

# PALM SUNDAY

April 2, 2023 †



## Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Sunday, April 2, 2023

10:45AM Worship

### PRELUDE

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

L Jesus is coming!

**C From the mountains, from the lakes, from the prairies, and from the pines,**

L Jesus is coming!

**C From the cities and from the country. From the homes of the wealthy and from the company of the poor,**

L Jesus is coming!

**C From the bedside of the ill and from the graves of those who mourn.**

L Jesus is coming!

**C Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!**

### GATHERING SONG

#### CONFESSION & THANKSGIVING

L Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who journeys with us these forty days, and sustains us with the gift of grace.

**C Amen.**

L Let us acknowledge before God and one another our need for repentance and God's mercy.

*Silence*

L Holy God,

**C We confess to you our faults and failings. Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word; we take for ourselves instead of giving to others; we spoil rather than steward your creation; we cause hurt though you call us to heal; we choose fear over compassion. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, as we seek to follow in your way of life. Amen.**

L Hear the good news: God so loved the world that God gave his only Son, so that all may receive life. This promise is for you! God embraces you with divine mercy, + forgives you in Christ's name, and revives you in the Spirit's power.

**C Amen.**

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

L Sovereign God, you have established your rule in the

human heart through the servanthood of Jesus Christ. By your Spirit, keep us in the joyful procession of those who with their tongues confess Jesus as Lord and with their lives praise him as Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

#### SONG

#### READINGS:

##### Psalm 31:9-16

L Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am in distress; my eye wastes away from grief, my soul and body also.

**C For my life is spent with sorrow, and my years with sighing; my strength fails because of my misery, and my bones waste away.**

L I am the scorn of all my adversaries, a horror to my neighbors, an object of dread to my acquaintances; those who see me in the street flee from me.

**C I have passed out of mind like one who is dead; I have become like a broken vessel.**

L For I hear the whispering of many— terror all around!— as they scheme together against me, as they plot to take my life.

**C But I trust in you, O Lord; I say, 'You are my God.'**

L My times are in your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.

**C Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.**

##### Luke 19:28-38

##### Read by Deb Morris

After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, "Why are you untying it?" just say this: "The Lord needs it."' So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, 'Why are you untying the colt?' They said, 'The Lord needs it.' Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing

their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

'Blessed is the king  
who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Peace in heaven,  
and glory in the highest heaven!'

L The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON:** The Lord Needs It (Pastor David Wrightsman)

### **SONG**

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

### **RECONCILIATION**

L The peace of the Lord be with you all.

**C And also with you.**

### **OFFERING**

### **PRAYER AFTER OFFERING**

L Let us pray...

**C God of good gifts, receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life. Amen.**

### **WORDS OF INVITATION**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**C 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.**

### **HOLY COMMUNION**

### **PRAYER AFTER HOLY COMMUNION**

L Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us into your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C Amen.**

### **BLESSING**

L The Lord bless you. The Lord's face shine upon you with

grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

**C Amen.**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **SENDING SONG**

### **DISMISSAL**

L Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

### **POSTLUDE**

### **Attendance for Sunday, March 26th**

**8:45AM**

In-person= 102 Online= 130

**10:45AM**

In-person= 146 Online= 100

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

### **PRAYER CONCERNS**

**Please remember in your prayers:  
Kennedy Deutmeyer, Shannon Kirberger,  
Elsie Ulmer, Mark Prazak,  
Linda VanCleave, Sharon Dornfeld,  
Karen Davis, Eileen Dordal**

**The people affected by the tornadoes  
in Mississippi  
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, Marv Emly,  
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](mailto:prayerchain@oursaviorsonline.org)  
or call Jeanne Zaske at (651) 398-2414**

**Holy Hammers™**



### **Feed the hungry Holy Hammers volunteers!**

As of 3/27/23 the work crews for Holy Hammers required only a couple more volunteers on Friday, 4 April and Monday, 17 April. The other dates (11,12,13, & 18 April) have filled the maximum crew size. Thank you!

Now, OSLC is asked to provide morning snacks and a lunch for twelve people on Monday, 17 April and Tuesday, 18 April. If you would care to donate a salad, a hot dish, fresh fruit, sandwiches, chips, or want to do something creative with those left-over Easter eggs call or send an email to: Ruel Carpenter 763-786-4741 or [ruel477carp@q.com](mailto:ruel477carp@q.com).

God bless you.

### **Online Giving**

Convenient way to give online-  
Scan the QR code below  
(with your cellphone 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.

Any questions? Ask Amy in the office.





As we approach Easter Sunday, loved ones come to mind. In the past, members have contributed flowers to adorn the worship space. This year, a team of volunteers are making arrangements to decorate the sanctuary. However, they will not be purchasing individual plants. If you would like to bring a plant to add to the arrangement, we would love that! Please drop off by Friday, April 7th.

If you would like to honor the memory of a loved one, please contact the office to include their name in the bulletin. You do not need to give, but if you decide to graciously contribute the offering can may be made to the general fund (our greatest current need), or to the charity of your choice.

**Please email your information to [office@oursaviorsonline.org](mailto:office@oursaviorsonline.org) no later than Tuesday, April 4th.**

We look forward to worshipping with you during Holy Week!

Thank you!

***The Amazing Gray's Potluck last week was a success!!***

***Pastor Craig was serious about the Bingo game!!***



**Our Savior's Lutheran Church  
Financial Summary  
For the Six Months Ended February 28, 2023**

	2022			2021	2022-23
	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Variance	YTD Actual	Budget
General Income	301,264	336,746	(35,482)	381,915	\$ 630,000
Operations Income	715	-	715	606	-
Program Income	9,145	17,646	(8,502)	14,218	22,550
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$311,123</b>	<b>\$354,392</b>	<b>(\$43,269)</b>	<b>\$396,739</b>	<b>\$652,550</b>
Benevolence	-	2,333	(2,333)	1,000	25,900
Facility Maintenance	48,085	24,453	23,632	34,394	48,524
Utilities	23,971	18,498	5,473	23,020	37,089
Insurance	10,780	11,044	(264)	17,180	25,983
Finance	9,525	9,392	133	11,838	17,500
Office Equipment	8,269	7,616	653	8,016	16,438
Other Operating	5,385	8,600	(3,215)	5,804	17,952
Operating Expenses	106,015	79,603	26,412	100,252	163,486
Children, Youth & Family	11,802	11,946	(144)	8,171	27,100
Worship, Music & Arts	9,540	5,263	4,277	8,039	14,450
Other Program	2,325	865	1,460	592	900
Program Expenses	23,667	18,074	5,593	16,802	42,450
Staff Payroll Expenses	187,669	185,419	2,250	180,539	370,840
Pension/Health	22,061	21,580	481	23,423	43,159
Other Staff	2,092	3,567	(1,475)	1,819	6,000
Staff Expenses	211,822	210,566	1,256	205,781	419,999
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$341,505</b>	<b>\$310,576</b>	<b>\$30,929</b>	<b>\$323,836</b>	<b>\$651,835</b>
Pass Through (Income) Expense	641	-	641	(2,667)	-
<b>Net Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>(\$31,023)</b>	<b>\$43,816</b>	<b>(\$74,839)</b>	<b>\$75,571</b>	<b>\$715</b>

**Treasurer's Report**

*Statement of Operations* - We have generated \$311k YTD in income compared to \$354k YTD budget. Our general expenses were \$341k YTD, compared to \$310k YTD budget. General and program income are running behind budget and last year YTD. Facility expenses and utility costs are running higher than plan YTD.

*Balance Sheet & Cash Flow* - Cash has increased \$23K YTD, primarily driven by the receipt of dedicated funds. Our overall cash balance is \$113k, including \$139k allocated to dedicated accounts.

**Affirmations from Planning Council Meeting**

- Vern for spending a significant amount of time helping with facility maintenance- most recently a toilet in the men's room and continued work on the boiler
- Ellie- Reaching out and including Noah M. to play guitar for Cornerstone.
- Rebecca Luttio for organizing classical pianist for 8:30 worship and getting permission from the daughter of the person who wrote the music.
- Christian Brogren (Pastor Craig's grandson) has done a great job in the sound booth.

**Our Savior's Endowment Fund  
Grant Application**

The OSLC Endowment Fund is now accepting applications through April 30th for the 2023 Grant Awards. The application can be found on the OSLC website under the GIVE tab, click on Endowment and scroll down to the grant application button. Application forms are also located in the Narthex by the bulletin board. Awards will be distributed on June 1, 2023.

# CHILDREN YOUTH AND FAMILY

B I N G O				
1	27	33	48	75
8	19	45	56	61
3	18	FREE SPACE	49	69
15	26	41	53	66
2	21	37	46	65

## Bingo Night and 50/50

### Raffle

Friday April 14

6:30-8:30 PM

Join us for a fun night of Bingo for all ages with some fabulous prizes donated from congregate members and local businesses. Each game will be \$1/3-face sheet. Our final games (\$3 each) will be for a handful of larger prizes (TBD). We will also be drawing a name for the winner of the 50/50 raffle at the end of the night. One winner will win ½ the totally money collected from the raffle. Raffle tickets cost \$1 each and will be sold during church services starting March 19. There will be snacks and beverages for sale as well. Contact Nick for more info.



## PLANT SALE ORDERS/MONEY

DUE FRIDAY, APRIL 7.

Order forms are available in the narthex. Plant pickup is scheduled for Thursday, May 11th, 1:00pm-5:00 pm. Thank you for helping children attend WAPO Bible camp, Noah's Ark preschool and youth who attend life changing mission trips.



Save the date...

## Vacation Bible School: Monumental: Celebrating God's Greatness!

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. Registration will open soon.



**FMSC**

**April 26-30**

Incarnation Lutheran  
Shoreview

Assemble meals at this mobile packing site to be shipped around the world!

Please contact the office for the link to sign-up for FMSC. There are still lots of openings!

# CHILDREN YOUTH AND FAMILY

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation  
Preview Night  
TONIGHT  
6-7 pm**



We'll start in the sanctuary with a preview of what large group time looks like. Then, small groups will be dismissed, and we will discuss requirements, goals and objectives, and the Confirmation Handbook.

*This meeting is for both parents and students.*

You can register online at [oursaviorsonline.org](https://oursaviorsonline.org) Look under the forms tab and you will find the 2023 -2024 registration form. The fee is \$140.00 per student. It can be paid online, by check or cash, or can be paid in installments.

**9<sup>th</sup> Grade SALT Preview Night  
TONIGHT  
4-6 pm**



Next year, you will have the opportunity to be involved in SALT (Student Action Leadership Team).

This team is divided up into 5 smaller teams that helps with each confirmation workshop.

- Jr. Guides-help run small groups
- PEPPA-lead skits for workshops
- WIRED-run tech stuff
- No Equal-the band
- FYI-help with behind the scenes set up

You will have an opportunity to check out all 5 teams and have dinner with us during this special preview night. After dinner, you will attend your normal confirmation workshop.

## **OUR SAVIOR'S MISSION TRIP GARAGE SALE**

The garage sale is **Saturday May 6, from 8:00am 3:00pm**. Are you spring cleaning? Please donate items to help the Mission trips! Donate your clothing, toys, household items, and other items. Help us by dropping off gently used clothing and clean items.

**WE DO NOT ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING CRIBS, BUILDING MATERIALS, PLUMBING MATERIALS, CARPET, ELECTRICAL FIXTURES AND BULBS, MATTRESSES, LARGE EXERCISE EQUIPMENT, TV'S, COMPUTER SCREENS, COMPUTERS. WE TAKE FURNITURE BUT IT MUST NOT HAVE RIPS OR STAINS.**

You can drop off your donations in the designated areas at church on:

Tuesday, May 2, from 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Wednesday, May 3, from 9:00am - 8:00pm

Thursday, May 4, from 9:00am—8:00pm

**NO DONATIONS ON FRIDAY**

If you have any questions about your donations please call Nick Gilbert at 651-792-5573.

All proceeds will be for our Middle School and High school Mission Trips.

Dear friends in Christ,

We are excited to offer a First Communion class this year! We will not be doing the Seder Meal that has been done in the past.

The schedule will be as follows on Holy Thursday, April 6th: 4th Graders and parents will gather in Luther Hall at 6:30 PM for first communion class and then to make First Communion stoles.

At 8pm, we will go into the Sanctuary for a brief worship time, during which our 4th Graders will be communing for the first time. The service begins at 8:15pm.

If members of your extended family will be joining you, please ask them to be in the Sanctuary around 8pm to meet you and find a seat!

Please email Danielle at [ddraheim@oursaviorsonline.org](mailto:ddraheim@oursaviorsonline.org) (or call the church office at 763-784-1971) to let us know if your child will be attending this class no later than Sunday, April 2. Then we can prepare enough stole supplies!

This class is for 4th graders, but if your child is older than that and haven't taken this class with their first communion, please join us!

Peace,  
Pastor Susie

## All the Ways to Connect with Our Savior's

- **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 .

Daily and weekly posts including pastor's column, morning reflection, — sort of the current events of the church.

- **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. Newly updated— check it out!

- **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.

- **Zoom:** Links sent out for various "meetings"

Connect for video participation and/or viewing of meetings, some services (Lent mid week), etc.

**Questions? Ask Amy in the office!**

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## OSLC Staff

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

### **Pastor for Seniors,**

Craig Hanson x1006

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

Susie Modrow x1005

### **Director of Contemporary Music,**

Ellie Lehn x1011

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

Rebecca Luttio x1008

### **Accompanist for 8:45 Service**

Hyein Choi

### **Finance,**

Christine Ventrelli x1002

### **Office Manager,**

Amy Pizzella x1000 (main voicemail)

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Youth Ministry

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

Joy Rauner 763-234-8131

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### **OSLC Funeral Coordinators,**

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