



OUR SAVIOR'S

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany ~ February 12, 2023

“ I
AM THE
LIGHT
OF THE
WORLD”
JOHN 8:12

“ YOU
ARE THE
LIGHT
OF THE
WORLD”
MATTHEW 5:14

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

Welcome to God's house for worship this Fifth Sunday after our Lord's Epiphany. During this season of the Church Year, Jesus reveals his glory and deity, not only by his miracles, but also by the powerful way he preached God's Word. Today we continue hearing his famous "Sermon on the Mount" as he calls us, as his followers, "salt" and "light". May the Lord bless your worship. If you are a guest or visitor joining us today for the first time, we extend a special welcome. Please return soon!

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

Dear Lord Jesus, thank you for revealing yourself to be our Savior by your miracles as well as by the powerful way you proclaimed the saving Word of your heavenly Father. We praise you for calling us to lives of discipleship. We know and firmly believe that, because you have called us to faith, you will also equip us to conduct ourselves as your redeemed people. 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.

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Setting One from Christian Worship

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SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

- Minister – Pastor Mark Schlenner
- Organist – Marie Kurth
- Ushers – Dan & Carrie Stelzer
(Next Sunday – Sawyer Burish, Bob Gresens)

Our Worship

Opening Hymn

CW 630

- 1 Thy strong word did cleave the darkness;
at thy speaking it was done.
For created light we thank thee
while thine ordered seasons run.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!
- 2 Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness,
dark as night and deep as death,
broke the light of thy salvation,
breathed thine own life-giving breath.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!
- 3 Thy strong Word bespeaks us righteous;
bright with thine own holiness,
glorious now, we press toward glory,
and our lives our hopes confess.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!
- 4 From the cross thy wisdom shining
breaketh forth in conqu'ring might;
from the cross forever beameth
all thy bright redeeming light.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!
- 5 Give us lips to sing thy glory,
tongues thy mercy to proclaim,
throats to shout the hope that fills us,
mouths to speak thy holy name.
Alleluia, alleluia! May the light which thou dost send
fill our songs with alleluias, alleluias without end!

6 God the Father, light-creator,
to thee laud and honor be.
To thee, Light from Light begotten,
praise be sung eternally.
Holy Spirit, light-revealer, glory, glory be to thee.
Mortals, angels, now and ever praise the holy Trinity!

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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.

The Word

Almighty God, you sent your one and only Son as the Word of life for our eyes to see and our ears to hear. Help us believe what the Scriptures proclaim about him and do the things that are pleasing in your sight; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

First Reading

Exodus 19:1–8a

In the third month after the Israelites had left the land of Egypt, on that same day of the month, they came to the Wilderness of Sinai. ² After they set out from Rephidim and came to the Wilderness of Sinai, they camped in the wilderness. Israel camped there in front of the mountain.

³ Moses went up to God, and the LORD called to him from the mountain, “This is what you are to say to the house of Jacob and to tell the people of Israel: ⁴ ‘You have seen what I did to the Egyptians and how I carried you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. ⁵ Now if you will carefully listen to my voice and keep my covenant, then you will be my special treasure out of all the nations, although the entire earth is mine. ⁶ You will be my kingdom of priests and my holy nation.’ These are the words that you are to speak to the Israelites.”

⁷ Moses went and summoned the elders of the people, and he set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. ⁸ All the people answered together, “Everything that the LORD has said, we will do.”

Second Reading

1 Peter 2:9–12

⁹ But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, the people who are God’s own possession, so that you may proclaim the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰ At one time you were not a people, but now you are the people of God. At one time you were not shown mercy, but now you have been shown mercy.

¹¹ Dear friends, I urge you, as aliens and temporary residents in the world, to abstain from the desires of the sinful flesh, which war against your soul. ¹² Live an honorable life among the Gentiles so that even though they slander you as evildoers, when they observe your noble deeds, they may glorify God on the day he visits us.

Gospel Acclamation

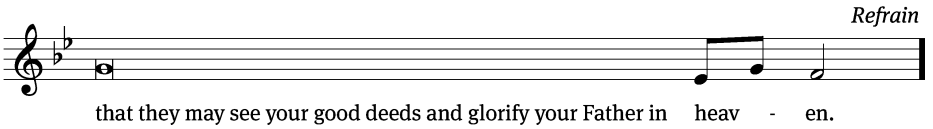
Matthew 5:16



Refrain



Tone



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Gospel

Matthew 5:13–20

¹³ “You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its flavor, how will it become salty again? Then it is no good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled on by people. ¹⁴ You are the light of the world. A city located on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ People do not light a lamp and put it under a basket. No, they put it on a stand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way let your light shine in people’s presence, so that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven.

¹⁷ “Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy them but to fulfill them. ¹⁸ Amen^[a] I tell you: Until heaven and earth pass away, not even the smallest letter, or even part of a letter, will in any way pass away from the Law until everything is fulfilled. ¹⁹ So whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven. But whoever practices and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰ Indeed I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and experts in the law, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to you, O Christ!

Hymn of the Day

CW 854

- 1 Church of God, elect and glorious,
holy nation, chosen race,
called as God's own special people,
royal priests and heirs of grace;
know the purpose of your calling,
show to all his mighty deeds,
tell of love that knows no limits,
grace that meets all human needs.

- 2 God has called you out of darkness
into his most marv'lous light,
brought his truth to life within you,
turned your blindness into sight.
Let your light so shine around you
that God's name is glorified
and all find fresh hope and purpose
in Christ Jesus crucified.

- 3 Once you were an alien people,
strangers to God's heart of love,
but he brought you home in mercy,
citizens of heav'n above.
Let his love flow out to others,
let them feel a Father's care,
that they too may know his welcome
and his countless blessings share.

- 4 Church of God, elect and holy,
be the people he intends,
strong in faith and swift to answer
each command your master sends.
Royal priests, fulfill your calling
through your sacrifice and prayer;
give your lives in joyful service,
sing his praise, his love declare.

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Sermon

Matthew 5:14-16,19

The Savior's Sermon: Let Your Light Shine

1. Where did we get that light and what is its purpose?
2. How can we misuse our light?
3. How are we to use our light?

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 Jesus Christ, Son of God and Mary's son, in the fullness of time you came into our world to save us from sin and death:

You ushered in the day of grace so long foretold.

Beloved Son of the Father, revered by the Magi, baptized by John, you came preaching and teaching, healing and comforting, forgiving and encouraging:

You brought the light of life to those walking in darkness, and the joy of salvation to those doomed to death.

Prince of Peace, shine like a beacon for us and the people of our world. Let the good news of salvation be heard in the remotest corners of the earth. Open our own lips, as a priesthood of believers, to speak your name to those around us who still live without faith or hope:

Arouse us and our missionaries to flood the world with the light of your gospel.

Lord of the Church, let your peace rule our hearts that we may use our gifts to serve you and each other in willing gratitude and joy. Watch over our loved ones near and far, that they may remember your love and rejoice in your salvation. Strengthen the faith of the sick and the disheartened. Give hope to those in despair and comfort those who mourn:

Be gracious to all and lead us to reflect your love in everything we say and do.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

Finally, bring us and all your believers to the heavenly home where we will stand in the full light of your glory and with all your saints and angels sing the everlasting song of triumph.

Amen.

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.

Distribution Hymn

CW 688

- 1 The gifts Christ freely gives he gives to you and me
to be his Church, his bride, his chosen, saved and free!
Saints blest with these rich gifts are children who proclaim
that they were won by Christ and cling to his strong name.
- 2 The gifts flow from the font where he calls us his own;
new life he gives that makes us his and his alone.
Here he forgives our sins with water and his Word;
the triune God himself gives pow'r to call him Lord.
- 3 The gifts of grace and peace from absolution flow;
the pastor's words are Christ's for us to trust and know.
Forgiveness that we need is granted to us there;
the Lord of mercy sends us forth in his blest care.
- 4 The gifts are there each day the holy Word is read;
God's children listen, hear, receive, and they are fed.
Christ fills them with himself, blest words that give them life,
restoring and refreshing them for this world's strife.
- 5 The gifts are in the feast, gifts far more than we see;
beneath the bread and wine is food from Calvary.
The body and the blood remove our ev'ry sin;
we leave his presence in his peace, renewed again.
- 6 All glory to the One who lavishes such love;
the triune God in love assures our life above.
His means of grace for us are gifts he loves to give;
all thanks and praise for his great love by which we live!

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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.

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 772

- 1 O God Most High, your saints below appear before your throne.
We pray, good Lord, your favor show and let your mercy overflow
this land we call our own, upheld by you alone.
- 2 Each ruler you have put in place endow with zeal and might
to govern well without disgrace, while we as citizens embrace
endeavors good and right, and live as salt and light.
- 3 As nations rise and nations fall, in you our hope shall stand,
for Jesus Christ is King of all and in his name we humbly call:
Lord, open wide your hand and bless our native land.

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

Guest Preaching for a Mission Festival – As part of the WELS initiative for “100 New Missions in 10 Years” and his service on the Board for Home Missions and the Western Wisconsin District Mission Board, Pastor Mahnke is preaching and presenting this weekend for the Mission Festival celebration at St John’s Lutheran Church in Watertown, WI. In his absence, we thank Pastor emeritus Mark Schlenner for leading us in worship today.

Pastoral Call Returned –Pastor Michael Schneider has prayerfully returned our Divine Call. Please watch for an announcement regarding our next call meeting.

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.

Asleep in Jesus - In his love and mercy, God called home to himself the soul of Suzanne Durkee. Suzanne passed away unexpectedly on Thursday, January 2nd. A Christian funeral was held yesterday at Our Savior’s. May our Lord grant comfort and peace to her family and all who mourn her passing.

Ash Wednesday Is Nearing – Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on **February 22nd**. 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 4:30 & 7:00, and then for the rest of Lent the service switches to Thursdays at 5:00 & 7:00 pm. Mountain of the Lord’s services are on Wednesdays at 6:00 pm.

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!

Memorials

We thank Elaine Radtke for her gifts given in memory of William Melanson, DuWayne Marquardt, Gerald Ziegel, and Judith (Dietsche) Wisneski. We thank Kathy Olsen for her gift given in memory of DuWayne Marquardt. We thank Rick & Karen Leopold for their gift given in memory of Judith Wisneski.

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

Together We Shine! – Northland LHS’ favorite annual fundraising event is right around the corner. Together We Shine will be held on Sunday, March 5, beginning at noon. Please consider donating something for our auction. We will also hold our annual Soup Cook-off! Call the office (715-359-3400) or email (nlhsoffice@nlhs.org) with your donations, reservations, soup entry.

Please Pick Up Today:

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

This Week at Our Savior’s		
Today	9:00 AM 10:15 AM	Worship with Communion Sunday School & Bible Class <i>Food Pantry Sunday</i>
Monday	6:00 PM	Coordinating Council
Tuesday	11:30 AM 4:45 PM	OWLS at Pizza Ranch OSS Basketball at Immanuel, Medford
Thursday- Friday		Western WI District Teachers’ Conference – No school
Sunday 2/19	9:00 AM 10:15 AM 2:00 PM	Worship / WELS Connection Sunday School & Bible Class OSS Bowling at Day’s

Growing Together

February 5, 2023

<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Vision</u>	<u>Debt Red</u>	<u>Memorial</u>	<u>Plate</u>	<u>Initial Env</u>
\$2,982.00	\$475.00	\$302.00	\$35.00	\$150.00	\$20.00
<u>Ash Wed</u>	<u>OS Tuition Asst</u>	<u>Missions</u>	<u>Bldg Maint</u>	<u>Publications</u>	
325.00	\$30.00	\$50.00	\$100.00	\$10.00	
<u>School Fees</u>	<u>PTO Decals</u>				
\$1,731.00	\$80.00				

Anticipated Weekly Offerings \$4,038

Attendance: 59 + 3 (online) = 61



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