



Our Saviour Lutheran Church

"Making disciples and growing in grace"



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INSTALLATION OF PASTOR CHRIS HEINOLD

Sunday, February 22, 2026



WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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PRELUDE MUSIC

Here I Am to Worship

Hughes

Verse 1

**Light of the world you stepped down into darkness,
Opened my eyes let me see
Beauty that made this heart adore You.
Hope of a life spent with You.**

Chorus

*So here I am to worship. Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
And You're altogether lovely, Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me*

Verse 2

**King of all days, Oh so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above
Humbly You came to the earth You created
All for love's sake became poor**

Chorus

*So here I am to worship. Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
And You're altogether lovely, Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me*

Bridge

**And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross
And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross**

Chorus

*So here I am to worship. Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
And You're altogether lovely, Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me*

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Please stand as you are able.

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the pastor begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity,

Father, the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit
one God, the Creator of heaven and earth,
the Word who spoke life into being,
the Wind stirring over the waters. **Amen**

Let us now turn in confession to God who knows us completely.

A brief silence is kept for personal reflection.

Mighty God,

**you call us to life in community,
but we have served our own interests at the expense of our neighbors.
We have sown deceit where honesty was needed.
We say the right words,
but our hearts are far from you.
Turn us to seek your face.
Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ,
that we may do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

The former things have passed away, and new things God now declares:

Like a spring of water that never fails, God covers you in the righteousness of Christ,

and forgives your sin in ✝ Jesus' name.

May the Spirit give you strength to live for others, and bless you with the gift of peace. **Amen**

GATHERING HYMN

You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore

ELW # 817

- 1. You have come down to the lakeshore
seeking neither the wise nor the wealthy,
but only asking for me to follow.**

*Refrain Sweet Lord, you have looked into my eyes;
kindly smiling, you've called out my name.
On the sand I have abandoned my small boat;
now with you, I will seek other seas.*

- 2. You know full well what I have, Lord:
neither treasure nor weapons for conquest,
just these my fish nets and will for working.** *Refrain*
- 3. You need my hands, my exhaustion,
working love for the rest of the weary--
a love that's willing to go on loving.** *Refrain*
- 4. You who have fished other waters;
you, the longing of souls that are yearning:
O loving Friend, you have come to call me.** *Refrain*



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GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty God, through your Son Jesus Christ you gave the holy apostles many gifts and commanded them to feed your flock. Inspire all pastors to proclaim your word diligently and your people to receive it willingly, that finally we may receive the crown of eternal glory; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

(The congregation is now seated)



WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

THE FIRST READING

God Calls Moses at the Burning Bush.

Exodus 3:1-12

¹ Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness and came to Mount Horeb, the mountain of God. ² There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. ³ Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight and see why the bush is not burned up." ⁴ When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." ⁵ Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." ⁶ He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

⁷ Then the LORD said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, ⁸ and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and spacious land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. ⁹ The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. ¹⁰ Now go, I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." ¹¹ But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" ¹² He said, "I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain."

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

THE SECOND READING

God gives us each gifts that differ according to the grace given to us.

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

⁴ For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, ⁵ so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶ We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸ the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness."

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

(The congregation stands to welcome the gospel.)

THE GOSPEL READING

John 13:3-17, 20

Jesus washed the disciples' feet before his betrayal in an act of humble service.

The Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³ Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands and that he had come from God and was going to God, ⁴ got up from supper, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. ⁵ Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. ⁶ He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" ⁷ Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." ⁸ Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." ⁹ Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" ¹⁰ Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." ¹¹ For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."



¹² After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had reclined again, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you?" ¹³ You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for that is what I am. ¹⁴ So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵ For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. ¹⁶ Very truly, I tell you, slaves are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. ¹⁷ If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

²⁰ Very truly, I tell you, whoever receives one whom I send receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me."

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.



SERMON

Rev. Scottie Burkhalter

HYMN OF THE DAY

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love

ELW # 708

*Refrain Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.*

- 1. Kneels at the feet of his friends,
silently washes their feet,
master who acts as a slave to them.** *Refrain*
- 2. Neighbors are wealthy and poor,
varied in color and race,
neighbors are nearby and far away.** *Refrain*
- 3. These are the ones we will serve,
these are the ones we will love;
all these are neighbors to us and you.** *Refrain*
- 4. Kneel at the feet of our friends,
silently washing their feet:
this is the way we will live with you.** *Refrain*

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INSTALLATION OF PASTOR CHRIS HEINOLD

This order is appropriate for installing a pastor who has been previously ordained. The bishop, or a minister of word and sacrament designated by the bishop such as the Dean of the Conference normally presides at the installation of a pastor. When scheduling an installation service, the rhythms and emphases of the church year should be taken into account. For example, because of their solemn character, the days from the Sunday of the Passion through Easter Day are best avoided as days for such a service.

Neighboring congregations and ministers may be invited to participate in the service.

The pastor to be installed is appropriately vested in alb and stole. Until presented, the pastor may be seated with the assembly.

The complete name of the pastor is used at the presentation. At other places in the service, the first or given name (without surname) is appropriate.

PRESENTATION

The assembly stands.

Pastor Chris and a representative of the congregation come before the Dean and the congregation.

The Dean addresses the assembly.

Having been authorized by the church to install the Rev. Christopher R. Heinold, our co-worker in the gospel, as *Pastor of Our Saviour Lutheran Church*, I now ask for certification of this call.

A representative of the congregation addresses the Dean.

After prayerful deliberation, we, of *Our Saviour Lutheran Church in Johnson City, Tennessee*, have called the Rev. *Christopher R. Heinold* to serve as a minister of word and sacrament in the position of *Pastor*.

I present *Pastor Chris Heinold* and this letter certifying the call.

The representative gives the Dean the letter certifying that the call has been received and accepted.

The representative moves aside.

The assembly is seated.

ADDRESS AND QUESTIONS

The Dean addresses the pastor being installed.

A reading from John: Jesus said, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you. Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

(John 20:21-23)

A reading from Matthew: Jesus said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore 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 that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

(Matthew 28:18-20)

A reading from First Timothy: Set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Attend to the public reading of scripture, to exhorting, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you through prophecy with the laying on of hands by the council of elders. Put these things into practice, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress. Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching; continue in these things, for in doing this you will save both yourself and your hearers.

(1 Timothy 4:12-16)

The Dean addresses questions to the minister of word and sacrament.

Pastor Chris, in the presence of this assembly will you commit yourself to this new trust and responsibility, in the confidence that it comes from God through the call of the church?

Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.

Will you preach and teach in accordance with the holy scriptures and with the confessions of the Lutheran church? Will you carry out this ministry in harmony with the constitutions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America?

Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.

Will you be diligent in your study of the holy scriptures and faithful in your use of the means of grace?

Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.

Trusting in God's care, will you love, serve, and pray for God's people, nourish them with the word and sacraments, and lead them by your own example in faithful service and holy living?

Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.

Will you give faithful witness in the world, that God's love may be known in all that you do?

Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.

Almighty God, who has given you the will to do these things, graciously give you the strength and compassion to perform them.

The congregation responds: Amen.

The Dean addresses the assembly.

People of God,

will you receive *Pastor Chris* as a messenger of Jesus Christ sent to serve all people with the gospel of hope and salvation? Will you regard *Pastor Chris* as a servant of Christ and a steward of the mysteries of God?

We will, and we ask God to help us.

Will you pray for *Pastor Chris and his family*?

Will you help and honor *him* in carrying out this ministry?

And in all things, will you strive to live together in the peace and unity of Christ?

We will, and we ask God to help us.

The Dean addresses the minister of word and sacrament.

Pastor Chris Heinold the office of *Pastor at Our Saviour Lutheran Church* is now committed to you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

BLESSING

The newly installed pastor may kneel as the Dean proclaims God's blessing.

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make you complete in everything good so that you may do God's will, working in you that which is pleasing in God's sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever. **Amen.**

The pastor stands.

The following procession to the places of the word and sacraments may be used.

The Dean escorts the pastor to the place of baptism.

A representative of the congregation says:

You have been called to be among us to baptize, to teach, and to forgive sins.

They proceed to the place of the word.

A representative of the congregation says:

You have been called to be among us to proclaim the good news.

They proceed to the place of the meal.

A representative of the congregation says:

You have been called to be among us to preside at the Lord's supper.

The Dean may address the assembly with these or similar words.

People of God, I present to you Pastor *Chris Heinold*, your *Pastor at Our Saviour Lutheran Church*.

Let us welcome *Pastor Chris* in the name of Christ.

The assembly may offer acclamation with applause.

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The service continues with the prayers of intercession. Prayers are to be included for the newly installed pastor, for all ministries in the church, and for all Christians in their vocations.

P: As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us now pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

For Pastor Chris and for all servants of the Gospel, we give you thanks, O God. For Lutherans in this Life Together Conference of Upper East Tennessee. We pray for musicians and all who sing the glory of God and declare the wonderful name of Christ.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

For our Synod Bishop, Rev. Dr. Kevin Strickland; for our Dean, Scottie Burkhalter; for our synod Vice President, Phyllis Solgere; and for all who serve this church in humble love of Jesus. We pray that their leadership would both comfort us and challenge us to move forward in mission and ministry.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

For the congregation here at Our Saviour Lutheran Church as they begin a new chapter of ministry. We pray for the pastors, deacons, and lay leaders who have traveled here in Christian support and witness to the Gospel. Stir your Holy Spirit anew in our hearts.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

For all who cry out to you in need today: the poor and the hungry; the homeless and the hopeless; the outcast, the grieving, and the sick. Make your presence known to each of them. And hear our own quiet prayers in this moment of silence...

(10s pause)

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

For teachers and nurses; for customer service representatives and delivery drivers; for camp counselors, secretaries, doctors, farmers, and ranchers. Instill in all who labor a sense of vocation that their work brings purpose and meaning.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

The Pastor may include other prayers here, as needed, each petition ending with the common phrase:

*Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.***

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace. *(2 Corinthians 13:11)*

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

THE OFFERING

*An offering is gathered in gratitude for all God has given to us.
The table is set as an offering is gathered.*

OFFERING HYMN

Come Thou Fount, Come Thou King

Wyeth, Robinson, & Miller

Verse 1 **Come Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing Tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy never ceasing Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet Sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it Mount of Thy redeeming love**

Verse 2 **I was lost in utter darkness 'Til You came and rescued me
I was bound by all my sin when Your love came and set me free
Now my soul can sing a new song Now my heart has found a home
Now Your grace is always with me And I'll never be alone**

Chorus *Come Thou Fount come Thou King Come Thou precious Prince of Peace
Hear Your bride to You we sing Come Thou Fount of our blessing
Come Thou Fount come Thou King Come Thou precious Prince of Peace
Hear Your bride to You we sing Come Thou Fount of our blessing*

Verse 3 **O to grace how great a debtor Daily I'm constrained to be
Let Thy goodness like a fetter Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee
Prone to wander Lord I feel it Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart Lord take and seal it Seal it for Thy courts above**

Chorus *Come Thou Fount come Thou King Come Thou precious Prince of Peace
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OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together the offering prayer:

**O God, maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation.
You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty.
Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son,
who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen**



GREAT THANKSGIVING

Please stand as you are able.



The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: *Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.*
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and help us to pray:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**



INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

All are welcome to commune today at Our Saviour Lutheran Church. Holy Communion will be received at the altar rail. The ushers will guide you. At the rail, you will receive the bread, the body of Christ. Dip it into the chalice. The chalice is divided and contains both wine and white grape juice. If you are unable to come forward just let an usher know, and we will bring the sacrament to you. Gluten free bread is available.

COMMUNION HYMN

Let Us Break Bread Together

ELW # 471

- 1. Let us break bread together on our knees;
let us break bread together on our knees.**

*Refrain When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.*

- 2. Let us drink wine together on our knees;
let us drink wine together on our knees. Refrain**

- 3. Let us praise God together on our knees;
Let us praise God together on our knees. Refrain**

Text: African American spiritual

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

Now may the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.
Amen

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Radiant God, we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. In the sacrament of his body and blood you have drawn us to your heart. Send us from this table with delight, that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love, and bear witness to all we have seen and heard, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**



SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BENEDICTION

May the Lord bless you and keep you.

May the Lord make his face shine upon you.

May the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

In the name of the Father, ✚ Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

Here I Am Lord

ELW # 574

1. **"I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"**

Refrain Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?

I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me.

I will hold your people in my heart.

2. **"I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"** *Refrain*

3. **"I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"** *Refrain*

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DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God. And weee will!**

POSTLUDE MUSIC

Here I Am Lord

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to Our Saviour Lutheran Church! We are happy that you have come to worship with us today. If you have come seeking the *Almighty*, you are in the right place. If you have come seeking *community in Christ*, you are in the right place. If you have come seeking *rest and worship of God most High*, then you have come to the right place. Thanks be to God that you are here today!

Children are welcome in this house of worship. Children are a gift from God. Encourage them to participate in worship. Continue the dialogue started here in your homes with your children. Help them understand that God loves them.

Special Lenten Devotional Booklets are available in the Narthex, one for each family. This year's Lenten Series for the Wednesdays in Lent is called, "Dying His Death; Living His Life." This mid-week series for Lent begins Wednesday, February 25 at 6:30PM. A light meal will be served at 5:45PM in the Fellowship Hall before each Wednesday service. This is a time of fellowship and community building. If you are able to help prepare or cleanup after these meals, please see Tandy Hobbs. A sign up sheet is outside the kitchen for our Wednesday night suppers during Lent. The first supper is on February 25th at 5:45 pm. Please sign up for the dish you will bring to share with others.

We are pleased to announce the installation of Pastor Chris has been rescheduled for February 22nd. On this day only, Sunday school will begin at 10 am, Sunday Service will begin at 11 am. At 12:30 pm the celebratory meal will be served. The Installation service will follow beginning at 1:30 pm. We hope everyone is able to take part in this blessed event.

OutReach— We are collecting clothing donations for people in Ukraine, the box is in the hallway.

February's LGG (Lutheran Guys and Gals) lunch will be at Ole Guacamole's (near the theaters by the mall) We will meet Monday, February 23 at 11:45 at the restaurant. For more information contact Sharon at 423-282-0400 or sharonharshman1@gmail.com.

OutReach— The last Sunday of every month Outreach will collect change (coins or dollar bills) by having the children pass buckets around the Congregation, the amount collected will go into the Homeless Fund each Month. Thank you and you have a wonderful day!

InReach -Our Bingo afternoon was well received thanks to all of you. Another Bingo event or two is being considered, so the Bingo Donations basket is once again around the donations bench in the hall. Please consider donating new or like new items for men, women and youth to be used as prizes. Gift cards can be given to Abai or put in the In-Reach mailbox. Stay tuned for further details from In-Reach.

Children's Education: It's that time again! We need your assistance in providing small wrapped candy for the Easter egg hunt that will be held Saturday, April 4 at 10am. Please place in the provided box in the church hallway. Thank you so much!

THIS WEEK AT OUR SAVIOUR LUTHERAN CHURCH

Mon.	February 23	9:00AM 11:45AM	Parents' Day Out Lutheran Guys & Gals (LGG)
Tues.	February 24	10:00AM	Cover Girls Quilting
Wed.	February 25	9:00AM 4:30PM 5:45PM 6:30PM	Parents' Day Out Choir & Band Practice Lenten Meal in Fellowship Hall LENTEN MID-WEEK SERVICE # 1 <i>Theme: Dying to Pride; Living for Others</i>
Thur.	February 26		
Fri.	February 27	All Day	Pastor's Day Off
Sat.	February 28		Church Office Closed
SUN.	MARCH 1	9:00AM 10:00AM	Coffee Social Hour Godly Play Story: The Faces of Easter Youth Ribbon Dance Practice Confirmation Class in Youth Room 2ND SUNDAY IN LENT

— THE CALL PROCESS FOR PASTOR CHRIS —

On Sunday, October 5, 2025, a special called congregational meeting was held following worship. And at that meeting, Rev. Christopher R. Heinold was called to be the next pastor of Our Saviour Lutheran Church in Johnson City, Tennessee.

That vote was held after an exciting Meet & Greet weekend where Pastor Chris and his family flew into the Tri-Cities Airport. There were meetings and dinners over the next two days with various groups from the congregation. On Saturday, an elegant brunch was held in the Fellowship Hall where people could visit. Pastor Chris shared a devotional from John 10 and fielded questions from curious members. That following Sunday, the special congregational meeting was called to order by President of the congregation, Allan Forsman.

The Call Committee was chaired by Brenda Whitson. Other members included Tandy Hobbs, Cheryl Milliken, Hanna Olsen, Travis Pennell, and Jay Stafford.

Pastor Chris was ordained in the ELCA in 2008 and earned a Master of Divinity from the Lutheran Seminary Program in the Southwest in Austin, Texas. He comes to the Southeastern Synod from the Southwestern Texas Synod. Our Saviour Lutheran Church is the 3rd congregation Pastor Chris has served, and his first Sunday at Our Saviour Lutheran Church was on January 4, 2026.

Pastor Chris is married to Dr. S. Gemayel Heinold. Together they have two children, Kayla, who is a Freshman at Science Hill High School and Joseph, who is in 5th Grade at Lakeridge Elementary School.



Today's Worship Assistants

Presiding Minister:	Rev. Scottie Burkhalter Dean of Life Together Conf.
Music Director:	Martha Hawk
Organ/Piano:	Carolynn Bailey