

Sunday Worship

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

Service Hymns

Opening Hymn: ELW 272
Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming
Hymn of the Day:
Looking Through a Prison Window
Sending Hymn: ELW 254
Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

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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OSLC WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS



What Do You Fear? Insisting on Hope: Luke's Gospel 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? This Advent, let's insist on hope and trust that good news is greater than fear.

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP

Christmas Eve Worship

On Christmas Eve, we'll have Candlelight and Communion at every service. If you'd like a little more elbow room, consider choosing the 12:30 pm or 9:00 pm service; 2:30 & 4:30 are usually quite full. Attending one of the other hours also leaves room for more visitors. That said, please worship at a time that works for you. The 12:30 p.m. & 2:30 p.m. services will be livestreamed.

Wednesday, December 24—Communion served at all services

- 12:30 p.m. Organ-led Christmas Worship with Children's Message
- 2:30 & 4:30 p.m. Band-led Christmas Worship with Children's Message
- 9:00 p.m. Organ-led Christmas Worship

Christmas Day Julotta Worship—Thursday, December 25, 8:30 a.m.

Worship at the Chapel (2200 Swedish Dr., Ham Lake).

Julotta is the Swedish word for Christmas Morning

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 on-going 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 December 5, 2025 commitments to the *Making Room* Campaign total **\$1,386,527!** We are at 99% of the goal! \$13,473 remaining! If you haven't yet had a chance to make your 3-year pledge, there's still time!

OPPORTUNITIES

Christmas Caring and Sharing Party—Friday, December 12, Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Join in the fun at the Christmas Music Party! Food Drive, carol sing-along, bake sale, hot cocoa bar and more. Admittance is a bag of items for NACE or a suggested donation of \$10. Hosted by the Music and Worship Team.

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.

Hymnal Donations

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.

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:



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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.

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!

BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE

Kori Sawyer, Building Task Force Chair, will be giving a presentation regarding updates for the building renovation project as we complete the design development phase. Items included will be minor design updates, kitchen layout, and add-alternate changes. Task force members will be available for questions on both dates.

- December 14, 9:45-10:05 - Gathering Space
- December 21, 9:45-10:05 – Open Office Area

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

CYF Monthly Events:

- CYF-Hosted Bake Sale!**
Friday, December 12, 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
Tis the Season! We will be having a CYF Ministries Bake Sale to raise money for our OSLC youth. This event will be a part of the Christmas Caring and Sharing Music Party at Our Saviour’s, hosted by the Music & Worship Team. Please bring plated baked goods (ready to put out).
- 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!
- Now Showing Family Movie Night!**
Beauty & the Beast Sing Along—Friday, January 16, 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.
- Gather and Play**—Monday, January 12, 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.
- Feed My Starving Children**—Wednesday, January 14, 6:45 p.m.-8:45 p.m.
Ages 5+ welcome! Need to be 5 years old to participate with a parent and 6th grade to participate without a parent. Check in will be at 5:45 p.m. at the Coon Rapids FMSC location. Our shift is 7:00-8:45. Participants are responsible for their own transportation. Please sign up on the CYF board in the Rotunda.



WELCOME



HAPPENING Nov. 30 — Dec. 7

- Sunday, December 7**
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
11:30 a.m.—Music and Worship Team Mtg
6:00 p.m.—Carillon Handbell Rehearsal

- Monday, December 8**
12:00 p.m.—Pub Theology
7:00 p.m.—NA Support Group

- Tuesday, December 9**
8:00 a.m.—Finance Team Meeting
9:30 a.m.—Adult Bible Study
1:30 p.m.—Faith & Fiction Book Group
5:30 p.m.—Executive Team Mtg-Zoom
5:30 p.m.—Band Rehearsal
6:30 p.m.—AA Support Group
6:30 p.m.—Fiction Addiction Book Group at Bigelbach Home
7:00 p.m.—Celebration Choir Rehearsal

- Wednesday, December 10**
8:30 a.m.—Hard Hats
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
7:00 p.m.—Youth Mission Trip Info Meeting

- Friday, December 12**
6:30 p.m.—Christmas Caring & Sharing Party

- Sunday, December 14**
8:30 a.m.—Traditional Worship
9:00 a.m.—Lighthouse Ministry Youth Group
10:15 a.m.—Contemporary Worship with Kid’s Christmas Program
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
11:30 a.m.—Baptism Class via Zoom
11:30 a.m.—CYF Volunteer Leadership Team
6:00 p.m.—Carillon Handbell Rehearsal

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Altar Flowers

Altar flowers this week are given

in loving memory of

Jan Swanson

by the Swanson Family

and Janet Lindahl

by the Lindahl Family

