



# OUR SAVIOR'S

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Second Sunday after Epiphany ~ January 22, 2023*

**“This is my Son,  
the Beloved, with whom  
I am well pleased.”**



**Matthew 3:17, NRSV**

## **WELCOME TO WORSHIP!**

Welcome as we celebrate the Baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ. The Baptism of Jesus marks the beginning of his public ministry. The time had also come for him to be revealed as the Messiah to Israel. Messiah or Christ means “the Anointed One” at his baptism Jesus was anointed by the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove. Jesus’ baptism also gives us a great opportunity to remember our own baptisms.

## **PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP**

Merciful Father in heaven, we thank you for the gift of Baptism by which you wash away sin and give us a new and eternal life. Help us each day to remember that through Baptism you clothe us with Christ, that we may stand holy and righteous before you. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY**

- Minister – Vicar Caleb Gustafson
- Organist – Marie Kurth
- Ushers – Phil Brost, Travis Kurth  
*(Next Sunday – Tony Sulko, Bill Unruh)*

## **Acknowledgments**

Setting One from Christian Worship

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# Jesus' Baptism

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## Opening Hymn

CW 684

Father welcomes all his children to his fam'ly through his Son.  
Father giving his salvation, life forever has been won.

- 1 Little children, come to me, for my kingdom is of these.  
Life and love I have to give, mercy for your sin.  
Father welcomes all his children to his fam'ly through his Son.  
Father giving his salvation, life forever has been won.
- 2 In the water, in the Word, in his promise, be assured:  
those who are baptized and believe shall be born again.  
Father welcomes all his children to his fam'ly through his Son.  
Father giving his salvation, life forever has been won.
- 3 Let us daily die to sin; let us daily rise with him,  
walk in the love of Christ our Lord, live in the peace of God.  
Father welcomes all his children to his fam'ly through his Son.  
Father giving his salvation, life forever has been won.

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*Stand*

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

## Confession

CW 154

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.**

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.**

## Song of Praise

CW 657 sts. 1-2, 5



1 Bap - tis - mal wa - ters cov - er me as I ap -  
2 I look to Christ up - on the tree, his bod - y  
5 Bap - tis - mal wa - ters cov - er me; Christ's wound - ed



proach on bend - ed knee; my Fa - ther's mer - cy  
bro - ken there for me; I lay be - fore him  
hand has set me free. Held in my Fa - ther's



here I plead, for griev - ous sins of thought and deed.  
all my sin, my dark - est se - crets from with - in.  
strong em - brace, with joy I praise him for his grace.

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## Prayer of the Day

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.

**Amen.**

*Be seated*

## The Word

### First Reading

**Isaiah 42:1–7**

*The Lord promised to put his Spirit on the Messiah*

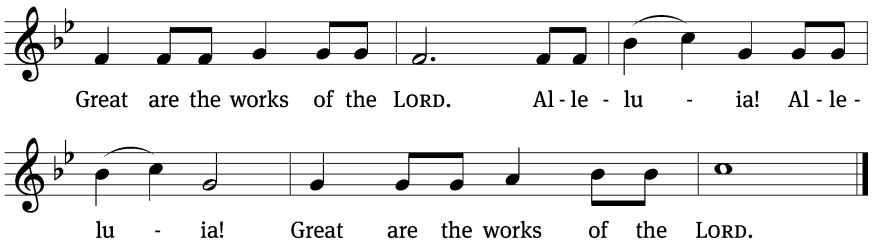
<sup>1</sup>“Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him, and he will bring justice to the nations. <sup>2</sup>He will not shout or cry out, or raise his voice in the streets. <sup>3</sup>A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out. In faithfulness he will bring forth justice; <sup>4</sup>he will not falter or be discouraged till he establishes justice on earth. In his teaching the islands will put their hope.”

<sup>5</sup>This is what God the LORD says— the Creator of the heavens, who stretches them out, who spreads out the earth with all that springs from it, who gives breath to its people, and life to those who walk on it: <sup>6</sup>“I, the LORD, have called you in righteousness; I will take hold of your hand. I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles, <sup>7</sup>to open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness.

# Psalm of the Day

Psalm 45B

## Refrain



Great are the works of the LORD. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Great are the works of the LORD.

## Tone



My heart is stirred by a / noble theme  
as I recite my verses / for the king.  
You are the most excel- / lent of men  
and your lips have been anoint- / ed with grace.  
Gird your sword on your side, you / mighty one;  
clothe yourself with splendor and / majesty. *Refrain*

Your throne, O God, will last for ever and / ever;  
a scepter of justice will be the scepter of your / kingdom.  
You love righteousness and hate / wickedness;  
therefore God, your God, has set you above your com- / panions.  
I will perpetuate your memory through all gener- / ations;  
therefore the nations will praise you for ever and / ever.  
**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

Acts 10:34–38

*Peter proclaims how God anointed Jesus with the Holy Spirit*

<sup>34</sup>Then Peter began to speak: “I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism <sup>35</sup>but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right. <sup>36</sup>You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached— <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

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## Gospel Acclamation

1 John 2:2



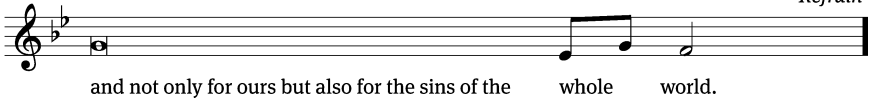
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*Tone*



*Refrain*



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## Gospel

**Matthew 3:13–17**

*Jesus' baptism as he was anointed with the Spirit*

<sup>13</sup>Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John.

<sup>14</sup>But John tried to deter him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?"

<sup>15</sup>Jesus replied, "Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness." Then John consented.

<sup>16</sup>As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. <sup>17</sup>And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Be seated*

## Children's Message

### Hymn of the Day

**CW 377**

- 1 To Jordan's river came our Lord,  
the Christ, whom heav'nly hosts adored,  
the God from God, the Light from Light,  
the Lord of glory, pow'r, and might.
- 2 The Savior came to be baptized—  
the Son of God in flesh disguised—  
to stand beneath the Father's will  
and all his promises fulfill.
- 3 As Jesus in the Jordan stood  
and John baptized the Lamb of God,  
the Holy Spirit, heav'nly dove,  
descended on him from above.



- 4 Then from God's throne with thund'rous sound  
came God's own voice with words profound:  
"This is my Son," was his decree,  
"the one I love, who pleases me."
- 5 The Father's word, the Spirit's flight  
anointed Christ in glorious sight  
as God's own choice, from Adam's fall  
to save the world and free us all.
- 6 Now rise, faint hearts: be resolute!  
This man is Christ, our substitute!  
He was baptized in Jordan's stream,  
proclaimed Redeemer, Lord supreme.

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## Sermon

*Matthew 3:13-17*

### ***Let Jesus' Baptism Remind You of Your Own!***

## **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

Almighty God and Father, we thank you for all your mercies, especially for the gift of your Son, through whom you have revealed your gracious will. We praise you for the Holy Spirit and his working through the means of grace.

**Plant your Word in our hearts, and cause it to produce fruit in our lives.**

Strengthen and defend your Church, that by your Word and sacraments faith may grow and love toward all may increase.

**Support all who spread the light of your truth throughout the world.**

Keep our children in the grace of their baptisms. Enable their parents to train them in lives of faith.

**Raise up Christians to serve you in the ministry of the Word and in all godly walks of life.**

Preserve our nation in justice and honor. Guide and bless all who make, administer, and judge our laws.

**Give them wisdom that they may promote justice and hinder evil.**

Let your blessing rest on planting and harvest, commerce and industry, medicine and science, the arts and culture. Protect all who travel, and care for those whose work is difficult or dangerous.

**Be with all who devote themselves to any useful task.**

*Special prayers may follow*

Grant us these things, Father, for the sake of Jesus, who died and rose again.

**Amen.**

## **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 grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**Amen.**

## **Closing Hymn**

**CW 384 sts. 1–2**

- 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.

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

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**Pastoral Call** – On January 12 our voters issued a divine call to Pastor Michael Schneider, who currently serves at Zion Lutheran Church in Crete, IL. You may reach out to him at [schneidermichael@gmail.com](mailto:schneidermichael@gmail.com). Please keep him, his family and both of our congregations in your prayers as he considers where he can best serve our Lord.

**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).

**Asleep in Jesus** – In his great love and mercy, our Lord called home to himself the soul of Judy Wisneski on January 17. Service arrangements will be announced. Please remember Judy's family in your prayers. Blessed be her memory.

**Memorials** – We thank the following members and friends for their gifts given in memory of:

- **Delores Heil** (mother of Tim Heil) - Bill & Sue Unruh
- **Bill Melanson** – Ellen Fitzke, Bill & Sue Unruh
- **DuWayne Marquardt** – Friends & Family, Keith & Laura Brandt, LaVonne Conklin, Ellen Fitzke, Audrey Jones, Travis & Marie Kurth, Mavis Schubring, David & Kelly Schultz, Bill & Sue Unruh,
- **Gerald Ziegel** - Keith & Laura Brandt, Ellen Fitzke, Mavis Schubring, David & Kelly Schultz, Bill & Sue Unruh

*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

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

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

**Last Day for Address & Phone Updates** – 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).

**Bible Information Class** – Invite your friends and neighbors to a new class on Mondays beginning January 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 6:30 pm in the St. Peter Schofield Campus basement. These classes are intended to help those looking for a church home or those wanting Biblical answers to life's big questions.

**WELS Youth Night - Tonight** from 5:45-8:30pm is our 2<sup>nd</sup> area "WELS Youth Night" 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).

**Men of His Word** – The Men of His Word conference is coming back to Oshkosh 7:15 AM – 3:30 PM on Saturday, **February 18, 2023**. You can check out the full conference details at [menofhisword.org](http://menofhisword.org). A few highlights: Pastor Dan Solofra will be the keynote speaker, Koine' will lead us in song worship, located at Best Western Premier Waterfront Hotel and Convention Center, 1 N. Main Street, Oshkosh, WI.

**NLHS: February 7 Open Forum** - Please remember that we have an Open Forum in the chapel at 6 pm on Tuesday, February 7. Topics include enrollment, the Special Needs Scholarship Program, debt and debt reduction, long range planning brainstorming, and any topics of importance for parents so they can come to the Board. Those in attendance are welcomed to stay for the Board/Delegate meeting starting at 7 pm. The topics for that meeting include next year's budget and each Committee's Fast Fives.

## This Week at Our Savior's

<b>Today</b>	9:00 AM 10:15 AM 5:45 PM	Worship / WELS Connection Sunday School & Bible Class WELS Youth Night at NLHS
<b>Tuesday</b>	5:00 PM 4:30-6:30 PM	OSS Home Basketball Preschool & Kindergarten Open House
<b>Wednesday</b>	8:00 AM	OSS Muffins with Mom
<b>Friday</b>	5:00 PM	OSS Basketball at St. Paul, WI Rapids
<b>Saturday</b>		Xavier Robotics Tournament OS Day at Dime & Dollar
<b>Sunday 1/29</b>	9:00 AM 10:15 AM	Worship with Communion Sunday School Annual Open Forum & Voters' Assembly

## Growing Together

**January 15, 2023**

<u>Weekly</u> \$5,352.00	<u>Vision</u> \$490.00	<u>Debt Red</u> \$390.00	<u>Missions</u> \$75.00	<u>Initial Env</u> \$48.00	<u>Plate</u> \$10.00
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<u>OS Tuition Asst</u> \$25.00	<u>NLHS T/A</u> \$15.00	<u>NLHS Op</u> \$270.00	<u>NLHS Op</u> \$30.00	<u>Church Computer</u> \$240.00
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<u>Memorial</u> \$420.00	<u>School Fees</u> \$666.00	<u>Gym Floor</u> \$205.00
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**Anticipated Weekly Offerings \$4,038**

**Attendance:** 73 + 43 (online) = 116

# COME & GET THE SCOOP



**Our Savior's Lutheran School  
Preschool & Kindergarten  
Open House**

**Tuesday, Jan. 24<sup>th</sup>, 4:30pm – 6:30pm**

**Our Savior's partners with parents in the academic, social, physical, and spiritual training of their children by providing a high-quality, Christ-centered education.**

## **Want to learn more?**

"Come and get the scoop" on our Preschool & Kindergarten on January 24<sup>th</sup>.

We offer morning preschool on M-W-F and full-day kindergarten.

Learn about our school and enjoy an ice cream treat with us!

If you are unable to visit during the open house but would like to learn more, please contact us at (715) 845-3253 or by email at [principal@oursaviorswausau.org](mailto:principal@oursaviorswausau.org).



*Growing in Jesus, Sharing His Love*

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