/person or \$20 max/family household. Contact: Rachael Pearson, CYF Administrative Specialist by emailing rpearson@oursavioursslc.org or sign up on the CYF board in the Rotunda.

CYF Monthly Events:

- **Children Share the Christmas Story** – Join us on **Sunday, December 14 at the 10:30 a.m. worship service** as our children lead us in celebrating the story of Jesus' birth! Our Kid's Ministry students will lift their voices in song, and kiddos in **grades 3–5** will bring the nativity to life in a joyful **Bible Live drama**. This special service will be a highlight of your holiday season—a time to experience the wonder of Christmas through the eyes (and hearts!) of our children. Come and celebrate the good news of great joy with our church family!
- **Gather and Play**—Monday, December 1, 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. All children are invited to a monthly time of play, crafts, music and fun together. Children will be supervised by the adult who brought them. Any questions, email Rachael at rpearson@oursavioursslc.org.

WELCOME



HAPPENING Nov. 30 — Dec. 7

Sunday, November 30

- 8:30 a.m.—Traditional Worship
- 9:00 a.m.—Lighthouse Ministry Youth Group
- 10:15 a.m.—Contemporary Worship
- 10:15 a.m.—Faith Circle-Preschool
- 10:15 a.m.—Godly Play-K-1st Grade
- 10:15 a.m.—Bible Live-2nd-3rd Grade
- 10:15 a.m.—Young Samaritans-4th-5th Gr.
- 11:15 a.m.—Zoom Coffee Hour
- 6:00 p.m.—Carillon Handbell Rehearsal

Monday, December 1

- 9:30 a.m.—Gather & Play
- 7:00 p.m.—Align & Shine Mom's Group
- 7:00 p.m.—NA Support Group

Tuesday, December 2

- 9:30 a.m.—Adult Bible Study
- 5:30 p.m.—Band Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m.—AA Support Group
- 6:30 p.m.—Quilting Blocks in Stages
- 7:00 p.m.—Celebration Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, December 3

- 8:30 a.m.—Hard Hats
- 10:00 a.m.—Pastor Led Adult Bible Study
- 12:00 p.m.—Building Task Force Meeting
- 4:30 p.m.—HR Team Meeting-Zoom
- 5:00 p.m.—Dinner & Open Youth Room
- 6:00 p.m.—Confirmation Large Group
- 6:30 p.m.—Confirmation Worship
- 7:00 p.m.—Confirmation Small Groups

Thursday, December 4

- 6:30 p.m.—Blue Christmas

Friday, December 5

- 6:00 p.m.—Now Showing: Polar Express

Sunday, December 7

- 8:30 a.m.—Traditional Worship
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- 10:15 a.m.—Godly Play-K-1st Grade
- 10:15 a.m.—Bible Live-2nd-3rd Grade
- 10:15 a.m.—Young Samaritans-4th-5th Gr.
- 11:15 a.m.—Zoom Coffee Hour
- 11:30 a.m.—Music and Worship Team Mtg
- 6:00 p.m.—Carillon Handbell Rehearsal

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Altar Flowers

Altar flowers this week are given in loving memory of Archie by Jo-Ann Wyatt and in loving memory of Grant by Joe and Nancy Wyatt.