



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

FEBRUARY 8, 2026  
10:00AM



## Opening Hymn - LSB 912 Christ Is Our Cornerstone



1 Christ is our cor - ner - stone, On Him a - lone we build;  
2 Here may we gain from heav'n The grace which we im - plore,  
△ 3 Oh, then, with hymns of praise These hal - lowed courts shall ring;



With His true saints a - lone The courts of heav'n are filled. On His  
And may that grace, once giv'n, Be with us ev - er - more Un - til  
Our voic - es we will raise The Three in One to sing And thus



great love Our hopes we place Of pres - ent grace And joys a - bove.  
that day When all the blest To end - less rest Are called a - way.  
pro - claim In joy - ful song, Both loud and long, That glo - rious name.

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Tune: John Darwall, 1731-89

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

**C Amen.**

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C who made heaven and earth.**

**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

**P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

**C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. 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.

O Lord, keep Your family the Church continually in the true faith that, relying on the hope of Your heavenly grace, we may ever be defended by Your mighty power; 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 -

*"What a Beautiful Name It is"*

*"Broken Vessels"*

## Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 58:3-9a

*<sup>3</sup>"Why have we fasted, and you see it not?*

*Why have we humbled ourselves, and you take no knowledge of it?"*

*Behold, in the day of your fast you seek your own pleasure,  
and oppress all your workers.*

*<sup>4</sup>Behold, you fast only to quarrel and to fight  
and to hit with a wicked fist.*

*Fasting like yours this day  
will not make your voice to be heard on high.*

*<sup>5</sup>Is such the fast that I choose,  
a day for a person to humble himself?*

*Is it to bow down his head like a reed,  
and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him?*

*Will you call this a fast,  
and a day acceptable to the LORD?*

*<sup>6</sup>"Is not this the fast that I choose:  
to loose the bonds of wickedness,  
to undo the straps of the yoke,  
to let the oppressed go free,  
and to break every yoke?*

*<sup>7</sup>Is it not to share your bread with the hungry  
and bring the homeless poor into your house;  
when you see the naked, to cover him,*

*and not to hide yourself from your own flesh?  
8Then shall your light break forth like the dawn,  
and your healing shall spring up speedily;  
your righteousness shall go before you;  
the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.  
9Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;  
you shall cry, and he will say, 'Here I am.'"*

A This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**Epistle**

1 Corinthians 2:1-16

*1And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. 2For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. 3And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, 4and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, 5that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.*

*6Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. 7But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. 8None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. 9But, as it is written,*

*"What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,  
nor the heart of man imagined,  
what God has prepared for those who love him" –*

*10these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. 11For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. 12Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God. 13And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual.*

*14The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. 15The spiritual person judges all things, but is himself to be judged by no one. 16"For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.*

A This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## Holy Gospel

Matthew 5:13–20

<sup>13</sup>[Jesus said:] “You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people’s feet.

<sup>14</sup>“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup>Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup>In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

<sup>17</sup>“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. <sup>18</sup>For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. <sup>19</sup>Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>20</sup>For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

**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**

**Offertory**

**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.

## **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.

As the glory of Your presence once filled Your ancient temple, so in the incarnation of Your Son, Jesus Christ, You manifested the fullness of Your glory in human flesh.

We give You thanks that in His most Holy Supper You reveal Your glory to us. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood so that we may one day behold Your glory face to face.

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 180 Fill My Cup Lord

Brown Hymnal 186 Have Thine Own Way, Lord

Brown Hymnal 527 Thou Art Worthy

### **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 208 - Who Is on the Lord's Side

## **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)

**Night To Shine**, a prom for people with disabilities, will be held at Our Savior's this Friday, February 13th. Pray for all the guests and volunteers involved in this special event. May Jesus' love shine brightly throughout the evening. (Pray also for good weather!)

**A Men's Breakfast** will be held on Saturday, February 21st, beginning at 8:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Room. Justin Alvis will share the book of James and will speak on the importance of memorizing Scripture. Come for this time of good food and fellowship. Sign up sheets are in the narthex. Invite others to join you.

**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.

**A Voters Assembly** will be held today immediately after the worship service. Sign in sheets are in the narthex. We will be electing several members to the Church Council and will also hear reports from the Elders, School, and Financial Officer.

## **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.

**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.

**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.

## **THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD** (15 February 2026)

Exodus 24:8-18

2 Peter 1:16-21

Matthew 17:1-9

### ***God Manifests His Glory in the Body of Christ Jesus, Transfigured for Us by His Cross***

The Transfiguration confirms *"the prophetic word ... to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place"* (2 Peter 1:19). The divine glory of Jesus is manifested in the word of His apostles, who were *"eyewitnesses of his majesty"* (2 Peter 1:16). *"He was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun"* (Matt. 17:2). Moses and Elijah witnessed the fulfillment of the Old Testament in this Lord Jesus, and the Father testified concerning Him: *"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased"* (Matt. 17:5). By His own blood, shed on the cross, Jesus makes and seals the new covenant with us. Hence, *"the appearance of the glory of the LORD"* is no longer *"like a devouring fire"* (Ex. 24:17), but it is graciously revealed in His own body. As *"Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel"* went up the mountain with Moses and *"beheld God, and ate and drank"* (Ex. 24:9, 11), we also behold the Lord our God in Christ Jesus, and we abide with Him as we eat and drink His body and blood at the altar.

## **PRAYER NEEDS**

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

**-Homebound:** Inge Glidden

**-in Assisted Living:** Christine Baird, Marga Hildenbrandt, Lois O'Brien, Al & Helen Walck .

**Prayer for Guests at Night To Shine:** May all our honored guests experience the love of Jesus and realize that each one of them is cherished by their Heavenly Father.

**Prayer for St. James Lutheran Church,** St. James, NY: Bless this parish and Pastor Mittelstaedt and Pastor Forbes as they proclaim Your salvation and perform works of service to the many seniors who gather for meal and the young families that are served through their preschool and other congregational activities.

### **Servers:**

**Organist:** Pam Reynolds, Peggy Maliski

**Reader:** Andy & Arin Cross

**Communion Servers:** Travis & Melissa Coon

**Pray-ers:** Sharon Swint & Toni Cramer

**Ushers:** Ken Pleat, Brian Dollard, Ike Wallace

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