



OUR SAVIOR'S

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

"For God so loved the world
that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes
in him may not perish
but may have eternal life."

John 3:16, NRSV

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.

Holy Communion

We will celebrate Holy Communion for the personal assurance from the Lord of his forgiveness for Jesus' sake. Because participation in the Sacrament expresses unity with our Savior and one another through a common faith and stand on God's Word, we invite and welcome to partake all who are united with us as members of our church or another church that is part of our wider fellowship in the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. To prepare yourself for the Sacrament, please consider pages 293 as well as 295-296 in the hymnals.

Serving in Worship

- Minister ~ Pastor Jeff Grundmeier
 - Organist ~ Marie Kurth
 - Ushers ~ Sawyer Burish, Robert Gresens
- Wednesday – Stelzer*
Next Sunday – Tim & Ellen Heil

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The Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 10, 2024

Welcome

Opening Hymn

CW 779

I Sing as I Arise Today

- 1 I sing as I arise today,
I call on my Creator's might:
the will of God to be my guide,
the eye of God to be my sight;
- 2 The word of God to be my speech,
the hand of God to be my stay,
the shield of God to be my strength,
the path of God to be my way;
- 3 The work of God to be my joy,
the house of God to be my rest,
the grace of God to be my song,
the praise of God to be my best.
- 4 I sing as I arise today;
I cry out my Redeemer's name:
Lord Jesus Christ, my hope, my all,
today and evermore the same.

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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.

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.

Prayer of the Day

Grant, O merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace that they may be cleansed from all their sins and serve you with a quiet mind; 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

Numbers 21:4–9

⁴They traveled from Mount Hor along the route to the Red Sea, to go around Edom. But the people grew impatient on the way; ⁵they spoke against God and against Moses, and said, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? There is no bread! There is no water! And we detest this miserable food!”

⁶Then the LORD sent venomous snakes among them; they bit the people and many Israelites died. ⁷The people came to Moses and said, “We sinned when we spoke against the LORD and against you. Pray that the LORD will take the snakes away from us.” So Moses prayed for the people.

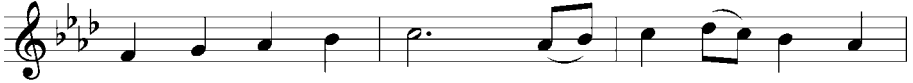
⁸The LORD said to Moses, “Make a snake and put it up on a pole; anyone who is bitten can look at it and live.” ⁹So Moses made a bronze snake and put it up on a pole. Then when anyone was bitten by a snake and looked at the bronze snake, they lived.

How Blest Are Those

Psalm 32B



1 How blest are those the LORD for - gives; how
2 I si - lent - ly con - cealed my guilt, but
3 I then con - fessed my sin to you, my
4 Let all the faith - ful pray to you while
5 You hide me, LORD; you hold me fast in



glad they are to hear their sin is gone, their
then I groaned all day: your heav - y hand, like
griev - ous guilt and shame, and you for - gave my
you may still be found; you place them safe a -
all ad - ver - si - ty, sur - round - ing me with



guilt a - toned, their rec - ord clean and clear.
sum - mer heat, took all my strength a - way.
wick - ed - ness by your most gra - cious name.
bove the flood, se - cure on high - er ground.
faith - ful love and songs of vic - to - ry.

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Second Reading

Ephesians 2:1–10

¹As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, ²in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. ³All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath. ⁴But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, ⁵made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. ⁶And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, ⁷in order

that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— ⁹not by works, so that no one can boast. ¹⁰For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

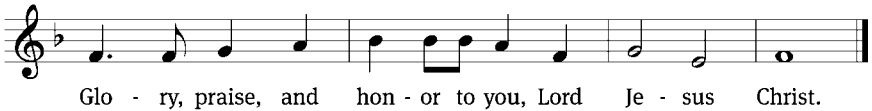
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Gospel Acclamation

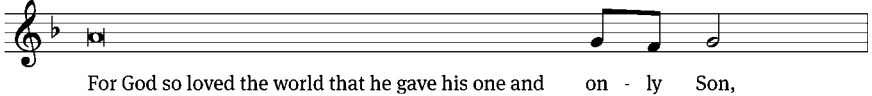
John 3:16



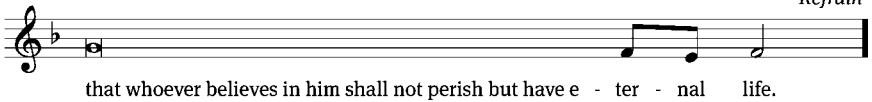
Refrain



Tone



Refrain



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Gospel

John 3:14–21

¹⁴Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, ¹⁵that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.”

¹⁶For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. ¹⁸Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already

because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son. ¹⁹This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed. ²¹But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God.

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

Be seated

Hymn of the Day

CW 570

God Loved the World So That He Gave

- 1 God loved the world so that he gave his only Son the lost to save that all who would in him believe should everlasting life receive.
- 2 Christ is the solid rock of faith,
who was made flesh and suffered death.
All who confide in him alone are built on this chief cornerstone.
- 3 God would not have the sinner die; his Son with saving grace is nigh.
His Spirit in the Word declares that we in Christ are heaven's heirs.
- 4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son
forgives the sins that you have done.
You're justified by Jesus' blood; baptized, you are a child of God.
- 5 If you are sick, if death is near,
this truth your troubled heart can cheer:
Christ Jesus saves my soul from death; this is the anchor of my faith!
- 6 Glory to God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To you, O blessed Trinity, be praise now and eternally!

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Life In the Wilderness

1. We Need Patience
2. The Lord Sends Snakes

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

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 Church

Heavenly Father, you loved the world and gave your Son to liberate us from sin and death by his obedient death on the cross.

We confess that without your love we are lost.

Lord of the Church, we thank you for the treasure of the gospel. By your Spirit, keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.

Strengthen our determination to do what pleases you, no matter what the danger or the cost.

Let us pray for those who carry a cross in the name of Christ and face ridicule and persecution for the sake of the kingdom: missionaries and chaplains, young people who stand up for what is right in the face of pressure to do what is wrong, and all who pay a high price for their faith and their values as Christians.

By your Spirit, O Lord, grant them patience and endurance.

Let us pray for those who carry heavy burdens in life: the sick and the chronically ill, the depressed and the lonely, those torn by conflict in personal relationships, those victimized by war and injustice, and all who face the terrors of life with a heavy heart.

Grant them peace, O Lord, and in your mercy, be their guardian and friend, their comfort and hope.

Let us pray for those who care for others: pastors and counselors; physicians and nurses; social workers and caring friends; all who feed the hungry, comfort the hurting, and stand beside the dying.

Strengthen them in their work, O Lord, and do not let them become weary in doing good.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

Help us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Keep us faithful even to the point of death, that we may receive the crown of life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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 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.

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 repetitive, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "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 final note of the piece is a whole note on the G line of the staff.

Be seated

Distribution of the Lord's Supper

Distribution Hymns

By Grace I'm Saved

CW 575

- 1 By grace I'm saved, grace free and boundless;
my soul, believe and doubt it not.
Why waver at this word of promise?
Has Scripture ever falsehood taught?
So then this word must true remain:
by grace you, too, shall heav'n obtain.

- 2 By grace God's Son, our only Savior,
came down to earth to bear our sin.
Was it because of your own merit
that Jesus died, your soul to win?
No, it was grace, and grace alone,
that brought him from his heav'nly throne.
- 3 By grace! O mark this word of promise
when you are by your sins oppressed,
when Satan plagues your troubled conscience,
and when your heart is seeking rest.
What reason cannot comprehend
God by his grace to you did send.
- 4 By grace to timid hearts that tremble,
in tribulation's furnace tried,
by grace, despite all fear and trouble,
the Father's heart is open wide.
Where could I help and strength secure
if grace were not my anchor sure?
- 5 By grace! On this I'll rest when dying;
in Jesus' promise I rejoice,
for though I know my heart's condition,
I also know my Savior's voice.
My heart is glad, all grief has flown
since I am saved by grace alone.

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The Gospel Shows the Father's Grace

CW 638

- 1 The gospel shows the Father's grace,
who sent his Son to save our race,
proclaims how Jesus lived and died
that we might thus be justified.

- 2 It sets the Lamb before our eyes,
who made th' atoning sacrifice
and calls the souls with guilt oppressed
to come and find eternal rest.
- 3 It brings the Savior's righteousness
to robe our souls in royal dress;
from all our guilt it brings release
and gives the troubled conscience peace.
- 4 It is the pow'r of God to save
from sin and Satan and the grave;
it works the faith which firmly clings
to all the treasures which it brings.
- 5 It bears to all the tidings glad
and bids their hearts no more be sad;
the weary, burdened souls it cheers
and banishes their guilty fears.
- 6 May we in faith its message learn
nor thanklessly its blessings spurn;
may we in faith its truth confess
and praise the Lord, our righteousness.

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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 811 sts. 1, 4

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

- 1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine.
Now hear me while I pray; take all my guilt away;
O let me from this day be wholly thine!

- 4 When ends life's transient dream,
when death's cold, sullen stream shall o'er me roll,
blest Savior, then, in love, fear and distrust remove;
O bear me safe above, a ransomed soul!

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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.

Divine Call News – Our voters called Pastor Aaron Platzer to be our next pastor. Please keep him and his family in your prayers. You may reach out to him at: 815.997.4162, pastoratpeaceelp@gmail.com

March Issue of Forward in Christ

- Depression – a pastor shares his struggles (p. 7)
- Free in Christ – how do you let the gospel light shin in your life? Two laypeople tell what they do (p. 12)
- Should our children be leaders of followers? “Parent conversations” offers thoughts for all Christians to consider (p. 16)
- “What if it’s true...” virtual Bible study – read this month’s study (p. 32) and participate in a live Bible study with the author on March 26.

Pick up a copy today!



Easter Lilies – If you would like to donate an Easter lily for our Easter worship service, please sign up in the narthex.

OWLS March Meeting - The OWLS group will meet at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Mosinee on Tuesday, March 12th at 11:30 with another interesting presentation. Pastor Ben Phelps from St Matthew, Marathon will have visual aids while talking about his time in Alaska serving Grace Lutheran. Various snacks will be served. Again, guests are not just welcome but encouraged to attend. Questions contact Evan or Sandy Dobberfuhl 715-693-1337.

Sisters In Christ Spring Event – All ladies are welcome to join us for our spring Sisters in Christ event on Thursday, April 18 6-8pm hosted at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Mosinee. We’ll be doing a board painting class. Three designs are offered; you will need to choose one. See the poster in the narthex for the designs. The cost will be \$40. Craft supplies as well as snacks and drinks will be provided. Please RSVP by April 8 to Cassy Ewald at cinderella.ewald@gmail.com. Hope to see you there!



Lent 2024

Our Lent sermon series focuses on when God was literally put on trial in the person of Christ. In these inspired episodes, believers find a model and motivation for how to live as God's people in Jesus.

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:** Thursdays – 5:00 & 7:00 pm
 - **Mountain of the Lord:** Wednesdays at 6:00 pm
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Palm Sunday, March 24

9:00 am Service of the Passion

Maundy Thursday, March 28

1:00 pm Worship with Holy Communion

Good Friday, March 29

1:00 pm Worship

Easter Sunday, March 31

9:00 am Festival Service with Holy Communion

Easter fellowship & treats will follow

This Week at Our Savior's

Today	9:00 AM 10:15 AM 3:00 PM	Worship with Holy Communion Sunday School <i>(No Bible Class today)</i> NLHS Lent/Easter Concert <i>Food Pantry Sunday</i>
Monday	6:00 PM	Coordinating Council
Tuesday	11:30 AM	OWLS at Immanuel, Mosinee
Wednesday	1:00 PM	Lenten Worship
Thursday	1:00 PM	Ladies Aid
Next Sunday 3/17	9:00 AM 10:15 AM	Worship Sunday School & Bible Class

Growing Together

March 3, 2024

<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Vision</u>	<u>Debt Red</u>	<u>Plate</u>	<u>Lent</u>	<u>Missions</u>
\$1,810.00	\$165.00	\$85.00	\$45.00	\$497.00	\$10.00
<u>OS School</u>	<u>Publications</u>	<u>School Fees</u>			
\$40.00	\$8.00	\$156.00			

Anticipated Weekly Offerings: \$4,077

In-Person Attendance: Sunday, March 3 – 52
Midweek Lent – 62

School Accreditation Info Meeting Cancelled! – Please note that the information meeting on March 18 is cancelled and will be rescheduled for April.

NLHS Lent/Easter Concert Today at 3:00 PM - All are welcome!

NLHS Together We Shine is coming up April 21! As we have for the last several years, we will hold our famous Soup Cook-Off and Silent Auction. Prizes for the auction may be dropped off at the school office. Also consider creating an award-winning soup for the cook-off!



Have you ever thought, “I wish our congregation was more outreach-minded”? If so, you’re not alone. For this reason, Our Savior’s will participate this spring in an exciting program called “Everyone Outreach”. The program helps build a culture of outreach so that every ministry and every member is encouraged and equipped to reach the lost in our community.

Please mark your calendars for **April 27th and 28th** when we kick off the program with a 2-day workshop. If you want to learn more about the Everyone Outreach program, visit everyoneoutreach.com or speak to Tim Heil, our outreach elder. Look for more information about “Everyone Outreach” as we get closer to the workshop! In the meantime, help yourself to an insert in the back of church.

Sign up sheet is available today in the narthex!

WELS Milwaukee Tour - The PACE group of Grace/Maine, St. Paul's/Naugart, and Trinity/Berlin have organized a summer trip to see a Brewers game and to visit some of the Synod sites in and around Milwaukee on June 28-29. See the flyer in the narthex for more information. Reservations are due May 15.



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