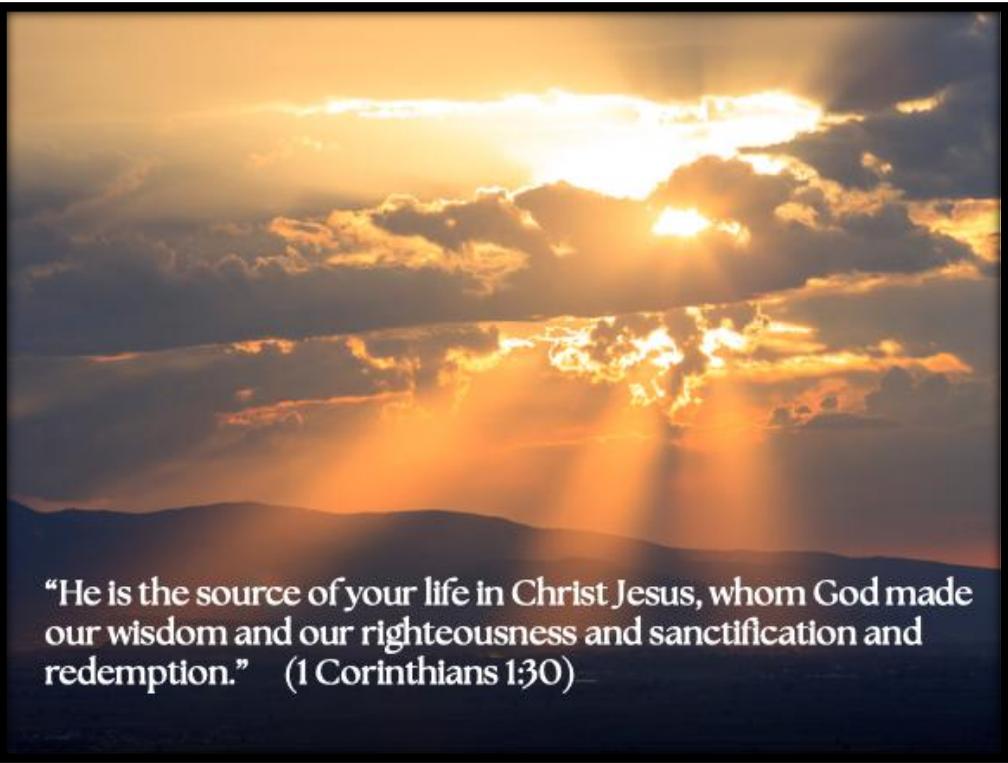




GATHERING IN COMMUNITY  
GROWING IN OUR SAVIOR  
GOING OUT TO SHARE HIS LOVE

FEBRUARY 1, 2026  
10:00AM



“He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption.” (1 Corinthians 1:30)

*WELCOME!*

## Opening Hymn LSB 812 - Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs



1 Come, let us join our cheer - ful songs With an - gels  
2 "Wor - thy the Lamb that died," they cry, "To be ex -  
3 Je - sus is wor - thy to re - ceive Hon - or and  
4 Let all cre - a - tion join in one To bless the



round the throne; Ten thou - sand thou - sand  
alt - ed thus!" "Wor - thy the Lamb," our  
pow'r di - vine; And bless - ings more than  
sa - cred name Of Him who sits up -



are their tongues, But all their joys are one.  
lips re - ply, "For He was slain for us!"  
we can give Be, Lord, for - ev - er Thine.  
on the throne And to a - dore the Lamb.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748  
Tune: Johann Crüger, 1598-1662  
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### 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 in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

### **Prayer of the Day**

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

### **Reception of Members**

(Teilah Alvis, Cooper Dunn, Caitlyn Kelly, Melissa Kelly, Ron and Gretchen Nass)

P Beloved in the Lord, our Lord Jesus Christ said to His apostles: "Whoever confesses Me before men, I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven." Lift up your hearts, therefore, to the God of all grace and joyfully give answer to what I now ask you in the name of the Lord. Matthew 10:32-33

P Do you this day in the presence of God and of this congregation acknowledge the gifts that God gave you in your Baptism?

R Yes, I do.

P Do you renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways?

R Yes, I renounce them.

P Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord, and in the Holy Spirit?

R Yes, I believe in God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

P Do you hold all the prophetic and apostolic Scriptures to be the inspired Word of God and the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, drawn from them and confessed in the Small Catechism, to be faithful and true?

R I do.

P Do you intend to hear the Word of God and receive the Lord's Supper faithfully?

R I do, by the grace of God.

P Do you intend to live according to the Word of God, and in faith, word, and deed to remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, even to death?

R I do, by the grace of God.

P Do you intend to continue steadfast in this confession and Church and to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it?

R I do, by the grace of God.

P Do you desire to become a member of this congregation?

R I do.

P Will you support the work our gracious Lord has given this congregation with your prayers and the gifts God has given you?

R I will, with the help of God.

P Upon this your confession of faith, I acknowledge publicly that you are members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church and of this congregation! Receive the Lord's Supper and participate with us in all the blessings of salvation that our Lord has given to His Church, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. R Amen.

P Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank and praise You for Your great goodness in bringing these Your sons and daughters to the knowledge of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, and enabling them both with the heart to believe and with the mouth to confess His saving name. Grant that by Your Word and Spirit they may continue steadfast in the one true faith in the fellowship of this congregation as together we await the day when all who have fought the good fight of faith shall receive the crown of righteousness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. C Amen.

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. C Amen.

**Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow (LSB 805)**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

## 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

Micah 6:1–8

<sup>1</sup>*Hear what the LORD says:*

*Arise, plead your case before the mountains,  
and let the hills hear your voice.*

<sup>2</sup>*Hear, you mountains, the indictment of the LORD,  
and you enduring foundations of the earth,  
for the LORD has an indictment against his people,  
and he will contend with Israel.*

<sup>3</sup>*"O my people, what have I done to you?  
How have I wearied you? Answer me!*

<sup>4</sup>*For I brought you up from the land of Egypt  
and redeemed you from the house of slavery,  
and I sent before you Moses,  
Aaron, and Miriam.*

<sup>5</sup>*O my people, remember what Balak king of Moab devised,  
and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him,  
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,  
that you may know the saving acts of the LORD."*

<sup>6</sup>*"With what shall I come before the LORD,  
and bow myself before God on high?  
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,  
with calves a year old?*

<sup>7</sup>*Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,  
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?  
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,  
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"*

<sup>8</sup>*He has told you, O man, what is good;  
and what does the LORD require of you  
but to do justice, and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with your God?*

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

<sup>18</sup>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. <sup>19</sup>For it is written,

*"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."*

<sup>20</sup>Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup>For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup>For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup>but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup>For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

<sup>26</sup>For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup>But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; <sup>28</sup>God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, <sup>29</sup>so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. <sup>30</sup>He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. <sup>31</sup>Therefore, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## Holy Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12

<sup>1</sup>Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

<sup>2</sup>And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

<sup>3</sup>"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup>"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

<sup>5</sup>"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup>"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

<sup>7</sup>"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

<sup>8</sup>"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

<sup>9</sup>"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

<sup>10</sup>"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>11</sup>"Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

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**

Pastor Patrick Singh

## **Prayer of the Church**

**Offering** - 10,000 Reasons

by Jonas Myrin & Matt Redman  
Arr. Lloyd Larson

## **Offertory - LSB 956 Create in Me**

Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence;  
and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation;  
and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

Text: Psalm 51:10-12  
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## **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:**

LSB 621 - Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent

Brown Hymnal 199 - The Miracle of Faith

Brown Hymnal 436 - I Love Thy Kingdom Lord

### **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.

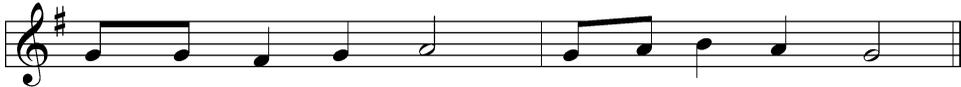
## Closing Hymn - LSB 718 - Jesus, Lead Thou On



1 Je - sus, lead Thou on Till our rest is won; And al-though the  
2 If the way be drear, If the foe be near, Let not faith-less  
3 When we seek re - lief From a long-felt grief, When temp - ta - tions  
4 Je - sus, lead Thou on Till our rest is won. Heav'n-ly lead - er,



way be cheer - less, We will fol - low calm and fear - less.  
fears o'er - take us; Let not faith and hope for - sake us;  
come al - lur - ing, Make us pa - tient and en - dur - ing.  
still di - rect us, Still sup - port, con - sole, pro - tect us,



Guide us by Thy hand To our fa - ther - land.  
For through man - y a woe To our home we go.  
Show us that bright shore Where we weep no more.  
Till we safe - ly stand In our fa - ther - land.

Text: Nicolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf, 1700-60; tr. Jane L. Borthwick, 1813-97, alt.  
Tune: Adam Drese, 1620-1701  
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## 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)

**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 meets on Sunday afternoons, 1:30-3:30 p.m. in the church office conference room. Contact Cathy Kilpatrick for more information.

**Rescheduled Voters Assembly:** Last Sunday's Voters Assembly was adjourned due to the bad weather and rescheduled for **Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup>**. We will be electing several members of Church Council at that meeting. Please note the slate of nominees and brief bios on each candidate. There are no nominees for Elders at this time. Voters will also be given reports from the vicar, the elders, the school and finances.

**New Members:** We are excited to formally welcome six new members to Our Savior's church family this morning: 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](http://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.

**Night To Shine**, a prom for people with disabilities, will be held at Our Savior's on **Feb 13<sup>th</sup>** You may register as a NTS volunteer through our church website ([oslabany.org](http://oslabany.org)). The final training session for NTS volunteers is scheduled for Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, You may also provide financial support for this *Night To Shine* event by using a special offering envelope or by giving on line through our church website. Please pray that God's love would abound among all guests and volunteers.

**Offering Envelope Numbers** have changed for some of our members. If you put cash in your offering envelopes, please write your names on the offering envelope for the next four weeks to make sure that your offering is credited to you.

**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 breezeway 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.

### **Nominees for Church Council:**

**For Council Secretary: Greg Schoonmaker** (currently serving as secretary) Greg, a life-long Christian, began attending Our Savior's Lutheran Church in 1977, where he met Nora Truscott, to whom he has been married since March 23, 1978. In the past 49 years, he has served in the choir, on the worship team, on one constitution committee, been a servant shepherd, been a pray-er (with Nora) at the altar, chaired the Pastoral Consideration Committee (2018) and was an at-large member of the Church Council for a year (2022) before being appointed in 2023 to serve a three-year term as secretary.

**For Financial Officer: Jeremy Noble** (appointed to serve as Financial Officer in August, 2025 to replace Fred Dignon after Fred's serious accident) Jeremy and Jennifer Noble live in Latham with their daughter Harper. Jennifer went to school at Our Savior's when she was a child, and Harper is a current student. Jeremy has attended Our Savior's since 2001 and officially became a member in 2022. Professionally Jeremy is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) and has served as Chief Financial Officer for Tully Rinckey (2007-14), Horizon Bradco (2014-22) and Lynkwell (2023-26), helping these organizations grow responsibly, manage resources thoughtfully and plan for the future. He has volunteered on a number of non-profit boards over the last 20 years including Living Resources, Family & Child Service of Schenectady, Not So Common Players and Schenectady County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. Jeremy looks forward to serving on the Council to give back to a church and school that has meant a great deal to his family.

**For Council Member-at-Large** (one vacancy)

**Joe Lenge:** Joe grew up in the village of Colonie and attended Notre Dame-Bishop Gibbons HS and St. Clare's Catholic Church as a child. Joe started going to Our Savior's when he met his future wife, Heidi Gogolla in 1985, and became a member after they were married in 1987. Joe and Heidi have two grown children that both attended Our Savior's Christian School. He served on Our Savior's School Board from 1993-1996. Joe retired after 30 years as a sales manager in the beverage alcoholic industry in 2024 and has worked part time at Shaker Ridge Country Club most of his life. Now that I am retired, I feel that this is the right time to give back to Our Savior's and look forward to being a part of the many exciting things that are happening at the Church and School at this time.

**Mikel Irmer:** Mikel grew up on Cherry Street at the German American Club aka Scheutzen Park. His parents emigrated here from Germany with his then 10 year old sister Angelika (McClellan now). All were non-English speakers. Pastor Litke, then living on Van Buren Ave, developed a relationship with the family. Angelica was enrolled in Our Savior's School, then on Van Buren Avenue, and received loving care to learn English. What a blessing and God's perfect will in action. Mikel was baptized by Pastor Litke and confirmed at Our Savior's. In his teen years, Mikel served as an acolyte on the altar. He has recently served on the Call Committee and attends church and Bible study every Sunday. My faith is important to me as well as Our Savior's Lutheran Church and its mission. I'm learning more of the behind the scenes goings on at the church and am willing to serve.

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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:** Lynn Currier, Fred Dignon, Klara Gogolla, Kathy Hawley, Peter Kemmer, Phyllis Lubiniecki, Barbara MacGowan, Patty Marshall, Jennifer Noble, Eric Unright, Dave Wolcott, Al & Helen Walck, Weis, Lori & Peter Whitehouse, Tim Zuelsdorf

**-Homebound:** Inge Glidden

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

**Prayer for Thrive Youth:** Thanksgiving for Sloane Bullough and Tim & Terri Zuelsdorf as they provide spiritual guidance and mentoring for the youth involved Thrive. May more youth be drawn to this ministry of discipleship, worship and fellowship.

**Prayer for Zion Lutheran Church, Schenectady:** May God bless Pastor Rigobert and his flock in this sister congregation as they share the Gospel with many in this urban setting of Schenectady.

**Servers:**

**Organist:** Pam Reynolds, Heather Baird

**Reader:** Jeremy Noble

**Communion Servers:** Ike Wallace & Tom Roemke

**Pray-ers:** Matrlow & Ellyne Olson

**Ushers:** Clarence Ballou, Matthew Hans

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