

Program for the Week of October 26 – November 2, 2025

Sunday:

8:00 Divine Service
9:00 Coffee Time
9:25 Sunday School
9:25 Bible Class
10:30 Divine Service
4:30 Book Club
6:00 Youth Campfire @ Anderson's

Monday:

9:00 Quilting

Tuesday:

10:00 Staff Meeting
1:00 Tuesday Bible Class

Wednesday:

1:30 Endowment Board
4:45 Introductory Choir
5:15 Introductory Bell Choir

5:25 Brass

5:45 Handbell Choir

6:00 Meal

6:45 Devotion

7:00 Jr. Confirmation

7:00 Vocal Choir

Thursday:

10:00 Bulletin Deadline

Friday:

Saturday:

Sunday:

8:00 Divine Service

9:00 Coffee Time

9:25 Sunday School

9:25 Bible Class

10:30 Divine Service

6:00 Open Gym/Game Night

Chancel flowers are provided by Mark Wellner in honor of Sara Wellner on her birthday.

Sunday Matins is sponsored by Trudy Wiechmann in response to Romans 10:17 "So faith comes by hearing, and hearing through the Word of Christ." ESV

This morning we recognize Riley & Alyssa Krieger as members of our congregation by transfer from another LCMS congregation. They will publicly speak their belief in the Faith taught in the Holy Scriptures and confirmed in the Small Catechism. Please greet and welcome Riley & Alyssa as your new brother and sister in Christ.

Book Club meets tonight, Sunday, October 12th from 4:30 – 6pm in the Fireplace room. We continue our discussion of Moby Dick by Herman Melville. If interested, please speak with Pastor Matheny.

Youth Event October 26th 6-8pm: We will have a campfire at the Anderson home (19353 584th Lane, Mankato). There will be a fire and yard games for the youth. Parents are welcome to stay and relax as there will be a separate fire for you!

Anyone interested in placing flowers for our worship services in November, please contact Gretchen Zellmer, phone 507-317-2904.

Operation Christmas Child is all about Jesus! Each shoebox gift is an opportunity to introduce a child to our Lord and Savior. They hear the Gospel in their own language, given literature, are put in touch with local church partners, and are offered an opportunity to attend a 12 week discipleship course “The Greatest Journey”. Please take a shoebox from the display in the narthex and fill it with the items suggested and return it to church by November 9th. It is not just a shoebox filled with “stuff” – it is a missionary in a box.

Reformation Day – THIS FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31ST. Thanks be to God for giving us the gift of His Son, and for the knowledge we have of knowing that we have salvation through this gift He has given to us. A copy of the 95 theses are in the Mission Center. On October 31, 1517, Martin Luther posted the 95 theses – the “Disputation on the Power and Efficacy of Indulgences” – to the church door in a small city called Wittenberg, Germany

The November Ruth/Lydia Bible Study Circle Ladies, guests and friends gather together Thursday, November 6th, 2025, at 10:10am for fellowship, and a treat. Bible study begins at 10:25am. Our study will be from the Fall Quarterly “Sharing our Gifts as we Work for the Lord” page 20-21.

The Voice. Your Our Savior November newsletter sent to all members of Our Savior will be in your mail box this week.

An Advent Event, Thursday, December 4, 2025 – beginning at 4:30 for all the Our Savior Ladies. Registration sheets will be found in the narthex, or you may call/text Nancy Benson at 507-322-8565. Please register by November 26th. For full information, see the November Voice.

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

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!

WS Transportation (420-4503 or 388-0708) will provide rides to services for our members who call and arrange pick up times. This benefit is not limited to weekend services only. You may arrange a ride for a mid-week services and activities, such as choir practice, any of our meetings and other special services, i.e. Lenten services. Please call one-half to one hour ahead of time. This benefit is provided by the Taxi Fund.

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.

Electronic Giving: Our Savior's offers several electronic giving options, the Joyful Response® Electronic Giving Program, *Give+ Online*, and *Vanco Mobile*. You may easily make one-time donations, or set up recurring donations right from your checking or savings account. Click the "Contribute Online" button on the church's website, www.oslcmankato.org, or download the "Vanco Mobile Faith" app from the App Store or Google Play Store on your smart phone or tablet. Please contact the church office if you have any questions, 385-2180.

From the Stewardship Committee: Revelation 14:6 – "Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people." During the Reformation, this text was used to refer to Luther's ministry and the Lutheran message. We have an eternal Gospel to proclaim. Christ has freed us from our sins without any works on our part. We are saved by grace alone! And, ironically enough, Luther said this should make him the "apostle of works." Once we are freed by grace, we are truly free to serve God in works that flow from thankfulness and praise.

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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, "The Sexton" features a pastor and a sexton (church caretaker) with magical powers fighting an eerie duel in a church. The worship service begins at 9:30am with Rev. Ryan Eden from Redeemer Lutheran Church in Winona, who will present a message titled "Hear Moses and the Prophets" based on Luke 16:19-31. For more information or to watch the program, go to www.mainstreetliving.com and select the "Twin Cities" tab.

Orphan Grain Train: If you have OGT donations, call Trudy to arrange for delivery, 507-327-7082

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).

Pastor Steve & Bonnie Wilson farewell. Pastor Steve Wilson, a son of our congregation, is retiring from St. John Lutheran Church in Sherburn after 36 years in ministry. There will be a Farwell Open House on Friday, November 14th from 5 – 8pm at the Fox Lake Event Center, 730 125th Street, Sherburn. If you are unable to attend the Open House but would like to send a greeting, please mail to the church at: 317 South Main Street, Sherburn, MN 56171-8904. Please mail to arrive before November 14th.

Portals of Prayer, Lutheran Witness, Sagacity, Pray for Us calendar, and October Mite Grants Focus can all be found in the narthex.

Our Older Adult Ministry Board needs a contact person/persons to communicate information between the congregation and SAGES. Volunteers are also needed for the District Board Circuits. For more information contact Stan Tordsen at: stordsen@yahoo.com

Keep up with the events and activities around the Minnesota South District from the District e-news at <https://www.mnsdistrict.org/publications#weekly-enews>. You can even subscribe to get the e-news delivered right to your inbox.

The Lutheran Layman News: Expanding Ministry to Grow God's Kingdom. Pick up your copy in the narthex.

Redeeming Grace Retreat: Redeeming Grace is a confidential retreat for women who have experienced abortion at any point in their lives. November 13-16th, 2025, at Wildwood Hills Ranch (2552 Union Lane, St. Charles, IA 50240). <https://www.word-of-hope.org/rgr>

Dementia Friends: The Lutherans for Life, Life Team at Messiah Lutheran Church in Lakeville (16725 Highview Ave) is sponsoring a Dementia Friends MN presentation on Tuesday, October 28th. Fellowship and refreshments starting at 6:15pm. Contact Kristin Scott to register. See poster on bulletin board.

Awaken Workshop: Learn practical tools, new habits, and renewed confidence to live missionally in your everyday life. November 14th, 5:30pm-7:30pm, November 15th, 8:30am-1:00pm. Christ Victorious Lutheran Church (9860 Shady Oak Dr., Chaska).

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

Monthly Memory Verse:

"But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin."

1 John 1:7

Welcome to Our Savior's Lutheran Church! We are glad that you are here to hear God's Word and share His gifts with us. We thank God that He comes to us again to forgive us our sins and prepare us for eternal life today, and we are grateful that He has brought you here to be with us.

Each week we receive the Sacrament of the Altar where the Lord Jesus comes to us with His body and blood for us to eat and drink. In this sacred meal our Lord forgives our sins and strengthens us to live faithfully in communion with Him and with each other. For us this is a family meal and Christ's expectations of us are important. If you are not an active participant in the Our Savior's family or one of our sister congregations in the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod we would ask you to join our family before sharing this sacrament with us. For those not communing we would love for you to join us at the table as a sign of Christian unity. Simply cross your arms over your chest and our pastors will give you a blessing from the Lord. If you have any questions about this or are new here our pastors would love to talk with you. God bless you!

About the Cover: Martin Luther's seal symbolizes the rock-solid confession of the Reformation. It was not about Luther. It was about Christ and His cross at the center of everything. Christ enlivens our hearts, makes us holy, gives us joy, and has won eternal life for us. We have a firm foundation of refuge and strength to stand on because Christ is our rock.

Serving today:

Liturgist.....	Rev. Adam M. Matheny
Preacher.....	Rev. John H. Koopman
Organist.....	Barb Anderson
Special Music	Vocal Choir
Elder of the Day.....	[8:00] Randy Burmeister; [10:30] Judd Schultz
Acolytes.....	[8:00] Jackson Ling; Lydia Bjortomt
.....	[10:30] Endre Anderson; Lars Anderson
Sacristan	[8:00] Kevin Hermanson; [10:30] Mark Senne
Usher Team.....	[8:00] Team1: Gary Rabenhorst, Dalton Ling, Lucas Bjortomt
.....	[10:30] Team 1: Lon & Kathy Whitehead, John Bittner
A/V Tech	Zak Tess