

UPCOMING EVENTS

OUR STAFF & VOLUNTEERS IN MINISTRY

Sunday, November 30th - TODAY
9:45am Blended Worship (one service)
9:45am Fellowship Time After Worship

Monday, December 1st
10:00am Monday Morning Bible Study
4:30pm Endowment Committee Meeting
6:30pm Scouts Troop 65

Tuesday, December 2nd
10:00am NA Chapel
10:00am Quilters

Wednesday, December 3rd
3:45pm Youth Club
5:30pm Youth Club Jr
5:45pm Young Families Group
6:00pm Dolce Bells Rehearsal
6:00pm MS COW
7:00pm Chancel Singers Choir Rehearsal
7:30pm HS COW

Thursday, December 4th
7:30pm Alcoholics Anonymous

Saturday, December 6th
Communion Set up
8:00am Overeaters Anonymous
8:30am Cornerstone Rehearsal
10:00am Rehearsal for Christmas Program followed by lunch in Luther Hall
6:00pm Advent LIFT Setup

Sunday, December 7th
FIRST SUNDAY FOOD DRIVE
8:45am Traditional Worship
9:45am Fellowship Time After Worship
9:45am LIFT

Attendance Totals:
November 23rd, 2025

8:45 AM
In-person = 71
Online* = 70

10:45AM
In-person = 141
Online* = 78

*The ELCA's online worship reporting guidelines multiply online views by 2 to account for individuals within a household.

Scan the QR code to the left with your cell phone camera to go to our online giving site.

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MONDAY - THURSDAY
9:00AM - 3:00PM
CLOSED FRIDAY
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SUNDAY WORSHIP

November 30, 2025 †

OUR SAVIOR'S
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Created for relationship with God, all people everywhere and creation itself.
Called to equip people to serve by growing disciples of Jesus Christ.

First Sunday in Advent
BLENDED SERVICE - 9:45AM

SERVING AT WORSHIP TODAY
Rev. Susie Modrow
Rev. Leland Armbricht
Katherine Shmelev, piano/organ

PRELUDE
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP
L: Beloved, once again, we embark on the Advent path that points us to the coming of Jesus.
C: **We journey together toward the day that all the earth awaits.**
L: We remember the signs and the times that heralded the arrival of the baby Jesus, God Incarnate.
C: **We journey together toward the day that all the earth awaits.**
L: We tell the stories once again as we learn how to discern the signs and the times, watching for glimpses of God's here-and-not-yet kingdom among us.
C: **We journey together toward the day that all the earth awaits.**
L: Come, let us worship God who shines a light to guide us on the path to peace and flourishing for all creation.
C: **Come, let us worship as we journey together toward the day that all the earth awaits.**

GATHERING SONG
Prepare the Royal Highway **ELW#264**
verses 1, 3 & 4

GREETING
L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C: **And also with you.**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH
Semmler Household
L: The prophet Isaiah calls to us from the past to imagine the future when God's reign will be fully realized and recognized throughout creation. When that time comes, God "shall judge between the nations and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation; neither shall they learn war any more" (Isaiah 2:4).
C: **Today, we choose to live in hope, believing that the time of God's reign has come and is coming among us.**
L: We light this candle of hope as a sign of our promise to follow the Light as we answer God's call to transform our hope into reality today and in the days to come.

SONG
Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah **ELW#240**
verse 1, sung twice

PRAYER OF THE DAY
L: Let us pray, God of fiery flames,
C: **Even the most raging fire could not destroy your servants**

when they called upon you in faith. Give us faith to withstand anything that rages to deter us from following you. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING
Reader: Ruel Carpenter
DANIEL 3:1, 8-30
King Nebuchadnezzar made a golden statue whose height was sixty cubits and whose width was six cubits; he set it up on the plain of Dura in the province of Babylon. Accordingly, at this time certain Chaldeans came forward and denounced the Jews. They said to King Nebuchadnezzar, "O king, live forever! You, O king, have made a decree, that everyone who hears the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, drum, and entire musical ensemble, shall fall down and worship the golden statue, and whoever does not fall down and worship shall be thrown into a furnace of blazing fire. There are certain Jews whom you have appointed over the affairs of the province of Babylon: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. These men pay no heed to you, O king. They do not serve your gods, and they do not worship the golden statue that you have set up." Then Nebuchadnezzar in furious rage commanded that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego be brought in, so they brought those men before the king. Nebuchadnezzar said to them, "Is it true, O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, that you do not serve my gods and you do not worship the golden statue that I have set up? Now if you are ready, when you hear the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, drum, and entire musical ensemble, you should fall down and worship the statue that I have made. But if you do not worship, you shall immediately be thrown into a furnace of blazing fire, and who is the god who will deliver you out of my hands?" Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered the king, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to present a defense to you in this matter. If our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the furnace of blazing fire and out of your hand, O king, let him deliver us. But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods and we will not worship the golden statue that you have set up." Then Nebuchadnezzar was so filled with rage against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego that his face was distorted. He ordered the furnace heated up seven times more than was customary and ordered some of the strongest guards in his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego and to throw them into the furnace of blazing fire. So the men were bound, still wearing their tunics, their trousers, their hats, and their other garments, and they were thrown into the furnace of blazing fire. Because the king's command was urgent and the furnace was so overheated, the raging flames killed the men who lifted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. But the three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, fell down, bound, into the furnace of blazing fire. Then King Nebuchadnezzar was astonished and rose up quickly. He said to his counselors, "Was it not three men that we threw bound into the fire?" They answered the king, "True, O king." He replied, "But I see four men unbound, walking in the middle of the fire, and they are not hurt, and the fourth has the appearance of a god." Nebuchadnezzar then approached the

door of the furnace of blazing fire and said, “Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, servants of the Most High God, come out! Come here!” So Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego came out from the fire. And the satraps, the prefects, the governors, and the king’s counselors gathered together and saw that the fire had not had any power over the bodies of those men; the hair of their heads was not singed, their tunics were not scorched, and not even the smell of fire came from them. Nebuchadnezzar said, “Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who has sent his angel and delivered his servants who trusted in him. They disobeyed the king’s command and yielded up their bodies rather than serve and worship any god except their own God. Therefore I make a decree: Any people, nation, or language that utters blasphemy against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego shall be torn limb from limb and their houses laid in ruins, for there is no other god who is able to deliver in this way.” Then the king promoted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in the province of Babylon.

L: The Word of the Lord!
C: Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON Rev. Susie Modrow

SONG OF THE DAY *Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn*
verses 1 - 3 ELW#242

SERVICE OF HEALING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
After each intercession, please respond to the words,
L: Lord, in your mercy,
C: Hear our prayer.

LAYING ON OF HANDS
L: Friends, I invite you to come and receive a sign of healing and wholeness in the name of the triune God.
Those who wish to receive laying on of hands (and anointing) approach one of the pastors.
L: Let us pray. Living God, through the laying on of hands and anointing, grant comfort in suffering to all who are in need of healing. When they are afraid, give them courage; when afflicted, give them patience; when dejected, give them hope; and when alone, assure them of the support of your holy people. We ask this through Christ our Lord.
C: Amen.

RECONCILIATION
L: The peace of the Lord be with you all.
C: And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TEMPLE TALK Keralyn Groff & Deb Morris

OFFERING

OFFERTORY SONG *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

OFFERING PRAYER
L: Let us pray. Nourishing God, you are water in the wilderness and streams in the desert. Through this meal, satisfy our parched places, that we may rejoice and be for the world signs of your kingdom come.
C: Amen.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE
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 him thanks and praise!

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

LORD’S PRAYER
Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as 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 THE MEAL *Jesus Still Lean On*

COMMUNION BLESSING
L: May the body and blood of our precious Lord and Savior, strengthen you and keep you to life everlasting.
C: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER HOLY COMMUNION
L: God our host, at this table you have fed us with joy and gladness. Send us forth, eager to share the feast, welcome the stranger, and bear good fruit in the name of Jesus.
C: Amen.

BLESSING
L: May God who comes among us, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, grant you hope in the waiting, peace in the darkness, and good news to share today and always.
C: Amen.

SENDING SONG *Soon and Very Soon* ELW#439

DISMISSAL
L: The Lord is coming. We wait with hope.
C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name*

Please remember in your prayers:
Rusty, Loretta Phillips, Jacque Capistrant, Dona Paulson, Peggy Nelson, Darlene & Dave Hults, Tori Appelhof, Cindy Hanson, Richard & Lynn Rossiter, Sandy Ellenwood, Jim Rauner, Gail Willenbring, Marnie Mackey, Deb Rykken, Darla & Molly, Stephanie Erickson.
Shana, daughter of Russ and Cindy Ellenwood
Denny and Sharon’s friend, Larry
Annie, granddaughter of Roy & Pat Feine
Tom, Father-in-Law of Beto Farias & Father to Adam Ginkel
The Dolney Family , for the loss of Marjorie Sorvig
First Responders, Military & their families
San Isidro Labrador in Guatemala, Tarkanfi in Ethiopia
Shut-ins unable to worship with us include:
Marnie Mackey, Marlys Gamm, Elaine Thielke, Cindy Durand, Katie Stormo, Garnet Ellertson, Russ Eklund & Marlena McClanahan.
To join the prayer chain or to add your concerns, please email prayerchain@oursaviorsonline.org or call Jeanne Zaske at 651-398-2414

Advent L.I.F.T Activity
You are invited to join us at L.I.F.T. to create an advent angel bell and wreath with your family. Sunday, December 7th at 9:45 (between services).
Please register by scanning the QR code below or by going to <https://oslcp.breezezechms.com/form/> AdventLIFT to ensure we have enough prepared materials for everyone. Thank you for your cooperation on this!

**No cost – Financed by a Thrivent Financial grant.*



Our Savior's Lutheran Church Financial Summary For the Tenth Month of our Year Ended December 31, 2025		
	Oct 2025 Actuals	YTD 2025 Actuals
Total Income	\$47,489	\$471,691
Total Expenses	\$76,809	\$572,875
Budgeted Net Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$29,320)	(\$101,184)
Pass Through (Income) Expense	(\$255)	\$963
Other Income	\$0	\$34,038
Net Surplus / (Deficit)	(29,575)	(66,183)

Treasurer's Report
Financial Statement - Year to date we have received \$471.7k against our budgeted revenue of \$561.4k Our YTD Expenses are \$572.8k compared to a budget of \$574.0k *This puts us at a negative \$101.1k year to date.* However, because of the Employee Retention Credit of \$34,038, we are now at a negative \$66.2k.
Balance Sheet & Cash Flow - The total of cash and accounts receivable is \$206.8k. Funds allocated to dedicated accounts is \$180.5k. We have had to draw from our savings over the last month to pay our bills and dedicated accounts are in jeopardy.
The Congregation Council will be evaluating ministry plans and engage the congregation in decision making regarding resolving this deficit as our financial reserve is limited.

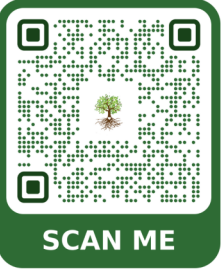
**Help Thank Our Savior’s Staff this Christmas**
As 2025 draws to a close, we at Our Savior’s have much to be thankful for: a new lead pastor after a period of transition, and a variety of ministries that continue to serve our congregation, our communities & beyond. We are especially grateful for our amazing OSLC staff. It takes a devoted team to guide these ministries, lead volunteers, and keep the church humming behind the scenes.
To recognize the blessings our staff provides, the Human Resources Committee, together with the Congregational Council, invites you to help thank our staff this Christmas season. On November 30 and December 7, a table will be in the narthex with several ways for you to participate:
♦ **Write a thank you note.** Share a note of gratitude with a specific staff member or the whole team. Notecards will be available at the table and can be dropped in a box there when complete.
♦ **Sign up for a small act of service.** For instance, bring in treats or a meal. A list of suggestions will be available at the table. Your creativity is welcome, too!
♦ **Donate a gift card.** Gift cards are a wonderful way to support and appreciate staff throughout the year. A box to collect gift cards will also be available at the table.
Boxes and the sign-up list will also be available in the church office during normal business hours. There are many demands on our time and resources during the holidays, but please embrace one of these opportunities to say thank you to those who serve Our Savior’s. If you have any questions, contact a member of the Human Resources Committee: Charisse Froemke, Keralyn Groff, Kerry Gustafson, and Angie Robinson.

PARENTS
We love having children in worship - wiggles, giggles, and all! Here are some ways your child is invited to participate:
* Visit the Playground Table next to the pulpit (toys/puzzles)
* Roam around the sanctuary
* Grab a worship bag (located behind the A/V booth)
* Visit our staffed nursery
* Help lead the greeting (pastors will invite the kids up)
* Come up for the children’s message
Children are invited to move freely between all of these spaces. We’re glad you’re here and welcome the opportunity to support you as you fulfill the promises of baptism!

THE MUSICIANS & PERFORMERS OF
Our Savior’s Lutheran Church
- Present -
The Best Gift Ever
by Ellie Lehn-Timm
Join us Sunday, December 7th at 6:30pm in the sanctuary for the Advent Concert.
Scan the QR code for more details



Rooted in Love: Fullness Beyond Measure
Last week we heard from Deanine about how ‘Fullness Beyond Measure’ is revealed in OSLC’s support of Guatemala to do more through God’s love.
Please complete your Ministry Support card by December 7th to communicate how you will support Our Savior’s Ministry Plan. Ministry Support cards can be found by scanning the QR code to be routed to the online form. Paper copies of the Ministry Support cards are also be available in the church office/during service.
Thank you for your support.



SCAN ME

Help Us Share Joy This Holiday Season!

Toys for Joy
Serving Greater Anoka County Since 1986

Eleanor Squad Forum
December 14th 9:45AM in Luther Hall
Deacon Krista Lind, the Assistant to the Bishop at St. Paul Synod will speak on work that is done on behalf of Congregations and ministries throughout the Synod. If you’ve ever wondered what the Synod is or what it’s purpose is - you won’t want to miss this presentation.


Serving coffee this morning are volunteers who represent OSLC at the Centennial Community Food Shelf (CCFS).
CCFS began at Our Savior’s and now operates from the lower level of Circle Pines City Hall, providing food assistance to 400 households—1,000–1,500 individuals—each month, distributing over 30,000 pounds of food. OSLC is one of ten supporting churches, helping greet and assist clients on the third Thursday of each month. Thank you to coordinator Renee Dietz; volunteers Kathy DuFresne, Bernie Demotts, Sandy Rand, Lauri and Randi Pudwill, Curt and Joan Goddard, Marianne Erlien, Marc Ehrmantraut; and all who serve. Marc and Rosie also serve on the CCFS Board of Directors.