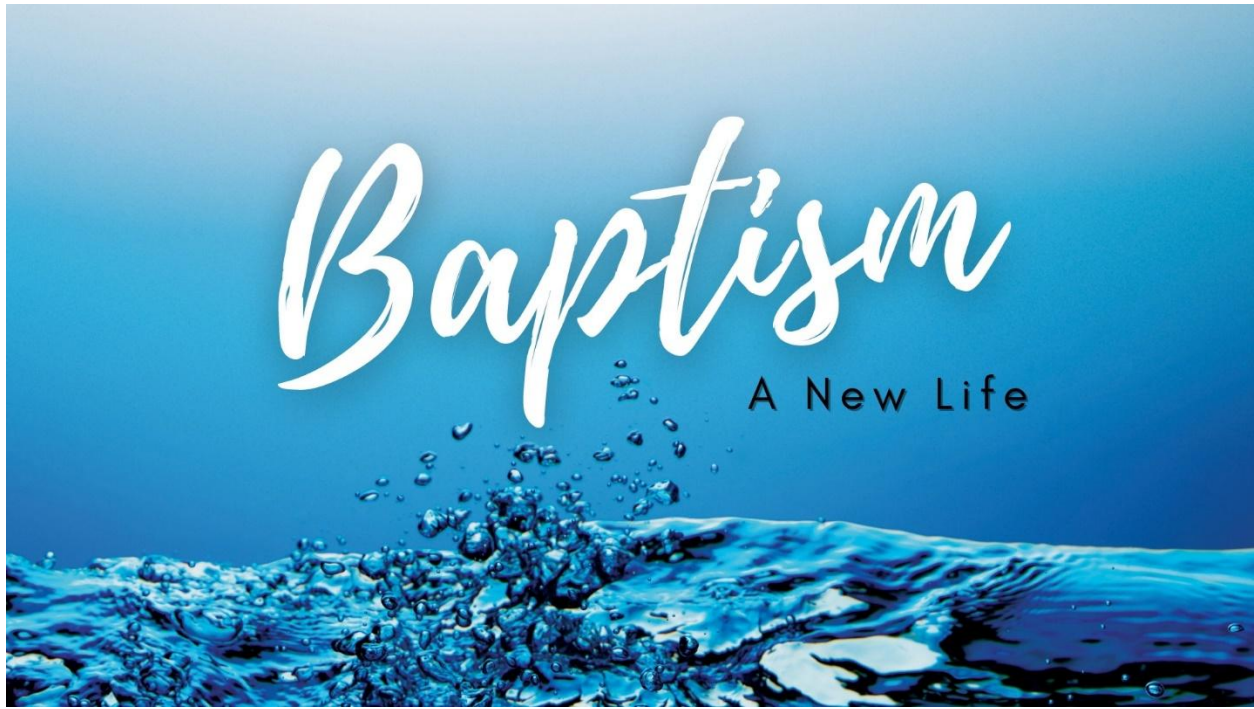


Gracious Saviour Evangelical Lutheran Church



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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.

Baptism of Our Lord

Call to Worship

God, you bless us in all kinds of ways.
The sacraments you offer us are blessed.
You are always teaching us who we are
By your gifts, presence, and words to us.

For the baptism with water, a symbol of our new life,
We give thanks.

For baptism of your spirit, the gift of your presence in and among us,
We give thanks.

We accept these gifts as a sign of your love and regard
As a sign of you being with us.

As symbols of your promises to us:
You cleanse, fill, and renew us.

With living water

We are washed and filled.

With holy spirit

We are washed and filled.

You come to us with the beauty and gentleness of a dove:

We are your children, in whom you are pleased.

And you come to us with the intensity of a fire:

We are your servants, to do your work in the world.

Fill us anew each day

With water and fire.

Teach us to walk as New Creation,

New creatures, children of God:

Buried with Christ in death

Raised to newness of life.

Opening Hymn

Jesus, The Light of the World

Red #59

Prayer of the Day (*congregation stands*)

Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in

your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

First Reading – Isaiah 43:1-7

Chantal Lang-Freeman

But now, this is what the Lord says—he who created you, Jacob, he who formed you, Israel: “Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. ²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze. ³For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior; I give Egypt for your ransom, Cush and Seba in your stead. ⁴Since you are precious and honored in my sight, and because I love you, I will give people in exchange for you, nations in exchange for your life. ⁵Do not be afraid, for I am with you; I will bring your children from the east and gather you from the west. ⁶I will say to the north, ‘Give them up!’ and to the south, ‘Do not hold them back.’ Bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the ends of the earth—⁷everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.”

Responsive Reading – Psalm 29

¹ Ascribe to the Lord, you heavenly beings,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

² **Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;
worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness.**

³ The voice of the Lord is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders,
the Lord thunders over the mighty waters.

⁴ **The voice of the Lord is powerful;
the voice of the Lord is majestic.**

⁵ The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars;
the Lord breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon.

⁶ **He makes Lebanon leap like a calf,
Sirion like a young wild ox.**

⁷ The voice of the Lord strikes
with flashes of lightning.

⁸ **The voice of the Lord shakes the desert;
the Lord shakes the Desert of Kadesh.**

⁹ The voice of the Lord twists the oaks

and strips the forests bare.
And in his temple all cry, "Glory!"
**10 The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;
the Lord is enthroned as King forever.**
11 The Lord gives strength to his people;
the Lord blesses his people with peace.

Second Reading – Acts 8:14-17 **Chantal Lang-Freeman**

14 When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to Samaria. **15** When they arrived, they prayed for the new believers there that they might receive the Holy Spirit, **16** because the Holy Spirit had not yet come on any of them; they had simply been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. **17** Then Peter and John placed their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

(congregation stands)

Gospel Acclamation **The Lord Is My Light** **Red #61**

The Holy Gospel according to Luke 3:15-17, 21-22. Glory to you O Lord!

15 The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah. **16** John answered them all, "I baptize you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. **17** His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire."

21 When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened **22** and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

Devotional Music **God Is** **Tan #134**

Sermon.....Minister Doshia Strong

(congregation stands)

Hymn of the Day **The Little Light of Mine** **Red #65**

The Apostle's Creed *(congregation stands)*

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: God of grace,
Congregation response: hear our prayer.**

Announcements

The Lord's Prayer

Benediction

The Spirit of the triune God
† bless you with joy,
anoint you with compassion,
and send you in love.
Amen.

Closing Hymn

We Are Marching in the Light of God

Red #63

Go in peace. Live in hope.
Thanks be to God.

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 worshiping 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!!

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, January 16, 2025**. People can call the food pantry line at 313-634-1311.

MLK Worship Service

Genesis Lutheran, 7200 Mack Ave. @ E. Grand Blvd., Detroit, January 19, 3pm.

Fellowship Host

The sign-up sheet is now available. If you are interested in hosting a fellowship, please sign-up.

Evening Bible Study

Wednesday Evening Bible Study will resume on Zoom, January 15th at 6:00pm
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87218267272?pwd=cUhHeWcxU3ZKRWc1bXdjNlVRM1VuUT09> Meeting ID: 87218267272 Passcode: 750061

A Modern Black History Program

If you are interested in helping with the black history program, please see Doreen Henry. The program will be Friday, March 7th.

Tithes and Offering

God of heaven and earth, from the beginning, you have called forth life, in which you take delight. The trees, the fields, and the seas sing for joy. Bless now these gifts, received from your bounty, that we may join the chorus of creation to tell of your salvation from day to day. Amen.

Ways to give –

- Offering basket on the table in the Narthex
- Cash App - \$GraciousSaviourLC
- <https://www.gracioussaviourlutheran.org/donate/>
- Mail to the church: 19484 James Couzens Hwy., Detroit, 48235.

Thank you to our visitors. Thank you, family, for your continued support.

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=dkIxVitIbFhRVXpXNHbISU90WkYwQT09> 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=SVo1bEg2eGRHWtB5c2o1cTFsdml1Zz09> Meeting ID: 87130015039 Passcode: 672576