

Stewardship Sunday

February 17 & 20, 2022



Responding to His Grace

Our Savior Ev. Lutheran Church

(Wisconsin Synod)

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WORSHIP NOTES Welcome to worship this morning! They shared their faith and expressed their love with each other. Faithful management of God's blessings will always flow from the joy given by the Holy Spirit. Every single aspect of our stewardship – our use of gifts, our management of time and our sharing of finances – will receive God's blessing as a natural byproduct of our faithful use of God's Word, when we remember the source of our blessings. Today's emphasis will be on volunteering, finding and fulfilling needs at Our Savior.

PRAYER OF THE DAY Gracious Father in heaven, joy and thankful celebration accompany the realization that we are called together as a congregation to proclaim the promises of God. Only the power of your Holy Spirit through the Word, which creates and strengthens faith, hope and love, can produce an outcome which will endure to the glory of God. We ask that we might use all your gifts wisely, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **AMEN.**

GUESTS Welcome to our visitors!

Restrooms: At the far (south) side of the entry area.

Parents' Room: Also at the far (south) side of the entry area.



OPENING HYMN "Order My Life, Lord"

Christian Worship 21, # 701



1 Or - der my life, Lord, as you will; you are the one I
2 In - still in me in - teg - ri - ty, faith - ful-ness, love, and
3 When from this world I must de-part, show me your gra - cious



cher - ish. As you have prom - ised, now ful - fill— Lord, do not
hon - or. Lead me in paths of pu - ri - ty— Lord, do not
fa - vor. Let there be joy with - in my heart— Lord, do not



let me per - ish. Kept by your grace, O let me be pa - tient in
let me wan - der. Help me to clear - ly rec - og - nize false-hood with
let me wa - ver. In Je - sus' name, my prayer at-tend: keep me un -



all ad - ver - si - ty, for you will sure - ly bless me.
all its sub - tle lies; your Word of truth will bless me.
til my jour-ney's end; then when I die, Lord, bless me.

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INVOCATION

- P: This is the day which the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it; Jesus said, "I am the Way and the Truth and the Life."
- C: **We come this day in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; Let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.**
- P: Let us come before him with thanksgiving
- C: **And lift up our voices to him with music and song.**
- P: Lord, help us live for you!
- C: **Lord, we praise you with all our heart, soul, and mind.**

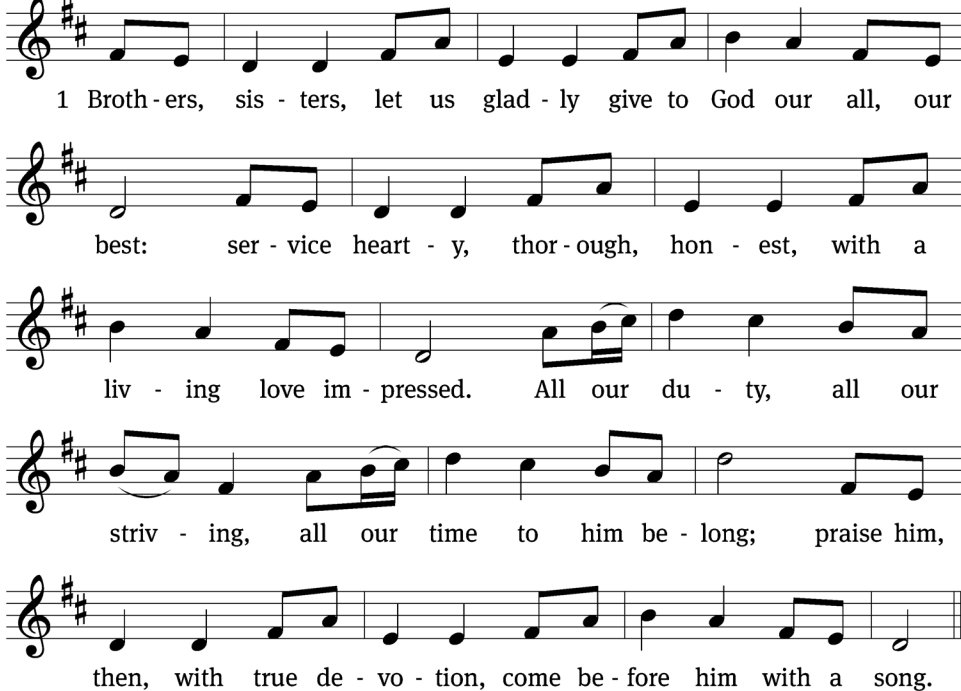
THE CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS OF SINS

- P: Are you ready to worship? Is your heart prepared?
- C: **Forgive us, renew us, lead us, dear Lord, for we have come into your house wearied by our work and burdened by our problems.**
- P: Jesus invites you: "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28)
- C: **We have come bruised by the actions of others and bruised by our repeated falls into sin.**
- P: Isaiah said of the Savior: "A bruised reed he will not break," (Isaiah 42:3) and again: "He was bruised for our iniquities . . . by his wounds we are healed." (Isaiah 53:5)
- C: **We come broken in spirit because we cannot pay for our wrongs, broken in heart because we long for the peace of forgiveness.**
- P: Isaiah says that God the Father sent Jesus "to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives, to comfort all who mourn." (Isaiah 61:1-2) Our Savior Jesus has taken away your sins. You are free to rejoice in God's grace, to love one another, to serve your God.

SONG

“Brothers, Sisters, Let Us Gladly”

CW, 484:1



1 Broth - ers, sis - ters, let us glad - ly give to God our all, our
best: ser - vice heart - y, thor - ough, hon - est, with a
liv - ing love im - pressed. All our du - ty, all our
striv - ing, all our time to him be - long; praise him,
then, with true de - vo - tion, come be - fore him with a song.

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LET US RESPOND TO GOD'S LOVE

- P: So, are you also prepared to give your thanks and praise to God?
C: **We are ready as we carefully thank God for his kindness, faithfulness, patience, and love.**
P: He is the One who gives us our strength.
C: **He is the One who gives us our faith.**
P: May the Lord continue to cause that faith to grow.
C: **May we respond to his love with a sincere heart of gratitude.**

WHAT IS PRAISE AND HOW CAN WE PRAISE GOD?

We Praise God with our Minds

Let us contemplate how our attitude toward God is reflected in the way we use our resources. Are we thankful? Do we show this by “living generously as cheerful givers?” (*Video Concept*)

We Praise God with Joy

FIRST LESSON **Isaiah 43:1-4, 22-25**

But now, this is what the Lord says- he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze. For I am the Lord , your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior; I give Egypt for your ransom, Cush and Seba in your stead. Since you are precious and honored in my sight, and because I love you, I will give men in exchange for you. "Yet you have not called upon me, O Jacob, you have not wearied yourselves for me, O Israel. You have not brought me sheep for burnt offerings, nor honored me with your sacrifices. I have not burdened you with grain offerings nor wearied you with demands for incense. You have not bought any fragrant calamus for me, or lavished on me the fat of your sacrifices. But you have burdened me with your sins and wearied me with your offenses. "I, even I, am he who blots out your transgressions, for my own sake, and remembers your sins no more.

SONG **"Brothers, Sisters, Let Us Gladly"**

CW, 484:2



2 By his mer - cy, by his boun - ty, by the gift of Christ, his
Son, what great good - ness he has shown us, what high
mar - vels he has done! Let us to him prompt - ly,
free - ly, yield our bod - ies and our souls, thank - ful
that his love pro - tects us, that his wis - dom all con - trols.

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GOSPEL**Matthew 13:44-52**

The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field. "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it. "Once again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish. When it was full, the fishermen pulled it up on the shore. Then they sat down and collected the good fish in baskets, but threw the bad away. This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. "Have you understood all these things?" Jesus asked. "Yes," they replied. He said to them, "Therefore every teacher of the law who has been instructed about the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom new treasures as well as old."

We Praise God with our Lives**SONG "O God, Your Hand the Heavens Made"**

CW 21, # 751



1 O God, your hand the heav-ens made and all that they con - tain;
2 To us are giv - en gifts di - vine, all tal - ents you have sent;
3 De - liv - er us from self - ish aims, true stew - ards we would be;



the world ap-peared at your com-mand, and in it now you reign.
in - spire us now to use them well your king-dom to ex - tend.
en - dow us with a deep de - sire to live un - self - ish - ly.



The rest - less sea, the land, the sky your hand-i - work de - clare;
We hold each gift a trust from you nor claim it as our own;
A full ac-count-ing we must give and see you face to face;



the touch of your cre - a - tive pow'r is pres - ent ev - 'ry - where.
we grate - ful - ly ac - knowl - edge, Lord, all things are yours a - lone.
let us ap - proach your throne with joy, sup - port - ed by your grace.

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WHY DO WE WORSHIP AND PRAISE OUR GOD?

God Has Commanded Us to Praise Him

SERMON 1 Peter 4:7-11 “Let Love Temper our Volunteering”

The Apostle’s Creed (ca. 125 AD)

Pastor: Because we need a Creator to make sense of our world, because we need a Father who will care for us in this world, because Scripture gives us this God we need:

Cong: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

Pastor: Because we need a Substitute willing to take our place under divine law and divine justice, because we need a Sacrifice sufficient to pay for all our sins, because we need a Lord who will take our side in the judgment, because Scripture gives us this Savior we need:

Cong: **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.**

Pastor: Because we need the certainty of faith and the comfort of hope, because we need a community of believers who will share our Christian walk, because Scripture gives us this Spirit we need:

Cong: **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.**

God Wants Us to Have the Opportunity to Appreciate His Goodness and Mercy

RESPONSIVE READING

P: "How can I repay the Lord for all his goodness to me? I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord. I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people. I will sacrifice a thank offering to you and call on the name of the Lord." (Psalm 116:12-14,17)

C: **"Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; his love endures forever."** (Psalm 106:1)

P: "Praise the Lord, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name."

C: **"Praise the Lord, O my soul and forget not all his benefits."** (Psalm 103:1-2)

P: "You must honor the Lord and truly serve him with all your heart. Remember the wonderful things he did for you!" (1 Samuel 12:24)

OFFERING

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.

OFFERING SONG

“Brothers, Sisters, Let Us Gladly”

CW 21,# 748:3

3 Gra - cious Lord, ac - cept our ser - vice for the sake of Christ, your
Son; lo, our hope a - bides now on - ly in the
right - eous - ness he won. Bless and save us, help and
guide us, watch to com - fort and re - store, till in
heav'n we rest re - joic - ing, prais - ing you for - ev - er - more.

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff begins with a '3' indicating a triplet. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

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PRAYER

- P:** Lord of glory, you have bought us at a price – the lifeblood of your Son. We are yours. You have called us out of the darkness of unbelief into the wonderful light of faith by the gospel.
- C:** **We thank you for shining your light in our hearts and bringing us to faith in Jesus. Preserve us from everything that would lead us to sin and would hurt our witness to an unbelieving world. Strengthen us through the power of your Spirit in our inner being, so that Christ dwells in our hearts through faith.**
- P:** Remove from our hearts all false pride, selfishness, and rebellion. Cleanse us by the blood of your Son. Strengthen our weak faith that we trust you and the power of your Word.
- C:** **Open our eyes to the needs of others and the endless opportunities we have to make an eternal difference in their lives by passing our faith on to them. When we are weak and fearful, make us bold in our witness.**

- P:** We recognize the claim you have on our lives. We understand the mission you have given us – to spread the gospel in our community and throughout our world. We are stewards of the greatest treasure on earth – faith in Jesus – and the eternal life it gives.
- C:** **Use us, Lord, as your instruments to make your salvation known throughout the world. Make us faithful stewards of our faith as we pass it on to others – *through our lives*.**
- P:** (Special Prayers) May we make the passing on of our faith to others in the world around us one of the most important priorities of our life.
- C:** **In Christ, the Savior of the world, we pray. 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

HOLY COMMUNION

Gathering together at God’s altar to receive our Lord’s body and blood testifies to our unity as members of the Lutheran Church. We ask guests who are not members of our WELS or ELS to speak to our pastor before coming forward for the sacrament. Our hope is that all who join us at the altar will have a thorough understanding of the faith we profess.

DISTRIBUTION SOLO **"My Worth is Not in What I Own"**

CW 21, # 753

We Praise God by Proclaiming His Name to Others

PRAYER IN UNISON

All: Most wonderful, glorious, and awesome Lord, we honor and praise you for all you have done for us. We rejoice to have received your body and blood in, with and under the bread and wine in your refreshing gift. You have given us all we need – forgiveness, hope forever and life eternal. Lead us to come to you with lives full of “thanks-living.” Let our faith be used as an instrument of praise to you. Give us the power and strength we need to be not only hearers of your Word, but also doers. We humbly come before you with this prayer. Amen

BLESSING

- P:** May our Lord Jesus Christ Himself and God our Father, who loved us and by His grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.
- C:** **Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen. (2 Thess.2:16-17; 1 Tim.1:17)**

CLOSING HYMN

"Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us"

CW21, # 767:4



4 Lord of glo - ry, you have bought us with your
life - blood as the price, nev - er grudg - ing for the
lost ones that tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice.
Give us faith to trust you bold - ly, hope, to
stay our souls on you; but, oh, best of
all your grac - es, with your love our love re - new.

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Please take the time to visit our **Stewardship Fair** this morning to consider how you might be able to serve God with us at Our Savior. A Continental Breakfast is prepared for you to enjoy each other's company in the Fellowship Hall at the end of the tour. Thanks!



Stewardship

"As each one has received a gift,
use it to serve one another."
1 Peter 4:10

**Information Fair
& Lite Breakfast**

THROUGH MY LIFE

Have you ever felt small and insignificant? Have you ever wondered, “What difference can I make? How could God possibly use me to make any kind of impact in the world?” The truth is we underestimate what God can do. We fail to see the important difference one individual can make when God is at work.

Can One Person Make A Difference?

- Consider how God used **Moses** to set his people free from slavery in Egypt.
- One woman, **Esther**, risked her life and was used by God to save her countrymen from slaughter in Persia.
- A teenage boy named **David** stood up against the giant Goliath armed only with faith – and won.
- A **young boy** handed over his lunch, two fish and five little loaves of bread, and watched Jesus feed over 5000 people with it.
- We wouldn’t be called Lutherans today if it weren’t for **one lone monk** standing on the Word against the powerful forces of the Pope.
- Just ask Naaman someday in heaven about the difference **a little Jewish girl** made in his life.

We Have What Others Need — Jesus

God didn’t give us the gift of faith to keep to ourselves. He wants us to pass it on to others through our lives. Like the apostle Paul, we are not ashamed of the gospel (Romans 1:16). We know what its power can do – bring hardened sinners to faith in Jesus. The power is in the Word, not the person who shares it. God can and wants to use **you** to make an eternal difference in someone else’s life. We can do that with our offerings, which God uses to spread the gospel. We can also do it **through our lives**, the third circle of faith, as stewards of our faith, passing it on to others.



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THIS WEEK AT OUR SAVIOR

Sunday (2/20)	8:00 AM	Worship Service w/communion
	9:15 AM	Stewardship Fair
	9:15 AM	Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Worship Service w/communion
Tuesday	10:30 AM	Senior Bible Study
Wednesday	8:20 AM	Children's Chapel
	4:00 PM	Public School Confirmation Class
Thursday	7:00 PM	Worship Service
Sunday (2/27)	8:00 AM	Worship Service
	9:15 AM	Adult & Teen Bible Study
	9:15 AM	Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Worship Service

Next Week's Readings

First Lesson	Numbers 11:16, 24-29
Second Lesson	Philippians 1:12-18a
Gospel	Mark 9:38-50
Psalm	Psalm 51b

*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

THROUGH MY LIFE
OF SERVICE
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HYMNS: AS PRINTED

FIRST LESSON:
Isaiah 43:1-4, 22-25

GOSPEL LESSON:
Matthew 13:44-52

THE SERMON:
1 Peter 4:7-11

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