



OUR SAVIOR'S

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Second Sunday in Lent ~ March 12, 2023

For you
were
bought
with a

PRICE;

therefore
glorify
God
in
your
body.

1 CORINTHIANS 6:20, NRSV

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

Welcome to God's house for worship this Second Sunday in Lent. May God open our minds and bless our worship.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

O merciful Creator, your hand is open wide to satisfy the needs of every living creature. Make us always thankful for your loving providence, and grant that we, remembering the richness of your grace, may be faithful stewards of all your good gifts; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 Jeff Mahnke
 - Organist – Marie Kurth
 - Ushers – Stelzer Family
- (Next Sunday – Mark Krohn, Kurt Schubring)*

Our Worship

Opening Hymn

CW 778

- 1 Father, we praise you, now the night is over,
active and watchful, standing now before you;
singing, we offer prayer and meditation:
thus we adore you.
- 2 Monarch of all things, fit us for your mansions;
banish our weakness, health and wholeness sending;
bring us to heaven, where your saints united
joy without ending.
- 3 All-holy Father, Son, and equal Spirit,
Trinity blessèd, send us your salvation;
yours is the glory, gleaming and resounding
through all creation.

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Stand

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

Godliness with contentment is great gain.

For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that.

People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction.

For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil.

Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs. But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness.

Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called.

Confession & Absolution

Let us now acknowledge our sinfulness and selfishness and ask God to forgive us.

Gracious Father, we confess that we have rebelled against your perfect law. We have sinned in the way we live, in the way we speak, in the way we think. Although you bless us richly every day, we fail to appreciate our gifts with the contentment and generosity you desire. For these and all sins, we know that we deserve your punishment both in this life and eternally in hell, but we come asking for the peace of forgiveness and the power to be content and generous.

God loved the world in this way: He gave his one and only Son, Jesus Christ, whose blood purifies us from all sin. Jesus was our perfect substitute in life and in death, and by his sacrifice, God's holy wrath has been satisfied, once and for all. As a child of God and by the power of his Spirit, trust in your Savior, knowing that all your sins are forgiven and your guilt is removed. Our God has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in Christ. May his love inspire a life of joyful generosity in each of us as we remember his eternal goodness and his boundless mercy. Amen.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, in giving us dominion over things on earth, you made us fellow workers in your creation. Give us wisdom and reverence to use the resources of nature, so that no one may suffer from our abuse of them, and that generations yet to come may continue to praise you for your bounty; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

The Word

First Reading

Genesis 2:1-7

¹Thus the heavens and the earth were completed in all their vast array. ²By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work. ³Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done.

⁴This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created, when the LORD God made the earth and the heavens.

⁵Now no shrub had yet appeared on the earth and no plant had yet sprung up, for the LORD God had not sent rain on the earth and there was no one to work the ground, ⁶but streams came up from the earth and watered the whole surface of the ground. ⁷Then the LORD God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 8A

Refrain

O LORD, our Lord, how glo-rious is your name in all the earth.

Tone

When I consider your heavens, the work of your / fingers,
the moon and the stars, which you have / set in place,
what is a human being that you are mind- / ful of him,
a Son of Man that you / care for him? *Refrain*

You have made him a little lower than the / angels
and crowned him with glory and / honor.
You made him ruler over the works / of your hands;
you put everything un- / der his feet.
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

1 Timothy 4:6–10

⁶If you point these things out to the brothers and sisters, you will be a good minister of Christ Jesus, nourished on the truths of the faith and of the good teaching that you have followed. ⁷Have nothing to do with godless myths and old wives' tales; rather, train yourself to be godly. ⁸For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come. ⁹This is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance. ¹⁰That is why we labor and strive, because we have put our hope in the living God, who is the Savior of all people, and especially of those who believe.

Stand

Verse of the Day

1 Corinthians 6:19-20

¹⁹Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; ²⁰you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.

Gospel

Luke 5:12–16

¹²While Jesus was in one of the towns, a man came along who was covered with leprosy. When he saw Jesus, he fell with his face to the ground and begged him, "Lord, if you are willing, you can make me clean."

¹³Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. "I am willing," he said. "Be clean!" And immediately the leprosy left him.

¹⁴Then Jesus ordered him, "Don't tell anyone, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer the sacrifices that Moses commanded for your cleansing, as a testimony to them."

¹⁵Yet the news about him spread all the more, so that crowds of people came to hear him and to be healed of their sicknesses. ¹⁶But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed.

Be seated

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day

CW 748

- 1 Brothers, sisters, let us gladly
 give to God our all, our best:
service hearty, thorough, honest,
 with a living love impressed.
All our duty, all our striving,
 all our time to him belong;
praise him, then, with true devotion,
 come before him with a song.

- 2 By his mercy, by his bounty,
 by the gift of Christ, his Son,
what great goodness he has shown us,
 what high marvels he has done!
Let us to him promptly, freely,
 yield our bodies and our souls,
thankful that his love protects us,
 that his wisdom all controls.

- 3 Gracious Lord, accept our service
 for the sake of Christ, your Son;
lo, our hope abides now only
 in the righteousness he won.
Bless and save us, help and guide us,
 watch to comfort and restore,
till in heav'n we rest rejoicing,
 praising you forevermore.

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Interactive Sermon

The First Article

Stand

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. 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.

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Lord God, from whom all blessings flow, we praise you for everything you provide to sustain our lives. Lead us every day to be thankful for your gifts and content with what you have given. Today we pray that you would guide us to manage your blessings wisely for the good of your kingdom.

As we use your gifts to meet our needs, move us also to support the ministry of the gospel with our offerings.

Before your Son ascended to your throne, he called us to preach the good news to every creature. In grace you created the public ministry so that we may answer his call by sending others in our place. Impress on us the immense importance of the task you have given us to proclaim your Word to the world.

In our words and in our offerings, move us to be faithful witnesses of your grace.

Work in our hearts so that our gifts do more than support a cause or meet a need. Move us to give out of love for you, our King and Redeemer. **Lead us to bring our gifts first to honor you, the Giver of all things.**

Teach us to give as an ongoing part of life since the work of the gospel continues every day. Forgive us for the sins of apathy and carelessness and for giving that reacts only to urgent pleas or crises.

Help us see the wisdom of planning our offerings as a regular routine of our faith.

Teach us determine our offerings in view of your blessings to us. The widow's coins were meager, but they were all she had. Move us to believe that to whom much is given, much is also expected.

Give us courage to bring gifts that reflect your gifts to us.

Teach us to give our offerings as a cheerful response of our faith in you and your Son. Spare us all feelings of obligation or resentment as we give. Help us to see our offerings as the vehicle that carries the gospel to the lost, and lead us to rejoice with the angels of heaven over every sinner who repents.

Help us to balance our duty to give with the joy of giving.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

Precious Lord, all our blessings come from you. Lead us again and again to thank you and then move us to be wise and faithful stewards of your gifts. May our gifts and offerings bring souls here and far away to the gracious gift of Jesus and his love.

Lord, hear us and grant us this blessing. 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 \dagger 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 \dagger 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 a-way the sin of the world;
have mer-cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,
you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. A - - men.

The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a mix of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with some words hyphenated across lines. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

Distribution

Distribution Hymn

CW 754

- 1 Forgive us, Lord, for shallow thankfulness,
for dull content with warmth and sheltered care,
for songs of praise for worldly wealthiness,
while of your richer gifts we're unaware:
- 2 Teach us to thank you, Lord, for love and grace,
for life and vision, for a purpose clear,
for Christ, your Son, and for each human face
that shows your message ever new and near.

- 3 Forgive us, Lord, for selfish thanks and praise,
for words that speak at variance with deeds;
forgive our thanks for walking pleasant ways,
unmindful of a broken brother's needs:
- 4 Teach us, O Lord, true thankfulness divine,
that gives as Christ gave, never counting cost,
that knows no barrier of "yours" and "mine,"
assured that only what's withheld is lost.
- 5 Forgive us, Lord, for feast that knows not fast,
for joy in things that meanwhile starve the soul,
for walls and wars that hide your mercies vast
and blur our vision of the kingdom goal:
- 6 Open our eyes to see your love's intent,
to know with mind and heart its depth and height;
let thankful days in loving labor spent
reflect the truly Christlike life and light.

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Stand

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 737

- 1 Lord, help us walk your servant way
wherever love may lead
and, bending low, forgetting self,
each serve the other's need.
- 2 You came to earth, O Christ, as Lord,
but pow'r you laid aside.
You lived your years in servanthood,
in lowliness you died.
- 3 No golden scepter but a towel
you place within the hands
of those who seek to follow you
and live by your commands.
- 4 You bid us bend our human pride
nor count ourselves above
the lowest place, the meanest task
that waits the gift of love.
- 5 Lord, help us walk your servant way
wherever love may lead
and, bending low, forgetting self,
each serve the other's need

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*Thank you for worshipping 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.

Call News – On Tuesday evening our voters extended a Divine Call to Pastor Clint Burow. Pastor Burow currently serves at Amazing Grace in South Beloit, IL. Please keep him, his wife and family, and both of our congregations in your prayers as he deliberates where he may best serve our Lord.

Midweek Lent Worship – Weekly midweek Lent services are held on Wednesdays (March 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 service, we encourage you to worship at a sister congregation. St. Peter's Lent services are on Thursdays at 5:00 & 7:00 pm. Mountain of the Lord's services are on Wednesdays at 6:00 pm.

“His Final Steps” is the unifying theme of the messages delivered by area WELS pastors.

- Midweek Lent #4, Wednesday, March 15th
Presiding Minister: Pastor Ryan Cortright (Redeemer, Weston)
“His Final Steps Led to a Fig Tree”

Encourage One Another – Today after worship and Bible Class, members of Our Savior's will join our leaders in going to the homes of members of our church family who are straying from worship because of covid and our lengthy pastoral vacancy. Our visits won't last long as we simply express our love and give our brothers and sisters in Christ our encouragement to return. May the Lord bless this effort!

Memorials

We thank the following family and friends of Suzanne Durkee for their gifts given in her memory: Gary & Melinda Randall, Jenny Stroik, Fred & Marsha Yulga, Travis & Marie Kurth, and Ellen Fitzke.

We thank Dan & Ruth Jakubowski for their gift given in memory of Judy Wisneski.

Blessed be their memories.

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

OWLS - March brings an opportunity for fellowship and service to Christ and to homebound members from all our area WELS churches. We will be making “thinking of you” cards on Tuesday March 14 at 1:30 pm at Our Saviors. Please join us even if you are not a member. Questions call Ruth at 715-573-2142.

Area Divine Call News – Pastor Jeff Grundmeier of Immanuel in Sault Sainte Marie, MI, holds the Divine Call to serve as the campus pastor at Northland Lutheran High School. Pastor Eric Hanson of Crown of Life in Corona, CA, holds the Divine Call to be an associate pastor at St. Matthew’s in Marathon, WI.

March Newsletter – Pick up your copy today in the narthex.

Thrivent Update – We received notice of a deposit of \$222.00 on behalf of Thrivent Choice. We thank the following members and friends for designating their Thrivent Choice Dollars to Our Savior’s School or Church: Becky Reissmann, Bryon Reissmann, Judith Wastrack, Travis Kurth.

This Week at Our Savior's

Today	9:00 AM 10:15 AM 11:30 AM	Worship Sunday School & Bible Class Lunch / Member Visits <i>Food Pantry Sunday</i>
Monday	6:00 PM	Coordinating Council
Tuesday	1:30 PM	OWLS
Wednesday	1:00 PM	Midweek Lent Worship
Sunday 3/19	9:00 AM 10:15 AM	Worship Sunday School & Bible Class

Growing Together

March 5, 2023

<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Vision</u>	<u>Debt Red</u>	<u>Ash Wed</u>	<u>Plate</u>	<u>Lent</u>
\$10,465.67	\$395.00	\$960.00	\$20.00	\$40.00	\$500.00
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Anticipated Weekly Offerings \$4,038

Attendance: 75 + 15 (livestream) = 90 Wednesday: 67



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