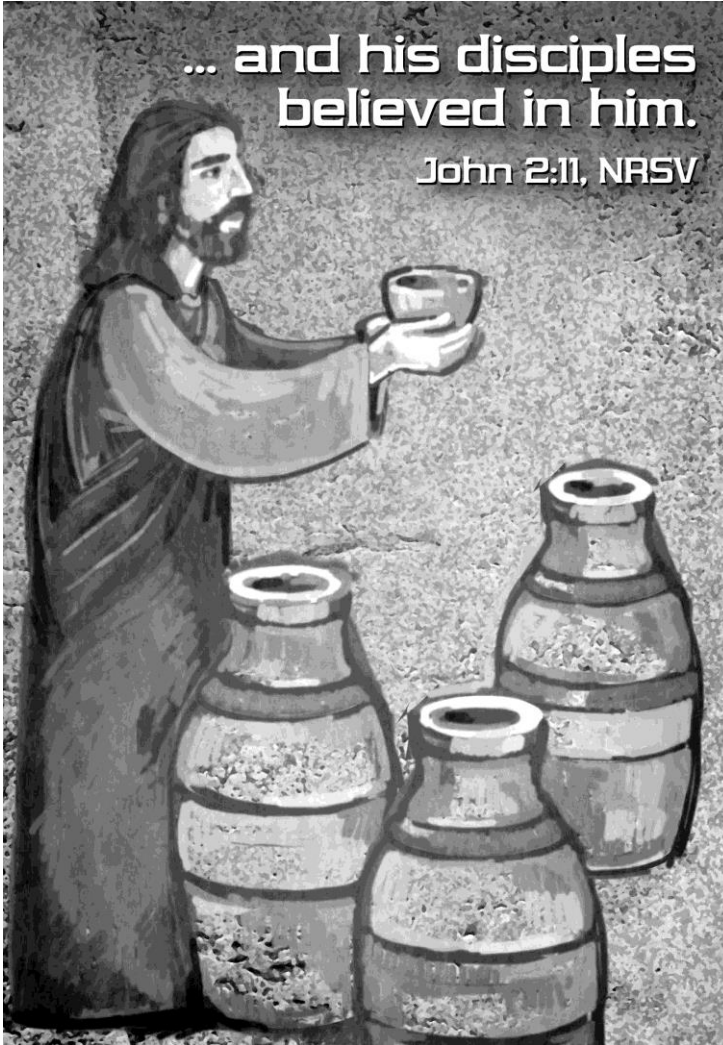




# OUR SAVIOR'S

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



## **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.

## **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 the pastor before the service begins.

## **SERVING TODAY**

- Minister – Pastor Jeffrey Grundmeier
- Organist – Jodi Langenhahn
- Ushers – Tim & Ellen Heil

*Next week – Phil Brost, Travis Kurth*

## **Acknowledgments**

Setting One from Christian Worship

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# First Sunday after Epiphany

January 12, 2024

## Words of Welcome

## Opening Hymn

CW 385

*Christ Begins*



1 We stand and we watch on the bank, wide-eyed.  
 2 Mar - y's whis - per - ing, but it's not the time.  
 3 See the sun out - shined on the hill and hide.  
 4 We stand, gath - ered round on the moun - tain - side.



Wa - ter runs and all heav - en  
 Yet six jars are filled with the  
 Clothes like light - ning white, heav - en  
 Watch the clos - ing clouds hide him



o - pens wide, and a voice like thun - der re - plies.  
 fin - est wine. Tell me, who is this by our side?  
 o - pens wide, and a voice like thun - der re - plies.  
 from our eyes; with a voice u - nit - ed we cry:

### *Refrain*



Here's my Proph - et, my Priest, my King, a



light in the dark, Christ steps in; here's my Sav - ior, my



God, my King, the time has come, Christ be - gins.

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*Stand*

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

## **Confession**

*CW 155*

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.  
**Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Almighty and merciful Father, we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts. We have offended you and sinned against your holy law. We have done those things that we should not have done, and we have not done those things that we should have done. Have mercy on us, Lord! Spare us, forgive us, and restore us, according to your promises in Christ Jesus.**

*Silence for meditation and reflection*

God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. 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.**

## 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.

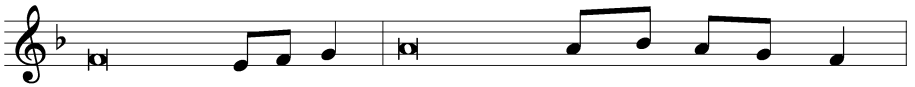
**Lord, have mercy.**

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,



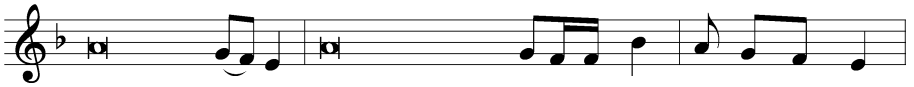
we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



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;



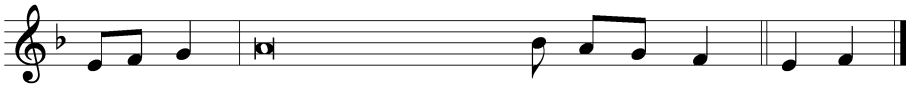
have mercy on us. You take away the sin of the world; re-ceive our prayer.



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.

## The Word

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you gave your one and only Son to be the light of the world. Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and believed to the ends of the earth; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Be seated*

## First Reading

Isaiah 62:1–5

<sup>1</sup>For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,  
for Jerusalem's sake I will not remain quiet,  
till her vindication shines out like the dawn,  
her salvation like a blazing torch.  
<sup>2</sup>The nations will see your vindication,  
and all kings your glory;  
you will be called by a new name  
that the mouth of the LORD will bestow.  
<sup>3</sup>You will be a crown of splendor in the LORD's hand,  
a royal diadem in the hand of your God.  
<sup>4</sup>No longer will they call you Deserted,  
or name your land Desolate.  
But you will be called Hephzibah,  
and your land Beulah;  
for the LORD will take delight in you,  
and your land will be married.  
<sup>5</sup>As a young man marries a young woman,  
so will your Builder marry you;  
as a bridegroom rejoices over his bride,  
so will your God rejoice over you.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

# I Will Praise Your Name Forever

Psalm 145B

## Refrain



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

## Tone



Great is the LORD and most wor- / thy of praise;  
his greatness no one can / fathom.

One generation commends your works to an- / other;  
they tell of your / mighty acts.

The LORD upholds / all who fall  
and lifts up all who are / bowed down. *Refrain*

The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food at the / proper time.

You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every / living thing.

The LORD is near to all who / call on him,  
to all who call on / him in truth.

He fulfills the desires of those who / fear him;  
he hears their cry and / saves them.

**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

Ephesians 3:14-21

<sup>14</sup>For this reason I kneel before the Father, <sup>15</sup>from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. <sup>16</sup>I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, <sup>17</sup>so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, <sup>18</sup>may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, <sup>19</sup>and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

<sup>20</sup>Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, <sup>21</sup>to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Stand

# Gospel Acclamation

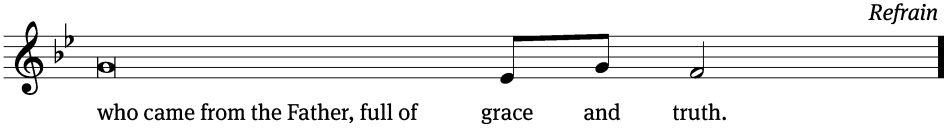
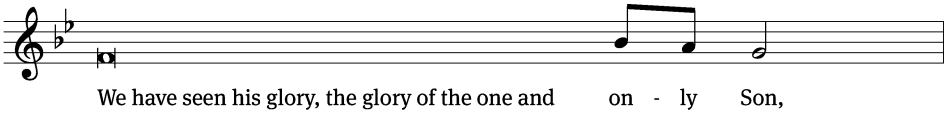
John 1:14



Refrain



Tone



Refrain

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## Gospel

John 2:1–11

<sup>1</sup>On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, <sup>2</sup>and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. <sup>3</sup>When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine."

<sup>4</sup>"Woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My hour has not yet come."

<sup>5</sup>His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

<sup>6</sup>Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons.

<sup>7</sup>Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim.

<sup>8</sup>Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet."

They did so, <sup>9</sup>and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside <sup>10</sup>and said, "Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now."

<sup>11</sup>What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Be seated*

## Hymn of the Day

**CW 375**

*Arise and Shine in Splendor*

## **Our Bridegroom Revealed His Glory**

1. *Not for his fame*
2. *But for our faith*

*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*

## **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*

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer*

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.**

## 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*

## The Sacrament

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lived among us as a human being and revealed his glory as your only Son, full of grace and truth.

Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

# Holy, Holy, Holy

CW 167

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san - na, ho -  
san - na, ho-san-na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he,  
bless-ed is he, bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Ho-san - na, ho-san - na, ho-san-na in the high - est.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy". It consists of five staves of music in a single system. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written on a treble clef staff. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The music concludes with a double bar line.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**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.**

## Words of Institution

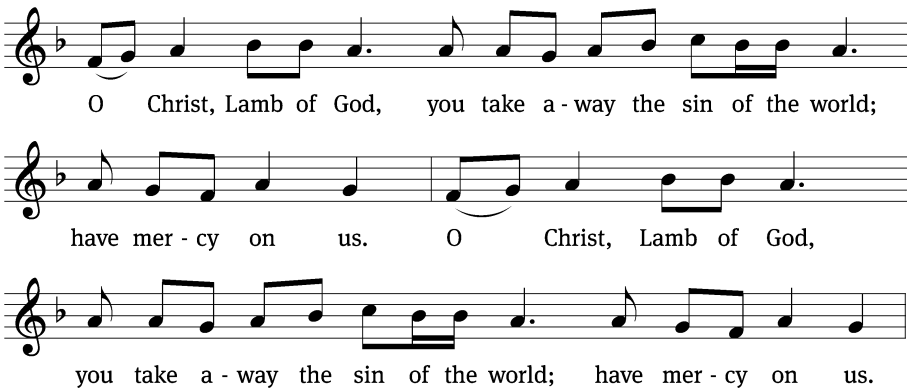
Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my  $\dagger$  body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my  $\dagger$  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.

*Be seated*

## Distribution & Hymns

### Alleluia! Let Praises Ring

CW 481

- 1 Alleluia! Let praises ring!  
To God the Father let us bring  
our songs of adoration.  
To him through everlasting days  
be worship, honor, pow'r, and praise  
whose hand sustains creation.  
Singing, ringing:  
holy, holy,  
God is holy;  
spread the story  
of our God, the Lord of glory.
  
- 2 Alleluia! Let praises ring!  
Unto the Lamb of God we sing,  
in whom we are elected.  
He bought his Church with his own blood,  
he cleansed her in that blessed flood  
and as his bride selected.  
Holy, holy  
is our union and communion;  
his befriending  
gives us joy and peace unending.



3 Alleluia! Let praises ring!  
Unto the Holy Ghost we sing  
for our regeneration.  
The saving faith in us he wrought  
and us unto the Bridegroom brought,  
made us his chosen nation.  
Glory! Glory!  
Joy eternal,  
bliss supernal;  
there is manna  
and an endless, glad hosanna.

4 Alleluia! Let praises ring!  
Unto our triune God we sing;  
blest be his name forever!  
With angel hosts let us adore  
and sing his praises more and more  
for all his grace and favor.  
Singing, ringing:  
holy, holy,  
God is holy;  
spread the story  
of our God, the Lord of glory!

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## Joyously I'll Praise My Savior

CW 611

- 1 Joyously I'll praise my Savior; for my God I'll gladly sing,  
as I see his loving favor evident in ev'rything.  
In his faithful heart is beating love that's pure and wide and long,  
love that makes his servants strong.  
All I see on earth is fleeting; God's amazing love for me  
lasts for all eternity.
- 2 God, with firm and clear conviction, gave for me his precious Son,  
by whose bloody crucifixion I from hell have now been won.  
O you spring of love prevailing, depth of which I'll never know,

current which will ever flow.

All I see on earth is failing; God's amazing love for me  
lasts for all eternity.

- 3 God had seen my sad condition, gave me sight when I was blind;  
he will be my great physician, healing body, soul, and mind.  
When it seems it's not worth trying—  
all my skill gets nothing done— Jesus helps me carry on.  
All I see on earth is dying; God's amazing love for me  
lasts for all eternity.

- 4 Since your love is never-ending, far beyond what words can say,  
up to you my hands extending, Father, as your child, I pray:  
Let your grace to me be given that I may with all my might  
cling to you both day and night  
till I see your face in heaven where my praise and love will be  
yours for all eternity.

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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 386 sts. 1–2, 5**  
*Songs of Thankfulness and Praise*

- 1 Songs of thankfulness and praise,  
Jesus, Lord, to you we raise,  
    manifested by the star  
    to the Magi from afar,  
branch of royal David's stem,  
in your birth at Bethlehem.  
    Anthems be to you addressed,  
    God in man made manifest.
  
- 2 Manifest at Jordan's stream,  
Prophet, Priest, and King supreme,  
    and at Cana, wedding guest,  
    in your Godhead manifest;  
manifest in pow'r divine,  
changing water into wine.  
    Anthems be to you addressed,  
    God in man made manifest.
  
- 5 Grant us grace to see you, Lord,  
mirrored in your holy Word.  
    May our lives and all we do  
    imitate and honor you  
that we all like you may be  
at your great epiphany  
    and may praise you, ever blest,  
    God in man made manifest.

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***Thank you for worshiping with us today.***

## *May God richly bless your week!*

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**Sincere Thanks** – to Pastor Jeff Grundmeier for leading our worship today. Pastor Grundmeier serves as the campus pastor at Northland Lutheran High School.

**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](mailto:pastorm@mysaintpeter.org).

**Next Divine Call Meeting** – Our next Call meeting will be on Thursday, Jan. 16 at 6:30 p.m. All members are welcome, and voters are especially encouraged to attend this important meeting.

**Sincere Sympathy** – We offer our sincere sympathy to Irene Worden. Her son, Mark, was unexpectedly called home to heaven two weeks ago. May our gracious God grant comfort and peace to all who mourn.

### **Gifts and Memorials**

We thank Mark & Beth Krohn for their gifts given in memory of Len Becker and Mark Worden.

We thank Audrey Jones for her gift given in memory of Mark Worden.

*Blessed be their memories.*

*Thanks be to God for the love which led to these gifts.*

**In Our Prayers** – Mavis Schubring and Carol Smith were hospitalized this past week at Aspirus. Please remember them in prayer.

### **Pick up today:**

- January Newsletter

- **2024 Financial Statement**
- **2025 Offering Envelopes**
- ***Forward in Christ, Meditations, Portals of Prayer***

### **Ministry Adjustments During This Vacancy**

Because St Peter no longer has the help of a vicar for the remainder of the 2024-2025 year, Pastor Mahnke is not able to be present on Sunday mornings starting in February. In addition, it has become increasingly difficult to find substitute pastors. As a result, the Church Council has approved the following adjustments to our ministry:

- Beginning Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, our worship service will start at 11:00 am. Bible Class and Sunday School will begin at 10:00 am. Travis Kurth and Dan Hoenecke will facilitate the adult Bible Class.
- Pastor Andy DeGier (Trinity, Township of Berlin) will conduct our worship service having received the blessing of his leaders. Trinity worships at 9:00 am, and our time change will allow Pastor DeGier the time to travel to Our Savior's for our service.
- Pastor Mahnke will continue to serve as our vacancy pastor and will handle and oversee all other areas of pastoral ministry (shut in visits, youth classes, hospital calls, funerals, Church Council meetings, etc).

**Enjoying Fellowship** - Starting in February, there will be coffee and donuts available each Sunday before our worship service begins. Our Savior's members are encouraged to come to church a little earlier than you perhaps normally would to enjoy fellowship as a family of God's people here at Our Savior's. If you are interested in helping with setup and/or clean up, please speak to a member of the Church Council.

## This Week at Our Savior's

<b>Today</b>	9:00 AM 10:15 AM	Worship with Holy Communion Sunday School and Bible Class <i>Food Pantry Sunday</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	11:30 AM	OWLS Meet at Our Savior's
<b>Thursday</b>	1:00 PM <b>6:30 PM</b>	Ladies' Aid <b>Call Meeting</b>
<b>Sunday 1/19</b>	9:00 AM 10:15 AM	Worship / WELS Connection Sunday School and Bible Class

## Growing Together

*January 5, 2024*

<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Vision</u>	<u>Debt Red</u>	<u>Plate</u>	<u>Initial Env</u>	<u>Missions</u>
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