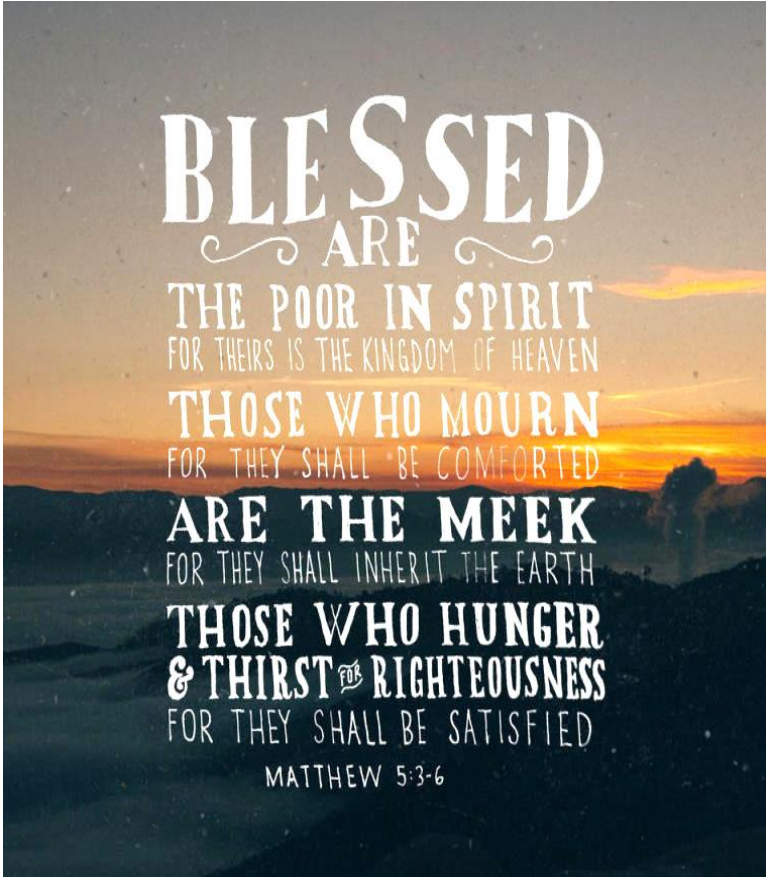




# OUR SAVIOR'S

## EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Fourth Sunday after Epiphany ~ February 5, 2023*



## **WELCOME TO WORSHIP!**

This week we start looking at probably the most famous sermon of all, The Sermon on the Mount. Jesus reminds us of who is truly blessed on this earth. It's not the people we may expect. It's not the rich and famous rather the meek, the persecuted, and those who mourn. May God bless our meditation on his Word today.

## **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.

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Setting One from Christian Worship

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## **SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY**

- Minister – Vicar Caleb Gustafson
- Organist – Marie Kurth
- Ushers – Rick & Karen Leopold  
(*Next Sunday – Dan & Carrie Stelzer*)

## **PLEASE PICK UP:**

- Annual Report & Directory
- February Newsletter/Calendar
- 2023 Offering Envelopes
- Forward in Christ

# ***The Savior's Sermon: Trust in God's Strength***

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## **Opening Hymn**

**CW 705**

- 1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways  
to keep his statutes still!  
Oh, that my God would grant me grace  
to know and do his will!
- 2 Order my footsteps by your Word,  
and make my heart sincere;  
let sin have no dominion, Lord,  
but keep my conscience clear.
- 3 Assist my soul, too apt to stray,  
a stricter watch to keep,  
and should I e'er forget your way,  
restore your wand'ring sheep.
- 4 Make me to walk in your commands—  
'tis a delightful road—  
nor let my head or heart or hands  
offend against my God.

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*Stand*

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



## Glory to God in the Highest

- 1 To God on high be glory  
and peace to all the earth,  
for God has shown his favor  
in Jesus' holy birth!  
Almighty God and Father,  
our humble thanks we bring;  
we worship you, we bless you,  
Lord God, our heav'nly King.
  
- 2 O Lamb of God exalted,  
you take all sin away;  
extend to us your mercy  
and hear us as we pray.  
With God the Holy Spirit,  
at God the Father's throne,  
you reign, O Christ, forever,  
for you are Lord alone!

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## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, look with mercy on our weaknesses, and in all our dangers and needs stretch out the right hand of your majesty to help and defend us; 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

*Zephaniah 2:3; 3:11-13*

<sup>3</sup>Seek the LORD, all you humble of the land,  
you who do what he commands.  
Seek righteousness, seek humility;  
perhaps you will be sheltered  
on the day of the LORD's anger.

<sup>11</sup>On that day you, Jerusalem, will not be put to shame  
for all the wrongs you have done to me,  
because I will remove from you  
your arrogant boasters.  
Never again will you be haughty  
on my holy hill.

<sup>12</sup>But I will leave within you  
the meek and humble.  
The remnant of Israel  
will trust in the name of the LORD.

<sup>13</sup>They will do no wrong;  
they will tell no lies.  
A deceitful tongue  
will not be found in their mouths.  
They will eat and lie down  
and no one will make them afraid.”

# Psalm of the Day

# Psalm 1 (Old CW)

## Refrain



Bless-ed are they who hope, who hope in the Lord.

## Psalm tone



Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked\*  
or stand in the way of sinners.

But his delight is in the law of the LORD,\*  
and on his law he meditates day and night.

He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in  
season\*  
and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prosper.

## Refrain

Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,\*  
nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous,\*  
but the way of the wicked will perish.

**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

## Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:26–31

<sup>26</sup>Brothers and sisters, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup>But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. <sup>28</sup>God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, <sup>29</sup>so that no one may boast before him. <sup>30</sup>It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption. <sup>31</sup>Therefore, as it is written: “Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord.”

Stand

## Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 5:3



Refrain



Tone



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<sup>1</sup>Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, <sup>2</sup>and he began to teach them.

He said:

<sup>3</sup>“Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup>Blessed are those who mourn,  
for they will be comforted.

<sup>5</sup>Blessed are the meek,  
for they will inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup>Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,  
for they will be filled.

<sup>7</sup>Blessed are the merciful,  
for they will be shown mercy.

<sup>8</sup>Blessed are the pure in heart,  
for they will see God.

<sup>9</sup>Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they will be called children of God.

<sup>10</sup>Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>11</sup>“Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Be seated*

## Children's Message

- 1    Blest are they, the poor in spirit, theirs is the kingdom of God.  
      Blest are they, full of sorrow, they shall be consoled.  
      Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you, holy are you!  
      Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!
  
- 2    Blest are they, the lowly ones, they shall inherit the earth.  
      Blest are they who hunger and thirst, they shall have their fill.  
      Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you, holy are you!  
      Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!
  
- 3    Blest are they who show mercy, mercy shall be theirs.  
      Blest are they, the pure of heart, they shall see God!  
      Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you, holy are you!  
      Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!
  
- 4    Blest are they who seek peace, they are the children of God.  
      Blest are they who suffer in faith, the glory of God is theirs.  
      Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you, holy are you!  
      Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!
  
- 5    Blest are you who suffer hate all because of me.  
      Rejoice and be glad, yours is the kingdom; shine for all to see.  
      Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you, holy are you!  
      Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!

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**Sermon**

Matthew 5:1-12

### ***Jesus Flips Everything Upside Down***

*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**

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.**

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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 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 370 sts. 1, 4–5

- 1 How lovely shines the Morning Star!  
The nations see and hail afar  
the light in Judah shining.  
O David's son of Jacob's race,  
my Bridegroom and my King of grace,  
for you my heart is pining.  
Lowly, holy, great and glorious,  
O victorious Prince of graces,  
filling all the heav'nly places.
- 4 Oh, joy to know that you, my friend,  
are Lord, beginning without end,  
the first and last, eternal!  
And you at length—O glorious grace—  
will take me to that holy place,  
the home of joys supernal.  
Amen, amen! Come and meet me,  
quickly greet me! With deep yearning,  
Lord, I look for your returning
- 5 Lift up the voice and strike the string,  
let all glad sounds of music ring  
in God's high praises blended.  
Christ will be with me all the way,  
today, tomorrow, ev'ry day  
till trav'ling days are ended.  
Sing out, ring out triumph glorious,  
O victorious chosen nation;  
praise the God of your salvation.

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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).

### **Memorials**

We thank the following members and friends for their gifts given in memory of Judy Wisneski: Ellen Fitzke, Audrey Jones, Mark & Beth Krohn, Juanita Landwehr, Bill & Sue Unruh

We thank Angie Marquis for her gift given in memory of Virginia Fromnes, Deloris Heil, Bill Melanson, DuWayne Marquardt, Gerald Ziegel, and Judy Wisneski.

*Blessed be their memories.*

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

### **In Our Prayers**

Betty Krueger is in rehab following a tumble resulting in injury to her hip. Please pray for healing. Cards are appreciated and may be sent to Betty's Madison home address.

Sandy Hass, daughter of Jerry & Florence Ziegel, passed away on January 27. Please pray for Jesus' peace and comfort for her family. Blessed be her memory.

**Ash Wednesday Is Nearing** – Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on **February 22<sup>nd</sup>**. A special service with Holy Communion will be held at Our Savior's at 1:00 pm. Weekly midweek Lent services will be held on the five following Wednesdays (March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29) at 1:00 pm as we trace Jesus' final steps to the cross and empty tomb. We will follow the same pastoral rotation as St. Peter. If you can't attend our afternoon services, please consider worshipping at a sister congregation. St. Peter's Ash Wednesday service is on Wednesday at 7:00, and then the service time switches to Thursdays at 7:00 pm for the rest of Lent. Mountain of the Lord has services on Wednesdays at 6:00 pm.

## This Week at Our Savior's

<b>Today</b>	9:00 AM 10:15 AM	Worship Sunday School
<b>Monday</b>	6:00 PM	Board of Education
<b>Tuesday</b>	5:00 PM	OSS Basketball at Trinity, Minocqua
<b>Thursday</b>	1:00 PM 5:00 PM	Ladies' Aid OSS Basketball at Trinity, Marshfield
<b>Sunday 2/12</b>	9:00 AM 10:15 AM	Worship with Communion Sunday School & Bible Class <i>Food Pantry Sunday</i>

## Growing Together

*January 29, 2023*

<u>Weekly</u> \$4,355.00	<u>Vision</u> \$215.00	<u>Debt Red</u> \$105.00	<u>Memorial</u> \$75.00	<u>Plate</u> \$1.33	<u>Missions</u> \$500.00
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<u>Chr Day</u> \$25.00	<u>NY Eve</u> \$31.00	<u>Initial Env</u> \$10.00	<u>NLHS Op</u> \$20.00	<u>School Supplies</u> \$129.03
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School Fees  
\$172.00

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

**Attendance:** 60 + 10 (online) = 70

### **Organization of WELS Lutheran Seniors (OWLS)**

February 14 is a special day and our OWLS group will be celebrating our fellowship and Christian love with lunch at the Pizza Ranch in Weston. We will meet at 11:30 AM. Payment is accepted at the door. Ask for either the OWLS group or Evan and Sandy to find us. Please join us! Questions call Ruth at 715-573-2142. See you on Valentine's Day!



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