



OUR SAVIOR'S

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

7th Sunday of Easter – May 2, 2022



We Have
Good News

Welcome to Worship

Jesus taught his disciples to expect persecution and suffering for following him. He teaches us the same thing, in his Word and in our experience in life. This week we hear about Peter and Barnabas, two of Jesus' most important missionaries in the early days of the church, who brought the good news of Jesus' resurrection to the world and so often met fierce resistance. The message for Christians today, even in the face of persecution, is not one of defeat but of victory in Jesus resurrection! No matter the circumstances, the joy of Jesus' resurrection goes forth!

Our Communion Practice

In the Sacrament of Holy Communion, we express unity with our Savior and those who share our faith and stand on the teachings of God's Word. Therefore, we invite to our altar those who are members of Our Savior's or members of the WELS/ELS. Visitors who wish to commune are asked to speak to a pastor before the service begins.

Prayer Before Communing

Lord Jesus, you have invited me to come and receive your holy Sacrament. I believe that in the bread and wine you give me your true body and blood to eat and drink. Forgive my sins and nourish my faith through this precious meal. I long for the comfort that comes with your promises; I yearn for the assurance of your faithful love. Bless me now as I receive you by faith.

Prayer After Communing

Thank you, dear Savior, for nourishing my faith with the Sacrament of your body and blood. Lift my heart with your forgiveness, renew my confidence in your grace, empower my love for others, and lead me to long for the eternal banquet of heaven.

Serving Today

- Minister – Vicar Sam Helwig
- Organist – Bethany Prazuch
- Ushers – Mark Krohn, Kurt Schubring
(Next Sunday – Tim & Ellen Heil)

Our Worship

454 Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen

CW 454

- 1 Alleluia! Jesus is risen!
Trumpets resounding in glorious light!
Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever!
Oh, what a miracle God has in sight! (Refrain)

- Ref Jesus is risen and we shall arise:
Give God the glory! Alleluia!

- 2 Walking the way, Christ in the center
telling the story to open our eyes;
breaking our bread, giving us glory:
Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise. (Refrain)

- 3 Jesus the vine, we are the branches;
life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;
heaven to earth, Christ to the people,
gift of the future now flowing to me. (Refrain)

- 4 Weeping, be gone; sorrow, be silent:
death put asunder, and Easter is bright.
Cherubim sing: "O grave, be open!"
Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light. (Refrain)

- 5 City of God, Easter forever,
golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,
river of life, saints and archangels,
sing with creation to God the I AM! (Refrain)

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Stand

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

Confession

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

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.

Glory Be to God

CW 157



Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



We praise you, we bless you, we wor - ship you, we glorify you,



we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



God the Fa-ther Al - mighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sin of the world;



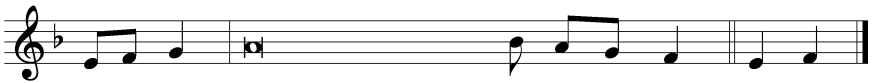
have mercy on us. You take away the sin of the world; re-ceive our prayer.



You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us.



For you on-ly are holy; you on-ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the



Ho - ly Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

The Word

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O God, you are the giver of everything good. Inspire us, your humble servants, to long for what is right and, through your gracious guidance, accomplish it to your glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

First Reading

Acts 14:8–22

⁸In Lystra there sat a man who was lame. He had been that way from birth and had never walked. ⁹He listened to Paul as he was speaking. Paul looked directly at him, saw that he had faith to be healed ¹⁰and called out, “Stand up on your feet!” At that, the man jumped up and began to walk.

¹¹When the crowd saw what Paul had done, they shouted in the Lycaonian language, “The gods have come down to us in human form!” ¹²Barnabas they called Zeus, and Paul they called Hermes because he was the chief speaker. ¹³The priest of Zeus, whose temple was just outside the city, brought bulls and wreaths to the city gates because he and the crowd wanted to offer sacrifices to them.

¹⁴But when the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard of this, they tore their clothes and rushed out into the crowd, shouting: ¹⁵“Friends, why are you doing this? We too are only human, like you. We are bringing you good news, telling you to turn from these worthless things to the living God, who made the heavens and the earth and the sea and everything in them. ¹⁶In the past, he let all nations go their own way.

¹⁷Yet he has not left himself without testimony: He has shown kindness by giving you rain from heaven and crops in their seasons; he provides you with plenty of food and fills your hearts with joy.” ¹⁸Even with these words, they had difficulty keeping the crowd from sacrificing to them.

¹⁹Then some Jews came from Antioch and Iconium and won the crowd over. They stoned Paul and dragged him outside the city, thinking he was dead. ²⁰But after the disciples had gathered around him, he got up and went back into the city. The next day he and Barnabas left for Derbe.

²¹They preached the gospel in that city and won a large number of disciples. Then they returned to Lystra, Iconium and Antioch, ²²strengthening the disciples and encouraging them to remain true to the faith. “We must go through many hardships to enter the kingdom of God,” they said.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Every Heart Its Tribute Pays – Psalm 65B

- 1 Ev'ry heart its tribute pays,
ev'ry tongue its song of praise;
sin and sorrow, guilt and care,
brought to him who answers prayer;
there by grace may humankind
full and free forgiveness find;
called and chosen, loved and blest,
in his presence be at rest.

- 2 Ever while his deeds endure
our salvation stands secure;
he whose fingers spun the earth,
gave the seas and mountains birth,
tamed the ocean, formed the land,
spread the skies with mighty hand:
faroff shores revere his name,
day and night his pow'r proclaim.

- 3 Year by year, the seasons' round
sees the land with blessing crowned,
where caressed by sun and rain
barren earth gives life again;
sunlit valleys burn with gold,
nature smiles on field and fold,
gifts of God in plenty poured:
all things living, praise the Lord!

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Second Reading

Revelation 21:21–27

²¹The twelve gates were twelve pearls, each gate made of a single pearl. The great street of the city was of gold, as pure as transparent glass.

²²I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. ²³The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp. ²⁴The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their splendor into it. ²⁵On no day will its gates ever be shut, for there will be no night there. ²⁶The glory and honor of the nations will be brought into it. ²⁷Nothing impure will ever enter it, nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

Psalm 30:5



Refrain



Tone



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¹⁶Jesus went on to say, “In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me.”

¹⁷At this, some of his disciples said to one another, “What does he mean by saying, ‘In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me,’ and ‘Because I am going to the Father’?” ¹⁸They kept asking, “What does he mean by ‘a little while’? We don’t understand what he is saying.”

¹⁹Jesus saw that they wanted to ask him about this, so he said to them, “Are you asking one another what I meant when I said, ‘In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me’?” ²⁰Very truly I tell you, you will weep and mourn while the world rejoices. You will grieve, but your grief will turn to joy. ²¹A woman giving birth to a child has pain because her time has come; but when her baby is born she forgets the anguish because of her joy that a child is born into the world. ²²So with you: Now is your time of grief, but I will see you again and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy. ²³In that day you will no longer ask me anything. Very truly I tell you, my Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. ²⁴Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Children's Message

837 When Will I Walk

CW 837

1 When will I walk the shining streets of gold
which lie behind the massive gates of pearl,
where saints triumphant live in bliss untold,
and all around the alleluias swirl? (Refrain)

Ref My days, O Lord, are trouble-filled and few,
and I'm not home until I'm home with you.

2 When will I wear the robe of brilliant white
and raise aloft the victor's branch of palm,
where long-forgotten is the noble fight
and glassy seas betray a perfect calm? (Refrain)

3 When will I win what Jesus won for me—
a paradise of restful, wondrous peace,
where day is bright and night will never be,
and joyfulness will evermore increase? (Refrain)

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Sermon

Acts 14:8-22

We Have Good News!

Stand

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.

Be seated

Thank Offering and Friendship Register

Members of Our Savior's give generous and free will gifts to honor the Lord and support our ministry of the gospel. Guests are welcome to give but should not feel obligated to do so.

As the offering is gathered, please sign the Friendship Register as it is passed down the pew.

Prayer of the Church

Loving God and Lord, you created the universe that surrounds us and the globe on which we live. You control all things through your Son, who sits at your right hand in glory.

Comfort us with the promise of your eternal presence.

Give your Word power as it works in our hearts and minds. Clear away our confusion, and demolish our doubts. Send your Spirit to strengthen both our confidence in your promises and our desire to live according to your will.

Take away our love of sinning, and restore us each day by your grace.

The signs of the times warn us that the end of time is near. Protect us from scoffers who sneer at your truth. Spare us and Christians around the world from all forms of hate and persecution.

Give us courage to carry the cross with patience and joy.

Instill in the hearts of our children a desire to follow you as they prepare for future days. Help them distinguish between what is passing and what is eternal, between instant thrills and lasting joy. Encourage more young people to prepare for service in the public ministry of the gospel.

Mold us and move us to be good examples for our youth.

Hold in your care, Lord, those who are experiencing physical or emotional pain and all who are afflicted by disease or facing death. [*Special prayers . . .*] Pour out your compassion on the grieving, and comfort the mourners who miss someone they loved.

Move us to pray for these brothers and sisters and to help when we can.

Whether we pray together or alone, you have promised to hear and answer us. Give us patience to accept your blessings in whatever way you send them. In your love and wisdom, prepare us for the day when you will take us to be with you forever.

Hear us for Jesus' sake. 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.

The Sacrament

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who by his willing sacrifice on the cross took away the sins of the world and by his glorious resurrection restored everlasting life. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy

Tune: LANCASHIRE



1 Sing, "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts on high,
2 Ho - san - na in the high - est! How blest is Christ our King,



your ev - er - last - ing glo - ry fills earth and sea and sky."
who died as our Re - deem - er, e - ter - nal life to bring!



Our voic - es cry, "Ho - san - na!" Lord, hear our hum - ble plea:
How blest are you, Lord Je - sus, now com - ing in God's name!



in mer - cy, come and save us; in love, come set us free.
"Ho - san - na in the high - est!" our grate - ful hearts pro - claim.

Words of Institution

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.”

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

Be seated

Distribution

890 Jerusalem the Golden

CW 890

- 1 Jerusalem the golden, with milk and honey blest—
the sight of it refreshes the weary and oppressed.
I know not, oh, I know not what joys await us there,
what radiancy of glory, what bliss beyond compare.
- 2 They stand, those halls of Zion, all jubilant with song
and bright with many an angel and all the martyr throng.
The Prince is ever in them, the daylight is serene;
the pastures of the blessed are ever rich and green.
- 3 There is the throne of David, and there, from care released,
the shout of them that triumph, the song of them that feast.
And they who with their leader have conquered in the fight
forever and forever are clad in robes of white.

4 O sweet and blessed country, the home of God's elect!
O sweet and blessed country that eager hearts expect!
In mercy, Jesus, bring us to that dear land of rest;
you are with God the Father and Spirit ever blest.

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Stand

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving-kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

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.

446 Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense

CW 446 sts. 1, 5

- 1 Jesus Christ, my sure defense
and my Savior, now is living!
Knowing this, my confidence
rests upon the hope he's giving,
though the night of death be fraught
still with many' an anxious thought.
- 5 Glorified, I shall anew
with this flesh then be enshrouded;
in this body I shall view
God, my Lord, with eyes unclouded;
in this flesh I then shall see
Jesus Christ eternally.

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*Thank you for worshipping with us!
May God richly bless your week.*

This Week's Opportunities for Growing in Christ

Today	9:00 AM	Worship with Communion
Tuesday	8 AM-8 PM	School cleaning
Wednesday	8 AM-4 PM	School cleaning
Thursday	8 AM-4 PM	School cleaning
Sunday 6/5	9:00 AM	Worship

Serving the Pastoral Vacancy

Pastor Jeff Mahnke from St Peter Lutheran Church is serving as Our Savior's vacancy pastor. Should you need his pastoral guidance and service, call / text him anytime at 715.297.0132. His email address is pastorm@mysaintpeter.org.

Our Savior's Call Update

Our Savior's was not granted a seminary graduate. We trust God's plans. Please watch for an announcement regarding our next call meeting.

Divine Call News

Northland Lutheran High School has extended a Divine Call to Katie Mleziva to teach part time beginning in the 2022-2023 school year. Katie is asked to teach English classes for freshmen and sophomores. Please keep Katie in your prayers! Pastor Ryan Cortright (Our Redeemer, Madison) has accepted the Divine Call to Redeemer, Weston. He will be installed on Sunday, July 17.

Congregational Meeting

All members are encouraged to attend our congregational meeting on Sunday, June 19th which will follow our worship service. The 2022-23 budget will be presented.

Graduate Recognition

We'd like to acknowledge those who are graduating from high schools, colleges, or tech schools and include this information in the newsletter. Parents & graduates are asked to contact the church office as soon as possible and provide the name of the school you are graduating from and your future plans. Email Marie at osinfo@oursaviorswausau.org

School Cleaning is May 31-June 2

Times are on the calendar with start time at 8 am each day. A list of projects will be posted in the school hallway near the janitor's closet.

Ladies, You're Invited!

WinGS Ladies at St. Peter are having their Annual Summer Luncheon & Bingo Party at Denny's Restaurant in Rothschild on Thursday, June 9th at 11:30am. All ladies of both St. Peter and Our Savior's Lutheran Church are also invited to attend. Lunch is Dutch treat, and everyone is asked to bring two prizes under the cost of \$2.00 each for BINGO. Please kindly RSVP to Brenda Kruncos at 715-571-4420.

Organization of WELS Lutheran Seniors (OWLS)

Our June 14 meeting will be at Monk Botanical Gardens, 1800 N 1st Ave, Wausau at 1:30 PM. We will gather at the entrance to the gardens. Wear your walking shoes, bring your camera, and plan for an uplifting afternoon. Questions: call Ruth 715-573-2142.

Wausau 150th Year Celebration

On Saturday, July 23rd, the Wausau 150th year Celebration will be held. There will be a parade that will end at Marathon Park, plus live music and throw back games. We have the opportunity to run one of these games from 1:00PM to approximately 8:00PM. We're looking for members of the congregation who would like to volunteer for 2-3 hours to man a game. It would be a great way to highlight Our Savior's Church & School with a banner in the game booth. The prizes for the game will be provided by the city.

Anyone with questions or with interest in volunteering please contact Tim Heil @ 715-842-4573. Please leave a call back number if there is no answer.

Sign up today! 2022 WELS Night at American Family Field

A Lamers motor coach will travel to American Family Park in Milwaukee to watch the Brewers play the Pittsburgh Pirates on Friday, July 8th at 7:10 pm. The bus will leave the St. Peter Schofield Campus at 2:30 pm and return at approximately 2:00 am. Approximate price for transportation and game ticket is \$52-65 per person (depends on how many people go). Payments are due on game day before getting on the bus. Sign up in the narthex by **June 2nd** to secure your spot!

Attendance: Sunday, May 22 – 60 online – 33 Total = 93



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