

**OUR SAVIOUR LUTHERAN CHURCH UPDATE FEBRUARY 8, 2026  
THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD, FEB 8, 2026**

This Newsletter contains the following information:

1. Worship Services
2. In Our Prayers
3. Weekly Services

**WORSHIP SERVICES:**

At present we offer one Sunday Worship Service at 11 a.m.

**REMEMBER THE SABBATH DAY TO KEEP IT HOLY**

**VERSE**

**Alleluia.** Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works, and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. **Alleluia.**

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***The Righteousness of Christ***

Beloved in the Lord,  
Greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus! **Amen.**

**BULLETIN** The bulletin for the Divine Service is attached to this update  
**READINGS**

Isaiah 58:3-9a

Psalm 112:1-9 (antiphon: v. 4)

1 Corinthians 2:1-12 (13-16)

Matthew 5:13-20

**SUMMARY OF TODAY'S READINGS**

***The Righteousness of Christ***

Jesus warns that *"unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven"* (Matt. 5:20), but He also calls His imperfect people *"the salt of the earth"* and *"the light of the world"* (Matt. 5:13, 14). That's because the Lord Jesus came not to abolish the Law or the prophets, *"but to fulfill them"* (Matt. 5:17) in perfect faith and love. Since He does and teaches all of God's commandments, He is *"called great in the kingdom of heaven"* (Matt. 5:19). God manifests His *"demonstration of the Spirit and of power"* in *"Jesus Christ and him crucified"* (1 Cor. 2:2-4), and through the preaching of the Gospel He gives His *"secret and hidden wisdom"* (1 Cor. 2:7). Christ gives this perfect righteousness to His people, and it leads them to true fasting, which is *"to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free"* (Is. 58:6) and *"to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house"* (Is. 58:7).

## **VERSE ON THE BULLETIN**

Then shall your light and your righteousness go before you (Isaiah 58:8)

**ABOUT THE BULLETIN COVER:** Like rays of light stretching out over the horizon, the Lord promises that repentance and sincerity will be met with a new dawn filled with righteousness, healing, and the Lord's protection. Jesus has entered into the darkness of our sin through His death on the cross, but the break of a new day came on the first Easter morning to show us that He lives to bring us His righteousness, healing and protection.

## **2) IN OUR PRAYERS**

Please keep the following people in your personal prayers:

**Shut-ins:** Maria Pohlman, Ruth Miller, Hans Schroedter, Peter Haug, Gabriel Civitillo, Letillia Sterling, Meta Both.

**Those with other needs:** Paul Alexander, Brian Miller, Lisa Deonadan, Harry Goorwah, Violet Deonarine, Deva Singh, Marlet Wardly, Trudy Marquardt, Tomdaiya, Nila, Mariya, Marlin, Sam, Dawood, Al & Indra Seemadray, Junior Atkins, Susan Krim, Eric Krim, Dhanraj Bharrat, Sarab Adwer, Kamini Paul, Shirley Ewan, Pamela and Nigel, Gisela McLuhan, Pastor Warren Hamp, Pat Brewster, Gwenn Elliott.

*If you would like to add yourself or a loved one to our prayer list please give me a call. It is also important to let me know when it's time to be removed from the list.*

## **3) CONGREGATIONAL PROJECTS**

### **FOOD BANK:**

### **FOOD BANK STATISTICS FOR February 5, 2026**

Total Food Hampers given out: 336

Those food hampers provided food to:

793 adults and 361 children for a total of 1154

### **Our Saviour Food Bank: Need of Volunteers**

We are in need of volunteers for the Food Bank for general and some specific duties. The duties may extend to cover picking up of bread, unloading of the skids, food packaging, computer intake and recycling of the cardboard and other materials. If you are desirous of helping please speak to Al Seemadray Food Bank Volunteers Coordinator, Ingrid or Pastor.

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

There will be Sunday School this Sunday.

## **THIS WEEK AT OUR SAVIOUR**

Sunday, Feb 8, 2026

### **EPIPHANY 5**

10 a.m. Bible Study

11 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion

11:15 a.m. Sunday School

Thursday, Feb 12, 2026 2-4 p.m. & 6-8 p.m. Food Bank

Sunday, Feb 15, 2026

### **TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY**

10 a.m. Bible Study

11 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion

11:15 a.m. Sunday School  
**FOLLOWED BY PANCAKE BRUNCH**

Pastor Joseph Singh  
Vacancy Pastor  
February 6, 2026  
PHONE: 416-970-0322 Pastor Joseph (cell)  
416-741-2110 (Church) <https://www.oslc.on.ca/>

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

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| Sunday February 15    | Transfiguration Sunday 11 a.m. service |
| Wednesday February 18 | Ash Wednesday 7:00 p.m. service        |



## **Please join us for our Annual Pancake Brunch**

**Sunday February 15 following the worship service**

Join Us during Lent for  
**Our Mid-Week and Lenten Sunday Worship**

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|                               | <i>5:30 p.m. Soup &amp; Sandwich Supper</i> |
|                               | <i>7:00 p.m. Worship</i>                    |
| <b>Wednesday, February 18</b> | <b>7:00 pm Ash Wednesday -</b>              |
| <b>Wednesday, February 25</b> | <b>MW Lent 1</b>                            |
| <b>Wednesday March 4</b>      | <b>MW Lent 2</b>                            |
| <b>Wednesday, March 11</b>    | <b>MW Lent 3</b>                            |
| <b>Wednesday, March 18</b>    | <b>MW Lent 4</b>                            |
| <b>Wednesday, March 25</b>    | <b>MW Lent 5</b>                            |
| <b>Sunday, February 22</b>    | <b>First Sunday in Lent -Invocavit</b>      |
| <b>Sunday, March 1</b>        | <b>Second Sunday in Lent- Reminscere</b>    |
| <b>Sunday, March 8</b>        | <b>Third Sunday in Lent -Oculi</b>          |
| <b>Sunday, March 15</b>       | <b>Fourth Sunday in Lent Laetare</b>        |
| <b>Sunday, March 22</b>       | <b>Fifth Sunday in Lent Judica</b>          |
| <b>Palm Sunday, Mar 29</b>    |   |
| <b>Thursday, April 2</b>      | <b>Maundy Thursday</b>                      |
| <b>Good Friday April 3</b>    |   |
| <b>Saturday, April 4</b>      | <b>Easter Vigil</b>                         |
|                               | <b>HAPPY EASTER APRIL 5, 2026</b>           |



## **THE TIME OF EPIPHANY EPIPHANY AND ITS SEASON**

Begins with evening prayer on January 5 and ends the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday. Epiphany is one of the oldest seasons in the Christian Church Year, second only to the Easter Season. This season of lights emphasizes Jesus' manifestation (or epiphany, from the Greek word *epiphaneia*) as God and man. The earliest Christians called the Feast of the Epiphany the Theophany ("revelation of God"). When the Gentile Magi came to worship Jesus, they show that everyone now has access to God. Now all people, Jew, and Gentile, can come to God's temple to worship, because Jesus is the new temple: God in the flesh. The Epiphany of Our Lord (January 6) marks the celebration of the visit of the Magi. Epiphany may include as many as nine Sundays, depending on the date of Easter. This season is marked at its beginning and at its end by two important feasts of Christ.

**During Epiphany, we worship Jesus, who has given all mankind access to God through Himself.**

**Matthew 2:1-12**

**Matthew 3:13-17**

**John 2:1-11**

### **EPIPHANY PRACTICES AND TRADITIONS**

- Like Christmas, the Epiphany of Our Lord, the Baptism of Our Lord, and the Transfiguration of Our Lord are feast days of Jesus. The colour for feast days is white, the colour of divinity, purity, and joy. The Sundays after the Epiphany focus on the growth of Jesus' ministry, and the colour green is used to symbolize that growth.
- On the first Sunday after the Epiphany, the Church celebrates the Baptism of Our Lord. The Father sent Jesus to bear the sins of the World. So Jesus steps down into baptismal waters so that He can soak up the sins of the World. He is baptized into our sins so that Baptism might be into His death and resurrection for the forgiveness of sins.
- The Feast of the Transfiguration, celebrated on the last Sunday in the Epiphany season, is a significant and uniquely Lutheran contribution to the Christian Church Calendar. This festival commemorates the moment on the Mount of Transfiguration when three of Jesus' disciples glimpse their Lord in divine splendor, seeing Him as the centre of the Law (Moses) and the Prophets (Elijah). Jesus proclaims to His disciples, then and now, that He is the long-awaited one who has come to die for the sins of the world and be raised again in glory.
- The Transfiguration of Our Lord is the last Sunday before the Lent. Because we give up singing *Alleluia* during Lent, at the close of the service on Transfiguration we say farewell to *Alleluia* with the hymn "Alleluia, Song of Gladness" (LSB 417).