



2nd Sunday after Christmas – January 2, 2022

WELCOME

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 loving kindness. Curb my wandering thoughts, that with undivided attention I may hear your voice and sing you praise. Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD, P. 38

OPENING HYMN – 61 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

1 Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all you nations rise, Join the triumph of the skies;
With th' angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

2 Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold him come, Offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see, Hail th' incarnate Deity!
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Jesus, our Immanuel!
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

3 Hail, the heav'nly Prince of Peace!
Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, Ris'n with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by, Born that we no more may die,
Born to raise us from the earth, Born to give us second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–88, abr., alt.

M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen.

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Blessed are they who take refuge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens. Your faithfulness continues forever. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Blessed are they who take refuge in him.

M: Almighty God, you have filled us with the new light of the Word who became flesh and lived among us. Let the light of our faith shine in all we do; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

FIRST LESSON – Genesis 17:1–7

¹When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to him and said, “I am God Almighty; walk before me faithfully and be blameless. ²Then I will make my covenant between me and you and will greatly increase your numbers.”

³Abram fell facedown, and God said to him, ⁴“As for me, this is my covenant with you: You will be the father of many nations. ⁵No longer will you be called Abram; your name will be Abraham, for I have made you a father of many nations. ⁶I will make you very fruitful; I will make nations of you, and kings will come from you. ⁷I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you.

PSALM 148 – CW p. 121, sung in unison

Refrain: Forever let us sing the goodness of the Lord.

Praise the LORD from the heavens,*
praise him in the heights above.

Praise him, all his angels,*
praise him, all his heavenly hosts.

Praise him, sun and moon,*
praise him, all you shining stars.

Refrain: Forever let us sing the goodness of the Lord.

Praise the LORD from the earth,*
lightning and hail, stormy winds that do his bidding,

you mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars,*
wild animals and all cattle, small creatures and flying birds,

kings of the earth and all rulers on earth,*
young men and maidens, old men and children.

Let them praise the name of the LORD,*
for his splendor is above the earth and the heavens.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Refrain: Forever let us sing the goodness of the Lord.

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SECOND LESSON – Galatians 4:4–7

⁴But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship. ⁶Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, “Abba, Father.” ⁷So you are no longer a slave, but God’s child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION – Psalm 98:3

M: Alleluia. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Alleluia.

C: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! These words are written that we may believe the Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

GOSPEL LESSON – Luke 1:68–75

⁶⁸“Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel,
because he has come to his people and redeemed them.

⁶⁹He has raised up a horn of salvation for us
in the house of his servant David

⁷⁰(as he said through his holy prophets of long ago),

⁷¹salvation from our enemies
and from the hand of all who hate us—

⁷²to show mercy to our ancestors
and to remember his holy covenant,

⁷³the oath he swore to our father Abraham:

⁷⁴to rescue us from the hand of our enemies,
and to enable us to serve him without fear

⁷⁵in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

M: This is the gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY – 34 Now Sing We, Now Rejoice

1 Now sing we, now rejoice, Now raise to heav’n our voice;
He from whom joy streameth Poor in a manger lies;
Not so brightly beameth The sun in yonder skies.
Thou my Savior art! Thou my Savior art!

2 Come from on high to me; I cannot rise to thee.
Cheer my wearied spirit, O pure and holy Child;
Through thy grace and merit, Blest Jesus, Lord most mild,
Draw me unto thee! Draw me unto thee!

3 Now through his Son doth shine The Father's grace divine.
Death o'er us had reigned Through sin and vanity;
He for us obtained Eternal joy on high.
May we praise him there! May we praise him there!

4 Oh, where shall joy be found? Where but on heav'nly ground?
Where the angels singing With all his saints unite,
Sweetest praises bringing In heav'nly joy and light.
Oh, that we were there! Oh, that we were there!

Text: Latin hymn, 14th century; tr. Arthur T. Russell, 1806–74, alt.

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

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE 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.

HYMN – 93

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

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.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854, abr., alt.

CLOSING PRAYER & BLESSING

M: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.
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.

C: Amen. Amen. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN – 122 Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle

1 Sing, my tongue, the glorious battle; Sing the ending of the fray.
Now above the cross, the trophy, Sound the loud triumphant lay.
Tell how Christ, the world's Redeemer, As a victim won the day.

2 Tell how, when at length the fullness Of th' appointed time was come,
He, the Word, was born of woman, Left for us his Father's home,
Blazed the path of true obedience, Shone as light amidst the gloom.

3 Thus, with thirty years accomplished, He went forth from Nazareth,
Destined, dedicated, willing, Did his work and met his death;
Like a lamb he humbly yielded On the cross his dying breath.

4 Faithful cross, true sign of triumph, Be for all the noblest tree;
None in foliage, none in blossom, None in fruit your equal be,
Symbol of the world's redemption, For your burden makes us free.

5 Unto God be praise and glory; To the Father and the Son,
To th' eternal Spirit honor Now and evermore be done—
Praise and glory in the highest While the timeless ages run.

Text: Venantius Fortunatus, c. 530–609, abr.; tr. John M. Neale, 1818–66, alt.

***Thank you for worshiping with us!
God bless your week.***

This Week's Opportunities for Growing in Christ		
Today	10:30 AM	Worship
Wednesday	4:00 PM 6:30 PM	Catechism Small Group Bible Class
Thursday	6:00 PM	Board of Education
Sunday 1/9 -Food Pantry	9:30 AM 10:30 AM	Sunday School & Bible Class Worship with Communion

Pastoral Call Returned

The Lord has led Pastor Jacobson to return the call to be our pastor. The next call meeting date will be announced soon.

Memorials

We thank the friends of David Anklam for gifts given in his memory.

We thank Robert & Janice Gresens for their gift given in memory of Ron Woelfle.

We thank Mavis Schubring for her gift given in memory of all of our members who have entered heaven in 2021.

Blessed be their memories. Thanks be to God for the love which led to these gifts.

Revelation Bible Study resumes next Sunday

It's not too late to join us for our Bible study series on the Book of Revelation. The series is authored by a WELS pastor and includes video, book and study sheet format.

Phone & Address Updates

Please send your telephone and address updates to the church office ASAP. A new directory will be printed later this month.

Drop a note in the offering plate, write a note on the Friendship Register, slide a piece of paper under the office door, or email marie.kurth@oursaviorswausau.org. Thank you!

Email Directory

Some members have expressed an interest in a member email directory. If you would like to be listed, please send an email to OSInfo@oursaviorswausau.org. We will publish the directory for members only, and only if there are enough participants to make this publication useful.

Our Stewardship of God's Gifts: December 24-26, 2021						
<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Vision</u>	<u>Debt Red</u>	<u>Advent</u>	<u>Chr Eve</u>	<u>Chr Day</u>	<u>NY Eve</u>
\$5,835.00	\$60.00	\$125.00	\$255.00	\$740.00	\$1,580.00	\$140.00
<u>NLHS Tuition</u>	<u>Memorial</u>	<u>WELS Schlrshp</u>	<u>Chr Gifts/Bags</u>	<u>Publications</u>	<u>Calendars</u>	
\$10.00	\$260.00	\$40.00	\$142.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	
<u>Mission to the Children</u>	<u>Plate</u>	<u>School Fees</u>				
\$20.00	\$243.12	\$1,163.33				



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