



OUR SAVIOR'S
LUTHERAN CHURCH

**GATHERING IN COMMUNITY
GROWING IN OUR SAVIOR
GOING OUT TO SHARE HIS LOVE**

**JANUARY 25, 2026
10:00AM**

**“And he went throughout all Galilee,
teaching in their synagogues and
proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom...”**
(Matthew 4:23)



WELCOME!

Opening Song

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sharing in the Peace

(People may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22-24; Eph. 4:1-3).)

Worship Songs

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 9:1-4

¹ *There will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.*

² *The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,
on them has light shined.*
³ *You have multiplied the nation;
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as they are glad when they divide the spoil.*
⁴ *For the yoke of his burden,
and the staff for his shoulder,
the rod of his oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.*

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

¹⁰ *I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment.* ¹¹ *For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers.* ¹² *What I mean is that each one of you says, "I follow Paul," or "I follow Apollos," or "I follow Cephas," or "I follow Christ."* ¹³ *Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?* ¹⁴ *I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius,* ¹⁵ *so that no one may say that you were baptized in my name.* ¹⁶ *(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.)* ¹⁷ *For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.*

¹⁸ *For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.*

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

¹²When [Jesus] heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee. ¹³And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

¹⁵"The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali,
the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles –
¹⁶the people dwelling in darkness
have seen a great light,
and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death,
on them a light has dawned."

¹⁷From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

¹⁸While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. ¹⁹And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." ²⁰Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. ²²Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

²³And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people. ²⁴So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, those oppressed by demons, epileptics, and paralytics, and he healed them. ²⁵And great crowds followed him from Galilee and the Decapolis, and from Jerusalem and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

Sermon

Vicar Mark Chaffee

Prayer of the Church

Offering

Offertory

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In the beginning You created all things by Your Word; and in the fullness of time Your Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth.

Let Your Word made flesh dwell richly among us that, faithfully eating His body and drinking His blood, we may receive the fullness of Your grace and truth in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Distribution

Communion Hymns:

Brown Hymnal 14 - Holy, Holy

Brown Hymnal 36 - Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

Brown Hymnal 144 - Blessed Assurance Closing

Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

C We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C Amen.**

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and grant you peace.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn - Brown Hymnal 207 - Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

Dismissal

P Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

C Thanks be to God.

Announcements

Preparing for Holy Communion: The Bible teaches us that we need to examine ourselves before coming to the Lord's Supper (1 Cor 11: (I Cor11:23-31). Please examine yourself with these four questions. 1. Are you sorry for your sins? (I John 1:8) 2. Do you believe that Jesus is your Savior who forgives all your sins? (I Timothy 1:15) 3. Are you determined to live a holy life? (Ephesians 2:10) 4. Do you believe that Christ's Body and Blood are present in, with, and under the bread and wine in the Lord's Supper, thus you receive all four elements? (Matthew 26:26-28)

A Voters Assembly will be held today immediately following this morning's worship service. The sign in sheet for voters is in the narthex along with materials for the meeting. We will be voting on the proposed nominees for positions on the Church Council as well as hearing reports from the vicar, elders, financial officer and the school. Please stay after the service for this meeting.

Nominees: The following people have agreed to be nominated for positions on the Church Council: for Council Secretary and Trustee: Greg Schoonmaker for Council Financial Officer and Trustee: Jeremy Noble for Council Member-at-Large: Joe Lenge and Mikel Irmer (two candidates for one open position).

TODAY!!!Thrive Youth Gathering from 12:30-2:30. Come for Fun, Friends, Lunch and Gym Games!!! Open to 8th graders through recent high school graduates. Bring a friend. Enter through the School entrance.

New Members: We are excited to formally welcome six new members to the Body of Christ at Our Savior's on Sunday, February 1st: Teilah Alvis, Cooper Dunn, Caitlyn Kelly, Melissa Kelly, Ron and Gretchen Nass. A reception for these new members will be held in the Fellowship Room following the worship service. If you are interested in becoming a member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church, online instruction for membership is now available through our church website (oslabany.org) Click on "Who We Are" and then "Become a Member" to access 12 short videos (each about 6-8 minutes). Contact Vicar Mark if you seek membership at Our Savior's.

Food Pantry: The following items are needed to replenish our Food Pantry: pasta, cooking oil, pasta sauce, canned vegetables, regular canned chicken, shelf stable milk (found at Dollar Tree), bags of rice (1 lb) cans of low salt beef stew. You may place these items in the box located in the Breeze Way area. This is a tangible way of blessing some of our neighbors. Contact Heather Baird if you have questions or would like to become directly involved in the Food Pantry.

Offering envelopes: The numbers on the offering envelopes have changed for some of our members. If you put cash in your offering envelopes, please write your name on the outside of the envelope for the next four Sundays so that the offering is appropriately credited to your account. This is not necessary if you write checks for the offering.

Night To Shine, a prom for people with disabilities, will be held at Our Savior's on February 13th. There is still room for volunteers, including buddies to accompany our honored guests. Sign up through our church website: oslabany.org. Training sessions for volunteers will be held this coming Tuesday, January 27th, 7-8:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria and on Saturday, February 7th, 9:30-11 a.m. in the cafeteria.

Grief Share: If you need help dealing with grief, consider participating in Grief Share, a safe, welcoming place where people understand the difficult emotions of grief. Through these thirteen sessions, you will discover what to expect in the days ahead and what's "normal" in grief. The Grief Share group will meet on Sunday afternoons, 1:30-3:30 p.m. in the church office conference room. Contact Cathy Kilpatrick

Hey Parents and Guardians! Are you looking for something fun for your children to do during February break? How about signing them up for *an Epic Australian Adventure Vacation Bible Camp at Bethlehem Lutheran Church?* February 17-20, 2026 (Tuesday thru Friday) Open to Children in Preschool (age 4) thru 5th Grade. Choose from the Enrichment Program from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm, the Epic Australian Vacation Bible Camp from 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm, or have them stay all day from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm. They need to bring a lunch for the all-day program. Then enjoy a celebration for families on Friday from 4:15 pm to 5:00 pm. How much does this cost? \$20 per child for either half day program. \$35 per child for four full days of fun! How do I sign up? Registration will be available online starting January 1, 2026 at blcdelmar.com/sonshine

Vicar Mark Chaffee's office hours are 9 a.m.-noon, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. You may also reach him by cell phone: 518/763-1085 or via email: mark.chaffee@oursaviors.com
Pastor Patrick Singh is serving as part time vacancy pastor at Our Savior's, providing pastoral care and leadership in cooperation with Vicar Mark. You may contact Pastor Singh by email: patrick204642003@yahoo.com or by cell phone (917/254-2597) if you wish to talk or schedule a time to meet with him.

PRAYER NEEDS

Healing: Fred Dignon, Kathy Hawley, Phyllis Lubiniecki, Barbara MacGowan, Patty Marshall, Jennifer Noble, Eric Unright, Dave Wolcott, Al & Helen Walck, Lori & Peter Whitehouse, Tim Zuelsdorf

Daughters of Sarah Rehab: Al Walck

Homebound: Inge Glidden

-in Assisted Living: Christine Baird, Lynn Currier, Marga Hildenbrandt, Lois O'Brien

Servers:

Organist: Pam Reynolds, Tom Aery

Reader: Jennifer Noble

Communion Servers: Jeremy & Jennifer Noble

Pray-ers: Ike & Sue Wallace

Ushers: Clarence Ballou, Matthew Hans

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

(1 February 2026)

Micah 6:1-8

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Matthew 5:1-12

God Manifests His Glory in the Humility and Weakness of Christ Crucified

The Lord tells His people, *“I brought you up from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery”* (Micah 6:4). By the sacrifice of His beloved Son, He has redeemed us from our slavery of sin and death; He has forgiven our transgressions by the shedding of His blood. His great mercy and salvation lead us *“to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly”* with our God (Micah 6:8). We boast only in the incarnate and crucified Lord Jesus. He is *“the power of God and the wisdom of God”* (1 Cor. 1:24). He is our life and salvation, our *“wisdom”* and *“righteousness and sanctification and redemption”* (1 Cor. 1:30). Now He opens His mouth and teaches us His wisdom. By His cross and Passion, the kingdom of heaven is ours. We receive mercy and are satisfied; we see God and are called sons of God in Christ. *“Blessed are you,”* therefore, *“when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely”* on account of Christ (Matt. 5:11).

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