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<b>Cleaning</b>	Tater & Krissy	Greg & Tricia
<b>Greet &amp; Usher</b>	Dave	Jim & Jan
<b>Snacks</b>	Eileen	Rachel
<b>Video</b>	Dwight & Jan	Sarah & Audrey

If you would like to learn more the high school which is coming to our church in March for a concert, scan this code to go to our WELS ministry training website.



Michigan Lutheran Seminary



Our church family is part of the national church organization called the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. As a national church, we have 1200+ congregations across the United States and support mission work withing the U.S. and in 43 foreign countries.



**Aha! Conquer evil with good**

Seventh Sunday in the season of Epiphany  
 Our Savior Lutheran Church, Roanoke, Virginia  
 February 23, 2025 10 a.m.

# Welcome

Welcome to our Savior's house!

We cheer when someone fights back against the bad guy and gives them what they deserve. This is the plot of half the videos we watch! Rare is the drama where evil is overcome by love and compassion.

Yet isn't this our story with Jesus? He did not give us what we deserved. In the face of our defiance, he laid down his life to overcome our evil with his love. We are on the receiving end of undeserved and unreserved compassion. Having tasted what being "conquered by love" feels like, Jesus calls on us to do the same for our enemies. Conquer them with love.

Our worship and thoughtful study of God's Word will be interesting this morning!

Thanks for being here and joining us in worship.

We're so glad you could be with us!

## Restrooms

Restrooms are down the hallway on the left.

## Nursery

We enjoy children in worship, especially when they are singing God's praises in their own way. We think it's important for children to see what's going on in worship and begin participating at an early age. If today just isn't a good day for them, feel free to make use of our nursery just to the right of the doors as you exit the worship space.

## Calendar

<b>Today</b>	10 am	Worship
	11 am	Snacks
	11:30 am	Sunday school – Heirs together
<b>Wednesday</b>	9:30 am	Bible study
	11 am	Altar guild
	6 pm	Choir
	7 pm	Bible study
<b>Thursday</b>	2 pm	Bible information class
	4:30 pm	Bible information class
<b>Saturday</b>	7 pm	Hockey Game
<b>Next Sunday</b>	8:45 am	Evangelism team
	10 am	Worship and communion
	11 am	Snacks
	11:30 am	Sunday school – Heirs together

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## 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.**

## May the Grace of Christ Our Savior



May the grace of Christ our Sav - ior and the Fa - ther's



bound - less love with the Ho - ly Spir - it's fa - vor



rest up - on us from a - bove. Thus may we a - bide in



un - ion with each oth - er and the Lord, and pos - sess in



sweet com - mun - ion joys which earth can - not af - ford.

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CW 928

## We Gather in His Name

### O Bless the Lord, My Soul

CW 623



1 O bless the Lord, my soul! Let all with-in me join and  
2 O bless the Lord, my soul, nor let his mer - cies lie for -  
3 'Tis he for - gives your sins, 'tis he re - lieves your pain, 'tis  
4 He fills the poor with good; he gives the suf - f'ers rest. The  
5 His won - drous works and ways he made by Mo - ses known but



aid my tongue to bless his name whose fa - vors are di - vine.  
got - ten in un - thank - ful - ness and with - out prais - es die.  
he that heals your sick - ness - es and makes you young a - gain.  
Lord has judg - ments for the proud and jus - tice for th'op - pressed.  
sent the world his truth and grace by his be - lov - ed Son.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, abr., alt. Tune: Aaron Williams, 1731-1776 Text and tune: Public domain

*Stand*

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

**Amen.**

## Confession

CW 172

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

*Silence for meditation and reflection*

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**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.**

## Love in Christ Is Strong and Living

CW 726



1 Love in Christ is strong and liv - ing, bind - ing faith - ful  
2 Love is pa - tient and for - bear - ing, clothed in Christ's hu -  
3 Love in Christ a - bides for - ev - er, faint - ing not when



hearts in one; love in Christ is true and giv - ing,  
mil - i - ty, gen - tle, self - less, kind, and car - ing,  
ills at - tend; love, for - giv - ing and for - giv - en,



may his will in us be done.  
reach - ing out in char - i - ty.  
shall en - dure un - til life's end.

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*Stand*

Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**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.**

## Prayer of the Church

Heavenly Father, you created a world where we would live together in mutual respect and cooperation. We contaminated your perfection with our pride, conceit, selfishness, desire for revenge, and our basic evil attitudes. Forgive our sins, protect us from the harm others would cause, and fill us with your love to overcome evil with good.

**From everlasting to everlasting your love is with those who fear you.**

Protect those who protect us. Give strength, courage, and devotion to duty for our first responders and all who serve in the military. Bless the work of our teachers and parents to bring up the next generation to be responsible and selfless citizens and neighbors. Make every family a warm home where care for others is modelled and taught. Give us leaders who use their authority to serve the common good.

**From everlasting to everlasting your love is with those who fear you.**

In your wisdom, bring peace and prosperity to all people. Drain away the hatred of others and give all of us respect for the life, opinions, and cultures of others. Where there are wars, bring peace. Where there is envy, fill hearts with contentment. Bless the work for all who labor with their hands and their minds that all people may thrive in safety, plentiful, and health. As you know best, heal those who are sick in body or heart, comfort those who mourn, protect those in danger.

**From everlasting to everlasting your love is with those who fear you.**

Hear us, Lord, as we bring our private requests.

*Silent prayer*

Wherever your Word is proclaimed, O Lord, grant it success. Let your kingdom come to us and others, so that heaven is filled as saints and angels sing your praise forever.

**Savior of all, hear our prayer and help us in our mission. Amen.**

## Offering

*The WELS Europe mission team partners with sister synods and independent churches in fellowship with us in Norway, Sweden, Finland, and Germany. This partnership and support can come in the form of financial assistance, theological training or continuing education, visits and assistance from other World Missions representatives or missionaries, as well as the sharing of outreach ideas. A church in the Czech Republic and a synod in Latvia are directly supported by our mission partners in the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS). Most mission partners are a part of the Confessional Evangelical Lutheran Conference (CELC), a worldwide fellowship of confessional Lutherans.*

## Christ, Your Footprints through the Desert



1 Christ, your foot - prints through the des - ert led to Jor - dan's  
4 God, in Bap - tism you have made us one with Christ, our



flow - ing stream; there you heard the her - ald cry - ing  
ris - en Lord, freed us, claimed us, cleansed, for - giv - en



Is - rael's old, pro - phet - ic dream: "He is com - ing! He is  
thro' the wa - ter and the Word. Help us hear your ur - gent



com - ing! He will cleanse the earth with flame! Sin - ners,  
sum - mons, call - ing us to serve you now. Send us



plunge be - neath the wa - ters! Wash a - way your guilt and shame!"  
forth, your sons and daugh - ters, with the cross up - on our brow.

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# The Word

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

## Prayer of the Day

Heavenly Father, keep your family continually in true faith, so that those who rely only on the hope of your heavenly grace may be protected by your mighty power; 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*

## First Reading

*Genesis 45:3–15*

Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph! Is my father still living?” But his brothers were not able to answer him, because they were terrified at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come close to me.” When they had done so, he said, “I am your brother Joseph, the one you sold into Egypt! And now, do not be distressed and do not be angry with yourselves for selling me here, because it was to save lives that God sent me ahead of you. For two years now there has been famine in the land, and for the next five years there will be no plowing and reaping. But God sent me ahead of you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to save your lives by a great deliverance.

## Sermon

*Romans 12:14–21*

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.

Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God’s wrath, for it is written: “It is mine to avenge; I will repay,” says the Lord. On the contrary:

“If your enemy is hungry, feed him;  
if he is thirsty, give him something to drink.  
In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head.”

Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

*Stand*

## Apostles’ Creed

**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.**

*Be seated*

# Son of God, Eternal Savior

CW 729 sts. 1-3



1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and  
2 Bind us all as one to - geth - er in your Church's  
3 As you, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, so may we for



truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us,  
sa - cred fold, weak and health - y, poor and wealth - y,  
oth - ers live. Free - ly have your gifts been grant - ed;



hal - lows all our hu - man race, you our head, who, throned in  
sad and joy - ful, young and old. Is there want or pain or  
free - ly may your ser - vants give. Yours the gold and yours the



glo - ry, for your own will ev - er plead: fill us with your  
sor - row? Make us all the bur - den share. Are there spir - its  
sil - ver, yours the wealth of land and sea; we but stew - ards



love and pit - y, heal our wrongs and help our need.  
crushed and bro - ken? Teach us, Lord, to soothe their care.  
of your boun - ty held in sol - emn trust will be.

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“So then, it was not you who sent me here, but God. He made me father to Pharaoh, lord of his entire household and ruler of all Egypt. Now hurry back to my father and say to him, ‘This is what your son Joseph says: God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; don’t delay. You shall live in the region of Goshen and be near me—you, your children and grandchildren, your flocks and herds, and all you have. I will provide for you there, because five years of famine are still to come. Otherwise you and your household and all who belong to you will become destitute.’

“You can see for yourselves, and so can my brother Benjamin, that it is really I who am speaking to you. Tell my father about all the honor accorded me in Egypt and about everything you have seen. And bring my father down here quickly.”

Then he threw his arms around his brother Benjamin and wept, and Benjamin embraced him, weeping. And he kissed all his brothers and wept over them. Afterward his brothers talked with him.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

# Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Psalm 103B



1 Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en; to his feet your  
2 Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to his peo - ple  
3 Fa - ther - like he tends and spares us; well our fee - ble  
4 An - gels, help us to a - dore him; you be - hold him



trib - ute bring. Ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,  
in dis - tress. Praise him, still the same as ev - er,  
frame he knows. In his hand he gent - ly bears us,  
face to face. Sun and moon, bow down be - fore him;



ev - er - more his prais - es sing; Al - le - lu - ia,  
slow to chide, and swift to bless, Al - le - lu - ia,  
res - cues us from all our foes; Al - le - lu - ia,  
all who dwell in time and space, Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! praise the ev - er - last - ing King!  
al - le - lu - ia! glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness!  
al - le - lu - ia! wide - ly yet his mer - cy flows!  
al - le - lu - ia! praise with us the God of grace!

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# Gospel

Luke 6:27-38

“But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. If someone slaps you on one cheek, turn to them the other also. If someone takes your coat, do not withhold your shirt from them. Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

“If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do that. And if you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, expecting to be repaid in full. But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

“Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

# Children’s sermon