



OUR SAVIOR'S

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Third Sunday after Epiphany ~ January 29, 2023



WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

Today is the third Sunday of Epiphany where we are encouraged by God's Word to walk in the light of Christ and reflect it in our relationship with others. Our world is filled with people that are waiting to love after someone has been kind to them first; however, Jesus was not like that and we too are called to live like him. It's time for us now to love others as Christ loved us and let his light shine to all. If you are visiting St. Peter today, may God bless your worship with us and do join us again soon in Gods house!

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

"I rejoiced with those who said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'" Give me joy, dear Jesus, as I prepare to worship you today. Make me understand what my life would be like without you so that I long to hear about your grace and compassions. Help me participate in a way that honors you and builds up all who worship with me, and let their worship strengthen and encourage my faith. 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 Kevin Schnake
 - Organist – Marie Kurth
 - Ushers – Tony Sulko, Bill Unruh
- (Next Sunday – Rick & Karen Leopold)*

Acknowledgments

Setting One from Christian Worship

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Jesus Appears as a Light in the Darkness

Opening Hymn

CW 713

- 1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world.
The star of my life is Jesus.
In him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

- 2 I want to see the brightness of God.
I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path,
and show me the way to the Father.
In him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

- 3 I'm looking for the coming of Christ.
I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race,
we shall know the joy of Jesus.
In him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

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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.

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.

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.

Glory Be to God

CW 157

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.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you sent your Son to proclaim your kingdom and teach with authority. Anoint us with the power of your Spirit that we too may bring good news to the afflicted, bind up the brokenhearted, and proclaim liberty to the captive; 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 8:19—9:4

The people walking in darkness will see a great light

¹⁹When someone tells you to consult mediums and spiritists, who whisper and mutter, should not a people inquire of their God? Why consult the dead on behalf of the living? ²⁰Consult God's instruction and the testimony of warning. If anyone does not speak according to this word, they have no light of dawn. ²¹Distressed and hungry, they will roam through the land; when they are famished, they will become enraged and, looking upward, will curse their king and their God. ²²Then they will look toward the earth and see only distress and darkness and fearful gloom, and they will be thrust into utter darkness.

¹Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future he will honor Galilee of the nations, by the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan—

²The people walking in darkness
have seen a great light;
on those living in the land of deep darkness
a light has dawned.

³You have enlarged the nation
and increased their joy;
they rejoice before you
as people rejoice at the harvest,
as warriors rejoice
when dividing the plunder.

⁴For as in the day of Midian's defeat,
you have shattered
the yoke that burdens them,
the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor.

27A The LORD Is My Light

Psalm 27A

Refrain

The LORD is my light, the LORD is my help, the
LORD is my sal - va - tion.

Tone

The LORD is my light and my salvation—whom / shall I fear?
The LORD is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I / be afraid?
One thing I ask / from the LORD,
this only / do I seek:
that I may dwell in the house / of the LORD
all the days / of my life,
to gaze on the beauty / of the LORD
and to seek him in his / temple. *Refrain*

He will hide me in the shelter of his / sacred tent
and set me high up- / on a rock.
I remain confi- / dent of this:
I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land / of the living.
Wait / for the LORD;
be strong and take heart and wait / for the LORD.
**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***

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Second Reading

1 John 2:3–11

God's children walk in the light and reflect it

³We know that we have come to know him if we keep his commands. ⁴Whoever says, "I know him," but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in that person. ⁵But if anyone obeys his word, love for God is truly made complete in them. This is how we know we are in him: ⁶Whoever claims to live in him must live as Jesus did.

⁷Dear friends, I am not writing you a new command but an old one, which you have had since the beginning. This old command is the message you have heard. ⁸Yet I am writing you a new command; its truth is seen in him and in you, because the darkness is passing and the true light is already shining.

⁹Anyone who claims to be in the light but hates a brother or sister is still in the darkness. ¹⁰Anyone who loves their brother and sister lives in the light, and there is nothing in them to make them stumble. ¹¹But anyone who hates a brother or sister is in the darkness and walks around in the darkness. They do not know where they are going, because the darkness has blinded them.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

Isaiah 9:2

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The people walking in darkness have seen a / great light;
on those living in the land of deep darkness a / light has dawned.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 4:12–23

Jesus begins his preaching ministry; a light shines in darkness

¹²When Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³Leaving Nazareth, he went and lived in Capernaum, which was by the lake in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali— ¹⁴to fulfill what was said through the prophet Isaiah:

¹⁵“Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali,
the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan,
Galilee of the Gentiles—

¹⁶the people living in darkness
have seen a great light;
on those living in the land of the shadow of death
a light has dawned.”

¹⁷From that time on Jesus began to preach, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

¹⁸As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. ¹⁹“Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.” ²⁰At once they left their nets and followed him.

²¹Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, ²²and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

²³Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Children's Message

- 1 All praise to him, the God of light
who formed the mountains by his might.
All praise to him who names the stars
that sing his fame in skies afar.
All praise to him who reigns in love,
who guides the galaxies above,
yet bends to hear our ev'ry prayer
with sov'reign pow'r and tender care.

- 2 All praise to him whose love is seen
in Christ the Son, the servant King,
who left behind his glorious throne
to pay the ransom for his own.
All praise to him who humbly came
to bear our sorrow, sin, and shame,
who lived to die, who died to rise,
the all-sufficient sacrifice.

- 3 All praise to him whose pow'r imparts
the love of God within our hearts,
the Spirit of all truth and peace,
the fount of joy and holiness.
To Father, Son, and Spirit now
our souls we lift, our wills we bow;
to you, the triune God, we raise
with loving hearts our song of praise.

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Sermon

1 John 2:3-11

Walk in Love Like Jesus

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.

Stand

Prayer of the Church

In peace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the gifts of life and salvation, that the Lord would make our way glorious with the forgiveness of sins and the hope of heaven, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the continued proclamation of the cross's power, that from this life-giving tree we would receive the gifts that preserve faith, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the Church's unity in the mind and judgment of Christ, that almighty God would preserve us from division and fix our eyes on the Word of the cross, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For families, that our Father in heaven would bless our households with grace and protection; and that we might remember Him in both joy and trouble and worship before him forever, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For penitent and joyful hearts, that those who partake of the Sacrament this day would rejoice that the kingdom of heaven is at hand in the body and blood of Jesus, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

Special prayers and silent prayers

Gracious Lord, receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to you alone we give all glory, honor and worship. Now hear us as we join our hearts in the prayer your Son has taught us:

Lord's Prayer

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 unailing.
- 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.

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

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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.

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 930 sts. 1–2

- 1 Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you; you are my own.
In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.

- 2 Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Here you heard my dear Son's story;
here you touched him, saw his glory.
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.

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

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. 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.

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

DuWayne Marquardt – Vi Schmidt, Ken & Kay Jaschob, Merlin Zahrt

Gerald Ziegel – Vi Schmidt

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

Today: Annual Forum & Voters’ Assembly - All members are encouraged to attend the open forum and voters’ assembly which will be held today following our worship service.

Please Pick Up Today:

- Annual Report & Directory
- February Newsletter & Calendar
- 2023 Offering Envelopes
- 2022 Financial Statements
- Forward in Christ

Growing Together					
January 22, 2023					
<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Vision</u>	<u>Debt Red</u>	<u>Memorials</u>	<u>Plate</u>	<u>School Fees</u>
\$1,526.00	\$240.00	\$70.00	\$100.00	\$36.00	\$1,593.75
Anticipated Weekly Offerings \$4,038					
Attendance: 56 + 10 (online) = 66					

This Week at Our Savior's

Today	9:00 AM 10:15 AM	Worship with Communion Sunday School Annual Open Forum & Voters' Assembly
Tuesday	4:00 PM	OSS Basketball at St. Peter, Schofield
Sunday 2/5	9:00 AM 10:15 AM	Worship Sunday School & Bible Class



Growing in Jesus, Sharing His Love

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