

Sanctuary

Mission and Vision of Our Savior Lutheran Church & School



- **Pray for the mission of the church at Our Savior. That we would be faithful in doing what God has called us to do and that we would be directed by His Spirit.**

Matthew 28:19-20 *“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”*

Almighty God who, by Your Son Jesus Christ, commanded Your people that they should go into all the world preaching the Gospel to all people: help us as Your children to be ready and willing to share the reason for the hope that we have in Christ Jesus. Direct and guide us to the people who need to hear of Your love and give us wisdom and the words to speak to those who do not believe in You. Help all to hear of Your love and to come to a belief in You. Help us to always be rooted in your word. Help us to be growing in faith, so that we can truly share the love of Jesus with our community. Amen.

Christian Unity

- **Pray for unity in the Church. That we would always remember that we are children of God, saved by His grace and called together to be His children and to serve Him.**

Galatians 3:28 *“There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.”*

Eternal Father, we praise You for sending Your Son to be one of us and to save us. Look upon Your people with mercy, for we are divided in so many ways. Give us the Spirit of Jesus to make us one in love. Help us to always remember the unity that is found in Christ and Him alone. We ask this loving Father, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Worship

- **Pray for the worship life of the church. That the Word of God would be proclaimed faithfully, that God's name would be praised, and that all who worship in this place would know the reason why we gather.**
- **Pray for those who lead worship, for our choirs, organist, accompanists, the praise team, the Altar Guild, greeters, ushers, readers, acolytes, A/V team members and those who give children's messages.**

Psalm 75:1 *"We praise you, God, we praise you, for your Name is near; people tell of your wonderful deeds."*

Your Church, O Lord Jesus, is a haven for sinners, the place where we hear words of forgiveness and receive the blessings of Your Sacraments. As we meet with our brothers and sisters in Christ, we see our strengths as well as weaknesses. We ask Your blessings on our worship, Bible studies, and our teaching. Let us never lose sight of the Great Commission You have given that we are to bring the Gospel to all. Bless our mission outreach that salvation might be known both near and far. Amen.

Church Offices

Pastors

- **Pray for the pastoral ministry. That our Pastors would be faithful to God, and faithful shepherds of God's people. Give them quiet time to study God's Word, wisdom and discernment, provision and deliverance from temptations.**

Hebrews 13:17 *“Have confidence in your leaders and submit to their authority, because they keep watch over you as those who must give an account. Do this so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no benefit to you.”*

Dear Lord, Your Word says many things about faithfulness. We pray now for our pastors, that they will continue to be faithful to You and to Your church. Help them to always seek Your direction in their lives and the life of Your church. We pray that they are faithful in all that they do; faithful to their commitments, to their wives and family, to the members of this congregation, to their staff, but most importantly to Your plan for their lives. Help them to proclaim Your name in all the earth. We praise You for this time that we have to offer up our prayer for our pastors. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

OSLCS Staff Members

- **Pray for the entire staff as they do the work of the kingdom here. Many of the tasks they do go unnoticed, but without their work we would not be able to do the ministry we do. Pray that God would strengthen them in their faith as they serve Him through their work.**

Romans 12:4-8 *“For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.”*

Heavenly Father, thank You for the many people who do work that is often unnoticed and underappreciated. We pray today for each member of the staff of Our Savior Lutheran Church and School. Please guide and direct them so that they may faithfully continue to share the hope of Christ through the many, various and important tasks they do in support of the ministries of this congregation. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Fellowship Hall

Service & Growth Ministries

- Pray for the ladies who make quilts and prayer shawls. That each person who receives them will be wrapped in the love of God's grace, forgiveness and provision. Pray that our quilters remain healthy and able to do this task.
- We pray for the American Heritage Girls and all who guide and lead them so that they grow up to become faithful women of God.

1 Peter 4:10-11 *"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord."*

Lord of the Church, thank You for the ministries that serve others and that share Your love through their service. Help all who participate in these ministries to be strengthened in their faith and to be equipped to serve as they share Your love with those with whom they interact. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Boards of Directors, Elders, Stewardship and the Childcare Advisory Committee

- Pray for the leaders in our congregation, who have given their time to serve this congregation.
- Pray for God to grant them wisdom and strength as they lead and support the ministries at Our Savior.
- Pray for God to bless our leaderships' faith life that they would not only serve but be fed and grow spiritually as they lead.

1 Corinthians 12:18 *"But now God has set the members, each one of them, in the body just as He pleased."*

Lord Jesus, raise up leaders after Your own heart to guide us with courage and wisdom. Guide and direct them as they help lead us into decisions as a congregation. Strengthen them in their faith so that they may know and understand Your love more and more. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Community

- **Pray for the leaders of our community. That they would be filled with wisdom as they lead.**
- **Pray for the citizens of our community that their needs of mind, body, and spirit be met.**
- **Pray for wisdom into how we can reach our community and share the love of Jesus with others. Pray for many to come to a saving faith in Christ Jesus in our community.**
- **Pray for those who serve our community: First Responders, Firefighters, Police, military personnel, teachers and school support staff and those who care for the grieving, depressed, lonely, those who support people with no housing, under-employment, no employment, and those who provide health care services to the sick, the aging and the dying.**

1 Timothy 2:1-4 "First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth."

Heavenly Father, You establish all communities and are present in all places. Today we pray for our community. We thank You for the many people You have provided for meeting the needs of all people who live here. Please grant wisdom and understanding to its leaders so that they may be a blessing to our community. More than anything we pray that You would guide and direct us to be a part of this community, to meet the needs of the people who live here, and to share the hope that we have in Christ with our neighbors. We pray that all who live here will hear of Your love and come to saving faith in You. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Mission and Outreach Ministries

- **Pray for the mission and outreach ministries supported by our congregation's prayers, volunteerism and financial support, including:**
 - Rev. Paul and Gena Nelson, LCMS International
 - Jerry Rosamond, Time to Revive
 - Ruthie Wagner, Lutheran Bible Translators
 - Rev. Matthew & Kali Wood, LCMS International
 - Blind Fellowship Outreach and Lutheran Braille Workers
 - Child Evangelism Fellowship
 - Crystal Women's Clinic
 - Global Eye Mission
 - ICA Food Shelf
 - Kenya Children's Fund
 - LINC Twin Cities
 - Lutheran Church Charities
 - Lutheran World Relief
 - Mayer Lutheran High School
 - MN Adult and Teen Challenge
 - POBLO International
 - Roots of Grace, Cambodia
 - Samaritan's Purse
 - Trinity First Lutheran School, Minneapolis
 - Voice of the Martyrs
- **Pray that we would be a church of outreach. That members of the church share their faith with others in their personal lives and for wisdom to best reach out to people in our community as a church.**

Philippians 2:1-2 *"Pray for missionaries to be of the same mind, have the same love, and be in full accord."*

God of all the living, I lift up our support of the missions mentioned above. Remind us to do good and share with others as a pleasing sacrifice to You. Keep us outwardly focused so we don't become self-absorbed. Help us teach one another to be faithful ministers and witnesses of Your Son. Enable us to meet people wherever they have a need. Help us to faithfully proclaim the gospel so that all may come to know and experience God's love. Lord, we know that You desire everyone to be saved. Grant us wisdom and confidence to share our faith with our family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers. As a church we have not always been faithful in sharing Your love. Forgive us and lead us to know what is the best way we can reach out with Your love. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Our Savior School - 1st Floor

Early Childhood Center

- **Pray for the Early Childhood Center, for the students who are attending (Place your hands on the lockers of specific children and pray for them by name) and their families, that the love of Jesus would shine into their lives so that they may know the love of Jesus always.**
- **Pray for our teachers, aides and support staff that God would use their teaching and caring as a means to bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ to each child and their family.**

Matthew 19:14 *Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."*

O Lord Jesus Christ, in whom is truth and life, let Your presence abide in our school, that seeking Your truth we may find You and share in Your life. May we always dwell together with You in perfect fellowship. We pray that You would bless the children and families who attend Our Savior School so that they may hear of Your love and grow in faith. Set a firm foundation for the children that they may love You and follow You all the days of their lives. Thank You for the teachers, aides and support staff. Bless them with wisdom as they teach the children of Your love and mercy. Grant them growth in their faith and use them to grow Your kingdom. In Your great name, Amen.

Extended Care

- **Pray for the children who grace our Extended Care program each week. Use the time they spend here as an opportunity to share the Gospel of Christ so they may receive and grow in faith.**
- **Pray for our Extended Care staff as they care for and share the hope of Jesus with the children and their families.**

Psalms 127:3 *"Children are a gift from the Lord; they are a reward from him."*

Father God, we pray for all the families that You bring to Extended Care. We especially pray for the young boys and girls who attend. We know that for many of them the only time they will hear about Jesus is through this ministry. Please work through our Extended Care staff that they may be the hands and feet of Christ to these children and their families. Help us as a church to know how best to support this ministry. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Our Savior School - 2nd Floor

Sunday School and VBS

- **Thank God and pray for the men and women who volunteer their time to teach our children about the grace and mercy of Jesus through our Children's Ministry programs of Sunday School and VBS.**
- **Pray for the children who attended Sunday School and VBS that the Gospel of Jesus would grow them in faith and love toward Jesus as their Savior and Lord.**

Proverbs 22:6 *"Train up a child in the way he should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it."*

O Lord Jesus Christ, who is the life and light to all people, we ask that You help inspire those who teach our Sunday School and lead VBS and those who prepare them for their work. Fill them with Your Spirit as they share the stories of who You are with the children. Be with the children so that through Sunday School and VBS they would grow in their faith and be equipped to serve You all the days of their lives. Amen.

Basement Hallway

Confirmation and Youth Ministry

- Pray for the young people that God has placed in this church. As they participate in Confirmation, Woven, Elevate and Young Adult Ministry events, that they may know the love of God in their lives. We pray that God would strengthen their faith so that they will always be disciples of Jesus.
- Pray for the parents of our congregation as they raise their children in the Word of God. Pray that they would be filled with wisdom and grace.
- Pray for the volunteers leading our children and youth, grant them wisdom and thank God for their service.
- Pray for our staff as they guide and direct all the various ministries to children and youth, that they too may grow in faith and be equipped to help others grow in faith.

Deuteronomy 6:6-8 *“You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes.”*

We offer to You, Loving God, the gifts and needs of our children, youth and young adults. Bless them with Your guiding grace as they face the challenges and opportunities in their lives. Touch their hearts with the gentleness of Your love that they may know they are treasured as valuable beings. Send Your spirit of hope to their lives that they may believe in themselves and know they are needed in this world. Grace them with the gift of joy that they may celebrate life through laughter and tears alike. Guide us as a congregation to continue growing: in appreciation of the many gifts of young people; in the ministry opportunities we offer to them; in the journey of faith we walk with them; and in our shared mission as a community called to discipleship in the world. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Bible Study and Growth Group Ministries

- Pray that God's Word would be faithfully taught here at OSLCS. Grant wisdom and understanding to those who lead, that the things we learn from God's Word would affect how we live our lives as children of God.
- Also pray for our Growth Groups, that as we meet together not only would the members grow in relationship with one another, but grow in faith as well.

Hebrews 4:12 *"For the Word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart."*

Heavenly Father, send forth Your Spirit to enlighten our minds, positioning our hearts to receive Your truth. Help us to listen to one another with openness and honesty, eager to learn from the talents and intuitions that You have given each of us. Never let differences of opinion diminish our mutual esteem and love. May You guide and direct all groups that meet to study Your word, to grow in faith and to trust You more. May we grow in faith as we study your word. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Extended Care Rooms

Facility and Building Expansion Committee

- **Thank God for our wonderful facility. Pray for us to remember that this building is a blessing. Remind us that the church is much more than a building, we are the Church - Christ's body.**
- **Pray for us to be good stewards of our facility.**
- **Pray for our facility manager and the Board of Trustees as they oversee and care for the facility.**
- **Pray that the Building Expansion Committee be blessed with wisdom and guidance as they consider future needs and space.**

Isaiah 56:7 *"Their burnt offerings and sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house will be called a house of prayer for all nations."*

Loving God, You provide every good thing for us. Thank You for providing us this wonderful facility where ministry takes place. Help us to remember that while ministry does take place here it is not the only place we do ministry. Grant us wisdom with how we use the facility that You have entrusted to us. May we joyfully share it with others, so that this facility will be a blessing not only to us but also to our community. Guide and direct our facility manager, the Board of Trustees and the Building Expansion Committee as they oversee, care for and consider the future of this facility. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Men's and Women's Ministries

- **Pray for the men's and the women's ministry of this church. That God would be present in the lives of our members.**
- **Pray for the ministry leaders and help all involved to be strengthened in faith.**

2 Peter 3:18 *"But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen."*

Loving Father, You know each one of us intimately. You know our concerns and our fears, our joys and sorrows, and everything we need before we even ask for it. Please be with the men and women of this congregation that they grow in faith in You and come to know the depths of Your love more and more each day. Please be with the Lutheran Women in Mission, that as the women of our congregation gather together, You would speak to them and increase their faith. Please be with the God's Guys ministry, that the men of our congregation would hear Your voice and increase in faith. Be with the leadership of both ministries that You would guide and direct them. In Jesus' loving name we pray. Amen.

Care Ministries

- **Pray for the people who serve the members of our church who are homebound, hospitalized, or battling long term illness through the provision of meals, transportation, odd jobs, and special visits.**
- **Pray for the senior members of our congregation that they are never forgotten and are intentionally involved in the life of our congregation.**

Galatians 6:2 *“Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.”*

Loving God, You call us to care for the special needs of those who are homebound, hospitalized or battling long term illnesses. May we offer comfort and support to them as their needs are made aware to us. Holy Spirit, fill us with compassion as we share our concern, prayers and time with these precious members of the congregation. Give to us a special interest in the support of our senior members as they seek to stay involved in the life of the congregation, worshiping and growing closer to You as Lord and Savior. Be with all those in this congregation who serve these people, blessing them with energy and perseverance. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

- **Pray God will grow this congregation to be a praying community of believers. Encourage those who serve on the Prayer Chain to know they are an important part of the life of this congregation.**

Lord, we lift up the prayer focus in our church. Make us into a house of prayer. We desire to be clear-minded and self-controlled so that we pray first, always, continually and thankfully. May everyone recognize that this is Your desire for all and not just a few. Use us to stand in the gap for others. Let there be prayer ministry among us that is powerful and effective.

- **Pray for the GriefShare Ministry. Ask God to bless the facilitators as they interact and care for the participants who are journeying through a season of grief. Use the entire group to support one another with the love of Christ.**
- **Pray for the facilitators and participants of the Recovery Support Group.**

Lord, we lift up those who are hurting or grieving right now. May they come to know You as the God who sees them. For every situation of rejection, help them know Your presence and power in their lives. Bind up the broken-hearted, so that in every area of bondage, You set the captives free; in every case of mourning, You replace it with Your oil of gladness. Bless the facilitators of GriefShare to meet those in seasons of grief and walk beside them with love and compassion. Bless the facilitators of the Recovery Support Group as they meet with those who need a safe place to talk. May they be heard, encouraged and know Your love for them. Comfort all who participate in these ministries so that they will have a ministry of comfort to others.