

Program for the Week of March 30 – April 6, 2025

Sunday:

8:00 Divine Service
9:00 Coffee Time
9:25 Sunday School
9:25 Bible Class
10:30 Divine Service
11:45 Bob's Retirement Reception

5:25 Handbell Choir
5:30 Meal
6:05 Brass
6:00 Private Confession
6:30 Midweek Lenten Worship
7:20 Jr. Confirmation
7:20 Vocal Choir

Monday:

Tuesday:

8:30 Circuit Pastors
1:00 Tuesday Bible Study
5:15 Board of Education
5:30 Board of Trustees
6:00 Board of Elders
6:30 Board of Deacons

Wednesday:

1:00 Private Confession
1:30 Midweek Lenten Worship
4:45 Introductory Choir
5:05 Introductory Bell Choir

Thursday:

9:00 Private Confession
10:00 Bulletin Deadline
10:10 Ruth/Lydia Circle Bible Study

Friday:

Saturday:

Next Sunday:

8:00 Divine Service
9:00 Coffee Time
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10:30 Divine Service
6:00 Open Gym/Game Night

Chancel flowers are provided in loving memory of Elaine Rabenhorst.

Sunday Matins is sponsored by Trudy Wiechman so that people may hear the message of salvation.

Our Savior's has been showing love for 75 years and we continue to do this. Check out the tree in the narthex with random acts of kindness ideas attached. We invite you to take one and show love by doing that act of kindness. This will continue throughout the year so we can show love all year long!

Join us at 11:45am we are having a lunch reception for Bob Baker, who is retiring from his custodial position at Our Savior's. Please join us in the Fireplace Room to show our appreciation to Bob for his dedication and hard work for the last 2 years. He has been a blessing to OSLC as he served our congregation's needs!

Ruth/Lydia Circle will meet on Thursday, April 3rd in the Fireplace Room. Come at 10:10 am for fellowship, with Bible Study beginning at 10:30. Lesson will be out of the new Spring Quarterly, p. 18 & 19. Lesson: Divine Times, Comparing Times in Christ's Life to Our Own. Please bring your Winter Quarterly for review. **SAVE** your Winter Quarterly for the activities going forward.

Birthday Card Shower!!! Jean Beetsch is turning **95** on Monday, April 14th. Help her celebrate her **BIG DAY** by sending her some birthday wishes to: 507 West 8th Street, Mankato, MN 56001. – Thank you from Jean’s family

Hot Breakfast April 13th. On Palm Sunday the 4th – 6th graders will be serving a hot breakfast. Please come and enjoy!

The Spring Quarterly and the Spring WOM is here. Pick up your copy in the Narthex.

Anyone interested in placing flowers for our worship services in April, please contact Bev Clark, phone 507-380-9492, or Bev Annis, phone 507-278-3093.

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Prayer Shawl: If you, or someone you know, may find comfort in a Prayer Shawl, please call Marcella B. Eilders, 507-317-4127.

Watch our services on YouTube, livestreamed, or view later at your convenience. Access from our website www.oslcmankato.org or from YouTube (www.youtube.com), search for our channel, oslcmankato.

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For you in Mission Center and the Narthex: News from Synod, District, Local churches, and Newsletters from LCMS.

From the Stewardship Committee: Luke 15:12 – “And the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.’ And he divided his property between them.” This prodigal son only sees the father as a source of wealth. “Give me my inheritance now!” he says, which is really to say, “You are better off dead in my eyes.” This is the sin at the heart of all greed: valuing things over people. This parable calls us to come to our senses as well, and to see God as the loving Giver of all good, the true Father to be valued above and beyond all the things of this world.

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Main Street Living airs each Sunday at 9am on WFTC Channel 29/9-2. This week's *This is the Life* episode, "Point of No Return" demonstrating God's limitless grace. The worship service begins at 9:30am with Rev. Dennis Brech from Trinity Lutheran Church in Currie, who will present a message titled "Trip to the Lost and Found" based on Luke 15:1-3, 11-32. For more information or to watch the program, go to www.mainstreetliving.com and select the "Twin Cities" tab.

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Lutheran Witness: MN South Supplement: The March 2025 Edition of the Lutheran Witness contains the MN South District News insert, including President Woodford's talking point, "Be Who You Are". Pick up a copy in the narthex, or view district website, <https://www.mnsdistrict.org/publications>.

SAGACITY – S.A.G.E.S. quarterly newsletter for January – March 2025 is available in the narthex or on the district website. Pick up your copy now.

E-News for the ladies, go to: <https://mnslwml.org/newsletters> (this is the Minnesota South site), or <https://lwml.org> (this is the national site.)

Lutheran Hour Ministries MN South LLL, - District Convention: Saturday, April 5, at Concordia University, 1282 Concordia Ave., St. Paul. Registration opens at 9 am, Convention begins at 9:30 am. The Lutheran Hour Rally begins at 6:30 pm. Register at www.lhm.org/mnso-III. The Lutheran Hour Rally Features Rev. Dr. Zeigler, speaker of The Lutheran Hour.

Arlington LWML Zone Spring Rally will be Saturday, April 12, 2025, 8:30 am to noon. St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 63924 240th Street, Gibbon, MN. Registration opens at 8:30 am (\$5). RSVP for lunch to Trudy Wiechmann 507-327-7082 or Bev Annis 507-340-0273 by April 2, or sign up in the Narthex. Gifts of Love: undies (men, women or children) to be given to the Orphan Grain Train. Guest speakers Darlene Fretham and Doyle Benson. See poster in Mission Center.

SAGES = Saints Live Growing Ever Serving **SAGES Gathering XXXV** – Overcoming Life's Sorrows, May 5-6, 2025 at Country Inn & Suites, 1900 Premier Drive, Mankato. Keynote Speaker: Rev. Dr. R. Reed Lessing. Banquet entertainment: Gracenotes Family. Registration sheets are in the narthex. Register now, the deadline is April 14. Check this out! Men – women - single – married, all older adults you know (50 and up)!! Workshops and their titles and information are in the Sagacity. COME.

Growing in God's Grace: Register now by using the Winter Quarterly or LWML website for the LWML National Convention, www.lwml.org/convention. Contact Trudy Wiechmann 507-327-7082 or Bev Annis 507-340-0273 to make plans for going to the Convention and staying at the Convention. **Delegates to the National Convention** "Growing in God's Grace", in Omaha, Nebraska on June 26-29, 2025 will be Miriam Elbert and Rachel Hinz from Immanuel, Gaylord. All Our Savior Members may VOTE: The new ballots for Mission Grans have now been completed with **47** choices. These are posted in Mission Center by the door so you (ladies of Our Savior) can choose the ones you would like our delegates to vote for. The clip board is on the counter for you to vote and votes will be given to the delegates. Any ladies interested in attending please call contacts this week.

Concordia Classical Academy uses God's Word in a Christ-centered education to assist families in training students for Christian lives on earth and for eternity. We here at Our Savior see the fruitful work that they are doing and want to help them succeed. In pursuit of that our church Council has pledged \$20,000 each year for the next three school years to help them form strong Christian children. Please consider contributing towards our goal. The gifts are strictly from individual donations and not a budget item. A designated fund has been established and is ready to accept donations.

One Voice for Public Policy – "Reaching Out to Our Communities". New blog available. View on-line at: <https://www.mnsdistrict.org/public-policy>, or pick up a copy in the narthex.

CSP – Confessio 2025: A retreat on the Lutheran Confessions. Free event on Saturday, April 5 from 9:30 am – 3:00 pm at Graebner Memorial Chapel, Concordia University, St. Paul. Reservations requested at: one.csp.edu/confessio.

District: www.mnsdistrict.org **Church:** www.oslcmankato.org,
www.facebook.com/oslcmankato, www.youtube.com **LWML:** www.lwml.org,
www.mnslwml.org

Welcome to Our Savior's Lutheran Church! We are Christians gathered around the unchanging Word and Gifts of Jesus Christ which give forgiveness and salvation now and forever. Our Savior has more than enough blessings for everyone and promises that He will turn no one away. Please let us know who you are and how we can serve you by completing a registration card found in the seat backs and placing it in the offering plate at the entrances to the sanctuary.

At Our Savior Lutheran Church we live to make Christ known.

Monthly Memory Verse:

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

Psalm 51:1

Holy Communion: "I certainly love it with all my heart, the precious, blessed supper of my Lord Jesus Christ, in which he gives me His body and blood to eat and drink orally, with the mouth of my body, accompanied by the exceedingly sweet and gracious words: Given for you, Shed for you (Luther). While this gift is individually received, testimony is also given that those communing together share doctrinal unity. Those who understand the meaning of communion and wish to receive it today are asked to review the statement on the back of the registration card.

About the Cover: Our sin merits the anger and wrath of God. But His strict warning of judgment against sin is meant to lead us to repentance. God wants to show grace and mercy to sinners so that we may believe and receive forgiveness. Christ willingly received the wrath of God for all sin in our place when He died on the cross. He did this so that, like the prodigal son, we may know our heavenly Father's eternal embrace of comfort (see Luke 15:11-32).

Serving today:

Liturgist Rev. John H. Koopman
Preacher Rev. Adam M. Matheny
Organist Joe Gangi; Pianist: Suzie Gangi
Elder of the Day [8:00] Randy Burmeister; [10:30] Mike Anderson
Acolytes [8:00] Jesse Matheny; Charlotte Amborn
..... [10:30] Levi Kitzmann; Charlotte Doering
Assistant Usher [8:00] Kevin Hermanson
A/V Tech [8:00] Gene Mensing; [10:30] Dale Bergemann