



OUR SAVIOR'S

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Ascension Sunday – June 5, 2022



ACTS 1:8

Welcome to Worship

We welcome you to the house of our true and living God, and we thank you for joining us for worship. Today's hymns, Scripture readings, and prayers emphasize the ascension of Jesus back to heaven 40 days after his resurrection from the dead. As Jesus continues to serve us as a Prophet, Priest, and King, he commissions each one of us to be his witnesses and to share the good news of free forgiveness and full salvation with everyone. May the Lord bless your worship!

Prayer Before Worship

"I rejoiced with those said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'" Give me joy, dear Jesus, as I prepare to worship you today. Make me understand what my life would be like without you so that I long to hear about your grace and compassion. Help me participate in a way that honors you and builds up all who worship with me, and let their worship strengthen and encourage my faith.

Serving Today

- Minister – Pastor Kevin Schnake
- Organist – Marie Kurth
- Ushers – Tim & Ellen Heil
(Next Sunday –Brost / Kurth)

Acknowledgments

Setting One from Christian Worship

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Our Worship

Opening Hymn

CW 742

On Galilee's High Mountain

- 1 On Galilee's high mountain Christ gave the great command
in words of strength and promise which all can understand:
"All pow'r to me is given to do what I shall choose;
therefore I send my children, their witness I will use."
- 2 The Lord, who, born of Mary, came down as man and died,
who preached to all who listened, for us was crucified.
This Lord, our living brother, in pow'r at God's right hand
has chosen us to carry his truth to ev'ry land.
- 3 His strength within my weakness will make me bold to say
how his redeeming power transforms my stubborn clay.
His touch of fire ignites me, with courage I am sent,
my tongue-tied silence broken, with grace made eloquent.
- 4 And not alone to nations in faraway retreats,
but ev'rywhere I broadcast his love through crowded streets.
The lives that my life touches, however great or small—
let them through me see Jesus, who served and saved us all.
- 5 Lord, gather all your children, wherever they may be,
and lead them on to heaven to live eternally
with you, our loving Father, and Christ, our brother dear,
whose Spirit guards and gives us the joy to persevere.

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Stand

The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

And also with you.

Dialogue for the Ascension

Selected Verses from the Psalms

Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights above.
Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his heavenly hosts.

How majestic is the Lord's name in all the earth!
He has set his glory above the heavens.

For the Lord is the Most High over all the earth.
He is exalted far above all gods.

The Lord reigns, let the nations tremble.
He sits enthroned between the cherubim, let the earth shake.

The throne of our God will last forever and ever.
A scepter of justice will be the scepter of his kingdom.

Praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted.
His splendor is above the earth and the heavens.

Song of Praise

CW 606 v. 1 & 3

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

- 1 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; his the scepter, his the throne;
Alleluia! his the triumph, his the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood:
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation has redeemed us by his blood."

- 3 Alleluia! Not as orphans are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! he is near us; faith believes, nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received him
when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise: "I am with you evermore"?

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Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Lord Jesus, King of glory, you have ascended far above the heavens, and at God's right hand you rule the nations. Leave us not alone, we pray, but grant us the Spirit of truth that at your command and by your power we may be your witnesses in all the world; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

Acts 1:1–11

¹In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach ²until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. ³After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. ⁴On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. ⁵For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

⁶Then they gathered around him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"

⁷He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

⁹After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

¹⁰They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. ¹¹"Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."


The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

47A God Has Gone Up with a Shout

Psalm 47A

Refrain



God has gone up with a shout,
the LORD with the sound of the trum - pet.

Tone



Clap your hands, all you / nations;
shout to God with / cries of joy.
For the LORD Most High is / awesome,
the great King over / all the earth.
God reigns over the / nations;
God is seated on his / holy throne. *Refrain*

God has ascended amid / shouts of joy,
the LORD amid the sounding of / trumpets.

Sing praises to God, sing / praises;
sing praises to our King, sing / praises.

For God is the King of / all the earth;
sing to him a / psalm of praise.

**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,**

**as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain***

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Second Reading

Revelation 19:11–16

¹¹I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and wages war. ¹²His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself. ¹³He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God. ¹⁴The armies of heaven were following him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean. ¹⁵Coming out of his mouth is a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. “He will rule them with an iron scepter.” He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty. ¹⁶On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 28:20



Refrain



Tone



Refrain

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Gospel

Luke 24:44-53

⁴⁴He said to them, “This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.”

⁴⁵Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶He told them, “This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

⁵⁰When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. ⁵¹While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. ⁵²Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. ⁵³And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Children’s Message

Hymn of the Day

CW 736

Lord, You Call Us as Your People

- 1 Lord, you call us as your people, out of darkness into light.
You created and redeemed us, made us precious in your sight.
Give us faith to trust you boldly and to love you steadfastly.
By your Spirit may we ever faithful to our callings be.
- 2 Lord, you call us as disciples, walking on your pilgrim way.
Crucified and risen Savior, you are with us ev’ry day.
Give us wisdom, give us courage as you teach us patiently.
By your Spirit may we ever faithful to our callings be.

- 3 Lord, you send us to the harvest in your Great Commission's call, reaching out to all the nations, bringing life and hope to all. Give us boldness and compassion, bless us with your eyes to see. By your Spirit may we ever faithful to our callings be.
- 4 Lord, you call us to new ventures by a pathway yet unknown. Though we cannot see the ending, we will follow you alone. Knowing that your hand is guiding and you love us faithfully, by your Spirit may we ever faithful to our callings be.
- 5 Lord, you call us as your people, now in faith we sing your praise: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, alleluias to you raise. Hold us in your gracious power, blessed Holy Trinity, that rejoicing we will ever faithful to our callings be.

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Sermon

Acts 1:1-11

Be a Powerful Witness With the Spirit & To Everyone

Stand

Confession of Faith

Luther's Explanation of the Second Article

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord. He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver but with his holy, precious blood and with his innocent suffering and death.

All this he did that I should be his own, and live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as he has risen from death and lives and rules eternally.

This is most certainly true.

Be seated

Offering & Friendship Register

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Confident of our Lord's return, let us approach our Father's throne of mercy on behalf of the Church and of all people.

Gracious Lord God, amid shouts of joy we celebrate your Son's ascension into heaven where he is now seated in majesty at your right hand. Grant your Church steadfastness in these gray and latter days that she may hold to the truth and boldly confess the saving name of Jesus.

As the devil, the world, and our sinful nature seek to silence our witness, grant us courage to believe and confess that Jesus is Lord.

Even as your beloved Son intercedes on behalf of his Church, so has he commanded us to pray for others. [We pray especially for...]

Hear us, O Lord, as we implore you to show mercy to those in need:

to the sick, the lonely, and the depressed grant relief;
to the dying and those who mourn bring comfort;
to the hungry, the homeless, and the unemployed send your help;
to the elderly, give joy for living life to the full;
to the young, send patience to wait for the fuller life to come;
to husbands and wives and their families and to single parents who raise their children alone grant wisdom and strength.

Bestow your blessings to all who depend on your power and grace.

Almighty Father, you are the good Giver of all that we have. In your mercy continue to grant us daily bread, supplying us with what we need before we even ask.

Teach us to be thankful and content, whether we have plenty or are in need.

Come with your guidance, O Lord, and pour out your blessings on all who have gathered here to proclaim your love in speech, song, and symbol. May our worship enrich us so that our work for others adorns your love among them.

Lead us to praise you as we joyfully wait for your return.

O Lord, heavenly Father, we remember the sufferings and death of your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Praising his victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from his ascension before you, where he always intercedes for us as our own high priest. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in his kingdom which has no end.

Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

To you alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

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.

Blessing

“This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.”

Thanks be to God.

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.

Closing Hymn

CW 605

From All That Dwell below the Skies

- 1 From all that dwell below the skies
let the Creator’s praise arise.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Let the Redeemer’s name be sung
through ev’ry land, by ev’ry tongue.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

- 2 Eternal are your mercies, Lord;
eternal truth attends your Word.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Your praise shall sound from shore to shore
till suns shall rise and set no more.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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

This Week's Opportunities for Growing in Christ

Today	9:00 AM	Worship
Monday & Tuesday		WELS District Convention in Watertown
Thursday	11:30 AM	Ladies' Luncheon at Denny's
Saturday		Taste of Missions at WI Lutheran Seminary & online
Sunday 6/5	9:00 AM	Worship with Communion <i>Food Pantry Sunday</i>

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

Due to the low number of seminary graduates and the large number of vacant congregations, Our Savior's was not granted a graduate to serve as our next pastor. We trust God's plans and the rule of our ascended Lord. Our leaders are tentatively planning to extend a Call as part of our congregational meeting on Sunday, June 19th, if that works with our district leadership.

Congregational Meeting

All members are encouraged to attend our congregational meeting on Sunday, June 19th following our worship service. The 2022-23 budget will be presented, we'll discuss the School Choice program, and we hope to extend a pastoral call. Please plan to attend.

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.

School Cleaning: Thank you!

We accomplished most cleaning tasks this past week and we're very grateful for all the help from members, parents and friends. Thank you!

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.

Memorials

We thank Bill & Sue Unruh for their gift given in memory of Cliff Froehlich.

We thank Elaine Radtke for her gifts given in memory of Cliff Froehlich, Jerry Unruh, and Marvin Bishop.

We thank Dave & Kelly Schultz for their gift given in memory of Cliff Froehlich, Jerry Unruh, and Bertha Beck.

Blessed be their memories.

Thanks be to God for the love which led to these gifts.

Thrivent Update

Last month we received deposits on behalf of Thrivent Choice. We thank the following members and friends for designating their Choice Dollars to Our Savior's church or school: Theresa Hoffmann, Steven Marcis, Becky Reissmann, Bryon Reissmann, Charles Newby.

Our Stewardship of God's Gifts: May 22, 2022

<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Vision</u>	<u>Debt</u>	<u>Plate</u>	<u>Ascension</u>	<u>Memorials</u>
\$3,920.00	\$435.00	\$390.00	\$31.00	\$170.00	\$10.00
<u>OS School</u>	<u>NLHS Op</u>	<u>Bldg Maint</u>	<u>Publications</u>	<u>School Fees</u>	
\$20.00	\$10.00	\$200.00	\$10.00	\$1,923.00	

Our Stewardship of God's Gifts: May 31, 2022

<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Vision</u>	<u>Debt</u>	<u>Ascension</u>	<u>Memorials</u>	<u>OS School</u>
\$1,840.00	\$255.00	\$70.00	\$330.00	\$85.00	\$10.00
<u>Kids' Ministry</u>	<u>School Fees</u>				
\$20.00	\$36.00				

Attendance: Sunday, May 29 – 65 online – 24 Total = 89

Taste of Missions

Reaching every neighbor, every nation

Join your brothers and sisters in Christ from around the world for **Taste of Missions** on Saturday, June 11, 2022. We will be back **in person** conducting a one-day event at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in Mequon, Wisconsin. However, if you are not able to be there in person, you can **join us virtually**.

This event, held at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in Mequon, WI and online, will give all WELS members a “taste of missions”, no matter where you might be around the world. The event kicks off with a special worship service where we will commission new missionaries. Sample ethnic cuisine from some of our mission fields while enjoying fellowship and presentations from home and world missionaries. View displays, participate in outdoor family-friendly activities, and ask questions about the ups and downs of mission work during panel discussions.

Virtual attendees will be able to watch all events via livestream, view additional video updates from missionaries, and try making one of the many ethnic recipes shared on the website. We hope you can join us!

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Growing in Jesus, Sharing His Love

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