



# OUR SAVIOR'S

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Epiphany of Our Lord ~ January 15, 2023



*Worshipped*

---

him.

MATTHEW 2:11

## **WELCOME TO WORSHIP!**

You have joined us at Our Savior's today for a special worship celebration, Epiphany. This is the day we remember how the wise men came from the east with their gifts to celebrate the birth of Christ our King. These men remind us that Jesus came as the Savior for the entire world and they also inspire us to bring our best gifts to Jesus in our daily lives as well. We especially welcome those of you who are visiting our church today or haven't been with us in a while. Do come again, so you can grow in your faith and continue your praises to Jesus! If you would like to speak with our pastor, do let us know in person or note this in the friendship register which will be passed after the sermon. May the Lord bless our time together.

## **PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP**

Lord God, by the leading of a star, you once made known to the nations your one and only Son. Guide us, also, who know him now by faith to come at last to the perfect joy of your heavenly glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY**

- Minister – Pastor Kevin Schnake
- Organist – Marie Kurth
- Ushers – Tim & Ellen Heil

*(Next Sunday – Phil Brost, Travis Kurth)*

## **Acknowledgments**

Setting One from Christian Worship

Unless otherwise indicated, Scripture quotations are from The Holy Bible, New International Version®, NIV®. Copyright © 1973, 1978, 1984, 2011 by Biblica, Inc.™ Used by permission of Zondervan. All rights reserved worldwide.

Software distributed in partnership with Northwestern Publishing House.

Created by Christian Worship: Service Builder © 2023 Concordia Publishing House.

# The Epiphany of Our Lord

*A Savior is Born for All Nations*

---

## Opening Hymn

CW 904

- 1 O Christ, our true and only light,  
enlighten those who sit in night;  
let those afar now hear your voice  
and in your fold with us rejoice.
- 2 Fill with the radiance of your grace  
the souls now lost in error's maze;  
enlighten those whose inmost minds  
some dark delusion haunts and blinds.
- 3 O gently call those gone astray  
that they may find the saving way;  
let ev'ry conscience sore oppressed  
in you find peace and heav'nly rest.
- 4 Shine on the darkened and the cold,  
recall the wand'ers to your fold;  
unite all those who walk apart,  
confirm the weak and doubting heart,
- 5 That they with us may evermore  
such grace with wond'ring thanks adore  
and endless praise to you be giv'n  
by all your Church in earth and heav'n.

Text: tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.; Johann Heermann, 1585–1647  
Text: Public domain

*Stand*

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

**And also with you.**

Lord God, heavenly Father, we hear your call: “Arise, shine! For your light has come,

**And the glory of the Lord rises upon you.”**

We have seen your light in your Son, who said, “I am the light of the world.

**Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.”**

Gracious Lord God, your glory has risen upon us, for you have brought us to believe and confess: “The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory,

**The glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.”**

God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

**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.**

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.

**I am forgiven and God’s child. Praise the Lord! Amen.**

## Song of Praise

CW 374 st. 5

5 All glo - ry un - to Je - sus be and praise for  
his e - piph - a - ny, whom with the Fa - ther we a -  
dore and Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.

Text: tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.; Coelius Sedulius, 5th cent., abr.  
Tune: Geistliche Lieder auff's new gebessert, Wittenberg, 1535, ed. Joseph Klug  
Text and tune: Public domain

## First Reading

Isaiah 60:1–6

*Kings from distant nations are drawn to the light*

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD is dawning upon you. <sup>2</sup>Look, darkness covers the earth, and deep darkness covers the peoples, but the LORD will dawn upon you, and his glory will be seen over you. <sup>3</sup>Nations will walk to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

<sup>4</sup>Look up. Look all around and see! All of them have been gathered. They are coming to you. Your sons will come from far away, and people will carry your daughters on their side. <sup>5</sup>Then you will look and be radiant. Your heart will race with excitement and burst with joy. For great riches from the sea will be delivered to you. The wealth of the nations will come to you. <sup>6</sup>Caravans of camels will cover your land, young camels from Midian and Ephah. All those from Sheba will come. They will carry gold and incense, and they will announce the good news of the praise of the LORD.

# Psalm of the Day

# Psalm 72A

## Refrain

Lord, ev - 'ry na-tion on earth will a - dore you.

## Tone

Endow the king with your justice, / O God,  
the royal son with your / righteousness.  
May he endure as long / as the sun,  
as long as the moon, through all gener- / ations.

May he be like rain falling on a / mown field,  
like showers water- / ing the earth.  
In his days may the righteous / flourish  
and prosperity abound till the moon / is no more. *Refrain*

May all kings bow / down to him  
and all nations / serve him.  
Long may he live! May gold from Sheba be / given him.  
May the kings of Sheba and Seba pre- / sent him gifts.

May people ever / pray for him  
and bless him / all day long.  
Then all nations will be / blessed through him,  
and they will / call him blessed.

**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***

Tune: Stephen Pishner      Setting: Stephen Pishner  
Text: © 1969, 1981, 1997 ICEL (refrain). Used by permission: OneLicense no. 716671  
Music: © 2013 GIA Publications, Inc. Used by permission: OneLicense no. 716671

## Second Reading

**Ephesians 3:2–12**

*People of all nations are united in the Savior's kingdom*

<sup>2</sup>Surely you have heard of the administration of God's grace given to me for you, <sup>3</sup>namely, that the mystery was made known to me by revelation (as I have already written briefly). <sup>4</sup>When you read this, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ. <sup>5</sup>This mystery was not made known to people in past generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets. <sup>6</sup>This mystery is that in Christ Jesus the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and people who also share in the promise through the gospel.

<sup>7</sup>I became a servant of this gospel, in keeping with the gift of God's grace that was given to me by the working of his power. <sup>8</sup>To me—even though I am the very least of all the saints—was given this grace: to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ <sup>9</sup>and to enlighten everyone about the administration of this mystery. In past ages this mystery remained hidden in God, who created all things. <sup>10</sup>He did this so that, through the church, the multifaceted wisdom of God would now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. <sup>11</sup>This was done according to the eternal purpose that he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord. <sup>12</sup>In him we can freely approach God with confidence through faith in him.

*Stand*

# Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 2:2

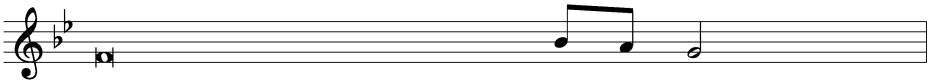


*Refrain*



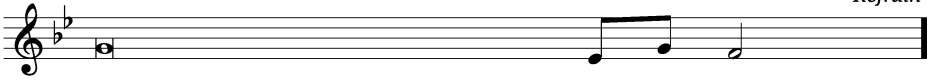
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*Tone*



Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews?

*Refrain*



We saw his star when it rose and have come to wor - ship him.

Tune: © 2021 Northwestern Publishing House. Used by permission: OneLicense no. 716671

# Gospel

Matthew 2:1–12

*The Wise men worship the Christ child*

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, when Herod was king, Wise Men from the east came to Jerusalem. <sup>2</sup>They asked, “Where is he who has been born King of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” <sup>3</sup>When King Herod heard this, he was alarmed, and all Jerusalem with him. <sup>4</sup>He gathered together all the people’s chief priests and experts in the law. He asked them where the Christ was to be born. <sup>5</sup>They said to him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, because this was written through the prophet: <sup>6</sup>You, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are certainly not least among the rulers of Judah: because out of you will come a ruler, who will shepherd my people, Israel.”

<sup>7</sup>Then Herod secretly summoned the Wise Men and found out from them exactly when the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup>He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the child. When you find him, report to me, so that I may also go and worship him.” <sup>9</sup>After listening to the king, they went on their way. Then the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them, until it stood still over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup>When they saw the star, they rejoiced with overwhelming joy. <sup>11</sup>After they went into the house and saw the child with Mary, his



mother, they bowed down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. <sup>12</sup>Since they had been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they went back to their own country by another route.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Be seated*

## Children's Message

### Hymn of the Day

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.

Text (sts. 1–3): James Montgomery, 1771–1854, alt.; (st. 4): Salisbury Hymn Book, 1857, alt.  
Text: Public domain

## Sermon

### Wise Men Know How to Worship!

*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.**

## **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**

### **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.**

### **Closing Prayer**

Lord God, by the leading of a star you once made known to the nations your one and only Son. Guide us, also, who know him now by faith, to come at last to the perfect joy of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### **Blessing**

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.

**Amen.**

- 1 As with gladness men of old  
did the guiding star behold,  
as with joy they hailed its light,  
leading onward, beaming bright,  
so, most gracious Lord, may we  
evermore be led by thee.
  
- 2 As with joyful steps they sped,  
Savior, to thy lowly bed,  
there to bend the knee before  
thee, whom heav'n and earth adore,  
so may we with willing feet  
ever seek thy mercy seat.
  
- 3 As they offered gifts most rare  
at thy cradle, rude and bare,  
so may we with holy joy,  
pure and free from sin's alloy,  
all our costliest treasures bring,  
Christ, to thee, our heav'nly King.
  
- 4 Holy Jesus, ev'ry day  
keep us in the narrow way;  
and, when earthly things are past,  
bring our ransomed souls at last  
where they need no star to guide,  
where no clouds thy glory hide.
  
- 5 In the heav'nly country bright  
need they no created light;  
thou its light, its joy, its crown,  
thou its sun which goes not down.  
There forever may we sing  
alleluias to our King!

---

*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](mailto:pastorm@mysaintpeter.org).

**Call Meeting** - A call meeting was held this past Thursday, and further information will be announced today.

**Annual Forum & Voters' Assembly** - All members are encouraged to attend the open forum and voters' assembly which will be held in two weeks on Sunday, Jan. 29 following our worship service.

**Memorials** – We are grateful to our members for their gifts given in memory of:

- Virginia Fromnes – Donna Clark, Truman Clark
- Deloris Heil – Mark & Beth Krohn
- Bill Melanson – Ellen Fitzke, Rick & Karen Leopold
- DuWayne Marquardt – Suzanne Durkee, Ellen, Fitzke, Bob & Janice Gresens, Mark & Beth Krohn, Rick & Karen Leopold
- Gerald Ziegel – Ellen Fitzke, Bob & Janice Gresens, Mark & Beth Krohn, Rick & Karen Leopold, Lorraine Melanson

*Blessed be their memories.*

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

**Please Pick Up Today:**

- 2023 Offering Envelopes
- 2022 Financial Statements
- January Newsletter & Calendar
- Forward in Christ, Meditations, Portals of Prayer

**Newsletter /Calendar** – Please email the church office if you'd like future newsletters emailed to you [OSInfo@oursaviorswausau.org](mailto:OSInfo@oursaviorswausau.org)

**Address & Phone Updates** – Please update address and phone numbers for our next directory coming out later this month. Drop a note in the offering plate, write a note on the Friendship Register, slide a note under the office door, or email [OSInfo@oursaviorswausau.org](mailto:OSInfo@oursaviorswausau.org).

**Lutheran Leadership Conference**– This Monday through Wednesday a WELS National Conference on Lutheran Leadership will be held at the Hilton in downtown Chicago. Tim Heil will represent Our Savior's. Pastor Mahnke will also be going, along with 12 other called workers and members of St Peter. In addition to five keynote presentations, there will be over 40 breakout workshops on numerous topics including evangelism, leadership, women's ministry, worship, education, stewardship, volunteerism, etc. One workshop that Tim and Pastor Mahnke will attend together is titled *Congregation at the Crossroads: Five Questions for Challenged Churches*. May the Lord bless the conference and grant safe travels to Tim and Ellen (she will be going along with Tim though not attending the conference), as well as to the St Peter group. If you'd like to learn more about the conference, please go to its website: [lutheranleadership.com](http://lutheranleadership.com)

**WELS Youth Night** - Sunday January 22 from 5:45-8:30pm is our 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://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 19<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](mailto:msickinger78@gmail.com).

## This Week at Our Savior's

<b>Today</b>	9:00 AM 10:15 AM	Worship / WELS Connection Sunday School & Bible Class
<b>Monday</b>		<i>No school</i> Lutheran Leadership Conf thru Wed
<b>Tuesday</b>	5:00 PM	OSS Basketball at Trinity, Minocqua
<b>Thursday</b>	5:00 PM	OSS Home Basketball
<b>Sunday 1/22</b>	9:00 AM 10:15 AM 5:45 PM	Worship Sunday School & Bible Class WELS Youth Night at NLHS

## Growing Together

January 8, 2023

<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Vision</u>	<u>Debt Red</u>	<u>Missions</u>	<u>Chr Day</u>	<u>NY Eve</u>
\$3,182.00	\$485.00	\$315.00	\$50.00	\$125.00	\$400.00

<u>Initial Env</u>	<u>Bldg Maint</u>	<u>Memorials</u>	<u>NLHS Op</u>	<u>OS School</u>
\$111.00	\$50.00	\$280.00	\$30.00	\$50.00

<u>School Fees</u>	<u>BoxTops for Education</u>
\$2,684.00	\$34.10

**Anticipated Weekly Offerings \$4,038**

**Attendance:** 79 + 24 (online) = 103



*Growing in Jesus, Sharing His Love*

## **Our Savior's Ev. Lutheran Church**

703 Flieth St, Wausau WI 54401

715-845-3253

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

Website: [www.oursaviorswausau.org](http://www.oursaviorswausau.org)

Facebook: Our Savior's Lutheran Church and School

**Pastor Jeff Mahnke, Vacancy Pastor**

715-297-0132

[pastorm@mysaintpeter.org](mailto:pastorm@mysaintpeter.org)

