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Welcome to worship at Our Savior's Lutheran!

We are blessed to have you join us. If you do not have a church home, we invite you to become a part of the Our Savior's community.

TODAY'S FOCUS

In Isaiah we are given a vision of the great feast to come, when God will wipe away death forever. In Jesus' parable about a great banquet, those invited do not come, so the invitation is extended to others. In our liturgy God spreads a table before us. Even amid anxiety and hardship we rejoice in the peace of God which surpasses all understanding. With great joy we feast at the table of the Lord, and we go forth to share the wonderful invitation with others hungering and thirsting for the abundant life of God.

GATHERING

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Faithful God,

C: **have mercy on us. We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We turn from your loving embrace and go our own ways. We pass judgment on one another before examining ourselves. We place our own needs before those of our neighbors. We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves. Make us humble, cast away our transgressions, and turn us again to life in you through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P: God hears the cries of all who call out in need, and through his death and resurrection, Christ has made us his own. Hear the truth that God proclaims: Your sins are forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ. Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness to do God's work in the world.

C: **Amen.**

Gathering Song Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

ELW 836

- 1 Joyful, joyful we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee,
praising thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.

- 2 All thy works with joy surround thee,
earth and heav'n reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee,
center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird, and flowing fountain
call us to rejoice in thee.
- 3 Thou art giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living,
ocean-depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother,
all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine!

Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852-1922

GREETING

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

C **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

C: **Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

WORD

CHILDREN'S TIME

First Reading: Isaiah 25:1-9

After a hymn of praise acknowledging God as a shelter for the poor, the prophet portrays a wonderful victory banquet at which death—which in ancient Canaan was depicted as a monster swallowing up everyone—will be swallowed up forever. The prophet urges celebration of this victory of salvation.

¹O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. ²For you have made the city a heap, the fortified

city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt. ³Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. ⁴For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, ⁵the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled. ⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. ⁷And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; ⁸he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. ⁹It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

L: Word of God, word of Life

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23

¹The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

²The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.

³You restore my soul, O LORD, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

⁴Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 22nd Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

Jesus tells a parable indicating that the blessings of God's kingdom are available to all, but the invitation is not to be taken lightly.

¹Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ²"The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' ⁵But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is

ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' ¹⁰Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. ¹¹"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹²and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ

Thy Word

W & P #144

refrain

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

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1. When I feel afraid think I've lost my way,
Still you're there right beside me.
Nothing will I fear as long as you are near,
Please be near me to the end. *Refrain*

Text: Psalm 119:105 refrain Michael W. Smith, stanzas. Music: Amy Grant Text and music 1984 Meadowgreen Music, admin. EMI Christian Music Publishing and Bug and Bear Music, admin. Word Music, Inc.

Reading: Philippians 3:4b-14

Paul reviews some of his supposed credentials, which no longer have any bearing in comparison to the right relationship he has been given through the death of Christ. The power of Christ's resurrection motivates him to press on toward the ultimate goal, eternal life with Christ.

[Paul writes:] ^{4b}If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹²Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to

what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

L: Word of God, word of Life

C: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

(See end of bulletin)

PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

MEAL

OFFERING

Thank You for your continued support!

OFFERTORY SONG We Give Thee but Thine Own

ELW 686

- 1 We give thee but thine own,
whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone,
a trust, O Lord, from thee.

Text: William W. How, 1823-1897, alt.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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 after Communion

P: We give you thanks, gracious God,

C: that you have once again fed us with food beyond compare, the body and blood of Christ. Lead us from this place, nourished and forgiven, into your beloved vineyard to wipe away the tears of all who hunger and thirst, guided by the example of the same Jesus Christ and led by the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

SENDING

TIME OF SHARING

BLESSING

P: Mothering God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you and lead you into the way of truth and life.

C: **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

ELW 547

- 1 Sent forth by God's blessing,
our true faith confessing,
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.
The supper is ended.
Oh, now be extended
the fruits of this service in all who believe.
The seed of Christ's teaching,
receptive souls reaching,
shall blossom in action for God and for all.
Your grace shall incite us,
your love shall unite us
to work for your kingdom and answer your call.
- 2 With praise and thanksgiving
to God ever-living,
the tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face—
our faith ever sharing,
in love ever caring,
embracing God's children, the whole human race.
With your feast you feed us,
with your light now lead us;
unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living
with praise and thanksgiving
give honor to Christ and his name that we bear.

Text: Omer Westendorf, 1916-1997, alt.

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DISMISSAL: P: Go in peace. Remember the poor.

C: Thanks be to God.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

With confidence in God's grace and mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need. (*A brief silence.*)

Gracious host, fill your church with a spirit of joyous hospitality. We pray for bishops, teachers, church leaders, and all children of God as they invite others to your table of boundless grace. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious host, as creation waits with eager longing for redemption, protect your creatures that are mistreated. Restore valleys, mountains and pastures, and still and running waters. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious host, as you set a table in the presence of enemies, so bless the efforts of diplomats, international peace workers, and world leaders who navigate conflict. May they proceed with dialogue and understanding, so that justice and peace prevails. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious host, let your gentleness be known among those who are weary or ill (*especially*). Strengthen doctors, medical care workers, and caretakers who see to their needs. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious host, when we are quick to judge outward appearance, remind us how you clothe all in your mercy. We pray for ministries that provide needed clothing and other personal care assistance in this community (*local ministries can be named*). Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious host, as we remember those who have died and are gathered at the heavenly banquet, comfort us with your presence. Assure us of your peace at all times. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Listen as we call on you, O God, and enfold in your loving arms all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

"CALLED TO WORSHIP, SENT FORTH TO SERVE"

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<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
4 Parking Lot Church 10 a.m. Iron River Community Center Worship Services available via YouTube Check your email for a link to our YouTube service.	5 7:00 Al-Anon	6 Office Closed 9:00 TOPS	7 9:30 Bible Study	8	9	10
11 Worship Services available via YouTube Check your email for a link to our YouTube service.	12 10:00 WELCA Bible Study 7:00 Al-Anon	13 Office Closed 9:00 TOPS 6:00 Council Meeting	14 9:30 Bible Study	<p align="center"> <u>Pastor Carol's Days</u> Sundays, Mondays, and Wednesdays <u>Secretary's Hours</u> Mon, Wed, Thur. & Fri. 7:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. </p>		

Next Week's Readings: Isa 25:1-9, Ps 23, Phil 3:4b-14, Matt 22:1-14

We will continue to stay in touch electronically by Email, Facebook and our website
 (ironriverlutherans.org) We are posting worship services on YouTube and are
 sending out regular mail for those who do not have electronic connections.
 Let us continue to keep in touch with one another by phone, text, and emails and continue to lift in
 prayer all who are being affected by this virus.



Ray Kangas, Lynette Smith, Lorin Wicklund, Rodney Lahti, Jane Jensen, Ken & Linda Watters, Jim DeRosia, Nancy Anderson, Gregg Levine, Darren Forsythe, Todd VanTil, Mark Hokkanen. *Remember those in nursing homes and assisted living who cannot have family, friends or volunteers visit them during this sad time.*

Sympathy to David and Debbie Christensen for the loss of Debbie's sister, Cindy Bennett.

Our Savior's would like to say farewell and thank-you to Doug and Nancy Thyberg, Doug and Nancy are moving to Kentucky to be closer to family. We are sad to see you go, but happy for this next step in your life's journey. Thank you both for all the extras you've done for Our Saviors. You will be greatly missed!

The Words in Season October- November- December Devotionals are available at the church for pick-up. They are by the front door to drive up and easily pick one up.

WELCA Bible Study Women's Bible Study will be held on Monday, October 12 at 10:00 am. We will be continuing the three part series on "Holy Time". Session two is about the holy "now" — recognizing and responding to God's *kairos* time. We will explore how the Scriptures speak to us about the holy now: how we recognize and respond to God's grace and calling in the present moment. Please plan to join us and bring your Gather magazine, bibles and a drink. Copies available at the session.



Connections with Creation

To produce good wine, a landowner must have grapevines that produce fruit with the right amount of sugar and ripeness. Two factors impact the production of good grapes: weather and soil health. Weather is beyond the grower's control, but an astute landowner will invest resources in soil health. The biblical authors often use the metaphors of landowner, vineyard, vine, and fruit to speak about a community's faithfulness or disobedience; the people are evaluated based on the evidence of their fruit. Good fruit comes from good soil, and good soil contains a diverse microbial community rich in nutrients and with the ability to absorb and retain water. Science is discovering more and more about this unseen and dynamic set of processes and relationships between fungi, bacteria, viruses, and crops that lead to the production of good fruit. In the faithful life, developing the personal and communal characteristics that lead to fruits of compassion, generosity, and joy requires paying attention to the movement of God's Spirit and the nurturing of mutually beneficial relationships within the body of Christ.

Are you leaving for warmer climates? Please make sure to Evelyn know if you are heading to your winter homes for the season. Evelyn and Pastor Carol cannot stress enough how important it is to have your correct contact information! Please keep us updated.

Thank you!!



Iron River Elementary Students Are Asking For Your Help For Their Shoe Fundraiser. They are collecting GENTLY WORN, NEW and USED SHOES of any size and kind. They get .40¢ a pound. Drop boxes are in the school lobby and Our Savior's Lutheran.