

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sunday, March 1st**
- ◇ FIRST SUNDAY FOOD DRIVE
 - ◇ 8:45am Traditional Worship
 - ◇ 9:45am Fellowship Time After Worship
 - ◇ 9:45am LIFT
 - ◇ 10:45am Contemporary Worship
 - ◇ 6:00pm Confirmation Workshop
- Monday, March 2nd**
- ◇ 10:00am Care Team Meeting - Zoom
 - ◇ 10:00am Monday Morning Bible Study
 - ◇ 6:30pm Scouts Troop 65
- Tuesday, March 3rd**
- ◇ 10:00am NA Chapel
 - ◇ 10:00am Quilters
- Wednesday, March 4th**
- ◇ 10:00am Labyrinth Walk Through
 - ◇ 3:45pm Youth Club
 - ◇ 4:00pm YC Bells
 - ◇ 5:30pm Youth Club Jr
 - ◇ 6:00pm 40 Days With Bonhoeffer
 - ◇ 6:00pm Dolce Bells Rehearsal
 - ◇ 6:00pm MS COW
 - ◇ 7:00pm Chancel Singers Choir Rehearsal
 - ◇ 7:30pm HS COW
- Thursday, March 5th**
- ◇ 12:00pm OSLC@FMSC
 - ◇ 5:00pm WMA Meeting
 - ◇ 5:30pm Piano lesson-Ellie
 - ◇ 7:30pm Alcoholics Anonymous
- Friday, March 6th**
- ◇ 11:00am Shirley Girard Funeral
- Saturday, March 7th**
- ◇ Communion Set up
 - ◇ 8:00am Overeaters Anonymous

Attendance Totals: February 25th, 2026

7:00 PM

In-person = 78
Online* = 24

February 22nd, 2026 9:45 AM

In-person = 126
Online* = 118

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

Online Giving

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



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SUNDAY WORSHIP

March 1, 2026 †



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

Second Sunday in Lent CONTEMPORARY - 10:45AM

SERVING AT WORSHIP TODAY

Rev. Leland Armbright
Rev. Susie Modrow
Cornerstone

PRELUDE

WELCOME

LENTEN BREATH PRAYER

by Diane Faries

L: God of all creation, you formed us from the dust and breathed life into us. Our breath is your breath. Your spirit moves within us and gives us life.

C: **Too often we hold our breath, we are so focused on the immediate. Too often we feel choked by the tasks crying out for our attention.**

L: Remind us, Creator, that we are yours, that every breath comes from you, that you sustain us and nourish us from the same earth which you used to form us, and to which we will one day return.

C: **Remind us, Eternal Spirit, how to breathe. Fill us deeply with your powerful presence, open our mouths to inhale your goodness and your grace.**

L: Remind us, O Redeemer, that you have set us free from everything that separates us from you. As we pause now to pray with each breath, help us to let go. Breathe in the breath of life. Breathe out, releasing your sins to God's grace. Breathe in the breath of life. Breathe out, releasing the assumptions that blind us to God's truth. Breathe in the breath of life. Breathe out, releasing the desire to consume things that cannot fill you. Breathe in the breath of life. Breathe out, releasing yourself from the power of false idols. Breathe in the breath of life. Breathe out, releasing the fears that lead you to doubt yourself and God. Breathe in the breath of life. Breathe out, releasing your need for control. Breathe in the breath of life. Breathe out, and let go of all that separates you from God.

C: **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG

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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Holy Lord God,

C: **Jesus washed the disciples' feet as a sign of service and compassion. Show us how to live and love in service and with compassion, for the sake of all your children. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE READING

Reader: Robin Moe

JOHN 13:1-17

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The devil had already decided that Judas son of Simon

Iscaiot would betray Jesus. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from supper, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean." After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had reclined again, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, slaves are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

L: The Gospel of the Lord!

C: **Praise to you, O Christ!**

SERMON

Pastor Leland Armbright

SONG OF THE DAY

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

As we sing the song of the day, you are invited to add something to the Prayers of Lament and/or the Prayers of Hope wall.

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

After each intercession, please respond to the words, "L: Lord in your mercy," with the words, "C: Hear Our Prayer."

RECONCILIATION

L: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

OFFERTORY SONG

OFFERING PRAYER

L: O God, maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus' name.

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

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 of our salvation, we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
C: **Amen.**

BLESSING


L: Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity: God, who calls all things into existence, Jesus Christ, who redeems us, and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation, bless you now and always.
C: **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

DISMISSAL
L: Go in peace. Live the good news.
C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

LIVE STREAMING Please be aware that we livestream all of our worship services; including audio & video recording. By participating, you consent to being recorded & understand that the content will be shared publicly. Thank you!

 *Ingredients/nutrition facts for the communion bread can be found on the bulletin board in the Narthex.*



Lent/Holy Week Schedule
OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
9185 LEXINGTON AVE N, CIRCLE PINES, MN 55014
Palm Sunday: MARCH 29TH, 2026 (8:45 AM, 10:45 AM)
Maundy Thursday: APRIL 2ND, 2026 (7:00PM)
Good Friday: APRIL 3RD, 2026 (7:00PM)
Easter Sunday: APRIL 5TH, 2026 (8:45 AM, 10:45 AM)
www.oursaviorsonline.org

You are invited to join others from OSLC to pack lifechanging meals with Feed My Starving Children. We can't wait to see you in the packing room, where you'll turn hunger into hope with your own two hands. Two times have been scheduled at the Coon Rapids location:
• Thursday, March 5, from noon to 1:45pm
• Tuesday, March 17, from 5 to 6:30pm.
For more information/to register, please contact Johnnie Timm (johnnietimm@gmail.com) or Pastor Leland (larmbright@oursaviorsonline.org)



Make your 2026 Step-Up Commitment!

Thank you to everyone who has made their "Step-Up" commitment! We have received \$34,000 toward the \$65,000 commitment needed to support the approved 2026 OSLC Annual Budget!
We will celebrate together our Step-Up commitments and progress with a display in the narthex. You can show your commitment by adding your "footprint" to our Step-Up display in the narthex.

If you want to Step-Up!

Please indicate how your household will Step-Up in 2026 by scanning the QR code to the right:
Step-Up commitments must be made by April 15, 2026, when Council will evaluate first quarter results.



If you wish to complete a paper form, please email Kerry kgustafson@oursaviorsonline.org

PRAYER CONCERNS

Rusty, Jeff Weiss, Tori Appelfhof, Rochelle Miller, Jeff Kenner, Lynn Rossiter, Jim Rauner, Deb Rykken, Reichert Family, Sharon Frick.
Shana, daughter of Russ and Cindy Ellenwood
Annie, granddaughter of Roy & Pat Feine
Family + Friends of Dave Hults
Family + Friends of Shirley Girard
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

A Lenten Labyrinth Experience

*Blessed are those whose strength is in you,
whose hearts are set on pilgrimage. Psalm 84:5*

A canvas labyrinth will be on the floor in the sanctuary during the season of Lent starting February 22, 2026.

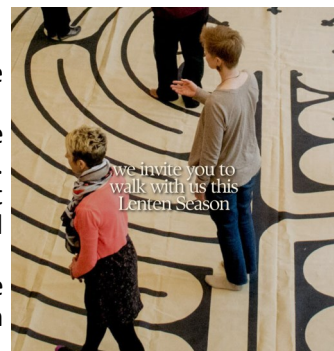
Lent is a time of preparation, reflection, growth and change. During this season of lent we encourage you to walk the labyrinth and experience your own personal Lenten pilgrimage.

Devotionals will be available to guide you in your labyrinth experience. We also have finger labyrinths for your use at home.

An *Introduction to the Labyrinth Experience* will be offered on **Monday, February 23 at both 10:00 am and 7:00 pm** in the sanctuary. No sign up is required.

PLEASE NOTE:

- * NO shoes are allowed on the canvas labyrinth.
- * Multiple people may walk the labyrinth at the same time. Please treat this as a quiet sacred space and be respectful of others.
- * The labyrinth will not be available if the sanctuary is in use.



Swedish Rye Bread Class - March 7th 9am-12pm


No experience is necessary, just bring your favorite apron. You will go home with a recipe and hot, fresh bread that you created from scratch. Ingredients will be supplied and ingredient expense is \$5/person. For more information on this bread baking journey see The Pulse!

You may contact Mark Gustafson at gusty@comcast.net if you have any questions.

Register for the class here:



The limit to this class is 8 participants, if you are attending with a friend each individual has to fill out their own registration form!

 **Registration for Noah's Ark Preschool is now open for the 2026-2027 school year and the 2026 Summer Adventure Program.** When completing your registration for the 2026-2027 school year, please use the **DARK BLUE link** that takes you to the updated registration form on the website, thank you. www.oslcnoahsark.com

PARENTS

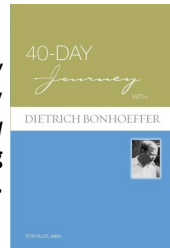
We love having children in worship - wiggles, giggles, and all!
Here are some ways your child is invited to participate at OSLC:
* Visit the Playground Table next to the pulpit (toys/puzzles)
* Roam around the sanctuary
* Grab a worship bag (located behind the A/V booth)
* **Visit our staffed* nursery (see below note)**
* 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 so glad you're here and we welcome the opportunity to support you as you fulfill the promises of baptism!

***DUE TO A REDUCTION IN STAFFING, AS OF MARCH 1ST, THE NURSERY WILL BE SELF-SERVE UNTIL A SYSTEM OF VOLUNTEERS CAN BE ESTABLISHED. THANK YOU!**

Lenten Education Opportunity

This Lent, join Pastor Leland for a *40-Day Journey with Dietrich Bonhoeffer*. These books, edited by Ronald Klug, may be ordered through *Augsburg Fortress* or other booksellers. **We will be meeting 6pm - 7pm Wednesdays in the Conference Room. Please contact Pr. Leland with any questions.**



Youth Club Volunteers Needed!

We are looking for caring, committed adults to serve with our Youth Club! This is a meaningful way to build relationships, encourage faith, and support the next generation as they grow in Christ.

Whether you can help weekly or occasionally, we would love to have you join the team. **All volunteers are required** to complete a background check and Safe Gatherings training *prior to serving*.

If you are interested in volunteering, please sign up here:



If you have questions, please contact Pastor Susie. Thank you for helping us equip young people to grow in faith and community!

Annual Meeting Results

Our Annual Meeting was held on February 22, 2026. Please welcome our new council and committee members!

Audit Team - Cindy Schwiesow and Reed Solheim. Cindy & Reed join Mark Groff and Pat Mann to form this year's Audit Team.

Nominating Committee - Sonja Birkeland-Zabel, Dave Bartholomay, and Kris Cafferty. Thank you to Erika Pouliot, Laurie Dahl and Tanya Dolney for serving this year!

Congregation Council - Julie Ackerman, Kyle Bartholomay, Tyr Altman, Erin Hall. *Thank you to Eric Peterson, Kelly Marquard, Marianne Erlien and Dwight Benoy for your service!*

Our 2026 budget was also approved by a vote of 83 to 14.

We thank our staff members whose roles have been impacted: Danielle Draheim, Christine Evans, Julie Ackerman. We also thank our custodians Nancy Hernandez and Heidi May.

CENTENNIAL HIGH SCHOOL SNACK DRIVE



WE ARE LOOKING FOR THESE SPECIFIC DONATIONS:

- THAT'S IT FRUIT BARS (ANY FLAVOR)
- NATURE'S BAKER FIG BARS (ANY FLAVOR)
- MOTT'S NO SUGAR ADDED APPLESAUCE
- KIND BAR'S (ANY FLAVOR)
- SKINNY POP POPCORN & PIRATE'S BOOTY
- FRESH FRUIT (APPLES, MANDARINS, BANANAS)



DONATIONS MAY BE DROPPED OFF IN THE PURPLE SNACK DRIVE BOX LOCATED IN THE NARTHEX. CONTACT PR. SUSIE FOR MORE INFORMATION AT SMODROW@OURSAVIORSONLINE.ORG

4th Grade First Communion Class



Will be on Sunday, March 29th, 2026 from 9:15am - 10:45am in Luther Hall. Then you will go into church at 10:45am to take your first communion. Please email Pastor Susie at smodrow@oursaviorsonline.org to register or if you have questions. This is a class for the 4th grader and at least one parent or guardian to attend together. If you have a child that is older than 4th grade that hasn't taken this class yet, we encourage you to join us!