

# SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday, July 23, 2023 †



9:45 AM Worship

8th Sunday of Pentecost

PRELUDE

## WORSHIP WINDOW

Welcome to Our Savior's Lutheran Church! We are pleased you are worshiping with us today! Welcome also to our summer worship series, "Lessons from the Lake" where we will focus each week on stories about Jesus as he traveled and taught around the shores of the Seas of Galilee.

In today's lesson, Jesus brings peace to a stormy sea and peace to His disciples. Jesus shows that He has power over nature, power over fear, power over any problem. When Jesus is in control of our lives, we have nothing to worry about or fear.

WELCOME

**SONG:** "Glorious Things of You Are Spoken"  
ELW #647, verses 1 & 2

**CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

L Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, who greets us in this and every season and whose word never fails us.

**C Amen**

L Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence for reflection.*

L Most merciful God,

**C We confess that we have sinned against you and cannot free ourselves. We have failed to be honest. We have lacked courage to speak. We have spoken falsely about others. We have hurt our community. We have squandered your blessings and have selfishly kept your gifts for ourselves. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy, Amen.**

L God offers us boundless grace when we fail! Claim the gift of God's mercy. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. May Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**C Amen.**

**KYRIE ELEISON** ELW page 184

**C Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way.  
Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

L For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all; for this holy house, for all who worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way.  
Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

L For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family.; for life and for love, for our work and our play, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

**CANTICLE OF PRAISE** ELW page 185

**C Glory to God in the highest, the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.**

L Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

**C Glory to God in the highest, the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**C Most merciful God, direct our lives by your grace, and help us to hear your words of justice and mercy as you continue to reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

**READINGS**

**PSALM: 107:1-3, 23-32**

L O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

**C Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those he redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.**

L They saw the deeds of the Lord, his wondrous works in the deep.

**C For he commanded and raised the stormy wind, which lifted up the waves of the sea.**

- L They mounted up to heaven; they went down to the depths; their courage melted away in their calamity;
- C Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he brought them out from their distress;**
- L He made the storm be still, and the waves of the sea were hushed.
- C Then they were glad because they had quiet, and he brought them to their desired haven.**
- L Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind.
- C Let them extol him in the congregation of the people and praise him in the assembly of the Elders.**

**Lesson: Mark 4:35-41**

*Read by Megan Fritz*

"That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, "Let us go over to the other side." Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along, just as he was, in the boat. There were also other boats with him. A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, "Teacher, don't you care if we drown?" He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm. He said to his disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?" They were terrified and asked each other, "Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!"

L This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON:** Pastor Susie Modrow  
"Jesus Stills the Storm"

**SONG:** ELW #785, verses 1, 2 & 4  
"When Peace Like a River/It Is Well With My Soul"

**APOSTLES CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

L Lord, in your mercy,

**C Hear our prayer.**

**RECONCILIATION**

*By sharing the words below with our neighbor, we are offering them forgiveness, grace and peace in the name of Jesus.*

L The peace of the Lord be with you all.

**C And also with you.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OFFERING**

**PRAYER AFTER OFFERING**

L Let us pray...

**C God of field and forest, sea and sky; you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us; that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

**HOLY COMMUNION**

**WORDS OF INVITATION**

L The Lord be with you.

**C And also, with you.**

L Lift up your hearts.

**C We lift them to the Lord.**

L Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

**C It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his

disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me.

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread,  
Forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.

### **SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS**

#### **COMMUNION BLESSING**

L May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

**C Amen.**

#### **PRAYER AFTER HOLY COMMUNION**

L Gracious God,

**C we thank you for the refreshment that we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

#### **BLESSING**

L May the God who calls across the cosmos and speaks as well to the smallest seed, + bless, keep and sustain you now and forever.

**C Amen**

**SONG:** "O God, My Faithful God"  
ELW #806, verses 1,2 & 4

#### **DISMISSAL**

L Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

**C Thanks be to God.**

### **PRAYER CONCERNS**

**Please remember in your prayers:**

**Friends and family of Marvin Emly,  
Friends and family of Kathy Juutilainen,  
Luttio family at the passing of Steve's mother  
Kennedy Deutmeyer, Shannon Kirberger,  
Sharon Dornfeld, Steve Koenes,  
Marlena McClanahan, Bev Murray**

**Military and their families**

**The people of Ukraine**

**San Isidro Labrador in Guatemala**

**Tarkanfi in Ethiopia**

**Shut-ins unable to worship**

**with us include:**

**Shirley Meek, Marnie Mackey,  
Marlys Gamm, Eunice Banta,  
Cindy Durand, Marlena McClanahan,  
Elaine Thielke, Anita Callander,  
Gloria Beecher, Marv Brown,  
Carolyn Mathieson, Garnet Ellertson**

**To join the prayer chain or to  
add your concerns, please email  
prayerchain@oursaviorsonline.org  
or call Jeanne Zaske at (651) 398-2414**

### **Worship Leaders Needed**

Our Savior's is interested in discovering volunteers who would like to join the various teams that service our worship areas. If you are interested in serving as an usher, greeter, treat host, communion server or reader on Sunday morning, please find the sign-up sheets on the clipboards outside the main office. (You can also sign-up on the church website). We are especially looking for coordinators or co-coordinators for these same groups to help coordinate and train the various volunteers. Please see Pr. Dave if you would like to work, perhaps with a partner, at coordinating one of these areas.

## Online Giving

Convenient way to give online-

Scan the QR code below

(with your cell phone camera)

You will be taken to our online giving site.

Select :

- amount
- frequency, start date if recurring
- fund to contribute to
- provide some account details

Once you give the first time, your account should be set up and you can text 651-374-9696 to give using your cell phone or scan QR code.



## CONNECT with OSLC

- **Breeze:** [oslcp.breezechms.com](http://oslcp.breezechms.com)  
Member information/directory. Find member contact information or check your giving information and activities. Church calendar is stored here.
- **Facebook:** Follow us on FB. Search for Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Circle Pines, MN .
- **YouTube:** Search for Our Savior's Lutheran in Circle Pines, MN — All things video can be found here. Live stream of services and funerals. Reflections on Scripture weekly videos, various video recordings.
- **Website:** [www.oursaviorsonline.org](http://www.oursaviorsonline.org)  
General church information, forms for events and programs, weekly bulletin, link to live stream, link to giving online.
- **The Pulse:** Sign up on OSLC website, click PULSE logo at bottom of main page.  
This is our digital newsletter. Interactive with links to videos, music recordings, forms and letters. You have to sign up to receive this, very informative. You can also sign up to receive Prayer concern emails through same link.



**REGISTER NOW!!**

**Vacation Bible School**

**Monumental: Celebrating God's Greatness!**

**July 24-27**

Our Savior's invites children to Monumental: Celebrating God's Greatness, from July 24-27. Kids participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, dig into yummy treats, experience one-of-a-kind Bible adventures, and so much more! Monumental is for kids from 3 years old to completing 5th grade. We are also looking for middle school, high school, and adult volunteers.

To register please use the link:

<https://oslcp.breezechms.com/form/ebcb9c51>

To register to be a youth helper please use the link: <https://oslcp.breezechms.com/form/f1d79077>

To register to be a parent helper please use the link: <https://oslcp.breezechms.com/form/f1d7901718>

JOIN your Our Savior's Lutheran friends for

## Worship at Golden Lake Park

"Lessons by the Lake" series continues



**Golden Lake Park**  
53 West Golden Lake Road  
Circle Pines

**Sunday, July 30th**  
**9:45 AM**



**MUSIC BY "CORNERSTONE"**

Bring along a blanket  
or lawn chair for comfortable  
seating!



**The 75th Anniversary  
Group will be serving  
ICE CREAM  
after the service!**

\*in case of inclement weather, worship will be in the sanctuary





## THANK YOU!

to all who donated to take down the tree in the south end of the parking lot area.

It was a success!



### Planning council recommends change to OSLC constitution

Currently the constitution of OSLC states in amendment C9.21.:

"When the Lead Pastor resigns or is terminated, all other pastoral staff shall tender their resignations within thirty days after the arrival of the new Lead Pastor."

As a planning council, we recommend removing this from our constitution so that we do not lose valuable members of our staff. OSLC amendment \*C17.04 states:

"The Congregation Council shall notify the congregation's members of the proposal together with the council's recommendations at least 30 days in advance of the meeting."

This letter will serve as this notification. This change will be voted on at the annual meeting in August in accordance with the following amendment: "C17.01.a. be approved at a legally called Congregation Meeting according to this constitution by a majority vote of those present and voting; b. be ratified without change at the next annual meeting by a two-thirds majority vote of those present and voting; and c. have the effective date included in the resolution2 and noted in the constitution."

Again, this is an outdated amendment, so it is important that it is eliminated. For clarification, OSLC planning council at this time recommends eliminating amendment C9.21 from OSLC constitution, and this action will be voted on at our annual meeting. Please bring any questions or concerns to planning council members.

-Shanna Semmler Planning Council Secretary

# THE CHURCH VAN



## TREASURER'S REPORT

### Our Savior's Lutheran Church Financial Summary For the Ten Months Ended June 30, 2023

|                                | 2022-23           |                  |                   | 2021-22          | 2022-23          |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|
|                                | YTD Actual        | YTD Budget       | Variance          | YTD Actual       | Budget           |
| General Income                 | 502,934           | 534,725          | (31,791)          | 557,884          | 630,000          |
| Operations Income              | 1,015             | 0                | 1,015             | 1,031            | 0                |
| Program Income                 | 11,048            | 20,232           | (9,185)           | 15,912           | 22,550           |
| <b>Total Income</b>            | <b>\$514,996</b>  | <b>\$554,957</b> | <b>(\$39,961)</b> | <b>\$574,827</b> | <b>\$652,550</b> |
| Benevolence                    | 0                 | 14,816           | (14,816)          | 5,500            | 25,900           |
| Facility Maintenance           | 64,992            | 42,099           | 22,893            | 59,109           | 48,524           |
| Utilities                      | 36,613            | 30,732           | 5,881             | 38,368           | 37,089           |
| Insurance                      | 22,625            | 21,004           | 1,621             | 27,270           | 25,983           |
| Finance                        | 14,908            | 14,959           | (51)              | 19,421           | 17,500           |
| Office Equipment               | 13,179            | 14,317           | (1,138)           | 13,611           | 16,438           |
| Other Operating                | 8,368             | 15,094           | (6,726)           | 9,783            | 17,952           |
| Operating Expenses             | 160,683           | 138,205          | 22,478            | 167,561          | 163,486          |
| Children, Youth & Family       | 16,317            | 19,265           | (2,948)           | 14,830           | 27,100           |
| Worship, Music & Arts          | 14,719            | 11,378           | 3,341             | 14,290           | 14,450           |
| Other Program                  | 2,405             | 871              | 1,534             | 629              | 900              |
| Program Expenses               | 33,441            | 31,514           | 1,927             | 29,748           | 42,450           |
| Staff Payroll Expenses         | 316,885           | 313,786          | 3,099             | 307,236          | 370,840          |
| Pension/Health                 | 41,293            | 35,966           | 5,327             | 38,873           | 43,159           |
| Other Staff                    | 2,471             | 4,437            | (1,966)           | 2,153            | 6,000            |
| Staff Expenses                 | 360,649           | 354,189          | 6,460             | 348,263          | 419,999          |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>          | <b>\$554,774</b>  | <b>\$538,724</b> | <b>\$16,050</b>   | <b>\$551,071</b> | <b>\$651,835</b> |
| Pass Through (Income) Expense  | 1,091             | -                | 1,091             | (2,021)          | -                |
| <b>Net Surplus / (Deficit)</b> | <b>(\$40,868)</b> | <b>\$16,233</b>  | <b>(\$57,101)</b> | <b>\$25,777</b>  | <b>\$715</b>     |

#### Treasurer's Report

**Statement of Operations** - We have generated \$515k YTD in income compared to \$555k YTD budget. April general income was \$41k. General expenses were \$555k YTD, compared to \$538k YTD budget. Facility expenses, utility costs, staff & pension/health expenses are running higher than plan YTD.

**Balance Sheet & Cash Flow** - Cash has increased \$32K YTD, primarily driven by the receipt of dedicated funds. Our overall cash balance is \$123k, including \$161k allocated to dedicated accounts.



# THE CHURCH VAN



**Urgent Need:** it is critical that we raise approximately \$18,000 dollars to replace the church van.

The facts (otherwise known as the bad news):

- #1: The van we are still using to transport OSLC members to/from church events (COW activities, Faith on Friday's, Jesus and Me, Summer Stretch, Mission Trips, and Amazing Greys) "jumps" out of park and into drive which is scary and dangerous to passengers and pedestrians.
- #2: Our current van is a 1996 Ford E350 (27 years old) and it has 146,000 miles on it.
- #3: Our current van has been repaired with duct tape to cover metal that is protruding from a seat back, and the rubber seal around the windshield repaired with super glue.
- #4: The vendor we have bought from in the past is planning to retire in the next few years and in preparation wants to sell ½ his fleet in mid August
- #5: Buying similar vans from other vendors will cost \$10,000- 12,000 more than purchasing from him.  
**So, we have a small window to capitalize on purchasing something that is needed, from a known vendor, at the best price.**

The good news:

- #1: OSLC already has \$12,000 in a dedicated account to purchase a multi passenger van from a past funding drive. Thank you to all that donated last time!
- #2: The vendor that is more affordable is confident that they will have a van for us to buy in the middle of August that is a 2018 or 2019 model with 70-80,000 miles of experience for approximately \$30,000 dollars. Last year many vendors were selling similar vans for \$50,000 or more due to COVID inflation, so it is a blessing we have this option.

I understand that OSLC has a lot on our plate, but replacing the van is truly a need. We need to make sure our staff, volunteers and youth are safe. You can make a donation on Breeze, in the offering plate on Sundays or mail it to the church office. Just mark in the notes "church van" so we know it is for this critical need.

Thank You Our Saviors!

Shanna Semmler- Planning Council Secretary  
Mom of 3 active youth of OSLC

## Office Manager Open Position

Our Savior's Lutheran Church (ELCA), Circle Pines, MN, is seeking an excellent (Part-Time: 24 hours/week) office manager to be the first point of contact both in-person and on the phone for visitors, church members and vendors/workers. Skills in communication and working collaboratively are a premium! Please send resume and references ASAP to:

Our Savior's Lutheran Church  
ATTN: Sr. Pastor

9185 Lexington Ave NE  
Circle Pines MN 55014

or email to: [office@oursaviorsonline.org](mailto:office@oursaviorsonline.org)

For a more detailed job description please visit the church website [www.oursaviorsonline.org](http://www.oursaviorsonline.org)

## Upcoming Events

### **Worship in the Park**

Sunday, July 30th @ 9:45AM

### **Vacation Bible School**

July 24th to July 27th

### **Summer Stretch**

July 31st to August 4th

### **Lessons by the Lake Worship Series**

Starts July 9th

### Attendance for Sunday, July 16th

**9:45AM**

**In-person=79**

**Online=N/A\***

Due to technical difficulties,  
we were unable to stream last week's service.

\*The ELCA's online worship reporting guidelines multiply online views by 2.5 to account for individuals within a household.

## **OSLC Staff**

NOTE: you can reach our onsite staff by calling 763-784-1971 and entering their extension # below.

### **Interim Senior Pastor**

David Wrightsman x1004

Cell 612-599-6911

Email: [dwrightsman@oursaviorsonline.org](mailto:dwrightsman@oursaviorsonline.org)

### **Pastor for Children-Youth-Family**

Susie Modrow x1005

### **Rev. Stephen Luttio**

Cell 206-799-8010 (text or call)

### **Audio/Visual Team**

Christian Brogren

Kerry Gustafson

### **Director of Contemporary Music**

Ellie Lehn x1011

### **Choral Conductor/Music Coordinator**

Rebecca Luttio x1008

### **Traditional Service Accompanist**

Hyein Choi

### **Finance**

Christine Ventrelli x1002

### **Office Manager**

OPEN x1000 (main voicemail)

### **CYF Associates**

Children's Ministry Danielle Draheim x1009

Youth Ministry Nick Gilbert x1007

### **Director of Children's Choirs**

Joy Rauner 763-234-8131

### **Director of Hand Bells**

Rebecca Luttio x1008

### **OSLC Funeral Coordinators**

Joy Rauner and Pat Feine

### **Head Ushers**

Vern Nelson and Chuck Sikora

### **Nursery Attendant**

Christine Evans

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