





Upcoming Events	OSLC Staff		
<p><b>Sunday, April 20th (Easter)</b> 8:45am Easter Worship 10:45am Easter Worship</p> <p><b>Monday, April 21st (Office Closed)</b> Office Closed - Easter Monday 10:00am Monday Morning Bible Study 6:30pm Care Team Meeting - In Person 6:30pm Scouts - Troop 65</p> <p><b>Tuesday, April 22nd</b> 10:00am NA Chapel 10:00am Quilters</p> <p><b>Wednesday, April 23rd</b> 4:00pm Youth Club 4:30pm YC Percussion 6:00pm MS COW 7:30pm HS COW</p> <p><b>Thursday, April 24th</b> 7:30pm Alcoholics Anonymous</p> <p><b>Saturday, April 26th</b> Communion Set up 8:00am Cornerstone Rehearsal 8:00am Overeaters Anonymous 12:30pm John Drongeson Funeral</p> <p><b>Sunday, April 27th</b> 8:45am Traditional Worship 8:45am Noah's Ark Art Fair 8:45am Recruitment Sunday - Care Team 10:45am Contemporary Worship (NA sing in worship) 4:00pm SALT 6:00pm Confirmation Workshop</p> <p><b>Monday, April 28th</b> NA Parent/Teacher Conferences 10:00am Monday Morning Bible Study 6:30pm Scouts - Troop 65</p> <p><b>Tuesday, April 29th</b> 10:00am Quilters 6:00pm Garage Sale set up</p> <p><b>Wednesday, April 30th</b> 6:00pm MS COW 7:30pm HS COW</p> <p><b>Thursday, May 1st</b> 6:00pm Garage Sale set up</p>	<p>NOTE: you can reach our onsite staff by calling 763-784-1971 and entering their extension # below.</p> <p><b>Lead Pastor</b> Leland Armbright x1004</p> <p><b>Pastor for Children-Youth-Family</b> Susie Modrow x1005</p> <p><b>Audio/Visual Team</b> Tyr Altman Joy Rauner Andrea Stone Kerry Gustafson Richard Rossiter Ellie Lehn Don Lyk Brian Sanderson Johnnie Timm</p> <p><b>Director of Contemporary Music</b> Ellie Lehn</p> <p><b>Choir Director/Director of Handbells</b> Doreen Hutchings (Interim)</p> <p><b>Traditional Service Accompanist</b> Hyein Choi</p> <p><b>Finance</b> Christine Ventrelli</p> <p><b>Office Manager</b> Sierra Busakowski x1000 (main voicemail)</p> <p><b>CYF Associates</b> Children's Ministry: Danielle Draheim Youth Ministry: Nick Gilbert</p> <p><b>Director of Children's Choirs</b> Joy Rauner 763-234-8131</p> <p><b>OSLC Funeral Coordinators</b> Joy Rauner &amp; Pat Feine</p> <p><b>Head Ushers</b> Vern Nelson Chuck Sikora</p> <p><b>Nursery Attendants</b> Christine Evans Julie Ackerman</p>		
<p><b>Attendance Totals:</b> <b>April 13th, 2025</b></p> <table><tr><td><b>8:45 AM Worship</b> In-person = 71 Online* = 96</td><td><b>10:45 AM Worship</b> In-person = 160 Online* = 84</td></tr></table> <p><b>April 9th, 2025</b> <b>7:00PM Worship</b> In-person = 58 Online* = 14</p> <p><small>*The ELCA's online worship reporting guidelines multiply online views by 2 to account for individuals within a household.</small></p>	<b>8:45 AM Worship</b> In-person = 71 Online* = 96	<b>10:45 AM Worship</b> In-person = 160 Online* = 84	<p><b>Online Giving</b></p> <p>Convenient way to give online: Scan the QR code with your cell phone camera to go to our online giving site.</p> <div></div> <p><b>Our Savior's Lutheran Church</b></p> <div><div>9185 LEXINGTON AVE N. CIRCLE PINES, MN 55014 WWW.OURSAVIORSONLINE.ORG office@oursaviorsonline.org sbusakowski@oursaviorsonline.org</div><div>OFFICE OPEN: MONDAY - THURSDAY 9:00AM - 3:00PM CLOSED FRIDAY 763.784.1971 Saint Paul Area Synod, ELCA</div></div> <p><small>Liturgy/Hymns: Used with permission under SBL09641L, SBL09641H, ©2023 Augsburg Fortress; All rights reserved. Songs/hymns: Used with permission under CCLI License #265394 and/or One License #A-732889. All rights reserved. Used with permission under #: SB173574 Sundays &amp; Seasons. All rights reserved.</small></p>
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FRIDAY WORSHIP APRIL 18, 2025 †		 OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
<p><b>Our Savior's Lutheran Church</b> <b>GOOD FRIDAY - 7:00 PM WORSHIP</b></p> <p><b>SERVING AT WORSHIP TODAY</b> Rev. Leland Armbright Rev. Susie Modrow Hyein Choi, Piano Chancel Singers Choir Cornerstone</p> <p><b>PRELUDE</b> <i>Were You There On My Cross</i></p> <p><b>WELCOME</b> <i>You are invited to come forward during the songs this evening to place a nail in the cross. This is an opportunity to reflect upon the sins we carry, and the sins we have been delivered from.</i></p> <p><b>CALL TO WORSHIP</b> L: Christ is with you. <b>C: And also with you.</b> L: From the busy-ness of our lives, we have come this evening to a night that is different. <b>C: In the midst of a world, which holds the promise of spring and new life, we have come to share a story of betrayal and execution.</b> L: Come and hear the tale, come and share the tragedy, come and embrace the darkness.</p> <p><b>GATHERING SONG</b> <i>Go To Dark Gethsemane</i> <b>ELW#347</b> <b>verses 1 - 3</b></p> <p><b>CONFESSION &amp; ASSURANCE</b> by Rev. Gord L: God of Passion, on this day of betrayal and death, we remember those times we have been part of the crowd seeking our best interest over what is right and good. God of Fidelity, on this day of fear and denial, we remember those times when we choose the path of safety over loyalty to your Way. God of Constant Presence, on this day of despair and loss, we remember the ways we have wandered away from your presence, only to complain that we are abandoned. God of the Cross, for all the ways we have missed the mark, all the ways we have come up short, forgive us. Through your Grace bring us back into relationship. Help us find the path again. <i>...time of silent prayer...</i> Even in the face of betrayal and rebellion, even in the face of death and denial, even in the face of fear and despair, God's Grace knows no bounds. We ARE forgiven, we ARE called back into relationship, we ARE set back on the path that leads to the Realm of God. <b>C: Thanks be to God. Amen.</b></p>		<p><b>PRAYER OF THE DAY</b> L: Merciful God, <b>C: Your Son was lifted up on the cross to draw all people to himself. Grant that we who have been born out of his wounded side, may at all times, find mercy in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.</b></p> <p><b>SONG</b> <i>Via Dolorosa</i></p> <p><b>SCRIPTURE READING</b> <i>Reader: Aleshia Armbright</i></p> <p><b>JOHN 18:1-19:42</b> [Jesus] went out with his disciples across the Kidron valley to a place where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered. Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, because Jesus often met there with his disciples. So Judas brought a detachment of soldiers together with police from the chief priests and the Pharisees, and they came there with lanterns and torches and weapons. Then Jesus, knowing all that was to happen to him, came forward and asked them, "Whom are you looking for?" They answered, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus replied, "I am he." Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. When Jesus said to them, "I am he," they stepped back and fell to the ground. Again he asked them, "Whom are you looking for?" And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus answered, "I told you that I am he. So if you are looking for me, let these men go." This was to fulfill the word that he had spoken, "I did not lose a single one of those whom you gave me." Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it, struck the high priest's slave, and cut off his right ear. The slave's name was Malchus. Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword back into its sheath. Am I not to drink the cup that the Father has given me?" So the soldiers, their officer, and the Jewish police arrested Jesus and bound him. First they took him to Annas, who was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest that year. Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Jews that it was better to have one person die for the people. Simon Peter and another disciple followed Jesus. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he went with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest, but Peter was standing outside at the gate. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out, spoke to the woman who guarded the gate, and brought Peter in. The woman said to Peter, "You are not also one of this man's disciples, are you?" He said, "I am not." Now the slaves and the police had made a charcoal fire because it was cold, and they were standing around it and warming themselves. Peter also was standing with them and warming himself. Then the high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and about his teaching. Jesus answered, "I have spoken openly to the world; I have</p>

always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all the Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret. Why do you ask me? Ask those who heard what I said to them; they know what I said.” When he had said this, one of the police standing nearby struck Jesus on the face, saying, “Is that how you answer the high priest?” Jesus answered, “If I have spoken wrongly, testify to the wrong. But if I have spoken rightly, why do you strike me?” Then Annas sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest. Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. They asked him, “You are not also one of his disciples, are you?” He denied it and said, “I am not.” One of the slaves of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, “Did I not see you in the garden with him?” Again Peter denied it, and at that moment the cock crowed.		
<b>SONG</b>	<b><i>Were You There</i></b>	<b>ELW#353</b>
<b>verses 1 &amp; 2</b>		
Then they took Jesus from Caiaphas to Pilate’s headquarters. It was early in the morning. They themselves did not enter the headquarters, so as to avoid ritual defilement and to be able to eat the Passover. So Pilate went out to them and said, “What accusation do you bring against this man?” They answered, “If this man were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you.” Pilate said to them, “Take him yourselves and judge him according to your law.” The Jews replied, “We are not permitted to put anyone to death.” (This was to fulfill what Jesus had said when he indicated the kind of death he was to die.) Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” Jesus answered, “Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?” Pilate replied, “I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?” Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.” Pilate asked him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.” Pilate asked him, “What is truth?” After he had said this, he went out to the Jews again and told them, “I find no case against him. But you have a custom that I release someone for you at the Passover. Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?” They shouted in reply, “Not this man, but Barabbas!” Now Barabbas was a bandit.		
<b>SONG</b>	<b><i>Without His Cross</i></b>	
Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. And the soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and they dressed him in a purple robe. They kept coming up to him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!” and striking him on the face. Pilate went out again and said to them, “Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no case against him.” So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, “Here is the man!” When the chief priests and the police saw him, they shouted, “Crucify him! Crucify him!” Pilate		
said to them, “Take him yourselves and crucify him; I find no case against him.” The Jews answered him, “We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has claimed to be the Son of God.” Now when Pilate heard this, he was more afraid than ever. He entered his headquarters again and asked Jesus, “Where are you from?” But Jesus gave him no answer. Pilate therefore said to him, “Do you refuse to speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you, and power to crucify you?” Jesus answered him, “You would have no power over me unless it had been given you from above; therefore the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin.” From then on Pilate tried to release him, but the Jews cried out, “If you release this man, you are no friend of the emperor. Everyone who claims to be a king sets himself against the emperor.” When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus outside and sat on the judge’s bench at a place called The Stone Pavement, or in Hebrew Gabbatha. Now it was the day of Preparation for the Passover; and it was about noon. He said to the Jews, “Here is your King!” They cried out, “Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!” Pilate asked them, “Shall I crucify your King?” The chief priests answered, “We have no king but the emperor.” Then he handed him over to them to be crucified.		
<b>SONG</b>	<b><i>Were You There</i></b>	<b>ELW#353</b>
<b>verses 3 &amp; 4</b>		
So they took Jesus; and carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha. There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them. Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, “Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.” Many of the Jews read this inscription, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek. Then the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, “Do not write, ‘The King of the Jews,’ but, ‘This man said, I am King of the Jews.’” Pilate answered, “What I have written I have written.” When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one for each soldier. They also took his tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top. So they said to one another, “Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see who will get it.” This was to fulfill what the scripture says, “They divided my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots.” And that is what the soldiers did. Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, “Woman, here is your son.” Then he said to the disciple, “Here is your mother.” And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home. After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), “I am thirsty.” A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth. When Jesus had received the wine, he said, “It is finished.” Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.		

<b>SONG</b>	<b><i>Lacrymosa</i></b>	
Since it was the day of Preparation, the Jews did not want the bodies left on the cross during the sabbath, especially because that sabbath was a day of great solemnity. So they asked Pilate to have the legs of the crucified men broken and the bodies removed. Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who had been crucified with him. But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. Instead, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once blood and water came out. (He who saw this has testified so that you also may believe. His testimony is true, and he knows that he tells the truth.) These things occurred so that the scripture might be fulfilled, “None of his bones shall be broken.” And again another passage of scripture says, “They will look on the one whom they have pierced.” After these things, Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, though a secret one because of his fear of the Jews, asked Pilate to let him take away the body of Jesus. Pilate gave him permission; so he came and removed his body. Nicodemus, who had at first come to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, weighing about a hundred pounds. They took the body of Jesus and wrapped it with the spices in linen cloths, according to the burial custom of the Jews. Now there was a garden in the place where he was crucified, and in the garden there was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid. And so, because it was the Jewish day of Preparation, and the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there. L: The passion of our Lord! C: Praise to you, O Christ!		
<b>REFLECTION: Jesus’ Last Words</b>		
<b>SONG</b>	<b><i>Jesus Remember Me</i></b>	<b>ELW#616</b>
<b>PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE</b> by John Davies L: Lord Jesus, by your cross and resurrection C: deliver us L: by your witness to the truth C: deliver us L: by your passion and death C: deliver us L: by your victory over the grave C: deliver us L: from the lust of power C: deliver us L: from the conspiracy of silence C: deliver us L: from the worship of weapons C: deliver us L: from the slaughter of innocents C: deliver us L: from the nightmare of hunger C: deliver us L: from the peace that is no peace C: deliver us L: from security that is no security C: deliver us L: from the politics of terror		
C: deliver us L: from the plundering of the earth's resources C: deliver us L: from the dispossession of the poor C: deliver us L: from the despair of this age C: deliver us L: by the light of the gospel C: give us peace L: by the good news for the poor C: give us peace L: by your healing of our wounds C: give us peace L: by faith in your word C: give us peace L: by hunger and thirst for justice C: give us peace L: by the coming of your kingdom C: give us peace L: Amen. Let us also pray as our Lord Jesus taught us to pray... C: 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.		
<b>PRAYER OF DEDICATION</b> L: Holy God, the earth waits in silence. We tremble before your throne. On this day, we see and feel the immensity of your love and our own unworthiness. Open our hearts now to receive your redeeming grace and love. In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.		
<b>BENEDICTION</b> L: Jesus, we wait here by your tomb. We carry the grief of the betrayer, the grief of the denier, the grief of the crucified. We carry the grief of the lost, the heartbroken, the bereft. Upon you was laid the grief of us all. It is finished. God of endings, God of darkness. God of the tomb, God of dark days and great loss, be with us now as we wait with Jesus.		
<i>Please depart in silence</i>		
<div><p><i>Come worship with us this Easter!</i></p><p><i>Easter Worship:</i> April 20th at 8:45am &amp; at 10:45am</p><div><div>9185 Lexington Ave N. Circle Pines, MN 55014 763.784.1971   <a href="http://www.oursaviorsonline.org">www.oursaviorsonline.org</a></div></div></div>		