



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 Jeff Mahnke
- Organist – Marie Kurth
- Ushers – Brost Family, Travis Kurth

Next week – Bill Unruh, Tony Sulko

Acknowledgments

Setting Two from Christian Worship

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Third Sunday of Epiphany

St. Titus, Pastor and Confessor

January 26, 2025

Words of Welcome

Opening Hymn

CW 551 sts. 1-4

Jesus, Shepherd of the Sheep

1 Je - sus, shep - herd of the sheep, who your
2 In your prom - ise firm we stand, none can
3 By your blood our souls were bought, by your
4 Fa - ther, draw us to your Son; we with

Fa - ther's flock does keep, safe we wake and
take us from your hand; speak— we hear— at
life sal - va - tion wrought; by your light our
joy will fol - low on till the work of

safe we sleep, guard - ed still by you.
your com - mand, we will fol - low you.
feet are taught, Lord, to fol - low you.
grace is done, there to live with you.

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Stand

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Confession

CW 173

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.

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

CW 174

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 to God in the Highest

CW 176

Refrain



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace



to his peo - ple on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. *Refrain*

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. *Refrain*

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father. Amen. Amen. *Refrain*

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Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O almighty God, you have always given your church faithful shepherds to feed and nourish your flock. Grant that all pastors may rightly preach your Word and administer your sacraments that your people may be guided in the way that leads to eternal life; 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

Acts 20:28–35

²⁸Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood. ²⁹I know that after I leave, savage wolves will come in among you and will not spare the flock. ³⁰Even from your own number men will arise and distort the truth in order to draw away disciples after them. ³¹So be on your guard! Remember that for three years I never stopped warning each of you night and day with tears.

³²“Now I commit you to God and to the word of his grace, which can build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified. ³³I have not coveted anyone’s silver or gold or clothing. ³⁴You yourselves know that these hands of mine have supplied my own needs and the needs of my companions. ³⁵In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”

Let Us Go Rejoicing

Psalm 84E

Refrain



Tone



How lovely is your / dwelling place,
LORD Al- / mighty!
My soul yearns, even faints,
for the courts / of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh cry out
for the / living God.
Blessed are those who dwell / in your house;
they are ever / praising you. *Refrain*

Better is one day / in your courts
than a thousand / elsewhere;
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house / of my God
than dwell in the tents of the / wicked.
LORD Al- / mighty,
blessed is the one who / trusts in you.
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

Titus 1:1–9

¹Paul, a servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ to further the faith of God's elect and their knowledge of the truth that leads to godliness— ²in the hope of eternal life, which God, who does not lie, promised before the beginning of time, ³and which now at his appointed season he has brought to light through the preaching entrusted to me by the command of God our Savior,

⁴To Titus, my true son in our common faith:

Grace and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Savior.

⁵The reason I left you in Crete was that you might put in order what was left unfinished and appoint elders in every town, as I directed you.

⁶An elder must be blameless, faithful to his wife, a man whose children believe and are not open to the charge of being wild and disobedient.

⁷Since an overseer manages God's household, he must be blameless— not overbearing, not quick-tempered, not given to drunkenness, not violent, not pursuing dishonest gain. ⁸Rather, he must be hospitable, one who loves what is good, who is self-controlled, upright, holy and disciplined. ⁹He must hold firmly to the trustworthy message as it has been taught, so that he can encourage others by sound doctrine and refute those who oppose it.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

Psalms 71:15



Refrain



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Tone



My mouth will tell of your right-eous deeds, of your saving acts all day long.

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Gospel

Matthew 24:42-47

⁴²“Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. ⁴³But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.

⁴⁵“Who then is the faithful and wise servant, whom the master has put in charge of the servants in his household to give them their food at the proper time? ⁴⁶It will be good for that servant whose master finds him doing so when he returns. ⁴⁷Truly I tell you, he will put him in charge of all his possessions.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day

CW 892 sts. 1, 11, 3
By All Your Saints Still Striving



- 1 By all your saints still striv - ing, for all your saints at rest,
- 2 All praise for faith - ful pas - tors, who preached and taught your Word,
- 3 Then let us praise the Fa - ther and wor - ship God the Son



your ho - ly name, O Je - sus, for - ev - er - more be blessed.
for Tim - o - thy and Ti - tus, true ser - vants of their Lord.
and sing to God the Spir - it, e - ter - nal Three in One,



You rose, our King vic - to - rious, that they might wear the crown
Lord, help your pas - tors nour - ish the souls with - in their care,
till all the ran - somed num - ber who stand be - fore the throne



and ev - er shine in splen - dor re - flect - ed from your throne.
so that your Church may flour - ish and all your bless - ings share.
as - crite all pow'r and glo - ry and praise to God a - lone.

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Sermon

Acts 20:28–35

Keep Sending Them, Lord

1. Servants who treasure God's sheep
2. Servants who teach God's Word

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

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 ✠ 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 ✠ 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.

Jesus, Lamb of God

CW 186

Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us your peace.

The musical score is written on seven staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below the notes. The first line of music is followed by a double bar line. The second line of music is followed by a double bar line. The third line of music is followed by a double bar line. The fourth line of music is followed by a double bar line. The fifth line of music is followed by a double bar line. The sixth line of music is followed by a double bar line. The seventh line of music is followed by a double bar line.

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Be seated

Distribution and Hymns

Lord Jesus, You Have Come

CW 897

- 1 Lord Jesus, you have come a teacher sent from heaven
and by both word and deed God's truth to us have given.
You wisely have ordained the holy ministry
that we, your flock, may know the truth that sets us free.
- 2 O blessed ministry of reconciliation,
that shows the way to God and brings to us salvation!
Lord, by your gospel pure you bless and keep your fold,
you call, enlighten, keep, you comfort and uphold.
- 3 Preserve this ministry while harvest days are keeping;
and since the fields are ripe and hands are few for reaping,
send workers forth, O Lord, the sheaves to gather in
that not a soul be lost which you have come to win.
- 4 The servants you have called and to your Church are giving
preserve in doctrine pure and holiness of living.
Your Spirit fill their hearts and charge their words with pow'r;
what they should boldly speak, O give them in that hour!
- 5 Bring those into your fold who still to you are strangers;
guard those who are within against offense and dangers.
Press onward with your Word till pastor and his fold
through faith in you, O Christ, your glory shall behold.

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Lord Jesus Christ, Our Savior-King

CW 899

- 1 Lord Jesus Christ, our Savior-King,
to you our highest praise we sing
for blessings to the Church, your bride,
with whom you evermore abide.
- 2 Your Scriptures lead us to rejoice,
for there we hear our Father's voice.
His gracious promises proclaim
forgiveness in your holy name.
- 3 Your Spirit's call to faith we heard
in water's washing with the Word.
Lord, keep us in baptismal grace
and make our hearts your dwelling place.
- 4 With simple food of bread and wine
you feed us with a feast divine.
Your blood and body we partake—
our sins forgiven for your sake.
- 5 As stewards of these means of grace
you send out preachers in your place
your wondrous mercy to proclaim
and glorify your saving name.
- 6 Lord, give us ministers who live
according to the grace you give.
To Scripture may they faithful be,
and so preserve this ministry.
- 7 And then, at last, Lord, hear our prayer:
gather your blood-bought children there
where saints and angels sing your praise,
and we with them, through endless days!

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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 you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet you have given us in this Sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit, help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, 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 898

Send, O Lord, Your Holy Spirit

- 1 Send, O Lord, your Holy Spirit on your servants now, we pray;
let them all be faithful shepherds that no lamb is led astray.
Your pure teaching to proclaim, to adore your holy name,
and to feed your lambs, dear Savior,
make their aim and sole endeavor.
- 2 You, O Lord, yourself have called them for your precious lambs to care;
but to prosper in their calling, they the Spirit's gifts must share.
Grant them wisdom from above, fill their hearts with holy love;
in their weakness, Lord, be near them,
in their prayers, Good Shepherd, hear them.

- 3 Help, Lord Jesus, help them nourish our dear children with your Word,
that in constant love they serve you till in heav'n their song is heard.
Boundless blessings, Lord, bestow on your servants' work below
till by grace to them is given their reward, the crown of heaven.

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***Thank you for worshiping with us today.
May God richly bless your week!***

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 issued a Divine Call to Pastor Benjamin Radtke. Pastor Radtke currently serves St. Martin's Lutheran Church in Watertown, South Dakota. His wife, Sarah, received her Bachelor's and Master's Degrees in Education from Martin Luther College and currently serves as a special education teacher in a local public school. Their son, Elijah, is a sophomore at Great Plains Lutheran High School, and their daughter, Abigail, is in eighth grade at St. Martin's. Please remember them and both of our congregations in your prayers during this process. Pastor Radtke's contact information follows. Please reach out to him with encouragement.

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Mrs. Jessica Zahrt, our grades 1-2 teacher, received a Call to be the director at Key to Life Christian Childcare in Weston. The position would begin on July 1. Please keep her in your prayers as she deliberates.

Worship Time Moves to 11:00 A.M. Starting Next Sunday!

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 2nd, 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).

Join Us for Fellowship Before Worship!

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.

Pick up today:

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

This Week at Our Savior's		
Today	9:00 AM 10:15 AM 3:30 PM 5:45 PM	Worship with Holy Communion Sunday School and Bible Class PTO Bowling WELS Youth Night at NLHS
Sunday 2/2	10:00 AM 11:00 AM	Sunday School and Bible Class Worship

Growing Together

January 19, 2025

<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Vision</u>	<u>Debt Red</u>	<u>Plate</u>	<u>Initial Env</u>	<u>Missions</u>
\$3,760.00	\$535.00	\$260.00	\$10.00	\$80.00	\$60.00
<u>Sun School</u>	<u>Memorial Fund</u>	<u>Bldg Maint</u>	<u>Chr Aid & Relief</u>	<u>School Fees</u>	
\$5.00	\$425.00	\$140.00	\$100.00	\$833.33	

Anticipated Weekly Offerings \$4,230

Attendance: Sunday, January 19 – 56

Gifts & Memorials

We thank the following members and friends for their gifts given in memory of Charles Newby: Keith & Laura Brandt, Bill & Sue Unruh, Janet Robinson.

We thank Keith & Laura Brandt for their gift given in memory of Mark Worden.

We thank Kathy Hintz, Terri Jurowski, and Roland Schroeder for their gifts given in memory of Pauline Froehlich.

Blessed be their memories.

Our Ladies' Aid has given a gift to WELS Christian Aid & Relief for California fire relief.

Thanks be to God for the love which led to each and all of these gifts.

February Forward in Christ

- Hear from a cancer survivor, who shares grace truths he learned through the years, truths he continues to lean on.
- Meet Logan Hirsh, a former atheist who finds a church home – and a church mom – while looking for peace after his mom dies.
- Discover the good news shared in Isaiah chapter 61 and its fulfillment by Jesus illustrated in the gospels.

Share what's inside

- College students: Students can sign up with WELS Campus Ministry to receive free subscriptions to *Forward in Christ* and *Meditations* as well as be referred to a local campus pastor **wels.net/campus-ministry**
- Visually impaired: Large-print and audio editions of the magazine are available through WELS Mission to the Visually Impaired, **wels.net/visually-impaired**
- Parents and school families: A monthly parenting newsletter (available online or as a downloadable PDF) based on FIC's "Parent conversations" is available at **forwardinchrist.net/parents**
- And for those who like to read on their screens: Don't forget that each subscription comes with a free digital issue. Or you can subscribe to just the digital edition, **nph.net/forwardinchrist**

WELS National Online Teen Bible Study

The WELS National Teen Bible Study is an online opportunity for teens across the country to connect around the Word. Held quarterly, teens can sign up and meet through Zoom. Bible study topics will be relevant to teens and are led by various WELS pastors. Teens will be able to interact with one another through breakout rooms.

Next Bible study–Feb. 16, at 6:00 p.m. (Central)

Love to the Fullest

Some sources claim that there have been over 100 million songs written in our world about the topic of love. Everyone’s talking—or singing—about it, but what exactly is love? What does it look like? How do we know when we find it? How do we know how to show it? This interactive online Bible study for teens will explore those questions and more as we look closely at Jesus and find out what is “Love to the Fullest.” Learn more and sign-up at wels.net and search for online teen Bible study.



Growing in Jesus, Sharing His Love

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