

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church & School

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Member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod.

*It is good
for us
to be here!*

Transfiguration Sunday

February 11, 2024

"Welcome Visitors & Members!"

To those who are visiting us for the first time, we extend our sincere welcome; to our friends who know us we renew our welcome; to those who seek a church home we invite you to be part of our family and enjoy fellowship with our Savior.

For further assistance in worship and information on our church, please see the back cover.

Last Sunday of Epiphany: Today, on the Mount of Transfiguration, Jesus gives us a glimpse of his true glory. As we see him in his dazzling brilliance, the Father speaks to us: "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!"

This final epiphany prepares us for the journey of Lent where we will witness the most glorious work that Jesus would do when he came down from this mountain.

Today is Transfiguration Sunday. Our focus: Jesus' Transfiguration strengthens Him and us for the cross.

The church year begins here 2023

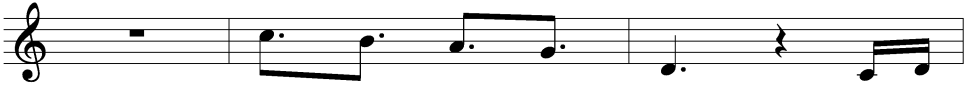
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385 Christ Begins CW 21



1 We stand and we watch on the bank, wide-eyed.
2 Mar - y's whis - per - ing, but it's not the time.
3 See the sun out - shined on the hill and hide.
4 We stand, gath - ered round on the moun - tain - side.



Wa - ter runs and all heav - en
Yet six jars are filled with the
Clothes like light - ning white, heav - en
Watch the clos - ing clouds hide him



o - pens wide, and a voice like thun - der re - plies.
fin - est wine. Tell me, who is this by our side?
o - pens wide, and a voice like thun - der re - plies.
from our eyes; with a voice u - nit - ed we cry:

Refrain



Here's my Proph - et, my Priest, my King, a



light in the dark, Christ steps in; here's my Sav - ior, my



God, my King, the time has come, Christ be - gins.

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Tune: Kent Reeder, b. 1986; Luke Thompson, b. 1981

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Service of Word and Sacrament CW 93

M: The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. 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.

C: **Amen.**

PRAYER AND PRAISE

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kyrie

M: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

M: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



C: Christ, have mer - cy.

M: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



C: A - men.

M: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.



C: O Lord, our Lord, how glo - rious is your name in



all the earth. Al - might - y God, mer - ci - ful Fa - ther,



you crown our life with your love. You take a - way our sin;



you com - fort our spir - it; you make us pure and



ho - ly in your sight. You did not spare your on - ly Son,



but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,



how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.



O Son of God, e - ter - nal Word of the Fa - ther,



you came to live with us; you made your Fa - ther known;



you washed us from our sins in your own blood. You are the



King of glo - ry; you are the Lord! O Lord, our Lord,



how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

M: Let us pray.
Lord God, before the suffering and death of your one and only Son, you revealed his glory on the holy mountain. Grant that we who bear his cross on earth may behold by faith the light of his heavenly glory and so be changed into his likeness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

First Lesson: 2 Kings 2:1-12a

When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven in a whirlwind, Elijah was traveling with Elisha from Gilgal. ²Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here, for the LORD has sent me to Bethel."

But Elisha said, "As surely as the LORD lives and as your soul lives, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel.

³The sons of the prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD is taking your master away from you?"

Then he said, "Yes, I know. Be quiet."

⁴Then Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here because the LORD has sent me to Jericho."

But he said, "As surely as the LORD lives and as your soul lives, I will not leave you." So they went to Jericho.

⁵Then the sons of the prophets who were in Jericho approached Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD is taking your master away from you?"

He said, "Yes, I know. Be quiet."

⁶Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here because the LORD has sent me to the Jordan."

But he said, "As surely as the LORD lives and as your soul lives, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on.

⁷Then fifty men from the sons of the prophets came and stood and watched them from a distance, while the two of them were standing at the Jordan. ⁸Elijah took his cloak, folded it together, and struck the water. The water divided to the right and to the left. Then the two of them crossed on dry land.

⁹When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Ask me for whatever I can do for you before I am taken from you."

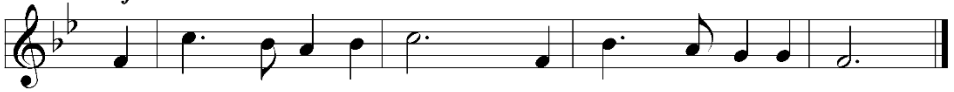
Then Elisha said, "Let there be a double portion of your spirit on me."

¹⁰He said, "You have asked for a difficult thing. If you see me being taken from you, it will surely be yours. But if not, then it will not."

¹¹While they were walking and talking, suddenly a chariot of fire with horses of fire came and separated them. So Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind. ¹²Elisha was watching and crying out, "My father! My father! Israel's chariot and its charioteers!" Then he did not see him anymore.

Psalm 148 CW 93

Refrain



For - ev - er let us sing the good - ness of the Lord.

Psalm tone



Praise the LORD from the heavens,*
praise him in the heights above.

Praise him, all his angels,*
praise him, all his heavenly hosts.

Praise him, sun and moon,*
praise him, all you shining stars. **Refrain**

Praise the LORD from the earth,*
lightning and hail, stormy winds that do his bidding,

you mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars,*
wild animals and all cattle, small creatures and flying birds,

kings of the earth and all rulers on earth,*
young men and maidens, old men and children.

Let them praise the name of the LORD,*
for his splendor is above the earth and the heavens.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen. Refrain

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Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

³But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled among those who are perishing. ⁴In the case of those people, the god of this age has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from clearly seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is God's image.

⁵Indeed, we do not preach ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. ⁶For the God who said, "Light will shine out of darkness," is the same one who made light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the person of Jesus Christ.

Verse of the Day: Mark 9:7b

Alleluia! A voice came from the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him." Alleluia!



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Gospel Lesson: Mark 9:2-9

²After six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John with him and led them up a high mountain where they were alone by themselves. There he was transfigured in front of them. ³His clothes became radiant, dazzling white, whiter than anyone on earth could bleach them. ⁴And Elijah appeared to them together with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus.

⁵Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us make three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” ⁶He did not know what to say because they were terrified.

⁷A cloud appeared and overshadowed them, and a voice came from the cloud, saying, “This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him.”

⁸Suddenly when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus alone.

⁹As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.



389 *How Good, Lord, to Be Here* CW 21



- 1 How good, Lord, to be here! Your glo - ry fills the night;
2 How good, Lord, to be here your beau - ty to be - hold,
3 Ful - fil - ler of the past, and hope of things to be,
4 Be - fore we taste of death, we see your king - dom come;



- your face and gar - ments, like the sun, shine with un - bor - rowed light.
where Mo - ses and E - li - jah stand, your mes - sen - gers of old.
we hail your bod - y glo - ri - fied and our re - demp - tion see.
we long to hold the vi - sion bright and make this hill our home.

- 5 But you, Lord, do not stay.
With mercy resolute
you leave this glorious hill to die—
our perfect substitute.
- 6 How good, Lord, to be here!
Yet we may not remain;
but since you bid us leave the mount,
come with us to the plain.

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SERMON TEXT: Mark 9:2-9 **JESUS' WAY IS ALWAYS THE GLORIOUS WAY**

- I. For Him.**
II. For us.

NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and became fully human.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the
Scriptures.**

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped
and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

OFFERING



The members of St. John's have joined together to do the Lord's work in this community and around the world. Guests need not feel obligated to participate in this offering which supports our ministry, but please use this QR code to fill out a short form giving us a digital record of your attendance.

Visitors may also fill out our guest register by the drinking fountain in the entryway.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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 SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing.

In the past he spoke to us through the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, who is the radiance of his glory.

Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Sanctus



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.



You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.



I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -



va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C: A - - - men.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



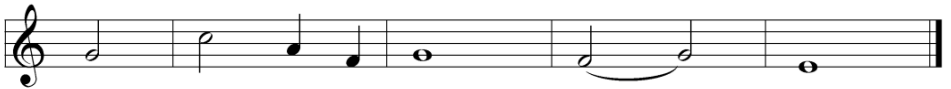
world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; grant us your peace. A - - men.

DISTRIBUTION: *St. John's practices "member communion." We ask, therefore, that only those who are members of St. John's or another WELS/ELS congregation partake of the sacrament.*

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: 543 & 573

543 O Jesus, King Most Wonderful

CW 21



1 O Je - sus, King most won - der - ful,
2 When once you vis - it dark - ened hearts,
3 O Je - sus, light of all be - low,
4 May ev - 'ry heart con - fess your name,
5 Oh, may our tongues for - ev - er bless



O Maj - es - ty re - nowned, O Con - quer - or in -
then truth be - gins to shine, then earth - ly van - i -
O Fount of life and fire, sur - pass - ing all the
for - ev - er you a - dore, en - kin - dled with the
and hon - or you a - lone, and may we in our



vin - ci - ble, in whom all joys are found,
ty de - parts, then kin - dles love di - vine.
joys we know, all that we can de - sire,
Spir - it's flame to love you more and more.
lives ex - press the im - age of your own!

Text: tr. Edward Caswall, 1814–1878, alt.; attr. Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091–1153, abr.

Tune: John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

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573 Jesus, Your Blood and Righteousness

CW 21



1 Je - sus, your blood and right - eous - ness my beau - ty
 2 Bold shall I stand in that great day; who can a
 3 Lord, I be - lieve your pre - cious blood, which at the
 4 Lord, I be - lieve, were sin - ners more than sands up -



are, my glo - rious dress; mid flam - ing worlds, in
 word a - gainst me say? Ful - ly ab - solved through
 ver - y throne of God pleads for the cap - tives'
 on the o - cean shore, you have for all a



these ar - rayed, with joy shall I lift up my head.
 these I am from sin and fear, from guilt and shame.
 lib - er - ty, was al - so shed in love for me.
 ran - som paid, for all a full a - tone - ment made.

5 When from the dust of death I rise
 to claim my mansion in the skies,
 this then shall be my only plea:
 Jesus has lived and died for me.

6 Jesus, be worshiped endlessly!
 Your boundless mercy has for me,
 for me and all your hands have made,
 an everlasting ransom paid.

Text: tr. John B. Wesley, 1703–1791, alt.; Nicolaus L. von Zinzendorf, 1700–1760, abr.
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THANKSGIVING

THANK THE LORD



C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-news his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

M: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

C: his mercy endures forever.

M: Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,

C: We proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another.
 Serve the Lord with gladness.
 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.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

522 Beautiful Savior CW 21



1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion, Son of
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands, robed in
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light, bright the
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions, Son of



God and Son of Man! Tru - ly I'd love thee,
 flow'rs of bloom - ing spring; Je - sus is fair - er,
 spark - ling stars on high; Je - sus shines bright - er,
 God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or,



tru - ly I'd serve thee, light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
 Je - sus is pur - er, he makes our sor - r'wing spir - it sing.
 Je - sus shines pur - er than all the an - gels in the sky.
 praise, ad - o - ra - tion now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

Text: tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904; Münsterisch Gesangbuch, Münster, 1677, abr.
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This Week at St. John's: Feb 11, 2024

SERVING US TODAY

Greeters: Lynn Crothers & Janice Suckow

Ushers: Team 2-Verlyn Shaw's team

Altar Guild: Judy Trunkel

Donating Bulletins: Verlyn & Marilyn Shaw for their wedding anniversary

February Website: Ray & Sharon Wetzel in thankfulness for our Savior

SERVING US ASH WEDNESDAY

Greeters: Lynda Urban & Tonia Urban

Ushers: Team 4-Rex Roehl's team

Altar Guild: Lynda Urban

SERVING US NEXT SUNDAY

Greeters: Marilyn Shaw & Alice Glinski

Ushers: Team 3-Dick Urban's team

Altar Guild: Linda Biebert & Megan Allard

~OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW & SERVE~

TODAY

9:00 AM Communion Service

10:30 AM FSJ Pancake Breakfast

No Sunday School or Bible Class

MONDAY

Dartball @ Globe-Christie

WEDNESDAY

8:20 AM Chapel

3:45 PM Confirmation Class

7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Communion

Service-Choir sings

THURS-FRI

No School-District Teachers Conference

THURSDAY

4:00 PM Bible Study

No Choir

NEXT SUNDAY

9:00 AM Worship Service

10:15 AM Sunday School & Bible Class

Worship the Lord with Gladness:

Last Sunday: 69

Worship with Our Care of God's Wealth:

Thankoffering Given Last Sunday:

\$5,828.30 (Home); \$444.00 (Missions)

Needed per week for Home: \$8,400.00.

CHURCH NEWS

Communion: We will be celebrating the Lord's Supper today using the regular style of distribution in the front pews.

No Bible Class: There is no Bible Class today because of the Pancake Breakfast. Class will resume next Sunday.

No Sunday School: There is no Sunday School today because of the Pancake Breakfast. Classes will resume next Sunday.

Pancake Breakfast: The Friends of St. John's will be sponsoring their annual Pancake Breakfast today from 10:30-1:00 in the school gym. All are invited to attend. Free will offerings given will go toward tuition assistance.

Pancake Breakfast Bake Sale: As you come to the Pancake Breakfast today, please stop by our bake sale table where people will be selling baked goods by the 6th and 7th graders and their families. Students are raising money to help fund our next summer trip to the Creation Museum and the Ark Encounter (summer 2025). Proceeds will help cover gas costs, lodging, admission costs, etc. If you do not have a sweet tooth and would still like to donate, that would be very much appreciated too! The students are excited to have this opportunity; please consider helping them. Thank You!

Ash Wednesday: Lent begins this Wednesday, February 14th. We will have a special Ash Wednesday communion service at 7:00 p.m. Our Lenten series this year is called "God on Trial." This series takes us back to the moments when God was literally on trial before men in the person of Christ. In these inspired episodes, we find forgiveness for us and all people, love for our enemies, strength for our faith, and courage to testify to the truth. **On Ash Wednesday our particular focus will be "Accusations."**

Our choir will be singing for our Ash Wednesday service. We will have communion during the service at the rail. Gifts given in your special "Lent" envelopes will go toward Home. We hope to see many of you as we begin this Lenten journey and see the depth of our Savior's love as he goes to the cross for us.

No Thursday Bible Study: There will be NO BIBLE STUDY this Thursday. Class will resume on February 22nd.

Care Packages: Seven care packages were packed up by our LIGHTS group this past Monday. We thank all who donated items for the care packages. Your support for our young college members is greatly appreciated!

GPS Meeting: Our GPS group will be meeting right after our Ash Wednesday service to discuss the menu, etc. for their Lenten supper on February 21st. If you can help with the supper, please sign up on the sheet on the table in the entryway or call Pat at 715-743-3966 or Betty at 715-743-2082.

Meditations: The new Meditation devotional booklets are available in the rack by the front doors. Please consider a \$3.50 donation to help our GPS group cover the cost. Thanks!

Lenten Invitations: This past week we sent out invitations to our Lent and Holy Week services, along with a copy of the devotion "A Father's Love" that was included in your bulletins last Sunday, to our inactive members. If you know of someone you would like to invite to come to church and would like to let them know about our Lent/Holy Week schedule, please feel free to pick up a copy of the schedule along with the devotion. Both can be found on the table in the entryway.

Basketball: We won both of our games on Monday. On Tuesday, the B-team won in overtime and the A-team lost in triple overtime.

No School: There is no school this Thursday and Friday, February 15-16, as our teachers will be attending district teachers conference. The ELC will be open for childcare.

Coffee Fundraiser: We are once again selling Berres Brothers coffee. Order forms are available on the table in the church entryway. Proceeds from coffee sales will go into our Camp Phillip tuition assistance fund. Order forms and money should be turned in to the school office by Friday, March 15th. The coffee should be here and ready to be picked up early in April.

Penny Wars: Penny Wars has started up again. This will go until Easter Sunday. We will have the money containers here at church starting today, and you can stop in at school any time during the week if you'd like to drop off coins (or bills). Funds raised will go toward the school bathroom project. Please see more details on the next page.

St. John's Penny Wars!

Purpose: To help raise money for your school to update the old bathrooms next to the gymnasium!

Goal: For your class to gain the most points by collecting the most pennies. The winning classroom will get a pizza party! Our goal is to collect at least \$1500. If we do there will be a special reward which will be announced soon.

Scoring:

- Penny: +1 point (put these in your classrooms jug)*
- Nickel: -1 points (put these in someone else's jug)*
- Dime: -5 points (put these in someone else's jug)*
- Quarter: -10 points (put these in someone else's jug)*
- Dollar Bill: -25 points (put these in someone else's jug)*
- 5 Dollar Bill: -100 points (put these in someone else's jug)*
- 10 Dollar Bill: -200 points (put these in someone else's jug)*
- 20 Dollar Bill: -400 points (put these in someone else's jug)*

How to Play: Each classroom will have a jug that they are trying to collect the most pennies in. Other classrooms can put money into a different classrooms jug to make them lose points. (Ex. A 1st grade student can bring a \$1 bill and put it into Mr. Allard's milk jug and his class loses 25 points!) Pennies are the only way you earn points for your room, anything else you want to put in other classrooms jugs.

Who can Participate? EVERYONE, students, teachers, parents, church members...

How long does this last? The Penny Wars will start this week Thursday @ 7:45 AM (Feb 1) and will go until Sunday @ 9:00AM (March 31).

Winter Carnival: *Our church's HIS Group (Hands in Service) is sponsoring a children's carnival on Saturday, February 24th as part of Neillsville's Winter Carnival. The children's carnival will be held here in our gym from 11:00-1:00. There will be bounce houses, a cakewalk, face painting, balloon animals, a giant slide, concessions, crafts...activities for all ages! Parents are expected to stay while their children are here. Cost will be \$5.00 per child*

(ages 1-12). Infants and ages 13+ are Free! Cost for the cake walk is \$1. We hope many parents and children can attend!!

Volunteers are needed to help with the carnival. We also need bakers who would be willing to bake cakes or cupcakes for the cake walk. If you would be able to help, please talk to Mrs. Allard or contact the school office. You can also sign up on the sheet in the entryway. Thanks!

Household Item Collection: We thank Eric Backaus for donating the use of his trailer for our collection of clothing and household items. Proceeds from this will go to our school bathroom fund. We are tentatively planning on collecting and delivering the items the last week in April; as soon as we have a firm date we will let you know.

In the meantime, you can begin saving clothing, household items, linens, shoes, books, etc. Watch for further details.



Student of the Week: The student of the week is Jenny Smith. Jenny is in Kindergarten. She is a hard worker, is respectful and polite to her teacher and fellow classmates, and has been working on not being quite so chatty. Congratulations Jenny!

Feb FIC: The February edition of "Forward In Christ" is available in the entryway.

Calendars: February calendars are available in the entryway.

Hospitalized: Jane Zank has been moved to Black River Falls, where she continues to recuperate. Let's keep her in our prayers.

Help Needed: One of our members, Luzia Gustavson, was brought to church on a regular basis by David Meyer, who is now in heaven. Is there someone else who would be able to bring Luzia to church and take her home again, either on a regular basis, sharing the opportunity with others, or periodically when needed? Luzia lives 13 miles south of Neillsville on Grand Ave. If you would be willing to help out, please contact Linda Biebert at 715-743-3015. Thanks!

HRA Update: We saved \$10,456 in 2023 by having a health insurance plan with an HRA.

WELS Weekly Prayer: *100 Missions in 10 Years – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, by your grace alone through our mission offerings we have a church presence in many new locations across North America. We humbly ask that you continue to bless our synod’s 100 Missions in 10 Years effort. Thank you for providing the finances to begin work from Massachusetts to California and from Idaho to Florida. Bless the efforts of the missionaries already on location who are seeking, visiting, and gathering the lost through your good news in Word and sacraments. Give patience to the core groups who are still waiting for you to send them their first shepherd. Most of all, open more hearts to receive the message of saving grace given through the gospel. Amen.*

WELS Annual Report: *“Your gifts, God’s blessings: An annual report to our members” is now available. (There are several copies on the table in the entryway.) The 24-page report includes photos of Christian brothers and sisters around the world, stories of faith, and updates on WELS’ ministry. View the stories and updates, download a PDF or Powerpoint, or order copies at wels.net/annualreport.*

To assist you in worship:

- ✚ Personal listening devices are available for anyone to use. Please talk to the ushers for assistance.
- ✚ Large-print bulletins available in the entryway.
- ✚ Personal Prayers: Red Hymnal (pp. 10-11); Blue Hymnal (inside front cover)
- ✚ Preparation for Lord's Supper: Red Hymnal (p. 156); Blue Hymnal (pp. 295-296)
- ✚ Luther's Small Catechism: Blue Hymnal (pp. 286-293)

We love seeing young children in church as we want families to worship together. We also love to hear children making a "joyful noise to the Lord." If you need some privacy for feeding an infant or changing a diaper, please make use of our parents' room off the north side of the entryway where you can still listen to the service.

Visitors, if you would like to know more about our church or school, please introduce yourself to our pastor. He would be delighted to speak with you and serve you in whatever way he can.

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Worship Schedule

- Sunday-9:00 a.m. (Year-Round)
- Tuesday-6:00 p.m. (After Easter through November)