



OUR SAVIOR'S

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Saints Triumphant - November 20, 2022



There shall be no more death,
neither sorrow, nor crying,
neither shall there be
any more pain:
for the former things
are passed away.

Revelation 21:4, KJV

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

We welcome you to the house of the true and living God for worship this Saints Triumphant Sunday. Today we look forward to what awaits us in heaven as we meditate on John's vision of the new heaven and new earth.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

O Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Resurrection and the Life and through your victory over the grave, you have given us eternal righteousness and holiness. We eagerly await your return where you have promised to take us to be with you forever. Come quickly, Lord Jesus, Amen.

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

- Minister – Vicar Caleb Gustafson
- Organist – Jodi Langenhahn
- Ushers – Rick & Karen Leopold
(Next Sunday – Burish/Gresens)

Acknowledgments

Setting One from Christian Worship

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Our Worship

Opening Hymn

CW 889

- 1 Jerusalem the golden, with milk and honey blest—
the sight of it refreshes the weary and oppressed.
I know not, oh, I know not what joys await us there,
what radiancy of glory, what bliss beyond compare:
to sing the hymn unending with all the martyr throng,
amidst the halls of Zion resounding full with song.
- 2 O sweet and blessèd country, the home of God's elect!
O sweet and blessèd country that eager hearts expect,
where they who with their leader have conquered in the fight
forever and forever are clad in robes of white:
in mercy, Jesus, bring us to that dear land of rest
where sings the host of heaven your glorious name to bless.
- 3 The Christ is ever with them, the daylight is serene;
the pastures of the blessed are ever rich and green.
There is the throne of David, and there, from care released,
the shout of them that triumph, the song of them that feast.
To God enthroned in glory the Church's voices blend,
the Lamb forever blessèd, the Light that knows no end.

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Stand

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin. For faithless worrying and selfish pride, For sins of habit and sins of choice, For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do, You should cast me away from your presence forever. O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

In the peace of this forgiveness, let us praise the Lord:

Glory to God in the Highest

- 1 To God on high be glory and peace to all the earth,
for God has shown his favor in Jesus' holy birth!
Almighty God and Father, our humble thanks we bring;
we worship you, we bless you, Lord God, our heav'nly King.

- 2 O Lamb of God exalted, you take all sin away;
extend to us your mercy and hear us as we pray.
With God the Holy Spirit, at God the Father's throne,
you reign, O Christ, forever, for you are Lord alone!

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Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you have knit your people together into one holy Church, the body of Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow the example of your blessed saints in lives of faith and willing service and with them at last inherit the inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who love you; 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

The Word

First Reading

Revelation 21:1–6

The home of the saints triumphant

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, because the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. And the sea no longer existed. ² And I saw the Holy City, the New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And from the throne I heard a loud voice that said, “Look! God’s dwelling is with people. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people. God himself will be with them, and he will be their God. ⁴ He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain, because the former things have passed away.”

⁵ The one who was seated on the throne said to me, “Look, I am making everything new!” He also said, “Write, for these words are trustworthy and true.” ⁶ And he said to me: It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To anyone who is thirsty, I will give freely from the spring of the water of life.

Second Reading

Hebrews 11:32–40

The saints faced death with courage because God has something better planned

³² And what more should I say? There would not be enough time for me to continue to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, David, Samuel, and the prophets. ³³ By faith they conquered kingdoms, carried out justice, obtained things that were promised, shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴ quenched the power of fire, escaped the edges of the sword, were made powerful after being weak, became mighty in battle, and caused foreign armies to flee. ³⁵ Women received back their dead by resurrection. And others who were tortured did not accept their release, so that they may take part in a better resurrection. ³⁶ Still others experienced mocking and lashes, in addition to chains and imprisonment. ³⁷ They were stoned; they were sawed in two; they were tempted; they were killed with the sword; they went around in sheepskins and goatskins, needy, afflicted, and mistreated. ³⁸ The world

was not worthy of them as they wandered in deserts and mountains and caves and holes in the ground.

³⁹All of these were commended in Scripture by faith, yet they did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰because God had planned something better for us, namely, that they would not reach the goal apart from us.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia. They are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple. Alleluia.

Stand

Gospel

Luke 6:20–23

Jesus teaches that the blessedness of being God's saints is currently hid

²⁰ He lifted up his eyes to his disciples and said: Blessed are you who are poor, because yours is the kingdom of God. ²¹ Blessed are you who hunger now, because you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, because you will laugh. ²² Blessed are you whenever people hate you, and whenever they exclude and insult you and reject your name as evil because of the Son of Man. ²³ “Rejoice in that day and leap for joy because of this: Your reward is great in heaven! The fact is, their fathers constantly did the same things to the prophets.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

- 1 Behold a host, arrayed in white,
like thousand snow-clad mountains bright!
With palms they stand; who is this band
before the throne of light?
These are the saints of glorious fame,
who from the great affliction came
and in the flood of Jesus' blood
are cleansed from guilt and blame.
Now gathered in the holy place,
their voices they in worship raise;
their anthems rise where God resides,
mid angels' songs of praise.
- 2 Despised and scorned, they sojourned here;
but now, how glorious they appear!
Those martyrs stand, a priestly band,
God's throne forever near.
So oft in troubled days gone by,
in anguish they would weep and sigh;
at home above the God of love
fore'er their tears shall dry.
They now enjoy the Sabbath rest,
the heav'nly banquet of the blest;
the Lamb, their Lord, at festive board
himself is host and guest.
- 3 O blessèd saints in bright array,
now safely home in endless day,
extol the Lord, who with his Word
sustained you on the way.
The steep and narrow path you trod;
you toiled and sowed the Word abroad;
rejoice and bring your fruits and sing
before the throne of God.
Swing high your palms, lift up your song,
yes, make it myriad voices strong!
Let heaven ring— to Christ the King
all praise and thanks belong!

Faith becomes Sight

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

Thank Offering

As the offering is gathered, please sign the Friendship Register as it is passed down the pew and greet your neighbor. Guests are welcome to give but should not feel obligated to do so.

- 1 My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare to make no other claim,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand.

- 2 When darkness veils his lovely face,
I rest on his unchanging grace;
in ev'ry high and stormy gale
my anchor holds within the veil.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand.

- 3 His oath, his covenant and blood
support me in the raging flood;
when ev'ry earthly prop gives way,
he then is all my hope and stay.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand.

- 4 When he shall come with trumpet sound,
oh, may I then in him be found,
clothed in his righteousness alone,
faultless to stand before his throne.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand.

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Stand

Prayer of the Church

O Lord, faithful God, we commend ourselves, our bodies and souls, and all things into Your keeping. In Your righteousness, deliver us from all that would harm the body and assault the soul. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, bless all in authority over us, especially those who work to bring peace and justice, that they may be inclined to your will and walk according to your commandments. Grant wisdom to our citizens and courage and competence to our leaders. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Grant that all who are nourished by the holy body and blood of Your Son may be raised to immortality to be seated with him at your heavenly banquet. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Eternal Father, though death still claims our mortal bodies, you have raised up Christ, that we may pass through death to our own joyful resurrection and to the great reunion with those who have died in Christ and now rest from their labors. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Special prayers may follow

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, 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 ✚ give you peace.

Amen.

Closing Hymn

CW 881

Sing with All the Saints in Glory

- 1 Sing with all the saints in glory,
sing the resurrection song!
Death and sorrow, earth's dark story,
to the former days belong.
All around the clouds are breaking;
soon the storms of time shall cease;
in God's likeness we awaken,
knowing everlasting peace.

- 2 Oh, what glory, far exceeding
all that eye has yet perceived!
Holiest hearts for ages pleading
never that full joy conceived.
God has promised, Christ prepares it;
there on high our welcome waits.
Ev'ry humble spirit shares it,
Christ has passed th' eternal gates.

- 3 Life eternal! Heav'n rejoices:
Jesus lives who once was dead.
Shout with joy, O deathless voices!
Child of God, lift up your head!
Life eternal! Oh, what wonders
crowd on faith; what joy unknown,
when, amid earth's closing thunders,
saints shall stand before the throne!

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

Serving the Pastoral Vacancy - Pastor Jeff Mahnke from St. Peter Lutheran Church is serving as Our Savior's vacancy pastor. Should you need his pastoral guidance and service, call / text him anytime at 715.297.0132. His email address is pastorm@mysaintpeter.org.

Divine Call News - At our call meeting on Monday, Nov. 7, our voters issued a Divine Call to Pastor Jonathan Learman. Pastor Learman currently serves two congregations in the Theresa area. Please keep him, his family, and all of the congregations in your prayers. If you'd like to encourage Pastor Learman, you may email him at jlearman@hotmail.com



Thanksgiving Eve Worship

Join us to worship and give thanks to our gracious God on Thanksgiving Eve, Nov. 23, at 6:30 PM.

Evangelism Bible Class Resumes - All adults are invited to join today's "One by One" Bible study after worship. Our focus this morning for lesson #2 will be "Every Believer Is Personally Prepared to Be a Witness."



Snow Plowing & Shoveling Needed! - As they say "All good things must come to an end." Looks like the beautiful Oct. and beginning November temps in the mid 60's are over.

Now comes the SNOW and with it the removal from sidewalks. If anyone is willing to help, there is a sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex. As soon as it is known how many would be willing to help, a schedule will be put together. If you have any questions on what this entails please see or call Bill Unruh at 715-359-6335.



Northland Lutheran High School Fruit Sale - Fall fruit sale will be going on until Nov. 28th for pick-up Dec. 16-17. Order forms are in the back of church.

Seeking Helpers for “The Greatest Gift” - Do you enjoy singing Christmas carols or serving cookies? What about donning a Shepherd’s crook and cloak? The *Kronenwetter Mission Core Group* is urgently seeking carolers, greeters, and actors for “The Greatest Gift,” a live outdoor nativity. This event will be a wonderful outreach opportunity to share the message of Jesus, our Savior, with the Kronenwetter community. The rehearsal will take place December 11th, 2-4 pm at NLHS and the main event will be December 17th, 5-9 pm at Northland Lutheran High School. The group would like all helpers to **sign up by Nov. 18**. For more details and to sign up, scan the QR code with your camera or text/email Guy Russ at 715-297-1106 or grussmobile@yahoo.com.



Women’s Advent by Candlelight – It’s time to sign up! Join us Sunday, November 27th at 7pm at the Schofield Campus for an evening of coffee and dessert coupled with music and Christmas devotion, all by the light of candles. Participate in this special event in one of two ways, as a hostess or a guest. Hostesses will be responsible for decorating a table and providing a dessert for eight. Hostesses may also invite guests to sit at their table. These guests can include your relatives, friends, co-workers, and/or neighbors. Check out last year’s pictures for inspiration in the back of church! If you would like to attend this evening as a guest, you will be placed at a table. (We would love to have you!) Reservations are needed by 11/21 so please contact Ann Peterson at 314-761-5489 (text/talk) or RN2020@yahoo.com.

FREE Books: learn a Lutheran response to evolution

You can request 3 FREE print books (32-48 pages each). Choose from 13 titles including, “Did Dinosaurs Roam the Earth?” “Conversation With an Atheist,” and “Christian Doctrine in Genesis.” Request yours at www.LutheranScience.org/FreeBooks or by writing to the WELS group (include your address): Lutheran Science Institute, 13390 W. Edgewood Ave, New Berlin WI 53151. This offer expires Feb. 28, 2023. Offer subject to change without notice.

This Week's Opportunities for Growing in Christ

Today	9:00 AM 10:15 AM	Worship Sunday School & Bible Class
Wednesday	6:30 PM	Thanksgiving Eve Worship
Sunday 11/27	9:00 AM 10:15 AM	Worship Sunday School & Bible Class

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