



OUR SAVIOR'S

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



“The time has come,” he said.

“The kingdom of God is near.

Repent and believe the good news!”

Mark 1:15, NIV

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

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 Mark Schlenner
- Organist ~ Marie Kurth
- Ushers ~ Mark Krohn, Kurt Schubring

Wednesday – Tim & Ellen Heil

Next Sunday – Brost family

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The First Sunday in Lent

February 18, 2024

Welcome & WELS Connection

Opening Hymn

CW 510

In Christ Alone

- 1 In Christ alone my hope is found;
he is my light, my strength, my song;
this cornerstone, this solid ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all;
here in the love of Christ I stand.

- 2 In Christ alone, who took on flesh,
fullness of God in helpless babe;
this gift of love and righteousness,
scorned by the ones he came to save.
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
the wrath of God was satisfied;
for ev'ry sin on him was laid;
here in the death of Christ I live.

- 3 There in the ground his body lay,
light of the world by darkness slain;
then bursting forth in glorious day,
up from the grave he rose again!
And as he stands in victory,
sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
for I am his and he is mine,
bought with the precious blood of Christ.

4 No guilt in life, no fear in death,
this is the pow'r of Christ in me;
from life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man
can ever pluck me from his hand;
till he returns or calls me home,
here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

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Stand

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.

Song of Praise: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

CW 863 sts. 1–2

- 1 A mighty fortress is our God,
a trusty shield and weapon;
he helps us free from ev'ry need
that has us now o'ertaken.
The old evil foe
now means deadly woe;
deep guile and great might
are his dread arms in fight;
on earth is not his equal.

- 2 With might of ours can naught be done,
soon were our loss effected;
but for us fights the valiant one
whom God himself elected.
You ask, "Who is this?"
Jesus Christ it is,
the almighty Lord,
and there's no other God;
he holds the field forever.

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Prayer of the Day

Mighty God and Father, our Lord Jesus walked into the wilderness to face the devil's temptations, but he did not succumb to Satan's lies or falter in his resolve to save the world from the prison of hell. Bolster our faith by his mighty victory that we may battle against the forces of evil with courage and confidence; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

The Word

First Reading

Genesis 22:1–18

¹Some time later God tested Abraham. He said to him, “Abraham!”
“Here I am,” he replied.

²Then God said, “Take your son, your only son, whom you love— Isaac—and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you.”

³Early the next morning Abraham got up and loaded his donkey. He took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac. When he had cut enough wood for the burnt offering, he set out for the place God had told him about. ⁴On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance. ⁵He said to his servants, “Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there. We will worship and then we will come back to you.”

⁶Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and placed it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. As the two of them went on together, ⁷Isaac spoke up and said to his father Abraham, “Father?”

“Yes, my son?” Abraham replied.

“The fire and wood are here,” Isaac said, “but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?”

⁸Abraham answered, “God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son.” And the two of them went on together.

⁹When they reached the place God had told him about, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰Then he reached out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. ¹¹But the angel of the LORD called out to him from heaven, “Abraham! Abraham!”

“Here I am,” he replied.

¹²“Do not lay a hand on the boy,” he said. “Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son.”

¹³Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴So Abraham called that place The LORD

Will Provide. And to this day it is said, “On the mountain of the LORD it will be provided.”

¹⁵The angel of the LORD called to Abraham from heaven a second time ¹⁶and said, “I swear by myself, declares the LORD, that because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, ¹⁷I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies, ¹⁸and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me.”

Second Reading

Ephesians 6:10–18

¹⁰Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. ¹¹Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes. ¹²For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. ¹³Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. ¹⁴Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, ¹⁵and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. ¹⁶In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

¹⁸And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people.

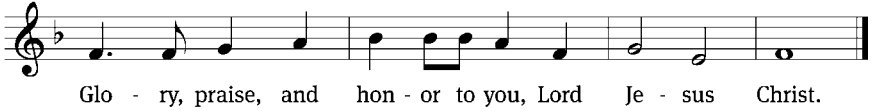
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Gospel Acclamation

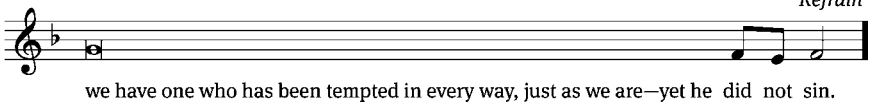
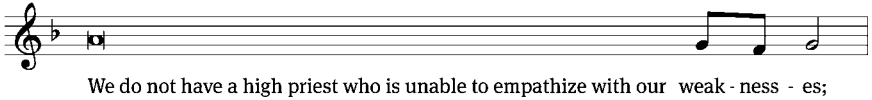
Hebrews 4:15



Refrain



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Gospel

Mark 1:12–15

¹²At once the Spirit sent him out into the wilderness, ¹³and he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him.

¹⁴After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. ¹⁵“The time has come,” he said. “The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!”

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

Be seated

Hymn of the Day

CW 545
O Love, How Deep

- 1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high,
beyond all thought and fantasy,
that God, the Son of God, should take
our mortal form for mortals' sake!
- 2 He sent no angel to our race,
of higher or of lower place,
but wore the robe of human frame,
and to this world himself he came.
- 3 For us baptized, for us he bore
his holy fast and hungered sore;
for us temptation sharp he knew,
for us the tempter overthrew.
- 4 For us he prayed, for us he taught;
for us his daily works he wrought,
by words and signs and actions thus
still seeking not himself but us.
- 5 For us, by wicked men betrayed,
for us, in crown of thorns arrayed,
he bore the shameful cross and death;
for us he gave his dying breath.
- 6 For us he rose from death again,
for us he went on high to reign;
for us he sent his Spirit here
to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.
- 7 All glory to our Lord and God
for love so deep, so high, so broad,
the Trinity whom we adore
forever and forevermore.

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The Time Has Come

1. *The Forerunner is finished*
2. *The Lamb is ready*
3. *The message is clear*

Stand

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.

Be seated

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.

Stand

Prayer of the Day

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 422 sts. 1, 4

A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth

- 1 A Lamb goes uncomplaining forth,
our guilt and evil bearing
and, laden with the sins of earth,
none else the burden sharing,
goes patient on, grows weak and faint,
to slaughter led without complaint,
that spotless life to offer;
bears shame and stripes and wounds and death,
anguish and mockery and saith,
"Willing all this I suffer."

- 4 From morn till eve, in all I do,
I'll praise you, Christ, my treasure.
To sacrifice myself for you
shall be my aim and pleasure.
My stream of life shall ever be
a current flowing ceaselessly,
your constant praise outpouring.
I'll treasure in my memory,
O Lord, all you have done for me,
your gracious love adoring.

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

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 Meeting – We called both a pastor and a principal/teacher last Monday evening. Their names and contact information are available today. We encourage you to reach out to them. Please keep them and Our Savior's ministry in your prayers.

Updated Member Directory Available – An updated member directory is available for pick up today. The annual report will now coincide with our fiscal year, which is July – June, so it will be distributed early summer.

Our Savior's Lutheran School is enrolling for 2024-2025

Our Savior's offers Christian education for Preschool – 8th Grade. We invite you to attend our open house on Tuesday, March 5th from 4:30-6:30PM. If you aren't available to stop by, call 715-845-3253 or email OSinfor@oursaviorswausau.org for information.



Lent 2024

Our Lent sermon series focuses on when God was literally put on trial in the person of Christ. In these inspired episodes for each Lenten and Holy

Week service, believers find a model and motivation for how to live as God's people in Jesus.

We'll follow St. Peter's pastoral rotation:

Feb. 21 – Vicar Wenzel	Sympathy	Luke 23:26-34
Feb. 28 – Pastor Cortright	Misconceptions	Luke 23:1-12
March 6 – Pastor Buschkopf	Testimony	Matthew 26:57-75
March 13 – Pastor Ewald	Truth	John 18:33-44
March 20 – Pastor Phelps	Restraint	Luke 22:47-53

If you are unable to attend our Wednesday afternoon service at 1:00 PM, please consider worshipping at one of our sister congregations.

- **Our Savior's: Wednesdays at 1:00 pm**
- **St. Peter Schofield campus worship times:**
Thursdays – 5:00 & 7:00 pm
- **Mountain of the Lord: Wednesdays at 6:00 pm**

Northland LHS News

Miss Julia Schibbelhut has announced that she is getting married after this school year and will pursue other areas of ministry. We are so thankful that she is getting married to a God-fearing, Christian man and are excited for them to share their life together with Christ at the head and the center of their lives. Our prayers go with them.

Upcoming Events at NLHS:

Feb. 20 at 6:00 pm - Open Forum

Feb. 24 – NLHS hosts the WSMA Music Festival

March 13 – Academic Challenge for area WELS grade schools

April 21 – Together We Shine

This Week at Our Savior's

Today	9:00 AM 10:15 AM	Worship / WELS Connection Sunday School & Bible Class
Monday	4:15 PM	Home Basketball vs. St. Peter (Parents Night)
Tuesday	5:00 PM	Basketball at Zion, Rhinelander
Wednesday	8:00 AM 1:00 PM	OSS Donuts with Dads Lenten Worship
Thursday	4:30 PM	Home Basketball vs. Immanuel, Medford
Saturday		OS Day at Dime & Dollar
Next Sunday 2/25	9:00 AM 10:15 AM	Worship with Holy Communion Sunday School & Bible Class

Growing Together

February 11, 2024

<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Vision</u>	<u>Debt Red</u>	<u>Initial Env</u>	<u>Ash Wed</u>	<u>Missions</u>	<u>Plate</u>
\$2,350.00	\$340.00	\$135.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$120.00	\$63.00
<u>NLHS Op</u>	<u>NLHS Tuition</u>	<u>Bldg Maint</u>	<u>School Fees</u>	<u>School Supplies</u>		
\$50.00	\$25.00	\$80.00	\$2,122.00	\$350.00		

Anticipated Weekly Offerings: \$4,077

In-Person Attendance: Sunday, February 11 – 72
Ash Wednesday – 89

Dime & Dollar Volunteers - Can you spare three hour, morning or afternoon, to help us at Dime & Dollar Thrift Store? Our Savior's provides volunteers for D & D on the 4th Saturday of every month. Profits go to support Northland Lutheran High School. Sign up in the narthex or call Judy Wastrack for more information.

Devotions for Holy Week 2024

THE SAVIOR WE NEED



Two thousand years ago, God's people were expecting the Messiah to be a conquering hero who would rescue them from their Roman oppressors. Instead, he came as a suffering servant who died at the hands of those Romans. This is what Paul called the foolishness of the cross. But the Bible makes it clear that the Jesus those people received—the Jesus we are blessed to call our Savior today—is far greater than any we could ever have designed on our own. These devotions will show us that he truly is the Savior we need.

Options for viewing the devotions below will become available as we approach Holy Week:

- Digital flipbook *Check back in March.*
- Daily devotions be sent to your inbox. ***Subscribe today!***
<https://mlc-wels.edu/publications/seasonal-devotions/>



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