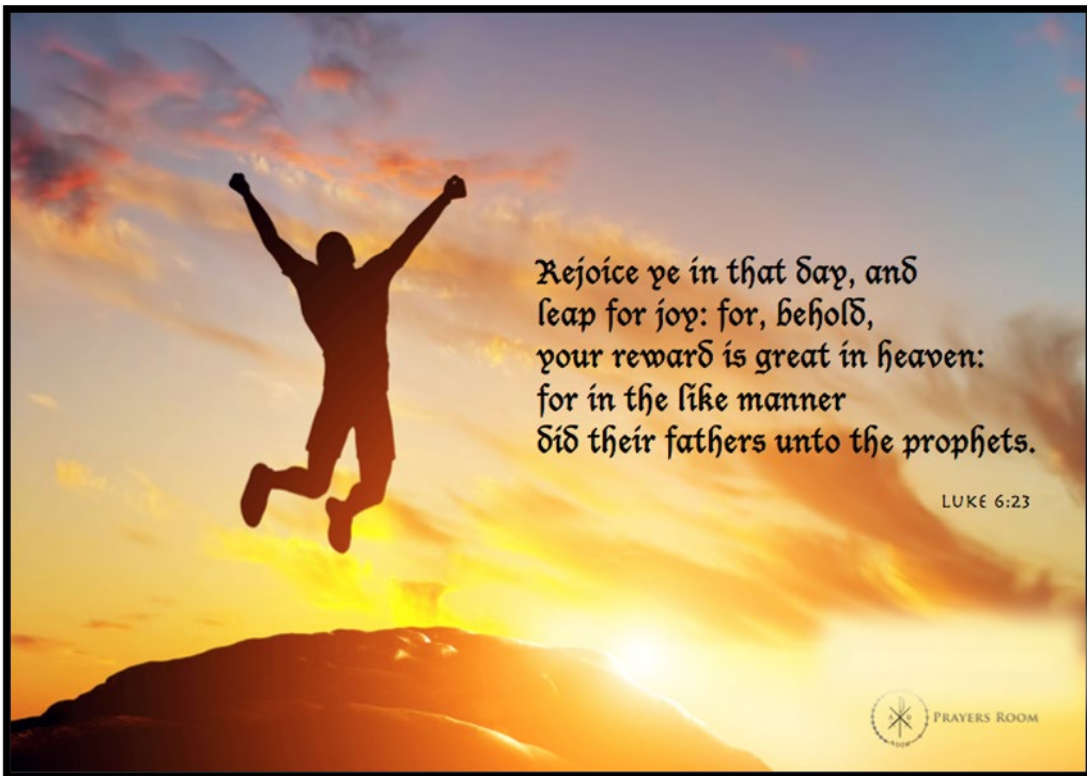


6th SUNDAY of Epiphany

FEBRUARY 13, 2022



Our Savior Ev. Lutheran Church *(Wisconsin Synod)*

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PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP Almighty God, you sent your one and only Son as the Word of life for our eyes to see and our ears to hear. Help us to believe what the Scriptures proclaim about him and become part of his saving mission; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORSHIP NOTES - It's not a coincidence that we're confused — our perspectives on the world are blurred by the rise of computers and smart phones, social media, the machinations of politicians, and our own narrow views on life. Jesus brought an optimistic spirit into a world of hurt, offering kindness, compassion and grace as the means for conquering all challenges. In an age of discord and fear-mongering, we need the real hope that Jesus shared with his disciples one day when he leveled with them. To know God's Son is to be BLESSED, and to believe that it gets better than what we can see in our immediate surroundings.

MEMBERSHIP If you are interested in membership here at Our Savior or would like more information about our church and school, or have questions about what we believe, contact Pastor Wagner at 262-377-6363. He offers a series of classes that give an introduction to the Bible and an explanation of our teachings based on that Word of God. As a spiritual advisor, Pastor Wagner also offers free, confidential counseling and is willing to serve you as best he can.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION Our Savior offers a wide variety of educational opportunities for the entire family. Each Sunday adults and children study the Scriptures in our Adult Bible Studies, Teen Bible Study, and Sunday School at 9:15 am. We have a Christian Elementary School that provides an excellent education from Pre-Kindergarten through 8th Grade. Contact our Principal, Nathan Schultz or school secretary, Jill Klug for more information (262-377-7780).

OUR APPRECIATION Thanks to our musicians for their special efforts in preparing the music for this service. What an expression of praise and worship our musicians and vocalists offer to our gracious God through their unique gifts!

Guests Welcome to all who are visiting with us today! Please note:

Restrooms: far side (south) of the entry. **Hearing Help:** enhanced hearing units available.

Parents' Room: far left (southwest). **Busy Bags for Children:** In cry room



ORDER OF WORSHIP

PASTOR WELCOMES US TO WORSHIP

WE OPEN WITH SONG “You Are Holy” (Prince of Peace)

Men: You are holy

Ladies repeat: You are holy

Men: You are mighty

Ladies repeat: You are mighty

Men: You are worthy

Ladies repeat: You are worthy

Men: Worthy of Praise

Ladies repeat: Worthy of Praise

Men: I will follow

Ladies repeat: I will follow

Men: I will listen

Ladies repeat: I will listen

Men: I will love You

Ladies repeat: I will love You

Men: all of my days

Ladies repeat: all of my days

You are Lord of lords, You are kings of kings,
You are mighty God Lord of everything
You're Emmanuel, You're the Great I Am,
You're the Prince of Peace who is the Lamb
You're the living God, You're the saving grace,
You will reign forever, You are Ancient of days,

You are Alpha, Omega, Beginning and End
You're my Savior, Messiah, Redeemer and Friend
You're my Prince of peace and I will live my life for You. *(Repeat)*

You're my prince of peace and I will live my life for You.

OUR CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 51

(Pastor will read the first verse of each line; please respond by reading the indented, bolded line.)

Have mercy on me, O God.

according to your unfailing love;

according to your great compassion

blot out my transgressions.

Wash away all my iniquity
and cleanse me from my sin.
For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is always before me.
Against you, you only, have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you are proved right when you speak
and justified when you judge.
Surely I was sinful at birth,
sinful from the time my mother conceived me.
Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean;
wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.
Create in me a pure heart, O God,
and renew a steadfast spirit within me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation
and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

~ Silence for personal meditation ~

Pastor: The sacrifices which please God are a broken heart and a penitent spirit. Take heart, fellow broken-hearted sinners, for God has had mercy on you. Jesus paid for your sins, in full. Because of Jesus' death and resurrection, your sins are forgiven, you are at peace with God! O Lord, open my lips!

Congregation: And my mouth will declare Your praise!

Prayer: O Savior of all, You endured the crushing blows which we deserved. So fill our hearts with gratitude that we might serve you wholeheartedly all our days. We pray in Your name, for you rule with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: (spoken) Amen.

WE JOIN IN SONG

"He is Exalted"

He is exalted the King is exalted on high;
I will praise Him He is exalted forever,
exalted and I will praise His name.
He is the Lord, forever His truth shall reign
Heaven and earth rejoice in His Holy
Name He is exalted the King is exalted on high. *(Repeat)*

He is exalted the King is exalted on high.
He is exalted the king is exalted on high.
He is the Lord, forever His truth shall reign.
Heaven and earth rejoice in His Holy Name.
He is exalted the King is exalted on high.
He is exalted the King is exalted on high. (*Repeat 2x*)

THE WORD – FIRST LESSON 2 CORINTHIANS 12:7-10

The apparent curse of a “thorn in the flesh” does not seem like a blessing to the world. Yet, what a humbling bounty of blessing comes to the believer who clings to the promise “my grace is sufficient for you.”

To keep me from becoming conceited because of these surpassingly great revelations, there was given me a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ’s sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

WE JOIN IN SONG

“Revelation Song”

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain: Holy holy is He.
Sing a new song to Him Who sits on Heaven’s mercy seat.
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain; Holy holy is He
Sing a new song to Him who sits on Heaven’s mercy seat.

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty
Who was and is and is to come With all creation
I sing praise to the King of Kings;
You are my everything and I will adore You.

Clothed in rainbows of living color, flashes of lightning,
rolls of thunder Blessing and honor, strength and glory
and power be to You, the only wise King.

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty
Who was and is and is to come With all creation
I sing praise to the King of Kings;
You are my everything and I will adore You.
Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder,
at the mention of Your name;

Jesus Your name is power, breath and
living water such a marv'ulous mystery
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty
Who was and is and is to come With all creation
I sing praise to the King of Kings;
You are my everything and I will adore You.

THE CHILDRENS MESSAGE

THE WORD - GOSPEL LUKE 6:17-26

After a night of prayer on the hilltop, Jesus descends, revealing his power as the Lord's Anointed to heal and restore. The disciples are instructed about both blessings and woes in connection with the kingdom of God. Blessing comes to those who put God first and live lives of faith, seeking to put the spiritual ahead of the physical. This faithfulness will be eternally rewarded as evidence of faith.

He went down with them and stood on a level place. A large crowd of his disciples was there and a great number of people from all over Judea, from Jerusalem, and from the coast of Tyre and Sidon, who had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. Those troubled by evil spirits were cured, and the people all tried to touch him, because power was coming from him and healing them all. Looking at his disciples, he said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who hunger now, for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when men hate you, when they exclude you and insult you and reject your name as evil, because of the Son of Man. "Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven. For that is how their fathers treated the prophets. "But woe to you who are rich, for you have already received your comfort. Woe to you who are well fed now, for you will go hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you will mourn and weep. Woe to you when all men speak well of you, for that is how their fathers treated the false prophets.

WE JOIN IN SONG

"How Great is Our God"

The splendor of a King, clothes in majesty
Let all the earth rejoice let all the earth rejoice.
He wraps Himself in light and darkness tries to hide
and trembles at His voice and trembles at His voice.

How great is our God sing with me
How great is our God and all will see
how great How great is our God
Age to age He stands and time is in His hands
Beginning and the End Beginning and the End.

The Godhead, Three in One, Father, Spirit,
Son The Lion and the Lamb,
The Lion and the Lamb
How great is our God sing with me
How great is our God and all will see
how great How great is our God

Name above all names, Worthy of all praise
my heart will sing how great is our God. *(Repeat 2x)*

WE CONTEMPLATE THE WORD - SERMON LUKE 6:17-26
"IT GETS EVEN BETTER THAN THIS"

WE AFFIRM OUR FAITH

**ALL: 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**

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS AND WELS CONNECTION

To honor God and to remind each other that our offerings are part of our regular gathering and worship, we bring the offering plates forward to the altar at this time.

WE JOIN IN SPECIAL PRAYERS & THE 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.**

THE BLESSING FROM OUR LORD

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
C: (spoken) **Amen.**

OUR FINAL SONG OF WORSHIP “To God Be the Glory”

To God be the glory great things He has done.
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son.
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
and opened the lifegate that all may go in.

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood
To every believer the promise of God
The vilest offender who truly believes
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father through Jesus the Son
and give Him the glory great things He has done.

Great things He has taught us, great things He has done
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son!
But purer and higher and greater will be
our wonder, our transport when Jesus we see!

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son
and give Him the glory great things He has done.
We will give Him the glory Great things He has done. *(Repeat)*



SILENT PRAYER & ANNOUNCEMENTS

LENT – LOOKING AHEAD: This year the Lenten season begins a little later than normal, arriving with Ash Wednesday on March 2/3. As we look forward to Easter (and spring) with longing, we know that we still have to make the journey called “his passion.” To walk with Jesus along the way of commitment, the road to the cross, is to comprehend his mercy and grace. There, when we have finally arrived at Good Friday and seen his atoning sacrifice, we will also find our peace and strength. Let us go with him to the cross and hear him say, “It is finished!”

Intro: In Luke's version of the Beatitudes, Jesus reveals the stark truth about this life – "It's not what you might imagine..." He heals so many but then seems to describe an alternate universe where things are different than they appear to us.

It Gets Even Better than This

1. God spares us by driving us to despair.

- 1.1 Jesus knew that his disciples might get the wrong idea about the Christian life from all these miracles.
- 1.2 So he taught how Adam & Eve lost paradise and were banished from the Garden.
- 1.3 His love led them through the land of repentance to the land of promise.

APP: From the beginning people have been blinded by their desires for wealth, food and drink, the pleasures of this life. We all seem to think we've found the good life in knowing evil.

2. Jesus attracts us by removing the distractions.

- 2.1 Jesus didn't come to get rid of all the worst things: poverty, hunger, sadness.
- 2.2 He came to bless us with a delayed reward.
- 2.3 He lets us discover how paradise was regained.

APP: In Luther's day, when plagues and famine and disease and death were everyday realities people would say, "In the midst of life we are surrounded by death." Martin Luther turned that saying around, "In the midst of death we are surrounded by life."

Conclusion: How do we get from the question, "What's in your wallet?" to the thrill of a pony ride? By letting God calculate the return on life. The poor are rich. The hungry are full. There is a world of laughter and joy just to be with him.



Stewardship

*"As each one has received a gift,
use it to serve one another."*

1 Peter 4:10

Information Fair & Lite Breakfast

Do you enjoy baking? Passionate about music? Are you the type of person that enjoys tackling a project by yourself or do you prefer working in a group? Perhaps you have a special skill or talent or are just willing to try something new?

The focus of Stewardship Sunday this year is to try to help match your unique talents, skills and passions with opportunities to serve at Our Savior. We will have representatives from many different groups available to discuss what they do and where they need help. Opportunities include everything from short one time events to longer recurring tasks.

*On Sunday, February 20th,
between services, the...*

Stewardship committee will be serving a continental breakfast in the Fellowship Hall and we invite you to explore the various volunteer options throughout the building.

We look forward to seeing you there!

THIS WEEK AT OUR SAVIOR

Sunday (2/13)	8:00 AM	Contemporary Worship Service
	9:15 AM	Adult Bible Study
	9:15 AM	Teen Bible Study
	9:15 AM	Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Contemporary Worship Service
Monday	5:30 PM	Board of Elders Meeting
	7:00 PM	Church Council Meeting
Tuesday	10:30 AM	Senior Bible Study
Wednesday	8:30 AM	Children's Church
	4:00 PM	Public School Confirmation Class
Thursday	7:00 PM	Worship Service w/Communion
Saturday	7:00 AM	Men's Bible Study
Sunday (2/20)		Stewardship Sunday
	8:00 AM	Worship Service w/Communion
	9:15 AM	Stewardship Fair
	9:15 AM	Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Worship Service w/Communion

NEXT WEEK'S BIBLE READINGS

1st Lesson	1 Samuel 26:7-25
2nd Lesson	Romans 12:9-21
Gospel	Matthew 5:38-48
Psalm	Psalm 103

*LiveStream on Youtube Channel at 10:30am every Sunday
This service is also recorded for review after livestream.
Link on our website (see below).*

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THIS WEEK'S WORSHIP SERVICE

"THE LIFE WE
DREAM OF"
SERVICE THEME

PREACHER

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MUSICIANS

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Emily Christie
George & Deanna Edwards
Jon Hahm
Andrea Havlik

SONGS

As Printed

THE FIRST LESSON

2 Corinthians 12:7-10

THE SECOND LESSON

Luke 6:17-26

THE SERMON

Luke 6:17-26

"IT GETS EVEN
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