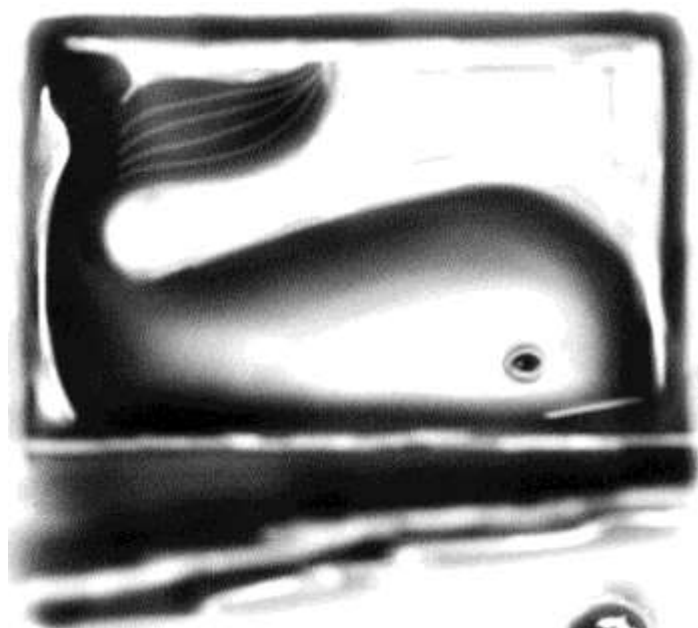




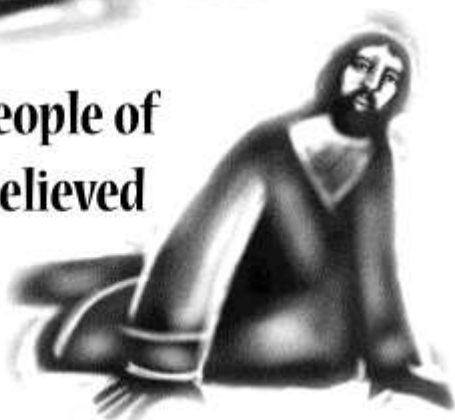
OUR SAVIOR'S

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



**And the people of
Nineveh believed
God...**

Jonah 3:5, NRSV



WELCOME

Welcome to worship, especially our guests! We are delighted to have you with us. If you are looking for a church home, we are happy to share ours with you. If we haven't seen you in a while, it is great to see you today! May God bless your time with us richly.

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 compassion. 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.

Serving in Worship

- Minister ~ Pastor Em. Mark Schlenner
- Organist ~ Marie Kurth
- Ushers ~ Phil Brost, Travis Kurth

Next week ~ Tony Sulko, Bill Unruh

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Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 21, 2024

God Is Patient

Welcome

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

Old CW 255

- 1 Open now thy gates of beauty; Zion, let me enter there,
Where my soul in joyful duty Waits for him who answers prayer.
Oh, how blessed is this place, Filled with solace, light, and grace!
- 2 Gracious God, I come before thee; Come thou also unto me.
Where we find thee and adore thee, There a heav'n on earth must be.
To my heart, oh, enter thou; Let it be thy temple now!
- 3 Here thy praise is gladly chanted; Here thy seed is duly sown.
Let my soul, where it is planted, Bring forth precious sheaves alone,
So that all I hear may be Fruitful unto life in me.
- 4 Thou my faith increase and quicken; Let me keep thy gift divine,
Howsoe'er temptations thicken; May thy Word still o'er me shine
As my guiding star through life, As my comfort in all strife.
- 5 Speak, O God, and I will hear thee; Let thy will be done indeed.
May I undisturbed draw near thee While thou dost thy people feed.
Here of life the fountain flows; Here is balm for all our woes.

Text: Benjamin Schmolck, 1672–1737, abr.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.

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

Confession

CW 154

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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

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 on High

CW 157



Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glorify you,



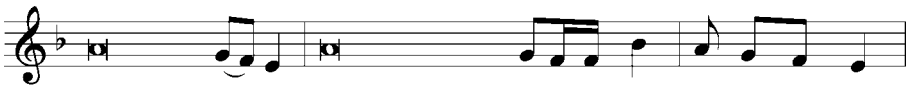
we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



God the Fa-ther Al-mighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sin of the world;



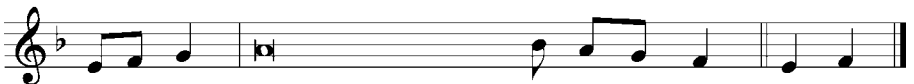
have mercy on us. You take away the sin of the world; re-ceive our prayer.



You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us.



For you on-ly are holy; you on-ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the



Ho-ly Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you sent your Son to proclaim your kingdom and teach with authority. Anoint us with the power of your Spirit that we too may bring good news to the afflicted, bind up the brokenhearted, and proclaim liberty to the captive; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The Word

First Reading

Jonah 3:1–5,10

¹Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time: ²“Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you.”

³Jonah obeyed the word of the LORD and went to Nineveh. Now Nineveh was a very large city; it took three days to go through it.

⁴Jonah began by going a day’s journey into the city, proclaiming, “Forty more days and Nineveh will be overthrown.” ⁵The Ninevites believed God. A fast was proclaimed, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth.

¹⁰When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he relented and did not bring on them the destruction he had threatened.

Psalm of the Day: O God, You Search Me

Psalm 139G



1 O God, you search me and you know me.
2 You know my rest - ing and my ris - ing.
3 Be - fore a word is on my tongue, LORD,
4 Al - though your Spir - it is up - on me,
5 For you cre - at - ed me and shaped me,



All my thoughts lie o - pen to your gaze.
You dis - cern my pur - pose from a - far,
you have known its mean - ing through and through.
still I search for shel - ter from your light.
gave me life with - in my moth - er's womb.



When I walk or lie down, you are be - fore me:
and with love ev - er - last - ing you be - siege me:
You are with me be - yond my un - der - stand - ing:
There is no - where on earth I can es - cape you:
For the won - der of who I am, I praise you:



ev - er the mak - er and keep - er of my days.
in ev - 'ry mo - ment of life or death, you are.
God of my pres - ent, my past, and fu - ture, too.
E - ven the dark - ness is ra - dian - t in your sight.
Safe in your hands, all cre - a - tion is made new.

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Second Reading

2 Thessalonians 2:13–17

¹³But we ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters loved by the Lord, because God chose you as firstfruits to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth. ¹⁴He called you to this through our gospel, that you might share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

¹⁵So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the teachings we passed on to you, whether by word of mouth or by letter.

¹⁶May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, ¹⁷encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.

Gospel Acclamation

Psalm 22:22



Refrain



Tone



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⁴³The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, “Follow me.”

⁴⁴Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida.

⁴⁵Philip found Nathanael and told him, “We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.”

⁴⁶“Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?” Nathanael asked.

“Come and see,” said Philip.

⁴⁷When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, “Here truly is an Israelite in whom there is no deceit.”

⁴⁸“How do you know me?” Nathanael asked.

Jesus answered, “I saw you while you were still under the fig tree before Philip called you.”

⁴⁹Then Nathanael declared, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the king of Israel.”

⁵⁰Jesus said, “You believe because I told you I saw you under the fig tree. You will see greater things than that.” ⁵¹He then added, “Very truly I tell you, you will see ‘heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on’ the Son of Man.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Hymn of the Day

CW 375

- 1 Arise and shine in splendor; let night to day surrender.
Your light is drawing near.
Above, the day is beaming, in matchless beauty gleaming;
the glory of the Lord is here.

- 2 See earth in darkness lying, the heathen nations dying
in hopeless gloom and night.
To you the Lord of heaven— your life, your hope—has given
great glory, honor, and delight.

3 Lift up your eyes in wonder— see, nations gather yonder
from sin to be set free.
The world has heard your story; her sons come to your glory,
her daughters haste your light to see.

4 Your heart will leap for gladness when from the realms of sadness
they come from near and far.
Your eyes will wake from slumber as people without number
rejoice to see the Morning Star.

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Sermon

Jonah 3:1–5,10

God Is Patient

1. What does this mean?
2. What does he do?
3. Why does he do it?

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

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 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 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 T give you peace.

Amen.

Closing Hymn

CW 380 sts. 1, 4-5

- 1 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does its successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

- 4 Blessings abound where'er he reigns:
the pris'ners leap, unloosed their chains,
the weary find eternal rest,
and all who suffer want are blest.

- 5 Let ev'ry creature rise and bring
worship and honor to our King;
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud amen.

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*Thank you for worshiping with us.
May your week be richly blessed!*

Sincere Thanks – We thank Pastor Em. Mark Schlenner for leading our worship service today.

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.

Pastoral Call Extended – On Thursday, Jan. 11, Our Savior's voters extended a Divine Call to Pastor Philip Janke. Pastor Janke currently serves at Winnebago Lutheran Academy in Fond du Lac as Director of Admission and Communication and Religion Instructor. Please keep him, his family, WLA and our own congregation in your prayers as he deliberates where he can best serve our Lord.

To offer words of encouragement to Pastor Janke, please email him at pjanke@wlvikings.org or call/text 262-822-2544 (please remember that he teaches during the day).

Divine Call Received – Mr. Nathan Lemke has received the Divine Call to teach 7th and 8th grade and direct athletics at Bethlehem Lutheran Church & School in Hortonville, WI. Let's remember Nathan in our prayers and offer him our words of encouragement as he considers this Divine Call as well as his Call to serve here at Our Savior's!

Pick up today:

- 2023 Financial Statements, 2024 Offering Envelopes
- January Newsletter
- *Forward in Christ, Meditations, Portals of Prayer*

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. We encourage all teens to come and invite friends (WELS or not). We will have eight lanes to accommodate around 50 bowlers. No bowling ball, shoes or skill required!

Open Forum Recap - We thank all who attended the Jan. 7th Open Forum. Here are some highlights:

- 1) The congregation gave permission to the Church Council to subsidize the budget with monies held in savings. While these monies are not needed now, they would be when a pastor accepts the Call and begins serving at Our Savior's.
- 2) We will be renewing the effort to get the Lutheran Elementary School accredited. Members were asked to look for opportunities to help with this in the very near future.
- 3) A new Bible study on outreach, "Let's Go", will begin on Sunday, January 28th, at 10:15 am. All communicant members are strongly encouraged to attend!
- 4) Members of the Church Council will soon be reaching out to members of Our Savior's with requests to help on committees and service groups. As a reminder there still are a few openings for service on the Church Council.
- 5) Finally, all members are encouraged to pray daily for the present and future gospel ministry of Our Savior's.

In Our Prayers - Charles Newby is hospitalized at Aspirus. Betty Krueger has moved to a skilled care facility in Sun Prairie. The church office has her mailing address if you'd like to send a card to her. Please keep both Charles and Betty in your prayers.

This Week at Our Savior's

Today	9:00 AM 10:15 AM	Worship / WELS Connection Sunday School & Bible Class
Tuesday	4-6 PM 5:00 PM	PreK/K Open House Home Basketball
Wednesday		OSS Muffins with Moms
Friday	5:00 PM	Basketball at St. Paul, WI Rapids
Saturday		OS Day at Dime & Dollar
Next Sunday 1/28	9:00 AM 10:15 AM	Worship with Communion Sunday School & Bible Class

Growing Together

January 14, 2023

<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Vision</u>	<u>Debt Red</u>	<u>Missions</u>	<u>Initial Env</u>	<u>OS School</u>	<u>Plate</u>
\$2,536.00	\$90.00	\$220.00	\$60.00	\$45.00	\$30.00	\$40.00
<u>NLHS Tuition</u>	<u>NLHS Op</u>	<u>School Fees</u>				
\$15.00	\$30.00	\$6,518.00				

Anticipated Weekly Offerings: \$4,077

Attendance: January 14 – 59

PreK & Kindergarten Open House – Pop in this Tuesday, January 23rd from 4-6 PM to learn about Christian education opportunities available for your family at Our Savior's. If you are unable to visit during the open house, contact us to set up a time to visit. Call (715) 845-3253 or contact us by email at OSInfo@oursaviorswausau.org.



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