



# OUR SAVIOR'S

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

First Sunday after Epiphany – January 9, 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.*

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## **THE COMMON SERVICE, P. 15**

### **OPENING HYMN – CWS 737**

*God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It*

- 1 God's own child, I gladly say it: I am baptized into Christ!  
He, because I could not pay it, Gave my full redemption price.  
Do I need earth's treasures many? I have one worth more than any  
That brought me salvation free, Lasting to eternity!
  
- 2 Sin, disturb my soul no longer: I am baptized into Christ!  
I have comfort even stronger: Jesus' cleansing sacrifice.  
Should a guilty conscience seize me Since my baptism did release me  
In a dear forgiving flood, Sprinkling me with Jesus' blood?
  
- 3 Satan, hear this proclamation: I am baptized into Christ!  
Drop your ugly accusation; I am not so soon enticed.  
Now that to the font I've traveled, All your might has come unraveled,  
And, against your tyranny, God, my Lord, unites with me!
  
- 4 Death, you cannot end my gladness: I am baptized into Christ!  
When I die, I leave all sadness To inherit paradise!  
Though I lie in dust and ashes Faith's assurance brightly flashes:  
Baptism has the strength divine To make life immortal mine.
  
- 5 There is nothing worth comparing To this lifelong comfort sure!  
Open-eyed my grave is staring: Even there I'll sleep secure.  
Though my flesh awaits its raising, Still my soul continues praising:  
I am baptized into Christ; I'm a child of paradise!

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**M:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**M:** Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

**C: Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us.**

**M:** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. 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 Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

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

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

**We praise you, we bless you, we worship you,**

**we glorify you, we give thanks to you, for your great glory,**

**O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father almighty.**

**O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus 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; receive our prayer.**

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

**For you only are holy; you only are the Lord.**

**You only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**M:** The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

**M:** Let us pray.

Father in heaven, at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan, you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Keep us who are baptized into Christ faithful in our calling as your children, and make us heirs with him of everlasting life; 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 READING – 1 Samuel 16:1-13**

The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and be on your way; I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem. I have chosen one of his sons to be king."

<sup>2</sup> But Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears about it, he will kill me."

The LORD said, "Take a heifer with you and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.' <sup>3</sup> Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what to do. You are to anoint for me the one I indicate."

<sup>4</sup> Samuel did what the LORD said. When he arrived at Bethlehem, the elders of the town trembled when they met him. They asked, "Do you come in peace?"

<sup>5</sup> Samuel replied, "Yes, in peace; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. Consecrate yourselves and come to the sacrifice with me." Then he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

<sup>6</sup> When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed stands here before the LORD."

<sup>7</sup> But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The LORD does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.”

<sup>8</sup> Then Jesse called Abinadab and had him pass in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, “The LORD has not chosen this one either.” <sup>9</sup> Jesse then had Shammah pass by, but Samuel said, “Nor has the LORD chosen this one.” <sup>10</sup> Jesse had seven of his sons pass before Samuel, but Samuel said to him, “The LORD has not chosen these.” <sup>11</sup> So he asked Jesse, “Are these all the sons you have?”

“There is still the youngest,” Jesse answered. “He is tending the sheep.”

Samuel said, “Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives.”

<sup>12</sup> So he sent for him and had him brought in. He was glowing with health and had a fine appearance and handsome features.

Then the LORD said, “Rise and anoint him; this is the one.”

<sup>13</sup> So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the LORD came powerfully upon David. Samuel then went to Ramah.

<sup>17</sup> The LORD your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves. He will take great delight in you; in his love he will no longer rebuke you, but will rejoice over you with singing.”

## Psalm 2

### *Refrain*

**Great are the works of the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Great are the works of the Lord.**

Why do the nations conspire\*  
and the peoples plot in vain?

The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers  
gather together against the LORD\*  
and against his Anointed One.

### *Refrain*

The One enthroned in heaven laughs;\*  
the Lord scoffs at them.

Then he rebukes them in his anger  
and terrifies them in his wrath, saying\*,  
“I have installed my King on Zion, my holy hill.”

I will proclaim the decree of the LORD:\*  
He said to me, “You are my Son;  
today I have become your Father.”

**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*

## **SECOND READING – Titus 3:4-7**

But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, <sup>5</sup> he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, <sup>6</sup> whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, <sup>7</sup> so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION – Mark 1:11**

**M:** Alleluia. You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased. Alleluia.

**C:** Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

## **GOSPEL LESSON – Luke 3:15-17,21,22**

The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah. <sup>16</sup> John answered them all, “I baptize you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>17</sup> His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.”

<sup>21</sup> When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened <sup>22</sup> and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.”

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

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

## **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 fully 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.

## **HYMN OF THE DAY – 88**      *To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord*

1 To Jordan came the Christ, our Lord, To do his Father's pleasure;  
Baptized by John, the Father's Word Was given us to treasure.  
This heav'nly washing now shall be A cleansing from transgression  
And by his blood and agony Release from death's oppression.  
A new life now awaits us.

2 These truths on Jordan's banks were shown By mighty word and wonder.  
The Father's voice from heav'n came down Which we do well to ponder:  
"This man is my beloved Son, In whom my heart has pleasure.  
Him you must hear, and him alone, And trust in fullest measure  
The word that he has spoken."

3 Oh, hear and mark the message well, For God himself has spoken.  
Let faith, not doubt, among us dwell, And so receive this token.  
Our Lord here with his Word endows Pure water freely flowing.  
God's Holy Spirit here avows Our kinship while bestowing  
The baptism of his blessing.

4 All that the mortal eye beholds Is water as we pour it.  
Before the eye of faith unfolds The pow'r of Jesus' merit.  
For here it sees his precious blood To all our ills bring healing,  
The wonders of that crimson flood The love of God revealing,  
Assuring his own pardon.

5 To his disciples spoke the Lord, "Go out to ev'ry nation  
And bring to them the living Word And this my invitation:  
Let ev'ryone abandon sin And come in true contrition  
To be baptized and thereby win Full pardon and remission  
And heav'nly bliss inherit."

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## SERMON

*After the sermon, the congregation sings:*

**C: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit. Amen.**

## OFFERING

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**C: 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.**

## THE SACRAMENT

**M:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** And also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.

**C:** We lift them up unto the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**C:** It is good and right so to do.

**M:** 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:

**C:** Holy, holy, holy Lord God of heavenly hosts: heav'n and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he, blessed is he, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

**M:** 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 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 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.

**C:** Amen.

**O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us your peace. Amen.**

### DISTRIBUTION HYMN

*Baptismal Waters Cover Me*

1 Baptismal waters cover me as I approach on bended knee;  
my Father's mercy here I plead, for grievous sins of thought and deed.

2 I look to Christ upon the tree, his body broken there for me;  
I lay before him all my sin, my darkest secrets from within.

3 Lord, may your wounded hand impart your healing to my broken heart;  
your love alone can form in me a heart that serves you joyfully.

4 From your own mouth comes forth a word; your Shepherd speaks, but you are heard;  
through him your hand now stretches out, forgiving sin, destroying doubt.

5 Baptismal waters cover me; Christ's wounded hand has set me free.  
Held in my Father's strong embrace, with joy I praise him for his grace.

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*Song of Simeon*

**C: Lord, now you let your servant depart in peace according to your word.  
For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared before the face of all people,  
a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of your people Israel.**

**M:** O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

**C: And his mercy endures forever.**

**M:** We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. 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.

**C: Amen.**

**M:** 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 – 299**

*All Who Believe and Are Baptized*

1 All who believe and are baptized Shall see the Lord's salvation;  
Baptized into the death of Christ, They are a new creation.  
Through Christ's redemption they shall stand  
Among the glorious, heav'nly band  
Of ev'ry tribe and nation.

2 With one accord, O God, we pray: Grant us your Holy Spirit.  
Help us in our infirmity Through Jesus' blood and merit.  
Grant us to grow in grace each day  
That by this sacrament we may  
Eternal life inherit.

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***We're happy you joined us! May God richly bless your week.***

**Pastoral Call Meeting** will be next Sunday, Jan. 16 following our worship service.

**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 [OSInfo@oursaviorswausau.org](mailto:OSInfo@oursaviorswausau.org).

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<b>This Week's Opportunities for Growing in Christ</b>		
<b>Today</b> -Food Pantry	9:30 AM 10:30 AM	Sunday School & Bible Class Worship with Communion
<b>Monday</b>	7:00 PM	Coordinating Council
<b>Tuesday</b>	1:30 PM 5:00 PM	OWLS at Our Savior's OSS Home Basketball
<b>Wednesday</b>	4:00 PM 6:30 PM	Catechism Small Group Bible Class
<b>Thursday</b>	1:00 PM	Ladies' Aid
<b>Friday</b>		<i>Committee &amp; Group Reports Due for Annual Report</i>
<b>Sunday 1/16</b>	9:30 AM 10:30 AM 11:30 AM	Sunday School & Bible Class Worship Call Meeting

**Memorials** We thank Angie Marquis for her gift given in memory of Ron Woelfle, Pastor Russel Kobs, David Anklam, Gordon Schubring, Violette Clark, June Mikesell, Jeanette Raddatz, Pearl Williamson, Jeanette Mathwich, Vern Marquardt and all Saints Triumphant.

We thank Mark & Beth Krohn and Bill & Sue Unruh for their gifts given in memory of Ron Woelfle.

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

**Asleep in Jesus** Norman Dux was called home to heaven on Christmas Day. Mr. Dux was a teacher and principal at Our Savior's School before his retirement. A Christian funeral was held on Jan. 5 in Oak Creek. In lieu of flowers, memorials to St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Cudahy (3775 E. Cudahy Ave, Cudahy, WI 53110) are greatly appreciated.

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