



# OUR SAVIOR'S

## EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

First Sunday in Lent – March 6, 2022

— LET US THEN —

**APPROACH  
GOD'S  
THRONE  
OF GRACE**

— WITH —  
**CONFIDENCE.**

so that we may receive mercy and find  
grace to help us in our time of need.

**HEBREWS 4:16, NIV**



## **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: As I Prepare for Worship**

"I rejoiced with those said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'" Give me joy, dear Jesus, as I prepare to worship you today. Make me understand what my life would be like without you so that I long to hear about your grace and compassion. Help me participate in a way that honors you and builds up all who worship with me, and let their worship strengthen and encourage my faith.

## **Prayer: In Time of War**

Lord God, heavenly Father, we bring before you in prayer Ukraine and Russia, now engaged in war. However it may please you to do so, we ask you to intervene with your great power, act according to your great compassion, and bring all fighting to an end. Give wisdom to those who plan for peace and courage to those who work to achieve it. Help the prisoners, heal the wounded, and comfort the dying. According to your good and gracious will, remove the causes and occasions of this war, and restore peace among the nations.

## **Acknowledgments**

Setting One from Christian Worship

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# Our Worship

## 502 Children of the Heavenly Father

CW 502

- 1 Children of the heav'nly Father  
safely in his bosom gather;  
nestling bird nor star in heaven  
such a refuge e'er was given.
- 2 God his own doth tend and nourish;  
in his holy courts they flourish.  
From all evil things he spares them;  
in his mighty arms he bears them.
- 3 Neither life nor death shall ever  
from the Lord his children sever;  
unto them his grace he showeth,  
and their sorrows all he knoweth.
- 4 Though he giveth or he taketh,  
God his children ne'er forsaketh;  
his the loving purpose solely  
to preserve them pure and holy.

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*Remain seated*

## Holy Baptism

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

## **Confession**

Our Savior Jesus Christ commanded Baptism when he said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go 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 I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

All of us are born into this world with a deep need for Baptism. From our parents we inherit a sinful nature; we are without true fear of God and true faith in God and are condemned to eternal death. But while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. He took away our sin by giving his life on the cross. In Baptism, he clothes us with the robe of his righteousness and gives us a new life. We recall what Baptism means for our daily lives:

**Baptism means that the sinful nature in us**

**should be drowned by daily sorrow and repentance,  
and that all its evil deeds and desires be put to death.**

**It also means that a new person should daily arise**

**to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.**

As baptized children of God, we confess our sins:

**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*

God saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit and united us to the death and resurrection of Jesus. Every day God forgives your sins, removes your guilt, and strengthens you to defeat Satan's power. His promise is for you and your children, and he will never forsake you. Your sins are forgiven. You are clothed with Christ. You are at peace with God now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **Sacrament of Baptism**

*The Rite of Baptism continues at the font*

The Gospel according to St. Mark:

People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them.

Lila Marie Breese, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Receive the sign of the cross on the head and heart T to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.

The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has given you the new birth of water and the Spirit and has forgiven all your sins. May he strengthen you with his grace all the days of your life. Peace be with you.

Let us pray.

We give thanks, most merciful Father, that you have received Lila as your own *child* and made *her* a member of Christ's body, the church. Now, we pray, grant to *her* and to all your church on earth that, being dead to sin, we may live to righteousness and, being buried with Christ into his death, we may also share in his resurrection, so that, with all your saints, we may inherit eternal life; through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

# The Word

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Mighty God and Father, our Lord Jesus walked into the wilderness to face the devil's temptations, but he did not succumb to Satan's lies or falter in his resolve to save the world from the prison of hell. Bolster our faith by his mighty victory that we may battle against the forces of evil with courage and confidence; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## First Reading

*1 Samuel 17:4–11,32–40,45–49*

<sup>4</sup>A champion named Goliath, who was from Gath, came out of the Philistine camp. His height was six cubits and a span. <sup>5</sup>He had a bronze helmet on his head and wore a coat of scale armor of bronze weighing five thousand shekels; <sup>6</sup>on his legs he wore bronze greaves, and a bronze javelin was slung on his back. <sup>7</sup>His spear shaft was like a weaver's rod, and its iron point weighed six hundred shekels. His shield bearer went ahead of him.

<sup>8</sup>Goliath stood and shouted to the ranks of Israel, "Why do you come out and line up for battle? Am I not a Philistine, and are you not the servants of Saul? Choose a man and have him come down to me. <sup>9</sup>If he is able to fight and kill me, we will become your subjects; but if I overcome him and kill him, you will become our subjects and serve us." <sup>10</sup>Then the Philistine said, "This day I defy the armies of Israel! Give me a man and let us fight each other." <sup>11</sup>On hearing the Philistine's words, Saul and all the Israelites were dismayed and terrified.

<sup>32</sup>David said to Saul, "Let no one lose heart on account of this Philistine; your servant will go and fight him."

<sup>33</sup>Saul replied, “You are not able to go out against this Philistine and fight him; you are only a young man, and he has been a warrior from his youth.”

<sup>34</sup>But David said to Saul, “Your servant has been keeping his father’s sheep. When a lion or a bear came and carried off a sheep from the flock, <sup>35</sup>I went after it, struck it and rescued the sheep from its mouth. When it turned on me, I seized it by its hair, struck it and killed it. <sup>36</sup>Your servant has killed both the lion and the bear; this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, because he has defied the armies of the living God. <sup>37</sup>The LORD who rescued me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will rescue me from the hand of this Philistine.”

Saul said to David, “Go, and the LORD be with you.”

<sup>38</sup>Then Saul dressed David in his own tunic. He put a coat of armor on him and a bronze helmet on his head. <sup>39</sup>David fastened on his sword over the tunic and tried walking around, because he was not used to them.

“I cannot go in these,” he said to Saul, “because I am not used to them.” So he took them off. <sup>40</sup>Then he took his staff in his hand, chose five smooth stones from the stream, put them in the pouch of his shepherd’s bag and, with his sling in his hand, approached the Philistine.

<sup>45</sup>David said to the Philistine, “You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the LORD Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. <sup>46</sup>This day the LORD will deliver you into my hands, and I’ll strike you down and cut off your head. This very day I will give the carcasses of the Philistine army to the birds and the wild animals, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel. <sup>47</sup>All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the LORD saves; for the battle is the LORD’s, and he will give all of you into our hands.”

<sup>48</sup>As the Philistine moved closer to attack him, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet him. <sup>49</sup>Reaching into his bag and taking out a stone, he slung it and struck the Philistine on the forehead. The stone sank into his forehead, and he fell facedown on the ground.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 91D On Eagle's Wings

1 You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,  
who abide in his shadow for life,  
say to the Lord: "My refuge,  
my rock in whom I trust!" (Refrain)

Ref And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,  
bear you on the breath of dawn,  
make you to shine like the sun,  
and hold you in the palm of his hand.

2 Snares of the fowler will never capture you,  
and famine will bring you no fear;  
under his wings your refuge,  
his faithfulness your shield. (Refrain)

Ref And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,  
bear you on the breath of dawn,  
make you to shine like the sun,  
and hold you in the palm of his hand.

3 For to his angels he's given a command  
to guard you in all of your ways;  
upon their hands they will bear you up,  
lest you dash your foot against a stone.  
(Final Refrain)

### Final Refrain

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,  
bear you on the breath of dawn,  
make you to shine like the sun,  
and hold you in the palm of his hand.  
And hold you, hold you in the palm of his hand.



## Second Reading

Hebrews 4:14–16

<sup>14</sup>Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess.

<sup>15</sup>For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. <sup>16</sup>Let us then approach God’s throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

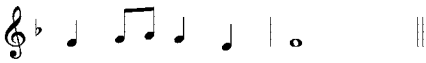
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

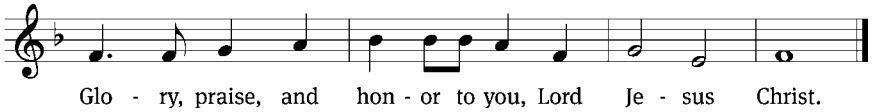
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## Gospel Acclamation

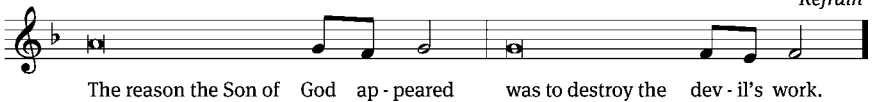
1 John 3:8



Refrain



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Refrain

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## Gospel

Luke 4:1–13

<sup>1</sup>Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, <sup>2</sup>where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry.

<sup>3</sup>The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread.”

<sup>4</sup>Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone.’”

<sup>5</sup>The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. <sup>6</sup>And he said to him, “I will give you all their authority and splendor; it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. <sup>7</sup>If you worship me, it will all be yours.”

<sup>8</sup>Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.’”

<sup>9</sup>The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. “If you are the Son of God,” he said, “throw yourself down from here. <sup>10</sup>For it is written:

“ ‘He will command his angels concerning you  
to guard you carefully;  
<sup>11</sup>they will lift you up in their hands,  
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.’”

<sup>12</sup>Jesus answered, “It is said: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

<sup>13</sup>When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Be seated*

- 1 A mighty fortress is our God,  
a trusty shield and weapon;  
he helps us free from ev'ry need  
that has us now o'ertaken.  
The old evil foe now means deadly woe;  
deep guile and great might  
are his dread arms in fight;  
on earth is not his equal.
  
- 2 With might of ours can naught be done,  
soon were our loss effected;  
but for us fights the valiant one  
whom God himself elected.  
You ask, "Who is this?" Jesus Christ it is,  
the almighty Lord,  
and there's no other God;  
he holds the field forever.
  
- 3 Though devils all the world should fill,  
all eager to devour us,  
we tremble not, we fear no ill;  
they shall not overpow'r us.  
This world's prince may still scowl fierce as he will,  
he can harm us none.  
He's judged; the deed is done;  
one little word can fell him.
  
- 4 The Word they still shall let remain  
nor any thanks have for it;  
he's by our side upon the plain  
with his good gifts and Spirit.  
And take they our life, goods, fame, child, and wife,  
though all may be gone,  
our victory is won;  
the kingdom's ours forever!

## Sermon

### 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.

## Offering

- 1 Jesus, my great High Priest,  
offered his blood and died;  
my guilty conscience seeks  
no sacrifice beside.  
His pow'rful blood did once atone,  
and now it pleads before the throne.
  
- 2 To Christ, my substitute,  
will I commit my cause;  
he answers and fulfills  
his Father's broken laws.  
Behold my soul at freedom set—  
my Jesus paid the dreadful debt!
  
- 3 My advocate appears  
for my defense on high;  
a gracious Father hears  
and lays his thunder by.  
Not all that hell or sin can say  
shall turn his heart, his love, away.
  
- 4 Should all the hosts of death  
and pow'rs of hell unknown  
put their most dreadful forms  
of rage and mischief on,  
I shall be safe, for Christ displays  
superior pow'r and guardian grace.

## 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.**

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 T give you peace.  
Amen.

## 871 Rise! To Arms! With Prayer Employ You

CW 871

1 Rise! To arms! With prayer employ you,  
O Christians, lest the foe destroy you,  
for Satan has designed your fall.  
Wield God's Word, a weapon glorious;  
against each foe you'll be victorious,  
for God will set you o'er them all.  
Fear not the prince of hell, here is Immanuel!  
Sing hosanna!  
The strong ones yield to Christ, our shield,  
and we as conqu'rors hold the field.

- 2 Cast afar this world's vain pleasure  
and boldly strive for heav'nly treasure.  
Be steadfast in the Savior's might.  
Trust the Lord, who stands beside you,  
for Jesus from all harm will hide you.  
By faith you'll conquer in the fight.  
Take courage, weary soul! Look forward to the goal!  
Joy awaits you.  
The race, then, run; your battle done,  
the crown of glory will be won.
- 3 Jesus, all your children cherish,  
and keep them that they never perish  
whom you have purchased with your blood.  
Let new life to us be given  
that we may look to you in heaven  
whenever fearful is our mood.  
Your Spirit on us pour that we may love you more,  
hearts o'erflowing;  
and then shall we, from sin set free,  
sing praise through all eternity.

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



## This Week's Opportunities for Growing in Christ

<b>Today</b>	9:30 AM 10:30 AM Noon	Sunday School & Bible Class Worship NLHS Together We Shine
<b>Monday</b>	6:00 PM	Board of Education
<b>Tuesday</b>	1:30 PM	OWLS Meeting at OS
<b>Wednesday</b>	1:00 PM 4:00 PM 3:30- 6:30 PM	Lenten Worship Catechism School Open House & Registration
<b>Thursday</b>	1:00 PM	Ladies' Aid
<b>Friday</b>	6-8 PM	Kickball & Open Gym
<b>Sunday 3/13</b> -Food Pantry	9:30 AM 10:30 AM	<i>Daylight Savings Time Begins</i> Sunday School & Bible Class Worship with Communion

**Divine Calls** At last Sunday's call meeting, voters called Pastor Matthew Stuebs. Pastor Stuebs currently serves at Calvary Lutheran Church in Abrams, WI. St. Peter Lutheran Church in Modesto, CA has also called him to serve their congregation. Please keep Pastor Stuebs and his family in your prayers, as well as all congregations affected by these calls. If you'd like to reach out to Pastor Stuebs, you may email him at [mattstuebs@gmail.com](mailto:mattstuebs@gmail.com)

Pastor Franzo has also received a call to serve at Grace Lutheran Church in LaCrosse. Please also keep him and his family in your prayers, as well as Redeemer in Weston and Grace in LaCrosse.

### **"The Crucial Hours": Lent 2022**

Our Wednesday Lenten worship services continue this week with Pastor Andrew Ewald from Immanuel, Mosinee leading our worship. The theme is "What to Remember When You Are Seized with Remorse."

If you're unable to attend our 1:00 Lenten services, we encourage you to attend one of our sister congregations' Lenten worship services.



**Baptized into Christ** We pray for God’s richest blessings for Lila Marie Breese, daughter of Matthew & Krista Breese, as she receives the blessings of life and salvation through Holy Baptism. May God grant Lila and her family continued grace each day of their lives.

**OSS Kickball & Open Gym** Parents, children and church members are all invited on Friday, March 11 from 6–8 pm. Snacks and beverages will be available.

**NLHS: Local Deals Coupon Books** for 2022 are available in the narthex. Cost is \$20 and proceeds support Northland LHS.

<b>Our Stewardship of God’s Gifts: February 27, 2022</b>					
<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Vision</u>	<u>Debt</u>	<u>Plate</u>	<u>Bldg Maint</u>	<u>Stove</u>
\$3,360.00	\$505.00	\$380.00	\$5.00	\$150.00	\$513.00
<u>NLHS Operating</u>		<u>School Fees</u>			
\$250.00		\$6.00			

**Attendance:** February 27 – 63    online – 30    Total = 88  
 Ash Wednesday – 75    online – 23    Total = 98

**Serving Today**

- Minister – Pastor Andrew Franzo
- Organist – Marie Kurth
- Ushers – Phil Brost, Travis Kurth  
 (*Next Sunday – Gresens/Scharbarth*)

***Suicide. Suffering. Science and Ethics. Keeping your children in the faith. Parenthood's burdens and blessings.***

Chances are one or more of these topics may have touched your life, yet how often are they approached from a distinctly Lutheran perspective? These are also all modern-day issues discussed recently on the **Life Challenges Podcast** from **Christian Life Resources**. Check it out, give a listen, and perhaps you'll find yourself better prepared the next time you face tough issues like these. Find it at [lifechallenges.us](http://lifechallenges.us) or on your favorite podcast platform.





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