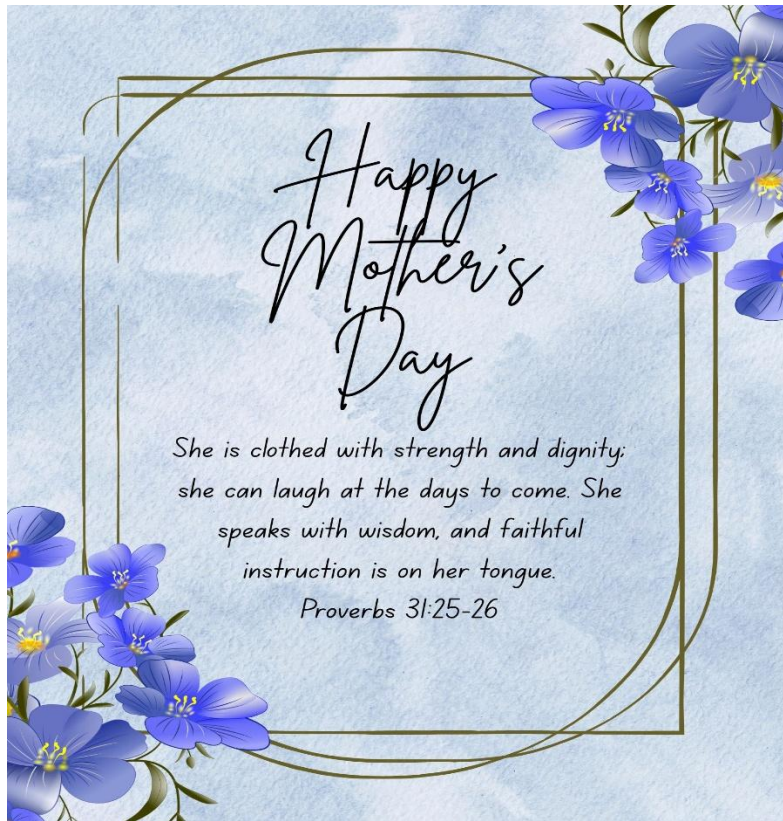


Gracious Saviour Evangelical Lutheran Church



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Mission Statement

By the grace of God, Gracious Saviour Evangelical Lutheran Church being of one body in Christ Jesus, made up of many parts, and having many gifts; provides a place for all to worship, praise, and glorify our Lord Jesus Christ. We teach the Word of God and spread the Good News through our service to one another and community. We encourage all to come and share their various gifts and talents.

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Call to Worship

A Mother's Day Litany

Mothers come in many different forms, and today we celebrate them all!

Thank God for mothers!

Everyone here is either a son or a daughter.

Thank God for my mother!

For those women who have joined God in Heaven and whom we miss dearly here on earth.

Thank God for the mothers of the past.

For every woman who is working day and night to raise her children right now.

Thank God for the mothers of today.

For all the women who are expecting but aren't quite mothers yet!

Thank God for the soon-to-be-mothers.

For the women who took in others' children through adoption and foster care.

Thank God for the mothers with hearts so big. To care for their families and themselves with great joy.

For those women who have lost a child to death and must carry on.

Thank God for the mothers who are so strong.

For all the women who have desperately wanted to have children of their own but chose instead to mother everyone else.

Thank God for the mothers in spirit and we thank you, Lord, for the women who have influenced our lives in so many ways. We pray that we will honor them in everything we do.

Prayer of the Day

All-loving God, we give you thanks for placing in our lives mothers and mothering figures who are images of grace, love, tenderness, strength, and courage. We also pray God's comfort and care to surround all who struggle on this day. Surround us now and always with your deep, unending love. **Amen.**

First Reading – Acts 9:36-43**Anesha Hamlin**

³⁶ In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha (in Greek her name is Dorcas); she was always doing good and helping the poor. ³⁷ About that time she became sick and died, and her body was washed and placed in an upstairs room. ³⁸ Lydda was near Joppa; so when the disciples heard that Peter was in Lydda, they sent two men to him and urged him, "Please come at once!" ³⁹ Peter went with them, and when he arrived he was taken upstairs to the room. All the widows stood around him, crying and showing him the robes and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was still with them. ⁴⁰ Peter sent them all out of the room; then he got down on his knees and prayed. Turning toward the dead woman, he said, "Tabitha, get up." She opened her eyes, and seeing Peter she sat up. ⁴¹ He took her by the hand and helped her to her feet. Then he called for the believers, especially the widows, and presented her to them alive. ⁴² This became known all over Joppa, and many people believed in the Lord. ⁴³ Peter stayed in Joppa for some time with a tanner named Simon.

Responsive Reading – Psalm 23

¹ The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.

² **He makes me lie down in green pastures,
he leads me beside quiet waters,**

³ he refreshes my soul.

He guides me along the right paths
for his name's sake.

⁴ **Even though I walk
through the darkest valley,**

**I will fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.**

⁵ You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies.
You anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

⁶ **Surely your goodness and love will follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord
forever.**

Second Reading – Revelation 7:9-17

Anesha Hamlin

⁹ After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰ And they cried out in a loud voice: “Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.” ¹¹ All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² saying: “Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!” ¹³ Then one of the elders asked me, “These in white robes—who are they, and where did they come from?” ¹⁴ I answered, “Sir, you know.” And he said, “These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵ Therefore, “they are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. ¹⁶ ‘Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat down on them,’ nor any scorching heat. ¹⁷ For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; ‘he will lead them to springs of living water.’ ‘And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.’”

Gospel Acclamation

Open our eyes, Lord; we want to see Jesus, to reach out and touch him, and say that we love him. Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen. Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.

The Holy Gospel according to John 10:22-30. **Glory to you, O Lord!**

²² Then came the Festival of Dedication at Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³ and Jesus was in the temple courts walking in Solomon’s Colonnade. ²⁴ The Jews who were there gathered around him, saying, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.” ²⁵ Jesus answered, “I did tell you, but you do not

believe. The works I do in my Father's name testify about me, ²⁶ but you do not believe because you are not my sheep. ²⁷ My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. ³⁰ I and the Father are one."

Devotional Music

Men of Gracious Saviour

Sermon.....Minister Doshia Strong

Hymn of the Day

Glory, Glory Hallelujah

Glory, glory, hallelujah!
Since I laid my burdens down.
Glory, glory, hallelujah!
Since I laid my burdens down!

I feel better, so much better
Since I laid my burdens down.
I feel better, so much better
Since I laid my burdens down!

Friends don't treat me like they used to
Since I laid my burdens down.
Friends don't treat me like they used to
Since I laid my burdens down!

The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, he was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the Community

Lay Assistant: Hear us, O God.

Congregation response: Your mercy is great.

Announcements

Offertory Hymn

Offertory Prayer

Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Benediction

The God of resurrection power,
the Christ of unending joy,
and the Spirit of Easter hope
† bless you now and always.

Amen.

Closing Hymn

In the Name of Jesus

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Go in peace, serve the living God.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Good morning and welcome to Gracious Saviour. We are grateful that you have chosen to worship and honor the Lord's name with us. If you are new to this church, we would like to thank you for worshipping with us and we warmly welcome you into the Gracious Saviour family as our brothers and our sisters.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO EVERYONE CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY THIS MONTH!! God bless you and enjoy your day!!

Council Meeting

Council will meet this **Tuesday, May 13th at 6:30 p.m.**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85253404622?pwd=YnN2WVFTQjZoK3pta2JOb2F6UW1SZz09> Meeting ID: 85253404622 Passcode: 087661

Monthly Food Pantry

The Gracious Saviour Community Food Pantry is open the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month from 11am – 1pm. The next food pantry day is **Thursday, May 15, 2025**. People can call the food pantry line at 313-634-1311 to register.

Jerusalem Ministry

There will be a meeting on **Friday, May 16th at 6:30pm on Zoom,**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87130015039?pwd=SVo1bEg2eGRHWTB5c2o1cTFsdml1Zz09> Meeting ID: 87130015039 Passcode: 672576

Cooking Matters

Free cooking and nutrition classes featuring...tips & tricks to eat well, shop smart, and save money. Classes will be every Thursday 2:30pm-4:30pm, 5/15/25-6/19/25 here at Gracious Saviour. Commitment to all classes is mandatory. Sign up through the food pantry, 313-634-1311.

Save the Date

July 12, 2025, 5:00pm – Jazz on the Lawn

Tithes and Offering

Ways to give –

- Cash App - \$GraciousSaviourLC
- PayPal – Gracious Saviour Lutheran Church
- <https://www.gracioussaviourlutheran.org/donate/>
- Mail to the church: 19484 James Couzens Hwy., Detroit, 48235.

Gracious Saviour Meeting and Worship Links

Zoom Dial-in Numbers are the same for **ALL** Zoom Worship Services and meetings:

+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago); +1 646 558 8656 US (New York)

Adult Sunday School (Sundays, 9:00 a.m.)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83844644439?pwd=dkIxVitlbFhRVXpXNHBI5U90WkYwQT09> Meeting ID: 83844644439 Passcode: 751445

Gracious Saviour Worship Service (Sundays, 11am)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83956719308?pwd=SXd2K1VLbmdHMmZtVFdla0VjVWtaUT09> Meeting ID: 83956719308 Password: 363447

Gracious Saviour Church Council Meeting (2nd Tuesdays at 6:30 pm)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85253404622?pwd=YnN2WVFTQjZoK3pta2JOb2F6UW1SZz09> Meeting ID: 85253404622 Passcode: 087661

Gracious Saviour Wednesday noon Bible Study

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87955430045?pwd=Wk93dCtjNGtIMUI3c2wrSnJwaWZZdz09> Meeting ID: 87955430045 Passcode: 879423

Gracious Saviour Wednesday evening Bible Study at 6:00 pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87218267272?pwd=cUhHeWcxU3ZKRWc1bXdjNlVRM1VuUT09>
Meeting ID: 87218267272 Passcode: 750061

Gracious Saviour Jerusalem Ministry Meeting (2nd Fridays at 6:30 pm)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87130015039?pwd=SVo1bEg2eGRHWTB5c2o1cTFsdm1lZz09> Meeting ID: 87130015039 Passcode: 672576