



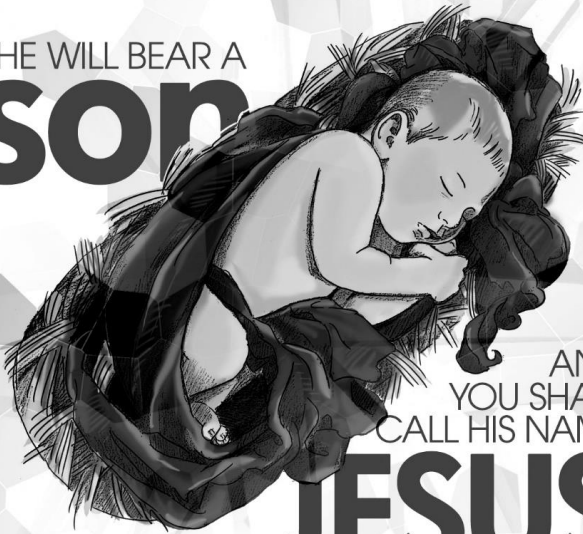
OUR SAVIOR'S

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

January 8, 2023

SHE WILL BEAR A

SON



AND
YOU SHALL
CALL HIS NAME

JESUS,

**FOR HE WILL SAVE HIS PEOPLE
FROM THEIR SINS.**

MATTHEW 1:21, ESV

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

As we begin a New Year of God's grace, we are reminded in our readings that Jesus' Name is the sweetest thing God could ever speak to our ears! Jesus' name was purposely chosen to share with us and remind us that he will save mankind from their sins. For this reason, Jesus was born to struggle and to suffer in this sinful world so that we would have eternal life. Let the name of Jesus fill this church and our hearts today as we worship our Savior.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

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. Amen.

OUR COMMUNION PRACTICE

In the Sacrament of Holy Communion, we express unity with our Savior and those who share our faith and stand on the teachings of God's Word. Therefore, we invite to our altar those who are members of Our Savior's or members of the WELS/ELS. Visitors who wish to commune are asked to speak to the pastor before the service begins.

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

- Minister – Pastor Jeff Mahnke
- Organist – Marie Kurth
- Ushers – Mark Krohn, Kurt Schubring
(Next Sunday – Tim & Ellen Heil)

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Setting One from Christian Worship

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Our Worship

Beginning the Year in Jesus' Name

Opening Hymn

CW 368

- 1 Now greet the swiftly changing year
with joy and penitence sincere.
Rejoice! Rejoice! With thanks embrace
another year of grace.
- 2 Remember now the Son of God
and how he shed his infant blood.
Rejoice! Rejoice! With thanks embrace
another year of grace.
- 3 This Jesus came to end sin's war;
this name of names for us he bore.
Rejoice! Rejoice! With thanks embrace
another year of grace.
- 4 His love abundant far exceeds
the volume of a whole year's needs.
Rejoice! Rejoice! With thanks embrace
another year of grace.
- 5 With him as Lord to lead our way
in want and in prosperity,
what need we fear in earth or space
in this new year of grace?
- 6 "All glory be to God on high,
and peace on earth!" the angels cry.
Rejoice! Rejoice! With thanks embrace
another year of grace.
- 7 God, Father, Son, and Spirit, hear!
To all our pleas incline your ear;
upon our lives rich blessing trace
in this new year of grace.

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Dear friends in Christ: Through the ups and downs of the past year, God has been with us. His strength has supported us. His blessings have enriched us. Most importantly, he has not abandoned us as our sins deserve. As we have begun, by God's grace, a new year, let us approach him with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

Lord of time and eternity, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin. The curse of sin is obvious in my life. I have insulted you and the people around me – by my thoughts, words, and actions. O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.

God's mercies are new every morning. His love and forgiveness follow us from year to year. He sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice to pay for our sins and those of the whole world. 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 and joy of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord!

Glory to God in the Highest

- 1 Glory be to God in heaven, peace to those he loves so well.
On the earth let all his people speak his grace, his wonders tell:
Lord, we praise you for your glory, mighty Father, heaven's King;
hear our joyful adoration and accept the thanks we bring.
- 2 Only Son of God the Father, Lamb who takes our sin away,
now with him in triumph seated— for your mercy, Lord, we pray:
Jesus Christ, most high and holy, Savior, you are God alone
in the glory of the Father with the Spirit, Three in One!

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Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Eternal Son of God, on this day you were called Jesus, a name that proclaims you to be the Savior of all people. Give us strength in the new year to live each day to the honor of your name; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

Numbers 6:22–27

²²The LORD said to Moses, ²³“Tell Aaron and his sons, ‘This is how you are to bless the Israelites. Say to them: ²⁴‘ “The LORD bless you and keep you; ²⁵the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; ²⁶the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.” ’ ²⁷“So they will put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.”

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 42A

1 As the deer pants for the water,
so my soul longs after you;
you alone are my heart’s desire
and I long to worship you. (Refrain)

***Ref You alone are my strength, my shield;
to you alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart’s desire
and I long to worship you.***

2 You’re my friend, and you’re my brother,
even though you are a King.
I love you more than any other,
so much more than anything. (Refrain)

3 I want you more than gold or silver,
only you can satisfy.
You alone are the real joy giver
and the apple of my eye. (Refrain)

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Second Reading

Galatians 3:23–29

²³Before the coming of this faith, we were held in custody under the law, locked up until the faith that was to come would be revealed. ²⁴So the law was our guardian until Christ came that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵Now that this faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian.

²⁶So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, ²⁷for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

Gospel Acclamation

Philippians 2:10,11

Alleluia. At the name of Jesus every knee should bow, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Alleluia.

Gospel

Luke 2:21

²¹On the eighth day, when it was time to circumcise the child, he was named Jesus, the name the angel had given him before he was conceived.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day

CW 496

1 Jesus! Name of wondrous love, name all other names above,
unto which must ev'ry knee bow in deep humility.

- 2 Jesus! Name decreed of old, to the maiden mother told,
kneeling in her lowly cell, by the angel Gabriel.
- 3 Jesus! Name of priceless worth to the fallen here on earth
for the promise that it gave, "Jesus shall his people save."
- 4 Jesus! Name of mercy mild, given to the holy Child
when the cup of human woe first he tasted here below.
- 5 Jesus! Only name that's giv'n under all the mighty heav'n
whereby those to sin enslaved burst their fetters and are saved.
- 6 Jesus! Name of wondrous love, human name of God above;
pleading only this, we flee helpless, O our God, to thee.

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Sermon

“Begin the New Year in Jesus’ Name!”

C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

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

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth. The heavens are the work of your fingers, yet you willed to save us in the most humble and sacrificial of ways. Already eight days after being born of the virgin Mary, your Son was at work for our salvation by fulfilling your Law and shedding his blood. Receive our heartfelt thanks for the righteousness and forgiveness of sins we have obtained through Jesus' life, death and resurrection. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Blessed God, you sent your Son into our flesh, and as an infant he first shed the blood that would cleanse us from our sin. Accept our thanks for the loving kindness shown to us sinners. Grant us a steadfast faith, that we would not forget all of your benefits or lose sight of your promises. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O God, you declare that in Christ Jesus there is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for we are all one in him. Preserve us from all ungodly prejudice, yet instill in us a deep appreciation of our distinctive callings. Grant that we would not resent what you have called us to be and to do, but rejoice to serve as you have ordained. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Father in heaven, bless and keep us by your grace. Remember those in need who cry out to you. According to your will and wisdom, look upon them with your favor and give them peace. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

Gracious Father, in our steadfast love you have put off the day of Jesus' return until the perfect time, when the number of your elect is complete. In the new year that lies before us, keep your people watchful, vigilant and awake with your gift of faith until that day; through Jesus Christ,

who is the same yesterday, today and forever, and who has also taught us to pray:

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

Words of Institution

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.

Amen.

O Christ, Lamb of God

CW 169

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.

- 1 Lord Jesus Christ, you have prepared
this feast for our salvation;
it is your body and your blood,
and at your invitation
as weary souls, with sin oppressed,
we come to you for needed rest,
for comfort, and for pardon.

- 2 Although you did to heav'n ascend,
where angel hosts are dwelling,
and in your presence they behold
your glory, all excelling,
and though your people shall not see
your glory and your majesty
till dawns the judgment morning,

- 3 Yet, Savior, you are not confined
to any habitation,
but you are present ev'rywhere
and with your congregation.
Firm as a rock this truth shall stand,
unmoved by any daring hand
or subtle craft and cunning.

- 4 We eat this bread and drink this cup,
your precious Word believing
that your true body and your blood
our lips are here receiving.
This Word remains forever true,
and there is naught you cannot do,
for you, Lord, are almighty.

- 5 Though reason cannot understand,
yet faith this truth embraces:
your body, Lord, is even now
at once in many places.
I leave to you how this can be;
your Word alone suffices me;
I trust its truth unfailing.

- 6 Lord, I believe what you have said;
help me when doubts assail me.
Remember that I am but dust,
and let my faith not fail me.
Your supper in this vale of tears
refreshes me and stills my fears
and is my priceless treasure.
- 7 Grant that we worthily receive
your supper, Lord, our Savior,
and, truly grieving for our sins,
may prove by our behavior
that we are thankful for your grace
and day by day may run our race,
in holiness increasing.
- 8 For your consoling supper, Lord,
be praised through out all ages!
Preserve it, for in ev'ry place
the world against it rages.
Grant that this sacrament may be
a blessed comfort unto me
when living and when dying.

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Stand

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. 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.

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 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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***Thank you for worshiping 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.

Call Meeting - Our next call meeting is this 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!

New Bible Class Beginning Today - 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.

Asleep in Jesus – The Lord in his love and mercy called home to himself the souls of DuWayne Marquardt and Gerald Ziegel.

A Christian funeral will be held for Gerry on Tuesday, January 10 at 11:00 am. Visitation will be from 9:00 am until the time of service. A luncheon will follow.

A Christian funeral will be held for DuWayne on Friday, January 13 at 11:00 am. Visitation will be from 9:00 am until the time of service. A luncheon will follow.

May our gracious God give comfort and peace to the Ziegel and Marquardt families. *"Blessed (happy) are the dead who die in the Lord from now on."* Rev. 14:13

Memorial – We thank Mark & Beth Krohn for their gift to the Vision fund given in memory of Bill Melanson. Blessed be his memory. Thanks be to God for the love which led to this gift.

Please Pick Up Today:

- 2023 Offering Envelopes
- 2022 Financial Statements
- January Newsletter & Calendar
- Forward in Christ

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.

Newsletter /Calendar – Please email the church office if you'd like future newsletters emailed to you OSInfo@oursaviorswausau.org

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.

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.

Financial Peace University – Take control of your money in 2023 with Financial Peace University starting Sunday, January 22, at 6:00pm and continue each Sunday through March 19th at the St. Peter Schofield Campus. This class uses biblical wisdom to help you tackle budgeting and pay off debt. You can sign up at fpu.com/1156920 or use the link on the church website. The cost is \$129.99 per person/couple. Questions, contact Mark at msickinger78@gmail.com.

Kronenwetter Mission Update – The Core Group and Multi Congregation Task Force will meet on Sunday, January 8th, at 4 pm at Northland. Any Our Saviors members interested in joining the Core Group may attend the meeting.

This Week at Our Savior's

Today	9:00 AM 10:15 AM	Worship with Communion Sunday School & Bible Class <i>Orders due for school fundraiser</i>
Monday	6:00 PM	Board of Education
Tuesday	1:30 PM 4:30 PM	OWLS Meeting at Immanuel, Mosinee OSS Home Basketball
Wednesday	6:00 PM	Coordinating Council
Thursday	1:00 PM 5:00 PM 6:00 PM	Ladies' Aid OSS Home Basketball Call Meeting
Friday	9-11:00 AM 11:00 AM	Visitation Christian Funeral: DuWayne Marquardt
Sunday 1/15	9:00 AM 10:15 AM	Worship Sunday School & Bible Class

Growing Together

December 31, 2022

<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Vision</u>	<u>Advent</u>	<u>Chr Eve</u>	<u>Chr Day</u>	<u>NY Eve</u>
\$500.00	\$130.00	\$10.00	\$25.00	\$250.00	\$195.00

<u>Mission to the Children</u>	<u>School Fees</u>
\$10.00	\$1,000.00

January 1, 2023

<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Vision</u>	<u>Debt Reduction</u>	<u>Initial Env</u>
\$1,450.00	\$145.00	\$85.00	\$170.00

Anticipated Weekly Offerings \$4,038

Attendance: 48 + 31 (online) = 79



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