



OUR SAVIOR'S

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



WELCOME

Welcome to worship. We are so glad you joined us today.

“Praise the Lord! ... He provided redemption for his people; he ordained his covenant forever— holy and awesome is his name.” (Psalm 111:1,9 NIV).

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

Great are you, O Lord, and greatly to be praised. Let your name be blessed every day among our families and in our homes, that one generation may tell to the next the wonderful works you have wrought in Christ. Amen.

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

- Minister ~ Pastor Jeff Mahnke
- Organist ~ Marie Kurth
- Ushers ~ Mark Krohn, Kurt Schubring
(Next Sunday – Tim & Ellen Heil)

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Setting One from Christian Worship

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The Name of Jesus

January 7, 2024

Welcome

Opening Hymn

CW 496

Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love

- 1 Jesus! Name of wondrous love, name all other names above,
unto which must ev'ry knee bow in deep humility.
- 2 Jesus! Name decreed of old, to the maiden mother told,
kneeling in her lowly cell, by the angel Gabriel.
- 3 Jesus! Name of priceless worth to the fallen here on earth
for the promise that it gave, "Jesus shall his people save."
- 4 Jesus! Name of mercy mild, given to the holy Child
when the cup of human woe first he tasted here below.
- 5 Jesus! Only name that's giv'n under all the mighty heav'n
whereby those to sin enslaved burst their fetters and are saved.
- 6 Jesus! Name of wondrous love, human name of God above;
pleading only this, we flee helpless, O our God, to thee.

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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 the peace of this forgiveness, let us praise the Lord!

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

CW 512 sts. 1, 3, 6

- 1 All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all.
- 3 Ye seed of Israel's chosen race, ye ransomed from the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.
Hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.
- 6 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song and crown him Lord of all.
We'll join the everlasting song and crown him Lord of all.

Prayer of the Day

Eternal Son of God, on this day you were called Jesus, a name that proclaims you to be the Savior of all people. Give us strength in the new year to live each day to the honor of your name; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Be seated

The Word

First Reading

Numbers 6:22–27

²²The LORD said to Moses, ²³“Tell Aaron and his sons, “This is how you are to bless the Israelites. Say to them:

²⁴“ ‘The LORD bless you
and keep you;

²⁵the LORD make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you;

²⁶the LORD turn his face toward you
and give you peace.” ’

²⁷“So they will put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.”

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 8D

Sung responsively; congregation sings **bold print and refrain**.

Refrain



I will praise your name for - ev - er, my King and my God.

Tone



LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in / all the earth!

You have set your glory in the / heavens.

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 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

Galatians 3:23-29

²³Before the coming of this faith, we were held in custody under the law, locked up until the faith that was to come would be revealed. ²⁴So the law was our guardian until Christ came that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵Now that this faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian.

²⁶So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, ²⁷for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

Gospel Acclamation

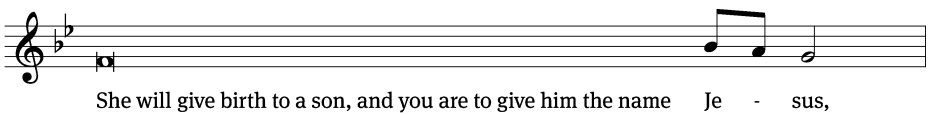
Matthew 1:21



Refrain



Tone



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Gospel

Luke 2:21

²¹On the eighth day, when it was time to circumcise the child, he was named Jesus, the name the angel had given him before he was conceived.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Hymn of the Day

CW 547

At the Name of Jesus

- 1 At the name of Jesus ev'ry knee shall bow,
ev'ry tongue confess him King of glory now;
'tis the Father's pleasure we should call him Lord,
who from the beginning was the mighty Word.
- 2 At his voice creation sprang at once to sight,
all the angel faces, all the hosts of light,
cherubim in heaven, stars upon their way,
all the heav'nly orders in their great array.
- 3 Humbled for a season to receive a name
from the lips of sinners unto whom he came,
faithfully he bore it spotless to the last,
brought it back victorious when from death he passed;
- 4 Bore it up triumphant with its human light,
thro' all ranks of creatures to the central height,
to the throne of Godhead, to the Father's breast,
filled it with the glory of that perfect rest.
- 5 In your hearts enthrone him; there let him subdue
all that is not holy, all that is not true.
Crown him as your captain in temptation's hour;
let his will enfold you in its light and pow'r.

6 Christians, this Lord Jesus shall return again
in his Father's glory, with his angel train;
for all wreaths of empire meet upon his brow,
and our hearts confess him King of glory now.

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Sermon

Luke 2:21

Begin the New Year in Jesus' Name

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.

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

Everlasting Father, our time is in Your hands. Thank you for your gracious favor throughout the past year. Preserve us in the days to come through the changes and chances of this mortal life, and bring us at last to that blessed day when every barrier and division shall be healed, when time itself shall end and we shall be one people, together in your presence forevermore. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, in great tenderness toward us you sent your Son into our flesh to fulfill the Law in perfect love. Grant to your baptized children throughout the world joy in your will and a desire to walk in your ways. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Great are you, O Lord, and greatly to be praised. Let your name be blessed every day among our families and in our homes, that one generation may tell to the next the wonderful works you have wrought in Christ. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You made your Son a little lower than the heavenly beings for our salvation, and now he sits enthroned in heaven, crowned with glory and honor. Receive our thanks for all who have gone before us, who bore your name in this world and now stand before you in heaven. Bless us all in this new year, and preserve us in faith until that day when we also stand before you in glory; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

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

Old CW 72

O Lord, Our Father, Thanks and Praise

- 1 O Lord, our Father, thanks and praise In this new year we render,
For ev'ry evil had to flee Before you, our defender.
Our life was nourished, we were fed
With rich supplies of daily bread,
And peace reigned in our borders.
- 2 Lord Jesus Christ, our thanks and praise In this new year we render;
Your reign has kept your people free, Has shown your mercies tender.
You have redeemed us with your blood;
You are our joy, our only good,
In life and death our Savior.
- 3 O Holy Spirit, thanks and praise In this new year we render,
For you have led our eyes to see Your truth in all its splendor
And thus enkindled from above
Within our hearts true faith and love
And other Christian virtues.
- 4 Our faithful God, we cry to you: Still bless us with your favor,
Blot out all our iniquity, And hide our sins forever.
Grant us a happy, good new year
And, when the hour of death draws near,
A peaceful, blest departure.

Text: Cyriacus Schneegass, 1546–97; tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt.

*Thank you for worshipping with us.
God's richest blessings in 2024!*

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.

Pick up today:

- 2024 Offering Envelopes
- *Forward in Christ, Meditations, Portals of Prayer*
- Our Savior's Constitution & By-Laws

Recap of Open Forum – Please see the next page for a recap of the Dec. 10th congregational open forum. There is a lot of information for you to consider before today's meeting.

Contact Information Updates – In January a new congregational directory will be printed. Please update your address, phone number, and email address as needed by writing a note on the Friendship Register, giving a note to the secretary, or by emailing the church office at OSInfo@oursaviorswausau.org.

Please also let us know if you wish to be added to the email list for bulletins and/or newsletters.

Our Savior's School Little Caesar's Fundraiser – Pizza kits, breads and cookies - have them on hand for quick dinners, parties or entertaining. Brochures are available in the narthex. You may order online or fill out an order form with payment and give to the church office or a teacher. Orders must be received by noon on Jan. 12. Pick up time will be announced mid-January. Funds raised will go toward a water bottle filling station and a volleyball refereeing stand. Thank you in advance for your support.

OWLS – In January we'll be making Valentine cards for the shut-ins. We will meet at Our Saviors on Tuesday, January 9th at 11:30. Guests are always welcome to join us. Questions contact Evan or Sandy at 715-693-1337.

WELS Youth Night - WELS Youth Night will be held at Marathon City Sports Center, in Marathon City, **February 4th** from 5-8pm. Teens 8th - 12th grade are invited to join us as we'll "take over" the bowling alley where they will find free food, free bowling, and the free Gospel. It will be a good time and we encourage all teens to come and invite friends (Wels or not). We'll bowl for fun, but we'll also "pin" some of our better bowlers against each other in a championship game for big prizes. We will have eight lanes to accommodate around 50 bowlers. No bowling ball, shoes or skill required!

Bible Information Class – The next Bible Information Class will begin on Monday, January 15th, at 6:30 pm in the lower level of the Ministry Center of the St. Peter Schofield Campus. While members are always welcome to attend for a review of the basic teachings of the Christian faith, "Life's Big Questions" is especially intended for the unchurched, those interested in learning more about what our church teaches, and anyone who does not have a personal relationship with Jesus. Please spread the word about this new class and invite your friends, relatives, associates at work, and neighbors to come. Remember, outreach is for everyone!

**Congregational Meeting TODAY
following our worship service**

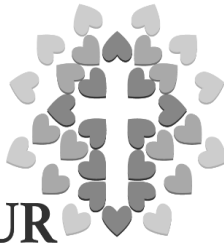
**Pastoral Call Meeting this Thursday,
Jan. 11 at 6:30 pm**

Recap of Dec. 10th Open Forum – Here are some highlights:

- Chairman Travis Kurth read a letter from the leaders of St Peter informing Our Savior's that, at least at this time, a merger of our ministries is not a feasible option.
- Tony Sulko, our congregation's treasurer, gave a financial update. He noted that while Our Savior's is currently holding its own financially during the pastoral vacancy, things would be very different should there be a pastor to support with salary, housing allowance and the necessary benefits. Tony also gave an update on the money that Our Savior's has in checking and savings accounts, as well as in stocks and other special accounts.
- There was discussion about the request of the Church Council that permission be granted to them to be able to spend down our savings in order to financially support having a pastor. It is estimated this could help for up to two years or so.
- There is a need to not only fill the openings on the Church Council but to also have members serving on committee and service groups. Copies will soon be made of Our Savior's by-laws with position and responsibility descriptions. Members are urged to read this information and consider how they can serve. Members of the Church Council in the new year will be reaching out with invitations to help by serving.
- There was discussion about helping our Christian Day School become accredited. This would also enable Our Savior's to enter the school choice program to potentially bring extra financial support.
- Members are encouraged to continue praying for our ministry.
- God willing, another Call meeting for a pastor will be held in mid January.
- **Join us for the congregational meeting today following our worship service.**
- **The next Pastoral Call Meeting is scheduled for this Thursday, Jan. 11 at 6:30 pm.**

This Week at Our Savior's		
Today 1/7	9:00 AM 10:15 AM	Worship Sunday School Congregational Meeting
Monday	6:00 PM	Board of Education
Tuesday	11:30 AM 4:30 PM	OWLS Meeting at Our Savior's Home Basketball
Thursday	1:00 PM 5:00 PM 6:30 PM	Ladies Aid Home Basketball Pastoral Call Meeting <i>Orders due for school pizza kit fundraiser</i>
Friday		<i>Committee & Group Reports Due for Annual Report</i>
Next Sunday 1/14	9:00 AM 10:15 AM	Worship with Communion Sunday School & Bible Class <i>Food Pantry Sunday</i>

Growing Together					
<i>December 31, 2023</i>					
<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Vision</u>	<u>Debt Red</u>	<u>Advent</u>	<u>Chr Day</u>	<u>NY Eve</u>
\$3,430.00	\$330.00	\$60.00	\$330.00	\$360.00	\$635.00
<u>Chr Gifts/Bags</u>	<u>Plate</u>				
\$25.00	\$5.00				
Anticipated Weekly Offerings: \$4,077					
Attendance:	December 31 – 50				



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