



OUR SAVIOR'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

First Sunday after Christmas ~ January 1, 2023



WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

We welcome you to God's house for worship on this joyous New Year's Day! What a marvelous gift God gives to us – his one and only Son, born in human flesh to be our brother and save us from our sins. May Jesus Christ - Immanuel ("God with us") - be present through his Word to bless our worship!

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

Dear Jesus, thank you taking on flesh and humbling yourself for my sake. You have saved me from my sins and have granted me the title of being a child of God. Help me to sing your praises today and every day with the angels. Glory to God in the Highest! Amen.

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

- Minister – Vicar Caleb Gustafson
- Organist – Marie Kurth
- Ushers – Sawyer Burish, Robert Gresens
(Next Sunday – Mark Krohn, Kurt Schubring)

Acknowledgments

Setting One from Christian Worship

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Our Worship

Opening Hymn

CW 347

- 1 Angels from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
once you sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth:
Come and worship, come and worship,
 worship Christ, the newborn King.

- 2 Shepherds, in the fields abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing; yonder shines the infant light.
Come and worship, come and worship,
 worship Christ, the newborn King.

- 3 Magi, leave your contemplations, brighter visions beam afar;
seek the great desire of nations, you have seen the Savior's star.
Come and worship, come and worship,
 worship Christ, the newborn King.

- 4 Saints before the altar bending, watching long in hope and fear,
suddenly the Lord, descending, in his temple shall appear.
Come and worship, come and worship,
 worship Christ, the newborn King.

- 5 All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son,
evermore your voices raising to th' eternal Three in One.
Come and worship, come and worship,
 worship Christ, the newborn King.

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Stand

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

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 † 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.

Song of Praise

CW 355 sts. 1–2, 4

- 1 Let all together praise our God
before his highest throne;
today he opens heav'n again
and gives us his own Son,
and gives us his own Son.

- 2 He leaves his heav'nly Father's throne,
is born an infant small,
and in a manger, poor and lone,
lies in a humble stall,
lies in a humble stall.

- 4 He undertakes a great exchange,
puts on our human frame,
and in return gives us his realm,
his glory, and his name,
his glory, and his name.

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The Word

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Almighty God, in mercy you sent your one and only Son to take upon himself our human nature. By his gracious coming, deliver us from the corruption of our sin, and transform us into the likeness of his glory; 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

Isaiah 63:7-9

⁷I will tell of the kindnesses of the LORD,
the deeds for which he is to be praised,
according to all the LORD has done for us—
yes, the many good things
he has done for Israel,
according to his compassion and many kindnesses.

⁸He said, “Surely they are my people,
children who will be true to me”;
and so he became their Savior.

⁹In all their distress he too was distressed,
and the angel of his presence saved them.

In his love and mercy he redeemed them;
he lifted them up and carried them
all the days of old.

All the Ends of the Earth

Psalm 98A

Refrain



All the ends of the earth have seen the pow-er of God.



All the ends of the earth have seen the pow-er of God.

Tone



Sing to the LORD a / new song,
for he has done / marv'lous things;
his right hand and his / holy arm
have worked salvation / for him.
The LORD has made his sal- / vation known
and revealed his righteousness to the / nations. *Refrain*

Shout for joy to the LORD, / all the earth,
burst into jubilant song with / music.
Let the rivers / clap their hands,
let the mountains sing together / for joy;
let them sing be- / fore the LORD,
for he comes to / judge the earth.
He will judge the world in / righteousness
and the peoples with / equity.
**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain***

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Second Reading

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.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

Psalm 98:1



Refrain



Tone



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Gospel

Matthew 2:13-23

¹³When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. “Get up,” he said, “take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him.”

¹⁴So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt, ¹⁵where he stayed until the death of Herod. And so was fulfilled what the Lord had said through the prophet: “Out of Egypt I called my son.”

¹⁶When Herod realized that he had been outwitted by the Magi, he was furious, and he gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and under, in accordance with the time he had learned from the Magi. ¹⁷Then what was said through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled:

¹⁸“A voice is heard in Ramah, weeping and great mourning,
Rachel weeping for her children and refusing to be comforted,
because they are no more.”

¹⁹After Herod died, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt ²⁰and said, “Get up, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who were trying to take the child’s life are dead.”

²¹So he got up, took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. ²²But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning in Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. Having been warned in a dream, he withdrew to the district of Galilee, ²³and he went and lived in a town called Nazareth. So was fulfilled what was said through the prophets, that he would be called a Nazarene.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day

CW 583

- 1 God loves me dearly, grants me salvation,
God loves me dearly, loves even me.
Therefore I'll say again: God loves me dearly,
God loves me dearly, loves even me.
- 2 I was in slav'ry, sin, death, and darkness;
God's love was working to make me free.
Therefore I'll say again: God loves me dearly,
God loves me dearly, loves even me.

- 3 He sent forth Jesus, my dear Redeemer,
he sent forth Jesus and set me free.
Therefore I'll say again: God loves me dearly,
God loves me dearly, loves even me.
- 4 Jesus, my Savior, himself did offer;
Jesus, my Savior, paid all I owed.
Therefore I'll say again: God loves me dearly,
God loves me dearly, loves even me.
- 5 Now I will praise you, O Love eternal;
now I will praise you all my life long.
Therefore I'll say again: God loves me dearly,
God loves me dearly, loves even me.

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Sermon

John 1:1–14

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was with God in the beginning. ³Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. ⁴In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

⁶There was a man sent from God whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. ⁸He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.

⁹The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. ¹¹He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. ¹²Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— ¹³children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

¹⁴The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

You Are Children of God!

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 & Friendship Register

As the offering is gathered, we ask both members and visitors to sign the Friendship Registers, which are located at the end of the pews. Guests are welcome to give but should not feel obligated to do so.

Prayer of the Church

In the quiet of this holy morning, hear us as we pray, O Lord:
Lord, have mercy.

For family and friends, all those who are near and dear to us, that they may ponder your holy birth and treasure it as Mary did, cling to you in steadfast faith, and find in you their only Savior, we pray, O Lord:
Christ, have mercy.

For all who know the joyful news of a Savior born in Bethlehem, that they may spread this good news by word and life to all they meet as the shepherds did in Bethlehem, we pray, O Lord:
Lord, have mercy.

For joy in your service, for patience in all trials, for comfort in affliction, and for the assurance of your tender love and care, we pray, O Lord:
Lord, hear our prayer.

For those who have gone before us, who have shared with us the good news of a Savior born for us, whose souls are now at rest with you in your heavenly kingdom, we give you thanks, O Lord:
Thanks be to God.

In thanksgiving for all the gifts you have showered on us through the gift of Jesus Christ, your one and only Son, we now commend ourselves to your loving and merciful care. Be our shield and strength, O Lord:
Amen.

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.

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 332

- 1 Let us all with gladsome voice
praise the God of heaven,
who, to bid our hearts rejoice,
his own Son has given.
- 2 To this vale of tears he comes,
here to serve in sadness,
that with him in heav'n's fair homes
we may reign in gladness.
- 3 We are rich, for he was poor;
is not this a wonder?
Therefore praise God evermore
here on earth and yonder.
- 4 Christ, our Lord and Savior dear,
bless us and be near us.
Grant us now a glad new year.
Amen, Jesus, hear us.

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

Divine Call News - Our next call meeting will be on Thursday, January 12 at approximately 6:00 pm. There's an OSS home basketball game at 5:00, so come for the game and stay for the call meeting!

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.

Pick Up Your 2023 Offering Envelopes!

Address & Phone Updates – Please update address and phone numbers for our next directory coming out in January. Drop a note in the offering plate, write a note on the Friendship Register, slide a note under the office door, or email marie.kurth@oursaviorswausau.org.

Pick Up Your January Newsletter & Calendar Today – Beginning with the January newsletter, we ask you to pick up your newsletter and calendar. We'll still mail it to our shut-ins. The newsletter is also posted on our website (oursaviorswausau.org) or we'll email it at your request.

Organization of WELS Lutheran Seniors (OWLS)

January is a time for new beginnings and we are going to start the new year learning new things and receiving encouragement to try new things. Pastor Hadler from St. Matthew, Marathon will be sharing his hobby with us – intarsia - a special type of wood crafting. We will meet at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Mosinee on Tuesday, January 10 at 1:30 PM. Please join us for an afternoon of fellowship and education. Any questions please call Ruth at 715-573-2142.

New Bible Class Beginning Jan. 8 - Join us for “In Season & Out of Season”. Learn how to confidently share Jesus whenever and wherever God has planted you. We meet on Sundays at 10:15 am.

WELS Youth Night - Coming Sunday January 22 from 5:45-8:30pm is our 2nd area "WELS Youth Night" to be held at Northland Lutheran High School! Teens will experience an inspiring evening of games, music, prayer, Bible message, small group discussion, and fun with other high school youth (9th-12th grade) from local WELS congregations. Pizza will be provided! The goal is for our youth to see that they are not alone and to be encouraged to enjoy the faith they share with others. This event is free, and teens are encouraged to invite a friend. We are inviting teens and their friends from all around the area to join us – it's not just for NLHS students! A sign up can be found at mysaintpeter.org.

This Week at Our Savior's

Today	9:00 AM	Worship <i>No Sunday School or Bible Class</i>
Tuesday		OS School Resumes
Thursday	4:30 PM	OSS Basketball at Home vs Faith Christian
Sunday 1/8	9:00 AM 10:15 AM	Worship with Communion Sunday School & Bible Class <i>Orders due for school fundraiser</i>

Growing Together: December 25, 2022

<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Vision</u>	<u>Debt Reduction</u>	<u>Missions</u>	<u>Advent</u>	<u>Chr Eve</u>
\$8,460.00	\$20.00	\$130.00	\$500.00	\$250.00	\$1,030.00
<u>Chr Day</u>	<u>NY Eve</u>	<u>Chr gifts/bags</u>	<u>Plate</u>	<u>School fees</u>	
\$1,925.00	\$635.00	\$85.00 \$24.00	\$145.00	\$98.00	

Anticipated Weekly Offerings \$4,038

Attendance: Christmas Eve – 82 + 11 (online) = 93
 Christmas Day – 70 + 13 (online) = 83



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