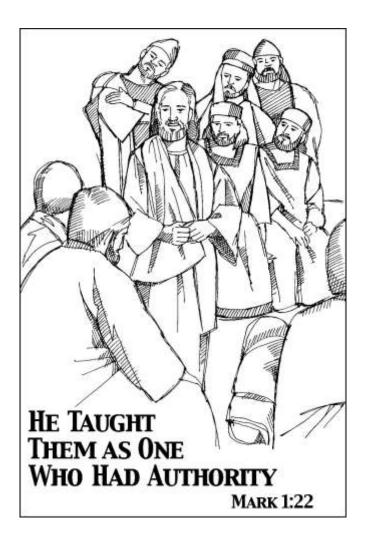


#### Fourth Sunday after Epiphany – January 30, 2022



# 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 Walter Davidson
- Organist Marie Kurth
- Ushers Phil Brost, Travis Kurth (Next Sunday Stelzer)

# Acknowledgments

Setting One from Christian Worship

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# 370 How Lovely Shines the Morning Star

How lovely shines the Morning Star! The nations see and hail afar the light in Judah shining. O David's son of Jacob's race, my Bridegroom and my King of grace, for you my heart is pining.

Lowly, holy, great and glorious, O victorious Prince of graces, filling all the heav'nly places.

2 O highest joy by mortals won,

true Son of God and Mary's son, the highborn King of ages! In your blest body let me be, e'en as the branch is in the tree, your life my life supplying.

Sighing, crying for the savor of your favor, resting never till I rest in you forever.

3 O mighty Father, in your Son

you loved me ere you had begun this ancient world's foundation. Your Son has made a friend of me, and when in spirit him I see,

I joy in tribulation.

What bliss is this! He is living, to me giving life forever; nothing me from him can sever.

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Stand

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In the name of the Father and of the  $\top$  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  $\top$  Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** 

# Lord, Have Mercy

In peace let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.

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

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 mercy.** 

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

#### Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen.** 

**Glory Be to God** 



# The Word

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

# Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, look with mercy on our weaknesses, and in all our dangers and needs stretch out the right hand of your majesty to help and defend us; 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**

Jeremiah 1:4–10

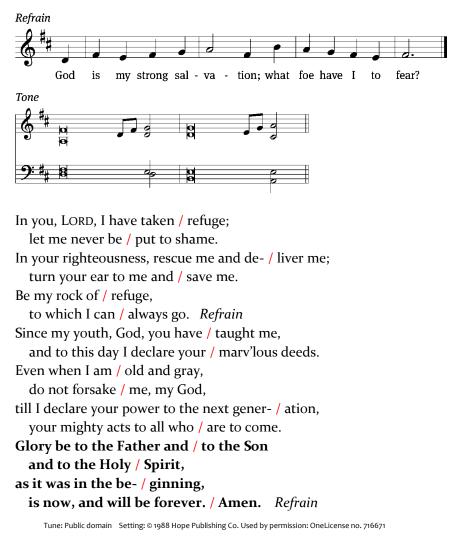
<sup>4</sup>The word of the LORD came to me, saying,

<sup>5</sup>"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations."

<sup>6</sup>"Alas, Sovereign LORD," I said, "I do not know how to speak; I am too young." <sup>7</sup>But the LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I am too young.' You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you. <sup>8</sup>Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you," declares the LORD. <sup>9</sup>Then the LORD reached out his hand and touched my mouth and said to me, "I have put my words in your mouth. <sup>10</sup>See, today I appoint you over nations and kingdoms to uproot and tear down, to destroy and overthrow, to build and to plant."

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

### 71A God Is My Strong Salvation



#### Second Reading

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

<sup>14</sup>But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, <sup>15</sup>and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>16</sup>All

Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup>so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

<sup>1</sup>In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: <sup>2</sup>Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction. <sup>3</sup>For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. <sup>4</sup>They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. <sup>5</sup>But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.

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

Stand



I must proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God, because that is why I was sent.

#### Refrain

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#### Gospel

<sup>21</sup> They went to Capernaum, and when the Sabbath came, Jesus went into the synagogue and began to teach. <sup>22</sup> The people were amazed at his teaching, because he taught them as one who had authority, not as the teachers of the law. <sup>23</sup> Just then a man in their synagogue who was possessed by an impure spirit cried out, <sup>24</sup> "What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!"

<sup>25</sup> "Be quiet!" said Jesus sternly. "Come out of him!" <sup>26</sup> The impure spirit shook the man violently and came out of him with a shriek.

<sup>27</sup> The people were all so amazed that they asked each other, "What is this? A new teaching—and with authority! He even gives orders to impure spirits and they obey him." <sup>28</sup> News about him spread quickly over the whole region of Galilee.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise be to you, O Christ!** 

#### 517 Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

CW 517

 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.

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.

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#### Sermon: "Lord, You Drive Me Crazy"

- 1. Says Satan with fear
- 2. Says the sinner with joy

Stand

### **Nicene Creed**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Be seated

# Prayer of the Church

Eternal Lord, give us peace as we ponder the good news that you forgive our sins in Christ. Lead us to see clearly the path you have laid out for us.

# Work in us so that we believe and live the Word we have heard today.

Provide courage and compassion to all who preach and teach your Word. Fill them with a love like yours as they proclaim your grace to us and all people.

#### Move us to love all ministers of the Word wherever they serve.

Guard and guide the families of our congregation. Lead husbands and wives to love each other with commitment, respect, and patience. Help parents to grasp the eternal value of keeping their children close to Jesus all their lives. Grant joy to those who are single, and make them a blessing to others.

# Protect us from the temptations that surround us; give us pure hearts and minds.

Provide wisdom and insight to those who make laws and set policies. Give us respect for those who protect us from crime. Lead us to value the rights of our fellow citizens and to defend those who cannot defend themselves.

#### Bless our land with peace and prosperity so that the gospel may be proclaimed to all.

Give us passion to share the story of your love with our family and friends. Overcome unbelief, and open the hearts of people everywhere to believe the good news that Jesus has forgiven their sins and opened the gates of heaven.

Extend your healing power to those who are sick and suffering in body or mind. Give patience and compassion to all who care for the sick and dying.

#### Lift the eyes of the distressed to your love in Christ.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

#### Silent prayer

Gracious God, you govern and direct all things and you love all people. Hear our prayers, spoken and silent, and answer them in your wisdom and grace.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

# Offering

# **The Sacrament**

#### Preface

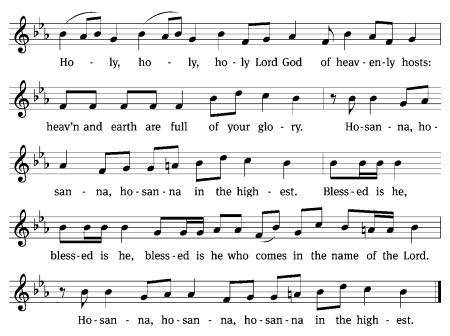
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The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them up to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give him thanks and praise. It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lived among us as a human being and revealed his glory as your only Son, full of grace and truth. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

#### Holy, Holy, Holy

CW 167



#### Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **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.

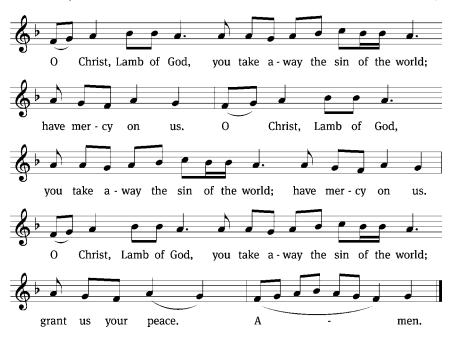
# Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my  $\top$  body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my  $\top$  blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **Amen.** 

O Christ, Lamb of God



Be seated

#### Distribution

# **386 Songs of Thankfulness and Praise** CW 386

- Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to you we raise, manifested by the star to the Magi from afar, branch of royal David's stem, in your birth at Bethlehem. Anthems be to you addressed, God in man made manifest.
- Manifest at Jordan's stream, Prophet, Priest, and King supreme, and at Cana, wedding guest, in your Godhead manifest; manifest in pow'r divine, changing water into wine. Anthems be to you addressed, God in man made manifest.

- 3 Manifest in making whole palsied limbs and fainting soul; manifest in valiant fight, quelling all the devil's might; manifest in gracious will, ever bringing good from ill. Anthems be to you addressed, God in man made manifest.
- Sun and moon shall darkened be, stars shall fall, the heav'ns shall flee. Christ will then like lightning shine; all will see his glorious sign.
   All will then the trumpet hear, all will see the judge appear. You by all will be confessed, God in man made manifest.
- Grant us grace to see you, Lord, mirrored in your holy Word. May our lives and all we do imitate and honor you that we all like you may be at your great epiphany and may praise you, ever blest, God in man made manifest.

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#### Stand

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **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  $\top$  give you peace. **Amen.** 

#### 370 How Lovely Shines the Morning Star

Oh, joy to know that you, my friend, are Lord, beginning without end, the first and last, eternal!
And you at length—O glorious grace—will take me to that holy place, the home of joys supernal.
Amen, amen!
Come and meet me, quickly greet me!
With deep yearning, Lord, I look for your returning.

Lift up the voice and strike the string, let all glad sounds of music ring in God's high praises blended.
Christ will be with me all the way, today, tomorrow, ev'ry day till trav'ling days are ended.
Sing out, ring out triumph glorious,
O victorious chosen nation;
praise the God of your salvation.

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# Thank you for worshiping with us! May God richly bless your week.

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This Week's Opportunities for Growing in Christ					
Today	9:30 AM 10:30 AM	Sunday School & Bible Class Worship with Communion			
Wednesday	4:00 PM 6:30 PM	Catechism Small Group Bible Class			
Thursday	4:30 PM	OSS basketball at Zion, Rhinelander			
Sunday 2/6	9:30 AM 10:30 AM 11:30 AM 2-4 PM	Sunday School & Bible Class Worship Annual Forum & Voters' Assembly Sledding at 3M Park			

**Thank you** to retired Pastor Walter Davidson for leading our worship today.

#### Annual Forum & Voters' Assembly

All members are encouraged to attend the open forum and voters' assembly on Sunday, Feb. 6 following our worship service.

**Pastoral Call** Our voters issued a call to Pastor Philip Casmer, who currently serves at Christ the Lord Lutheran Church in Brookfield, WI. He also received a call from a congregation in MN. Please keep him, his family and all congregations in your prayers. You are welcome to offer encouragement via email: pcasmer@christthelordbrookfield.org

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**Email Directory** If you would like to be listed, please send an email to <u>OSInfo@oursaviorswausau.org</u>. We will publish the directory for members only, and only if there are enough participants to make this publication useful.

\* Only 10 people have signed up for the directory. Unless we have a big response in the next week, we will not print an email directory.

#### <u>Memorials</u>

We thank David & Kelly Schultz for their gifts given in memory of Ron Woelfle and Norman Dux. 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!

**<u>Old Hymnals</u>** Old hymnals which have a memorial or dedication plate are in the office link. If you 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.

#### Organization of WELS Lutheran Seniors (OWLS)

Our February meeting will be an exciting opportunity for all of us. We will be meeting with 2 exchange students from China at NLHS. Our meeting is at 1:30 PM on Tuesday, February 8 at Northland Lutheran High School. Please join us for this chance to interact with these brave students. Questions please call Ruth at 715-573-2142.

**Mustangs Spirit Wear** Our Savior's School is offering spirit wear now through Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>. A variety of t-shirts and sweatshirts are available. Orders and payments must be placed on the online store. If you don't have internet access and need assistance, please talk to Marie in the church office.

Website: https://shop.fourseasonsmarathon.com/oursaviors

Our Stewardship of God's Gifts: January 23, 2022						
<u>Weekly</u> \$1,355.00	<u>Vision</u> \$250.00	<u>Debt</u> \$130.00	<u>Initial Env</u> \$25.00	<u>Memorials</u> \$50.00		
School Fees \$1,812.50Copy Machine Use \$15.00						

Attendance: January 23 – 47 online – 30 Total = 79

# Forward in Christ: February issue is here

Explore the latest articles:

- Christian teens are losing track of their identity in Christ. Phil Huebner, a high school campus pastor, shares some tips for reaching teens today.
- In this month that we celebrate love, "Please explain" answers an often-asked question: "Why should we love our enemies?"
- A seminary professor openly shares his journey of learning to look at the Bible in living color.



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