



February 18-19, 2023

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

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**WELCOME TO WORSHIP!** God gathers us through Word and Sacrament to celebrate God's presence and to receive God's gift of grace. God has made us his people through our baptism and keeps us close to him through the preaching of the word and God's presence in the bread and wine of Holy Communion. We give thanks today for the gift of faith God has planted in us, and we depart to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.

We extend a special **welcome** to those who are our guests. May God bless this time of worship for you as we are blessed by your presence. If you have no church home we invite you to join with us and consider Our Savior's as your church home. If you are not baptized and would like to talk about baptism as part of your faith journey, please speak with one of the pastors.

**FELLOWSHIP PADS:** We ask everyone to sign and pass the fellowship pad in the pew and return it to the rack when done.

**OFFERING:** No offering is collected during our worship this day; however, we do welcome your support of our ministries and thank you for your gifts. Together we make a difference in the lives of others.

Offering plates are available as you leave the sanctuary. For online giving go to the church website: [oursaviorswestsalem.org/giving](https://oursaviorswestsalem.org/giving). Or text your gift amount to 608-471-7267 and follow the instructions on the response you receive. Thank you for your generosity and support of our work together.



# CELEBRATION OF HOPE

\*Please stand as you are able

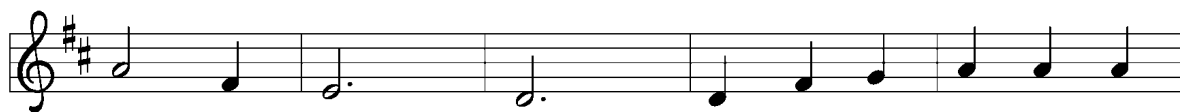
PRELUDE

WELCOME

\*HYMN "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" #815



1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to  
2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to  
3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to



fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give  
look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous-ness,  
be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with



light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.  
shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.  
pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

*Refrain*



In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the



day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the



cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

**\*GREETING** page 184 (*in front of hymnal*)

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**READING** Exodus 24:12-18

<sup>12</sup>The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." <sup>13</sup>So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. <sup>14</sup>To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them." <sup>15</sup>Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. <sup>16</sup>The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. <sup>17</sup>Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. <sup>18</sup>Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Come to the mountain. Come to the mountain.  
Come to the mountain and be transformed.  
Come to the mountain. Come to the mountain.  
Come to the mountain and be transformed.**

**Changed by the light of God.  
Changed by the love of God.  
Changed by the pow'r of God on the mountain top.**

**Come to the mountain. Come to the mountain.  
Come to the mountain and be transformed.  
Come to the mountain. Come to the mountain.  
Come to the mountain and be transformed.**

## **\*GOSPEL**      Matthew 17:1-9

The Gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. <sup>2</sup>And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. <sup>3</sup>Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. <sup>4</sup>Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." <sup>5</sup>While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" <sup>6</sup>When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. <sup>7</sup>But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." <sup>8</sup>And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. <sup>9</sup>As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SPECIAL MUSIC**

"Go Up to The Mountain of God"  
Senior Choir

## **SERMON**

*Refrain*

Shine, Je - sus, shine, fill this land with the Fa - ther's glo - ry;  
blaze, Spir - it, blaze, set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, riv - er, flow, flood the na - tions with grace and mer - cy;  
send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!

1 Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing, in the midst of the  
2 As we gaze on your king - ly bright - ness, so our fac - es dis -  
dark - ness, shin - ing; Je - sus, light of the world, shine up - on us,  
play your like - ness, ev - er chang - ing from glo - ry to glo - ry.  
set us free by the truth you now bring us.  
mir - rored here, may our lives tell your sto - ry.

*Refrain*

Shine on me, shine on me:  
Shine on me, shine on me:

## **\*APOSTLES' CREED**

page 217 *(in front of hymnal)*

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

## **\*PRAYERS**

P: Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*(After a brief silence...The **congregation** is invited to read aloud individually the prayer petitions as the spirit moves them. If more than one person reads the petition, all the better!)*

Embolden your church as it witnesses to the majesty and mercy of your Son. Equip lay preachers, deacons, and pastors. Move us to share our stories of your faithfulness and forgiveness; may our lives proclaim your greatness. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Dwell with your whole creation, from the tallest mountain peak to the deepest valley. Bless the work of conservation organizations and protect vital habitats. Support the work of disaster relief agencies around the world. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Guide and give wisdom to all in authority: our mayor and local leaders, our governor and state legislators, our president and national legislators. Bring freedom and justice to all nations. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Give shelter to those lacking safe homes. Spur communities to work for fair housing for all. Protect our neighbors whose dwellings do not keep out dangerous cold or heat; accompany with your touch those who are homebound, sick, or isolated. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Make us eager to receive your Word in scripture. Help us recognize Jesus' voice in the needs of our neighbors; make us confident to follow the way of the cross. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Guide us with love, and watch over your servants to be faithful disciples of Jesus. Be with our confirmation students, especially Deanna and Jaxen as they seek to grow in their discipleship, and guide their families that together they may reflect your love and grace. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Receive our thanksgiving for the holy ones who have guided us in faithfulness and gathered even the unlikely as your people. With our forebears in faith and all who have hoped in you, teach us to wait with courage until the promised day dawns. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

P: We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.  
**Amen.**

### **\*PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

*Please share a sign of peace with those around you.*

### **MISSION MOMENT**

**SPECIAL MUSIC** "He Never Failed Me Yet" Senior Choir



## **\*GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is indeed our right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

## **\*EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

**\*LORD'S PRAYER**           page 112 (in front of hymnal)

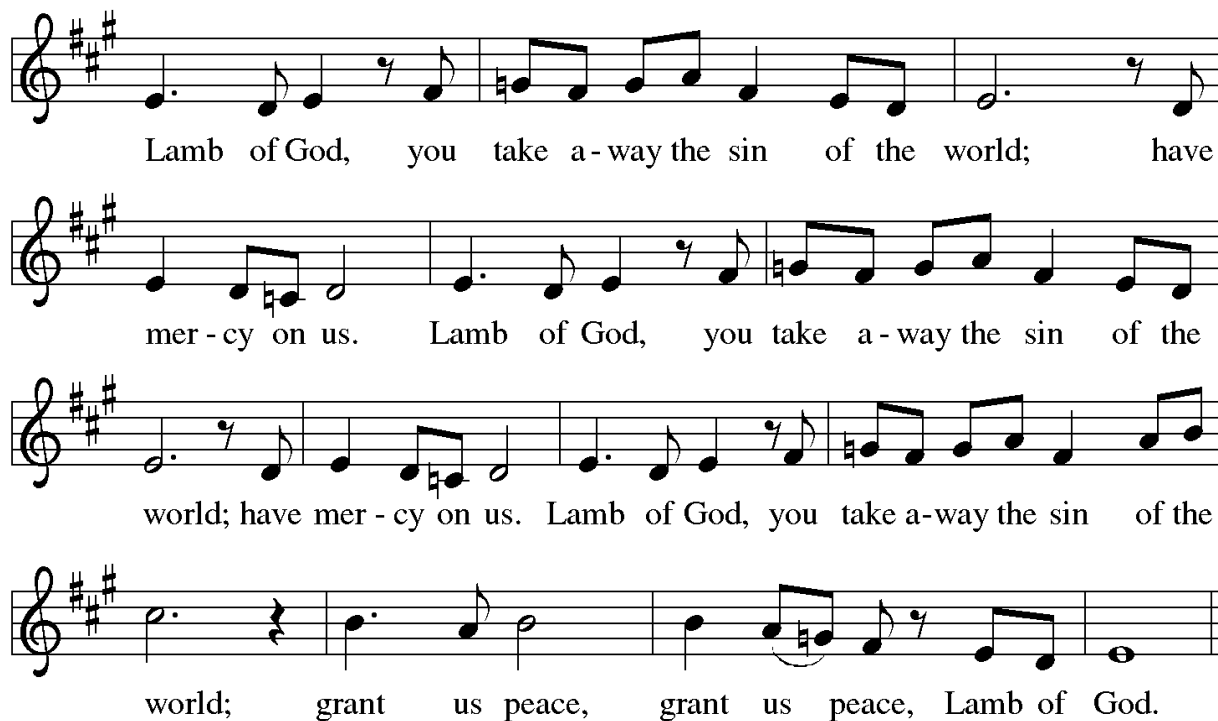
## **\*INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Come and taste the joy of God!

**HOLY COMMUNION** *All who believe that our Lord Jesus Christ is truly present in the bread and wine of Holy Communion, bringing to us the gift of forgiveness and the promise of eternal life, are welcome to gather at the Lord's Table. Younger children are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

*Both wine and grape juice is available – grape juice glasses are circled in purple. Gluten free wafers are also available.*

## AGNUS DEI "Lamb of God"



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

## COMMUNION HYMN

"Beautiful Savior"

#838

### \*POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you.

**Amen.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE AND BURIAL OF THE ALLELUIAS

SONG

"Hallelu, Hallelujah!"

**Hallelu, hallelu, hallelu, hallelujah!  
Praise ye the Lord!  
Hallelu, hallelu, hallelu, hallelujah!  
Praise ye the Lord!  
Praise ye the Lord! Hallelujah!  
Praise ye the Lord! Hallelujah!  
Praise ye the Lord! Hallelujah!  
Praise ye the Lord!**

## \*BLESSING

The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod bless, strengthen, and uphold you, today and always. **Amen.**

## \*HYMN "We Are Marching in the Light" #866

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of seven staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are in a mix of English and a non-English language. The score includes various musical notations such as treble clefs, notes, rests, and triplets.

Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -  
We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing in the

nyen' kwen - khos'. Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos',  
light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God,

si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.  
we are march - ing in the light of God.

Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) OO  
We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) OO

si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.  
we are march - ing in the light of God.

Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) OO  
We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) OO

si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.  
we are march - ing in the light of God.

*Additional stanzas ad lib.:*

We are dancing ...  
We are praying ...  
We are singing ...

**\*DISMISSAL** (*Done from the back of the church*)

Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

**WE THANK** - Joey Barnett for filling in as choir director while Eric Sorenson is in Arizona. Joey is a graduate of UW-Eau Claire, a member of the Coulee Chordsmen, and teaches Elementary Music in Black River Falls. We appreciate his willingness to substitute! Please welcome him if you get the opportunity.

### **OUR SAVIOR'S WORSHIP TEAM**

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Eric Sorenson, Senior Choir Director

## **WORSHIP LEADERS**

### **6 p.m.**

Worship Assistant Lilly Muellenberg

Communion Assistant Judy Morzinski

Welcoming Team

### **8 a.m.**

Worship Assistant Mya Peterson

Communion Assistant Paula Heilman

Welcoming Team Peterson Family

### **10:30 a.m.**

Worship Assistant Ethan Quackenbush

Communion Assistant Michelle Witte

Welcoming Team Kendhammer Family

Altar Guild for February - Pam Gresens

**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP** - A time for fellowship and treats between services on Sundays! Please sign up to bring treats or to serve what others have provided.

## HUNGRY JAR FOR FEBRUARY

Sleep in Heavenly Peace



NO KID SLEEPS  
ON THE FLOOR  
IN OUR TOWN!

All children deserve a safe, comfortable place to lay their heads. Sleep in Heavenly Peace (SHP) is a national organization with local chapters – one right here in LaCrosse. They are a group of volunteers dedicated to building, assembling and delivering top-notch bunk beds free of charge to children and families in need.

Each bed that SHP delivers to a child sleeping on the floor offers comfort and safety. Oftentimes, the kids who get their beds have never owned a bed of their own. \$250 will sponsor a bed and mattress, along with a pillow, sheet set, and comforter. Our gifts make sure kiddos have a comfy place to lay their heads at night.

**FIRST COMMUNION INSTRUCTION** - 5<sup>th</sup> graders ... and any older kids who missed it ... and just anyone interested ... First Communion instruction is coming soon! Sundays, March 5 and March 26 ... from 1:30 - 3 PM. Learn about the Sacrament, create your own communion cup, and bake some “unleavened” bread. Parents are asked to join us! For more information see the Pastors.



### **It's baaack ... Beer & Hymns**

Sunday, March 5

6-7 pm

Hunter's Last Chance Bar & Grill

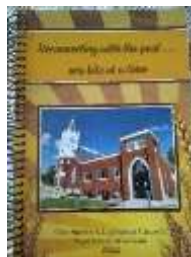
(140 Leonard Street S)

Join us for an evening of singing and fellowship! We provide the songbooks, you provide whatever you'd like to eat and drink.

### *Reconnecting with the past ... one bite at a time” Cookbook*

**\$15**

(Proceeds go toward the roof fund.)



Check out the February newsletter ([www.oursaviorswestsalem.org](http://www.oursaviorswestsalem.org)) to find out more.



**Let's Party!**

**Get a jump on  
Mardi Gras!**

Shake off the winter blahs!

**Come one ... come all ...**

**Sunday, February 19  
3 - 5 PM**

*Join us for ...*

**Food ... activities for kids ...  
prizes ... music ...**

Sample recipes from the church cookbook ... and vote for your  
favorites!

***[Proceeds will once again go to the Roof Fund.]***

*\*\* If you submitted a recipe for the cookbook, we want you! Cook up a batch of your special recipe, bring it to church, we'll serve small samples, and see whose recipes are the favorites! Prizes!! Talk to Pastor Jean for more details. \*\**



## **Ash Wednesday Worship**

**February 22**

7:30-8:45 AM

*Drive-through ashes and Holy Communion  
in the parking lot*

Bring elements for Communion (bread/crackers and wine/juice) – stay in your car as you receive ashes, hear Scripture, share in prayer, and partake in the Sacrament.

6 PM

*Ashes and Holy Communion  
in the Sanctuary*

Ashes and message, music and hymns, and the Sacrament as we begin the journey of Lent

**Midweek Lenten Worship**  
**Wednesdays in March**  
**6 PM**



**LENTEN DRAMAS** - Again, this year midweek Lenten worship will feature a series of dramas. You can take on a role each week, or as many weeks as work for you. If you'd like to be a part of the drama (no memorization required!) see Pastor Jon.