



OUR SAVIOR'S
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



The King
Shall Come

WELCOME

We welcome you to God's house for worship as we continue, by God's grace, a new Church Year with the season of Advent ("coming"). When someone is coming over, what do you do? It depends on who is coming and why they are coming. If it's a good friend popping in for a quick visit, you don't worry too much about how the house looks or serving a meal. But imagine the governor is coming to give a citizen's award. That's a big deal! There is work to be done: cleaning the house and yard, preparing a meal, etc.

So, is Advent a big deal? It depends on who is coming and why. In the worship series "The King Shall Come", we answer those questions. We will see why the King Jesus came on that first Christmas and why he shall come again on Judgment Day. We also cherish the way our King comes to us today in Word and sacrament, establishing his reign in our hearts.

Today's hymns, readings, and prayers focus on how different a King Jesus is. Typically, kings and rulers plan, administrate and govern. Jesus is a special King. He is both infinitely greater than all other rulers, yet also infinitely humbler. He does not consider it beneath his rank as King to risk his life for his subjects. He is willing to fight for us. He is willing to die for us. For King Jesus came into our world for one reason – to save us!

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 a pastor before the service begins.

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

- Minister ~ Pastor Jeff Mahnke
 - Organist ~ Marie Kurth
 - Ushers ~ Phil Brost, Travis Kurth
- Next week ~ Tony Sulko, Bill Unruh*



2nd Sunday in Advent

December 10, 2023

The King Shall Come - He is coming to save us

Welcome

Invocation

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ † the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Amen.

Prepare the way for the Lord our King! Make straight in the desert a highway for our God!

Be strong and courageous, be careful to live according to everything Moses commanded.

Do not let God's Word depart from your mouth.

But meditate on it day and night.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.

Singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts because nothing is impossible with our God!

Opening Hymn

CW 548

The King of Glory Comes

The King of glory comes; the nation rejoices.

Open the gates before him; lift up your voices.

1 Who is the King of glory? How shall we call him?

He is Immanuel, the promised of ages.

The King of glory comes; the nation rejoices.

Open the gates before him; lift up your voices.

- 2 In all of Galilee, in city or village,
he goes among his people, curing their illness.
The King of glory comes; the nation rejoices.
Open the gates before him; lift up your voices.
- 3 He gave his life for us, the pledge of salvation;
he took upon himself the sin of the nations.
The King of glory comes; the nation rejoices.
Open the gates before him; lift up your voices.
- 4 He conquered sin and death; he truly has risen,
and he will share with us his heavenly vision.
The King of glory comes; the nation rejoices.
Open the gates before him; lift up your voices.

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Confession and Absolution

The Lord Jesus comes to us and offers his grace and love. It is good for us to repent of our sins and to plead for his mercy:

Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations into the peace of God's kingdom.

Lord, have mercy.

You come in Word and Sacrament to strengthen us in holiness.

Christ, have mercy.

You will come in glory with salvation for your people.

Lord, have mercy.

May almighty God, have mercy on us, forgive our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

Amen.

God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer, Savior, and King. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever!

Amen.

Song of Praise

CW 309



1 The ad - vent of our King our prayers must now em - ploy,
3 O Zi - on's daugh - ter, rise to meet your low - ly King,
5 Be - fore the dawn - ing day let sin's dark deeds be gone,
6 All glo - ry to the Son, who comes to set us free,



and we must hymns of wel - come sing in strains of ho - ly joy.
nor let a faith - less heart de - spise the peace he comes to bring.
the old self all be put a - way, the new self now put on.
with Fa - ther, Spir - it, ev - er one thro' all e - ter - ni - ty.

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Prayer of the Day

Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Protect us by your strength, and save us from the threatening dangers of our sins; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The Word

First Reading

Isaiah 64:1–9

¹Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains would tremble before you! ²As when fire sets twigs ablaze and causes water to boil, come down to make your name known to your enemies and cause the nations to quake before you! ³For when you did awesome things that we did not expect, you came down, and the mountains trembled before you. ⁴Since ancient times no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who acts on behalf of those who wait for him. ⁵You come to the help of those who gladly do right, who remember your ways. But when we

continued to sin against them, you were angry. How then can we be saved? ⁶All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags; we all shrivel up like a leaf, and like the wind our sins sweep us away. ⁷No one calls on your name or strives to lay hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us and have given us over to our sins.

⁸Yet you, LORD, are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand. ⁹Do not be angry beyond measure, LORD; do not remember our sins forever. Oh, look on us, we pray, for we are all your people.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 24H

Refrain



Tone



The earth is the LORD's, and every- / thing in it,
the world, and all who / live in it;
for he founded it / on the seas
and established it on the / waters.

Who may ascend the mountain / of the LORD?
Who may stand in his / holy place?

The one who has clean hands and a / pure heart,
they will receive blessing from God their / Savior. *Refrain*

Lift up your heads, you gates; be lifted up, you / ancient doors,
that the King of glory / may come in.

Who is this King of / glory?

The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in / battle.

Lift up your heads, you gates; lift them up, you / ancient doors,
that the King of glory / may come in.

Who is he, this King of / glory?

The LORD Almighty—he is the King of / glory.

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

Refrain



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Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:3–9

³Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴I always thank my God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. ⁵For in him you have been enriched in every way—with all kinds of speech and with all knowledge— ⁶God thus confirming our testimony about Christ among you. ⁷Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. ⁸He will also keep you firm to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Revelation 22:20

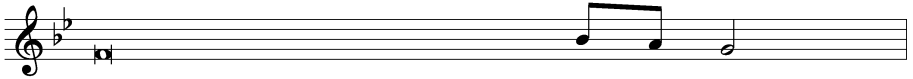


Refrain



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Tone



He who testifies to these things says, “Yes, I am com - ing soon.”



Amen. Come, Lord

Je - sus.

Refrain

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Gospel

Mark 11:1–10

¹As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, ²saying to them, “Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.’”

⁴They went and found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied it, ⁵some people standing there asked, “What are you doing, untying that colt?” ⁶They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them go. ⁷When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it. ⁸Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. ⁹Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted,

“Hosanna!”

“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”

¹⁰“Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!”

“Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day

CW 301

Savior of the Nations, Come

- 1 Savior of the nations, come;
Virgin's Son, make here your home.
Marvel now, O heav'n and earth,
that the Lord chose such a birth.
- 2 Not by human flesh and blood,
by the Spirit of our God
was the Word of God made flesh,
woman's offspring, pure and fresh.
- 3 Wondrous birth! O wondrous Child
of the virgin undefiled,
though by all the world disowned,
yet to be in heav'n enthroned!
- 4 From the Father's throne he came
and ascended to the same,
captive leading death and hell.
High the song of triumph swell!
- 5 Praise to God the Father sing,
praise to God the Son, our King,
praise to God the Spirit be ever and eternally.

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Our King Jesus Comes to Lead Us!

1. He comes in humility to save
2. Lord Jesus, help us give you sincere and pure worship

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.**

Thank Offering & Friendship Register

Members of Our Savior's give generous and free will gifts to honor the Lord and support our ministry of the gospel. Guests are welcome to give but should not feel obligated to do so.

As the offering is gathered, please sign the Friendship Register as it is passed down the pew.

Prayer of the Church

Gracious Lord, sustain your saints to the end as we enter another Church Year. Encourage the preachers of your Word and all who hear, that the testimony about Christ may be confirmed among us as we wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give boldness and faithfulness to Mark Schroeder, our Synod president; to Michael Jensen, our district president; to Andy Ewald, our circuit pastor; and all pastors in Christ. Renew the faith and quicken the love of all Christians, that we may be enriched in all speech and knowledge. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Visit us in your compassion, O Lord. Deliver the sick from their infirmity, the troubled from their afflictions, the grieving from their sorrow and the dying from their fear. May all who cry to you receive grace according to your will. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful Lord, your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, entered Jerusalem to shouts and cheers of joy. Grant that we may be stirred by the Word and Sacraments to rejoice anew, now and at his second advent. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Special prayers and intercessions may follow

Gracious Father, you have made us glad to enter into your presence to hear the good news of our King and receive your gifts. Preserve your Church against all her enemies, and lead us to walk in your ways and to follow your paths, that when Jesus returns in his glory we may welcome him with glad hosannas and stand before you blameless; through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who has also taught us so to pray:

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 T 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 T 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.

Jesus, Lamb of God

CW 186



Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us your peace.

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Distribution & Hymns

320 As Angels Joyed with One Accord

- 1 As angels joyed with one accord
upon the advent of our Lord,
so let us gladly praise the name
of him who from the Father came.

- 2 He came, not clothed in majesty
nor pow'r that suits his deity.
In lowly state he walked till he
in dying set us captives free.
- 3 This done, he soared to God's right hand,
yet orphaned not his chosen band,
for he, not bound in grace and pow'r,
attends his own each day and hour.
- 4 In ev'ry age—let praise abound—
he comes; we hear his voice resound.
His glorious gospel does not cease
to bring us comfort, joy, and peace.
- 5 He comes in water to the child
and cleanses it, from birth defiled.
This washing seals his pard'ning grace
and shows the Father's kindly face.
- 6 He comes to us in bread and wine
to give himself and gifts divine.
O praise him for this sacrament,
redeeming love's great testament!
- 7 Lift up your heads! All grief and pain
shall vanish when he comes again.
Where we shall see him face to face,
there joy alone shall have a place.

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319 Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring

- 1 Jesus came, the heav'ns adoring,
came with peace from realms on high;
Jesus came to win redemption,
lowly came on earth to die;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
came in deep humility.

- 2 Jesus comes again in mercy
when our hearts are worn with care;
Jesus comes again in answer
to an earnest, heartfelt prayer,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
comes to save us from despair.

- 3 Jesus comes to hearts rejoicing,
bringing news of sins forgiv'n;
Jesus comes with words of gladness,
leading souls redeemed to heav'n.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Hope to all the world is giv'n.

- 4 Jesus comes on clouds triumphant
when the heav'ns shall pass away.
Jesus comes again in glory;
let us, then, our homage pay,
Alleluia! ever singing
till the dawn of endless day.

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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.

O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving-kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day; through 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 313

Hark the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes

- 1 Hark the glad sound! The Savior comes,
the Savior promised long;
let ev'ry heart prepare a throne
and ev'ry voice a song.
- 2 He comes the pris'ners to release,
in Satan's bondage held;
the gates of brass before him burst,
the iron fetters yield.

- 3 He comes the broken heart to bind,
the bleeding soul to cure,
and with the treasures of his grace
to enrich the humble poor.
- 4 Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,
your welcome shall proclaim,
and heav'n's eternal arches ring
with your beloved name.

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

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Setting Two from Christian Worship

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Holiday Worship Schedule

Sunday, Dec. 17	Children's Christmas Service - 9:00 AM
Sunday, Dec. 24	Christmas Eve Worship – 2:00 PM <i>(No Sunday morning worship)</i>
Monday, Dec. 25	Christmas Day Worship - 9:00 AM
Sunday, Dec. 31	Sunday Worship - 9:00 AM

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.

Congregational Open Forum – Immediately following today’s worship service, our church council will share information about their meeting with the circuit pastor, Pastor Andy Ewald, concerning our lengthy pastoral vacancy. As a followup to this open forum, the council is planning a congregational meeting in January. The earliest any congregation can issue another Divine Call is Jan. 10.

Asleep in Jesus – The Lord called Viney Sleeter home to heaven on Wednesday morning. Please keep her family in your prayers.

Pick up today!

- *2024 Offering Envelopes* – please do not use until January
- *Forward in Christ* December issue
- *Meditations, Portals of Prayer*

SNOW! – Your help is needed with snow shoveling and salting at church and school. Please sign up in the narthex today. Thank you!

Parking Lot Assistance and Wheelchairs Available –If you would like help getting from your car to the church entrance, please talk to an usher, greeters at the doors or Marie in the church office. We’re happy to help! We also have several wheelchairs available as needed.

Ladies’ Aid Christmas Luncheon: All ladies are invited! – The Ladies Aid welcomes all ladies of the congregation to join them for their Christmas luncheon on Thursday, Dec. 14 at 11:30 am. They’re meeting at the Mandarin Chinese Restaurant on Stewart Ave, Wausau. Instead of a gift exchange, they are collecting donations for the food pantry. Please call Karen Leopold if you plan to attend: 845-8096

This Week at Our Savior's

Today	9:00 AM 10:15 AM	Worship with Communion Open Forum Sunday School <i>Food Pantry Sunday</i>
Tuesday	11:30 AM	OWLS Christmas Luncheon
Thursday	11:30 AM	Ladies' Aid Christmas Luncheon at Mandarin
Next Sunday 12/17	9:00 AM 10:15 AM 3:00 PM	Children's Christmas Service Sunday School & Bible Class NLHS Christmas Concert

Growing Together

December 3, 2023

<u>Weekly</u> \$3,080.00	<u>Vision</u> \$510.00	<u>Debt Red</u> \$200.00	<u>Missions</u> \$170.00	<u>Thanksgiving</u> \$20.00
<u>Bldg Maint</u> \$100.00	<u>School Fees</u> \$204.00			

Anticipated Weekly Offerings: \$4,077

Attendance: Sunday, December 3 – 61

Mustang Spirit Wear: Orders Due Monday! – We have a very short order time for spirit wear to have the orders here in time for Christmas. The store closes this Monday night, Dec. 11. Order online from Our Savior's School facebook page or our website: www.oursaviorswausau.org (Click on "School" on the main page. There is a Spirit Wear tab on the school page that will take you directly to the ordering site.)

Mustang Tumblers Available – We have just a few Mustang tumblers left. They are available for \$15.00 in the narthex.



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