



# OUR SAVIOR'S

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Third Sunday after Epiphany – January 23, 2022

*"Today this  
Scripture has been  
fulfilled in your  
hearing!"*

Luke 4:21

## Welcome to Our Savior's

Welcome to worship, especially our guests! We are delighted to have you with us. If you are looking for a church home, we are happy to share ours with you. If we haven't seen you in a while, it is great to see you today! May God bless your time with us richly.

## Prayer Before Worship

*Heavenly Father, I have come to worship you. Draw near to me in your gracious Word and assure me of your love. Curb my wandering thoughts, that with undivided attention I may hear your voice and sing your praise.*

## Serving Today

- Minister – Pastor Andrew Franzo
- Organist – Marie Kurth
- Ushers – Tim & Ellen Heil (*Next Sunday – Brost/Kurth*)

## Acknowledgments

Setting One from Christian Worship

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## 517 Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

CW 517

- 1 Praise the one who breaks the darkness  
with a liberating light;  
praise the one who frees the pris'ners,  
turning blindness into sight.  
Praise the one who preached the gospel,  
healing ev'ry dread disease,  
calming storms and feeding thousands  
with the Father's word of peace.
  
- 2 Praise the one who blessed the children  
with a strong, yet gentle, word;  
praise the one who drove out demons  
with the piercing, two-edged sword.  
Praise the one who brings cool water  
to the desert's burning sand;  
from this well comes living water,  
quenching thirst in ev'ry land.
  
- 3 Let us praise the Word incarnate,  
Christ, who suffered in our place;  
Jesus died and rose victorious  
that we may know God by grace.  
Let us sing for joy and gladness,  
seeing what our God has done;  
let us praise the true Redeemer,  
praise the one who makes us one.

*Stand*

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

## **Confession**

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just  
and will forgive us our sins  
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Holy God, gracious Father,**

**I am sinful by nature**

**and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and  
actions.**

**I have not loved you with my whole heart;**

**I have not loved others as I should.**

**I deserve your punishment both now and forever.**

**But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins**

**with his innocent suffering and death.**

**Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

*Silence for meditation and reflection*

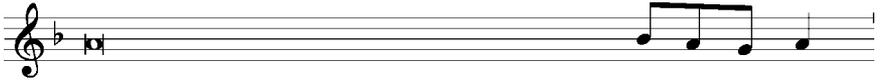
Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

# Lord, Have Mercy



In peace let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



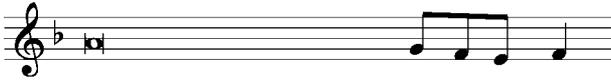
For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us



pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men.

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# Glory Be to God

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Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



We praise you, we bless you, we wor - ship you, we glorify you,



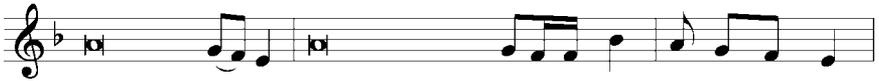
we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



God the Fa-ther Al - mighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sin of the world;



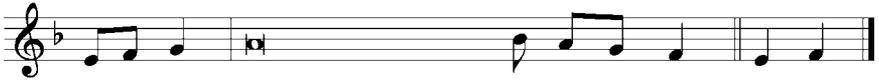
have mercy on us. You take away the sin of the world; re-ceive our prayer.



You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us.



For you on-ly are holy; you on-ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the



Ho - ly Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

# The Word

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you sent your Son to proclaim your kingdom and teach with authority. Anoint us with the power of your Spirit that we too may bring good news to the afflicted, bind up the brokenhearted, and proclaim liberty to the captive; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Be seated*

## First Reading

*Isaiah 61:1–6*

<sup>1</sup>The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me,  
because the LORD has anointed me  
to proclaim good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,  
to proclaim freedom for the captives  
and release from darkness for the prisoners,  
<sup>2</sup>to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor  
and the day of vengeance of our God,  
to comfort all who mourn,  
<sup>3</sup>and provide for those who grieve in Zion—  
to bestow on them a crown of beauty  
instead of ashes,  
the oil of joy

instead of mourning,  
and a garment of praise  
instead of a spirit of despair.  
They will be called oaks of righteousness,  
a planting of the LORD  
for the display of his splendor.

<sup>4</sup>They will rebuild the ancient ruins  
and restore the places long devastated;  
they will renew the ruined cities  
that have been devastated for generations.

<sup>5</sup>Strangers will shepherd your flocks;  
foreigners will work your fields and vineyards.

<sup>6</sup>And you will be called priests of the LORD,  
you will be named ministers of our God.  
You will feed on the wealth of nations,  
and in their riches you will boast.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **146D Praise the Almighty, My Soul, Adore Him**

CW 619

1 Praise the Almighty; my soul, adore him!  
Yes, I will laud him until death.  
With songs and anthems I'll come before him  
as long as he allows me breath.  
From him my life and all things came;  
bless, O my soul, his holy name.  
Alleluia, alleluia!

2 Penitent sinners, for mercy crying,  
pardon and peace from him obtain;  
ever the wants of the poor supplying,  
their faithful God he will remain.  
He helps his children in distress,  
the widows and the fatherless.  
Alleluia, alleluia!

- 3 Trust not in princes, they are but mortal;  
earthborn they are and soon decay.  
Vain are their counsels at life's last portal  
when the dark grave will claim its prey.  
Since, then, no one can help afford,  
trust only Christ, our God and Lord.  
Alleluia, alleluia!
- 4 Praise, all you people, the name so holy  
of him who does such wondrous things!  
All that has being, to praise him solely,  
with happy heart its amen sings!  
Children of God, with angel host  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!  
Alleluia, alleluia!

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## Second Reading

Acts 4:23–31

<sup>23</sup>On their release, Peter and John went back to their own people and reported all that the chief priests and the elders had said to them.

<sup>24</sup>When they heard this, they raised their voices together in prayer to God. “Sovereign Lord,” they said, “you made the heavens and the earth and the sea, and everything in them. <sup>25</sup>You spoke by the Holy Spirit through the mouth of your servant, our father David:

“ ‘Why do the nations rage  
and the peoples plot in vain?

<sup>26</sup>The kings of the earth rise up  
and the rulers band together  
against the Lord  
and against his anointed one.’

<sup>27</sup>Indeed Herod and Pontius Pilate met together with the Gentiles and the people of Israel in this city to conspire against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed. <sup>28</sup>They did what your power and will had decided beforehand should happen. <sup>29</sup>Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great

boldness. <sup>30</sup>Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus.”

<sup>31</sup>After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

## Gospel Acclamation

Luke 4:18

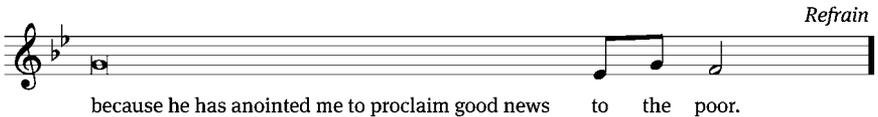
*(The congregation sings the Alleluia refrain before and after the Tone.)*



*Refrain*



*Tone*



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## Gospel

Luke 4:16–30

<sup>16</sup>He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, <sup>17</sup>and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:

<sup>18</sup>“The Spirit of the Lord is on me,  
because he has anointed me  
to proclaim good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners  
and recovery of sight for the blind,  
to set the oppressed free,  
<sup>19</sup>to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

<sup>20</sup>Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him.

<sup>21</sup>He began by saying to them, “Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.”

<sup>22</sup>All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his lips. “Isn’t this Joseph’s son?” they asked.

<sup>23</sup>Jesus said to them, “Surely you will quote this proverb to me: ‘Physician, heal yourself!’ And you will tell me, ‘Do here in your hometown what we have heard that you did in Capernaum.’”

<sup>24</sup>“Truly I tell you,” he continued, “no prophet is accepted in his hometown. <sup>25</sup>I assure you that there were many widows in Israel in Elijah’s time, when the sky was shut for three and a half years and there was a severe famine throughout the land. <sup>26</sup>Yet Elijah was not sent to any of them, but to a widow in Zarephath in the region of Sidon. <sup>27</sup>And there were many in Israel with leprosy in the time of Elisha the prophet, yet not one of them was cleansed—only Naaman the Syrian.”

<sup>28</sup>All the people in the synagogue were furious when they heard this.

<sup>29</sup>They got up, drove him out of the town, and took him to the brow of the hill on which the town was built, in order to throw him off the cliff.

<sup>30</sup>But he walked right through the crowd and went on his way.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Be seated*

- 1 Hail to the Lord's anointed,  
    great David's greater Son!  
Hail, in the time appointed,  
    his reign on earth begun!  
He comes to break oppression,  
    to set the captive free,  
to take away transgression,  
    and rule in equity.
  
- 2 He comes with rescue speedy  
    to those who suffer wrong,  
to help the poor and needy  
    and bid the weak be strong,  
to give them songs for sighing,  
    their darkness turn to light  
whose souls, condemned and dying,  
    are precious in his sight.
  
- 3 Kings shall bow down before him  
    and gold and incense bring;  
all nations shall adore him,  
    his praise all people sing.  
To him shall prayer unceasing  
    and daily vows ascend,  
his kingdom still increasing,  
    a kingdom without end.
  
- 4 O'er ev'ry foe victorious,  
    he on his throne shall rest,  
from age to age more glorious,  
    all blessing and all-blest.  
The tide of time shall never  
    his covenant remove;  
his name shall stand forever—  
    that name to us is Love.

## **Sermon**

*Stand*

### **Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**The third day he rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.**

**From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Be seated*

## **Offering**

- 1 The Son of God, our Christ, the Word, the way,  
shared human life and toiled throughout the day;  
from common folk he called his friends to be  
coworkers in his sacred ministry.
- 2 In ev'ry test, in trials manifold,  
these servants witnessed, by their faith made bold;  
and with the gifts and talents which they brought,  
the Church was founded and God's message taught.
- 3 Today, as then, Christ summons us to dare  
to follow boldly and his work to share,  
declaring to the world his holy name  
and showing mercy to the sick and lame.
- 4 In city street, in town, or on the soil,  
may each serve Christ in faithful daily toil,  
and in each thought and kindly word and deed,  
obey Christ's call and go where he shall lead.
- 5 Where'er we find our witness should be made,  
whate'er our task, the Lord will be our aid,  
and we will gladly give for him our best  
and find each task divinely sent and blessed.

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### Prayer of the Church

Almighty God and Father, we thank you for all your mercies, especially for the gift of your Son, through whom you have revealed your gracious will. We praise you for the Holy Spirit and his working through the means of grace.

**Plant your Word in our hearts, and cause it to produce fruit in our lives.**

Strengthen and defend your Church, that by your Word and sacraments faith may grow and love toward all may increase.

**Support all who spread the light of your truth throughout the world.**

Keep our children in the grace of their baptisms. Enable their parents to train them in lives of faith.

**Raise up Christians to serve you in the ministry of the Word and in all godly walks of life.**

Preserve our nation in justice and honor. Guide and bless all who make, administer, and judge our laws.

**Give them wisdom that they may promote justice and hinder evil.**

Let your blessing rest on planting and harvest, commerce and industry, medicine and science, the arts and culture. Protect all who travel, and care for those whose work is difficult or dangerous.

**Be with all who devote themselves to any useful task.**

Comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity, Remember those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on those for whom death draws near.

**Grant them your love, and take them into your tender care.**

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

*Silent prayer*

We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served you, who now rest from their labors. Console those who are mourning or living with sadness.

**Keep us in the true faith, and bring us at last to the joys of heaven.**

Grant us these things, Father, for the sake of Jesus, who died and rose again.

**Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

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.

## Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.  
**Amen.**

- 1 Good news of God above  
is ours to tell abroad,  
the Father's everlasting love  
in Christ the risen Lord.  
For neighbors near and far  
the seed of life is sown;  
then spread the seed by word and deed  
to make the Savior known.
  
- 2 The love of Christ proclaim,  
who left his home on high;  
to live our human life he came,  
our human death to die.  
The Father's only Son  
became the sinners' friend,  
our lot to share, our sin to bear,  
and death's dominion end.
  
- 3 The Lord of glory lives!  
From cross and death and grave  
his own abundant life he gives  
to those he died to save.  
His righteousness and peace  
declare from sea to sea;  
his praises sound the world around  
for Christ has made us free.
  
- 4 Hear now the Master's word  
to those who bear his name:  
"So send I you," till all have heard,  
"make known, declare, proclaim!"  
Go forth in all the earth;  
embrace the path he trod  
with Christ beside as friend and guide  
to bring good news of God.

**Thank you for worshipping with us!**  
**May God richly bless your week.**

<b>This Week's Opportunities for Growing in Christ</b>		
<b>Today</b>	9:30 AM 10:30 AM	Sunday School & Bible Class Worship
<b>Tuesday</b>	5:00 PM	OSS basketball at St. Peter, Schofield
<b>Wednesday</b>	4:00 PM 6:30 PM	Catechism Small Group Bible Class
<b>Friday</b>	5:00 PM	OSS basketball at St. Paul's, WI Rapids
<b>Sunday 1/30</b>	9:30 AM 10:30 AM	Sunday School & Bible Class Worship with Communion

**Pastoral Call** Last Sunday our voters issued a call to Pastor Philip Casmer, who currently serves at Christ the Lord Lutheran Church in Brookfield, WI. Please keep him, his family and all congregations in your prayers.

**Phone & Address Updates** Updates must be received by Monday (tomorrow). Thank you.

**Email Directory** If you would like to be listed, please send an email to [OSInfo@oursaviorswausau.org](mailto:OSInfo@oursaviorswausau.org). We will publish the directory for members only, and only if there are enough participants to make this publication useful.

**NOTE:** *Even if we already have your email address, it will not be published unless you give us permission to do so.*

**2021 Financial Statements** Please save us a stamp by picking up your financial statement today.

**New Hymnals / Old Hymnals** We began using the new hymnal last Sunday. The old hymnals which have a memorial or dedication plate are in the office link. If you or a family member would like the hymnal which was given in memory of a loved one, please look through the hymnals and take home the one(s) which hold meaning for you.

**Memorials**

We are thankful for their gifts given in memory of Ron Woelfle from: Keith & Laura Brandt, Audrey Jones, Tom & Gail Schmidt, Geneva Weith

We thank the family & friends of Gordon Schubring for their gifts given in his memory.

*Blessed be their memories.*

*Thanks be to God for the love which led to these gifts.*

**Just an Hour: Altar Care Help** Help is needed to care for the altar, communion ware and flowers. Depending upon the Sunday, this will take an hour or less of your time on Saturday. Debbie Sulko will be happy to walk you through the tasks. Please give her a call!

**Our Stewardship of God's Gifts: January 16, 2022**

<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Vision</u>	<u>Debt</u>	<u>Initial Env</u>	<u>Missions</u>	<u>Memorial</u>
\$3,749.00	\$165.00	\$490.00	\$95.00	\$40.00	\$65.00
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\$25.00	\$15.00	\$35.00	\$10.00	\$152.00	

**Attendance:** January 16 – 62 online – 23 Total = 85

**Forward in Christ** Pick up a copy today!

With the anniversary of Roe v. Wade coming up this week, you may want to share a pro-life message with those you know. Here are articles from the January *Forward in Christ* that share God's message that every life matters:

- My Christian life: A single mother finds a new beginning by Alicia Neumann
- The future of abortion by Jeffrey Samelson
- My Christian life: A Ukrainian mother chooses life by Taras Kokovsky
- A life like Mr. Panza's by Andrew Schroer
- God's forgiveness by Pamela Manske



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