

**25th Sunday after Pentecost
November 19th, 2023
9am In-Person Worship & Live Stream**



HEAR IT, FEEL IT, LIVE IT, SHARE IT – GOD’S LOVE

OUR SAVIOR’S LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)

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In-Person Worship: 9:00am Livestream: 9:00am SS Hour 10:00am

Welcome Visitors! Please sign our guest book located in the narthex. *Indicates that those who are able please stand. We use the cranberry colored hymnals that are located in the pews. The page numbers for the liturgy are in the front of the book. The # sign in the bulletin refers to the hymn number in the back of the book. The Sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated every Sunday and is open to all. We believe that Jesus is present in the bread and the wine. Communion is offered with wafer or bread and small cup of wine or grape juice. Gluten free wafers are available. Children are welcome to commune or receive a blessing whichever they do in their home Church.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements

THE GATHERING

Confession And Forgiveness:

Blessed be God, the one who forms us, +Jesus who bears the cross, the Spirit who makes our joy complete. **Amen.**

Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin.

Silence for reflection

Steadfast and faithful God, **you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you. We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering. We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others. For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us. For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us. For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us. Lead us back to you and set us on the right path; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

Beloved in Christ, God's justice stretches beyond all understanding. God's compassion is beyond compare. In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us. In +Christ, you are already and always forgiven. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn: ELW # 726 Light Dawns on a Weary World

**1 Light dawns on a weary world
 when eyes begin to see
 all people's dignity.
 Light dawns on a weary world:
 the promised day of justice comes.**

Refrain

**The trees shall clap their hands;
the dry lands, gush with springs;
the hills and mountains shall break forth with singing!
We shall go out in joy,
and be led forth in peace,
as all the world in wonder echoes shalom.**

**2 Love grows in a weary world
 when hungry hearts find bread
 and children's dreams are fed.
 Love grows in a weary world:
 the promised feast of plenty comes. *Refrain***

**3 Hope blooms in a weary world
 when creatures, once forlorn,
 find wilderness reborn.
 Hope blooms in a weary world:
 the promised green of Eden comes. *Refrain***

*Greeting:

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.**

*Kyrie: ELW # 158

**Lord, have mercy,
Christ, have mercy,
Lord, have mercy on us.**

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Christ, have mercy,
Lord, have mercy on us.**

Hymn of Praise: ELW # 843 Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness vs 1, 3

**1 Praise the One who breaks the darkness
with a liberating light;
praise the One who frees the pris'ners,
turning blindness into sight.
Praise the One who preached the gospel,
healing ev'ry dread disease,
calming storms and feeding thousands
with the very bread of peace.**

**3 Praise the one true love incarnate:
Christ, who suffered in our place;
Jesus died and rose for many
that we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness,
seeing what our God has done.
Praise the one redeeming glory;
praise the One who makes us one.**

Prayer of the Day:

Let us pray, **Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

THE WORD

Children's Time:

First Reading: Judges 4:1-7

¹The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, after Ehud died. ²So the LORD sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goim. ³Then the Israelites cried out to the LORD for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the

Israelites cruelly twenty years. ⁴At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. ⁵She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. ⁶She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, “The LORD, the God of Israel, commands you, ‘Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. ⁷I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin’s army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.’” This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 123

¹To you I lift up my eyes, to you enthroned in the heavens.

²**As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to you, O LORD our God, until you show us your mercy.**

³Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy, for we have had more than enough of contempt, ⁴**too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, and of the derision | of the proud.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

¹Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³When they say, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! ⁴But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; ⁵for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. ⁶So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; ⁷for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing. This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Gospel Acclamation: ELW # 174

Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

The holy gospel according to St. Matthew the 25th Chapter **Glory to you, O Lord!**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁴“For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; ¹⁵to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. ¹⁷In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. ¹⁹After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰Then the one who had received

the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ ²¹His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ ²²And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ ²³His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ ²⁴Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ ²⁶But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. ²⁹For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. ³⁰As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ” This is the gospel of the Lord, **Praise to you, O Christ!**

Sermon: “A Treasure That Won’t Be Buried”

Hymn of the Day: ELW # 707 Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us

- 1 Lord of glory, you have bought us
with your lifeblood as the price,
never grudging for the lost ones
that tremendous sacrifice;
and with that have freely given
blessings countless as the sand
to the unthankful and the evil
with your own unsparing hand.**
- 2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give you
gladly, freely, of your own.
With the sunshine of your goodness
melt our thankless hearts of stone
till our cold and selfish natures,
warmed by you, at length believe
that more happy and more blessed
'tis to give than to receive.**
- 3 Wondrous honor you have given
to our humblest charity
in your own mysterious sentence,
"You have done it all to me."**

**Naked, sick, in prison, hungry—
in the least, your face we view,
saying by your poor and needy,
"Give as I have giv'n to you."**

**4 Lord of glory, you have bought us
with your lifeblood as the price,
never grudging for the lost ones
that tremendous sacrifice.
Give us faith to trust you boldly,
hope, to stay our souls on you:
but, oh, best of all your graces,
with your love our love renew.**

*** Apostles' Creed: 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 of Intercession:

Let us turn our hearts to God, our breath and life, as we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

Gracious God, you give talents and gifts to all your people, and you equip the church to serve. Turn us from fear and self-serving ways, that we use our talents to glorify you and encourage our neighbor. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You have been our dwelling place from one generation to another. Sustain the life of the planet; protect farmlands and harvests. Direct all people in wise stewardship of all the earth's resources. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You call us to honesty and integrity. Instill these values in the hearts of all nations and their leaders. Free any who are oppressed, expose all corruption, and bring redemption to victims of injustice. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart. Where there is sickness or sorrow, bring healing, and where there is loneliness, reveal your love in community. We remember before you. We pray especially for **Jim, Heather, Judy, Larry, Dean, Fred, John, Wayne, Ann, Eldon, Mary Jo, Kristen**, and all those we name now before you, whether out loud or in our hearts...Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for the faith formation ministries of our church. Give to all children, youth, and adults who study your word the breastplate of faith and love. Shape us by your love and show us how to encourage one another. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Gracious God, you are faithful in all generations. For the promise of life and rest and for the witness of those who have died in faith. We praise your goodness. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We offer our spoken prayers and those held in our hearts trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

THE MEAL

Peace and exchange:

The peace of the risen Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

Let us share the peace with one another.

Offering: The ministry of Our Savior's continues thanks to your generosity, and God's work continues through all of us! Offering can be received either by mailing it to the church at N6450 530th St. Beldenville, WI 54003, dropping it off, online at oursaviorschurch.info under the "give" tab, utilizing this QR code, or simply text your donation amount to 833-506-0632 and follow the instructions on your phone to complete your donation.



*Offertory Hymn: ELW # 689 Praise and Thanksgiving (vs 1-2)

- 1 **Praise and thanksgiving, God, we would offer
for all things living, you have made good:
harvest of sown fields, fruits of the orchard,
hay from the mown fields, blossom and wood.**
- 2 **God, bless the labor we bring to serve you,
that with our neighbor we may be fed.
Sowing or tilling, we would work with you,
harvesting, milling for daily bread.**

Offering prayer:

Let us pray, God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

Communion:

Great Thanksgiving: pg. 152

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.**

*Sanctus: ELW # 193 (Holy, Holy, Holy)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might, Heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Pour out the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share in this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all glory and honor, now and forever. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer: pg. 154 (Our Father who art in Heaven....)

Invitation to Communion: Gifts of God, for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Lamb of God ELW # 195

Communion hymns: ELW #'s (733, 471, 472)

Prayer after Communion:

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray, Blessed be your name, O God, for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

THE SENDING

*Blessing/Benediction:

May the peace of Christ go with you, wherever he may send you.

May he guide you through the wilderness and protect you through the storm.

May he bring you home rejoicing at the wonders he has shown you.

May he bring you home rejoicing once again into God's doors,

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

Sending Hymn: ELW # 815 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.

I want to follow Jesus.

God set the stars to give light to the world.

The star of my life is Jesus.

Refrain

In him there is no darkness at all.

The night and the day are both alike.

**The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.**

**2 I want to see the brightness of God.
I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path,
and show me the way to the Father. *Refrain***

**3 I'm looking for the coming of Christ.
I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race,
we shall know the joy of Jesus. *Refrain***

Dismissal:

Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God!**

“OUR WORSHIP HAS ENDED, NOW OUR SERVICE BEGINS”

Please continue to pray for the following people;

Jim Chisholm, Heather Borst Nelson, Judy Nielsen, Larry Young, Dean Mewes, Fred Hoyer, John Paape, Wayne Peterson, Ann Leonard, Eldon Schellfeffer, Mary Jo Bjork, and Kristen Anderson.

If you know of anyone that should be on our prayer list please contact the office. The names will be on the prayer list for two weeks unless specified.

Announcements:

Sunday November 19th 9am Worship, **10am** Fellowship Hour (Parmeter Family), Silent Auction Starts, 10am Sunday School Hour

Sunday November 26th 9am Worship (Advent), **10am** Fellowship Hour (),

Happy Birthday! **November (20th)** Omar Coulson, Phillip Johnson, **(21st)** Megan and Merideth Hansen, **(24th)** Gene Ostendorf

October Budget Report: Average weekly offering & donations: \$2,751.09.
Average weekly expenses: \$3,42.06.

New member Sunday: If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a member of Our Savior's, please contact the church office or Pastor Lucas. We will be receiving new members on Sunday, November 26th.

ATTENTION ALL COMMITTEES: It's budgeting time. In the next couple of months your Church Council will be working on the 2024 budget for Our Savior's. Please give some thought to your committee's financial needs for the upcoming year. It's most helpful in this planning process to get input directly from the committees, especially if you anticipate a significant change from this past year. You may submit this information to your council liaison or to the church office. Thank you.



Coffee and Conversation: Please join us on Monday, November 27th, 2023, at 10:00am. Pastor Lucas will lead us in a discussion about Adults Saving Kids, a resource for parents and grandparents to protect their kids from human trafficking and other dangers of the world. All are welcome!

Lutefisk Supper Numbers: Our 75th annual lutefisk supper is over for another year, feeding about 600 people. We had 466 guests who eagerly came to partake. With cancellations the last week, we were able to serve those even on the waiting list. Our church volunteers numbered about 85 and our take-out meal requests were 45 for a total of 596. Thank you to all the chairpeople and volunteers who made it happen. The guests appreciated that we can continue this tradition for 75 years.

Thank you all! Who purchased a Lutefisk T-shirt! We sold 79 shirts. The youth account will receive \$400.00 for this fundraiser.

Operation Christmas Child: A big thank-you to all the members for making it possible to bring 116 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. To all of you, have a Blessed Holiday Season.

Peggy Hoyer

Gobbler's Gallop! St. Paul's UCc is hosting a 5K Family Fun Run/Walk. 8am Thanksgiving Thursday, November 23rd, 2023. Entry fee is \$20 per person/\$50 family max and includes a t-shirt. Deadline for registration is Tuesday November 14th to receive a t-shirt. Walk-up registration is available at 7:30am the day of the event. Visit spuccellsworth.org for more information.

Zion Senior Choir Christmas Concert & Candlelit Kaffee Kallas: Join us on Sunday December 3rd at 4pm for a Smorgasbord of Norwegian & Tradition Food. Zion Lutheran Church, 221 N Lockwood St, Woodville WI. 715-698-2707



For the Gift Box Program this year we will be sponsoring four families. Our Christmas tree is up with ornaments on it, that have the gifts needed printed on the back. If you would like to purchase a gift, please take an ornament off the tree and be sure to record it, with one of the volunteers, on the log sheets. **It is VERY IMPORTANT that the ornament is returned WITH THE GIFT.** When you return the gifts, PLEASE, have the ornament attached to the corresponding gift. You may wrap the gifts if you want, if not, we will wrap them. There is one family that does not want gifts wrapped and that will be noted on the ornament as **"no wrap"**.

We still need the ornament with the unwrapped gifts. The deadline for returning the gifts is Sunday, December 3rd. We thank you in advance for supporting this outreach program.

Hebrews 13:16 "Do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased."

If you have any questions please contact your Evangelism committee: Heather Johnson, Darlene Halverson or Pauline Laughnan.



FOOD PANTRY NEEDS: The Pierce County Food Pantry continues to need certain items. For the month of **November**, we will be collecting **Personal Care items, Baking items; Flour, Sugar, Baking Mixes.**

Please put the items in the grocery cart in the back of the church. Thank you for showing your concern. Money donations accepted as well. Did you know that every dollar donated can purchase \$7 worth of food? Online donations @hungerpreventioncouncil.net, call 715-273-2070 or to arrange a food drive sponsored by your family or organization. Let's help end hunger in Pierce County.

Youth News!

Light Up the Fair: Youth and Adult Volunteers needed to help serve; hot fudge brownies, chips and cheese, hot apple cider, and hot coffee out of the church stand. Join us by dressing warm and showing the holiday spirit to the community. Dates are December 8th & 9th, and December 15th & 16th from 5-8pm. Let Patricia or Donna know if you are available on any of those nights.

Sunday School Dates and Time: 10am-10:45 am, November 19th, December 3rd, December 10th (Christmas program)

2024 Mission Trip: Lincoln, Illinois, Sunday June 16th – June 22nd 2024.

All Youth ages 14-18 along with their Friends are Welcome!

*Recommended for youth in or going into 8th grade. This will fulfill your confirmation requirement and give you 30 hours of volunteer time for High School.

Contact Patricia if interested. Youthdirector.osbeldenville@gmail.com, 715-307-2739

Participants: Marti Allyn, Nora Christopherson, Maddi Constant, Lucy Feuerhelm, Dustyn Raleigh, Milo Shafer. Chaperones; Mark Raleigh & Lindsay Christopherson.

2024 Scripture Calendars and Christmas Card Sets: are available to purchase on the youth table in fellowship Hall. Calendars are \$9, Cards are \$8. Thank you for supporting our 2024 Mission Trip!