



OUR SAVIOR'S

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

3rd Sunday after Pentecost – July 3, 2022



**“No one who
puts his hand
to the plow and
looks back is fit
for service
in the
kingdom
of God.”**

Luke 9:62, NIV

Welcome to Worship!

We are very blessed to have you with us today, especially our visitors! May the Lord bless our worship together and do come again soon. There is a famous poster of Uncle Sam pointing his finger and it says, “I want YOU, for the Army”. It’s a direct and serious statement, and thankfully it worked well for our nation. The Lord Jesus said something similar in his ministry, he told many to “Follow Me”. Today, we shall ponder how Jesus points at us and how we are to respond to such a gracious and important invitation to “Follow”.

Prayer

“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 You in Worship

- Minister – Pastor Kevin Schnake
- Organist – Marie Kurth
- Ushers – Dan & Carrie Stelzer
(Next Sunday – Bob Gresens, Rolain Scharbarth)

Acknowledgments

Setting One from Christian Worship

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Our Worship

Opening Hymn

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Hymn Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

- 1 Let us ever walk with Jesus,
follow his example pure,
flee the world which would deceive us
and to sin our souls allure.
Ever in his footsteps treading,
body here, yet soul above,
full of faith and hope and love,
let us do the Father's bidding.
Faithful Lord, abide with me;
Savior, lead; I follow thee.

- 2 Let us suffer here with Jesus,
to his image e'er conform;
heaven's glory soon will please us,
sunshine follow on the storm.
Though we sow in tears of sorrow,
we shall reap in heav'nly joy,
and the fears that now annoy
shall be laughter on the morrow.
Christ, I suffer here with thee;
there, O share thy joy with me.

- 3 Let us also die with Jesus;
his death from the second death,
from our soul's destruction, frees us,
quickens us with life's glad breath.
Let us mortify, while living,
flesh and blood and die to sin,
and the grave that shuts us in
shall but prove the gate to heaven.
Jesus, here I die to thee,
there to live eternally.

4 Let us gladly live with Jesus;
since he's risen from the dead,
death and grave must soon release us.
Jesus, thou art now our head.
We are truly thine own members,
where thou livest, there live we;
take and own us constantly,
faithful Friend, as thy dear brethren.
Jesus, here I live to thee,
also there eternally.

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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.

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

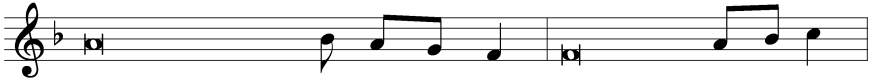
CW 157



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,



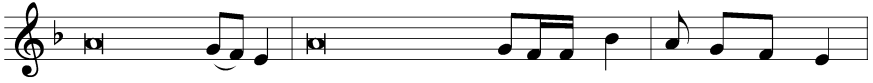
we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



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;



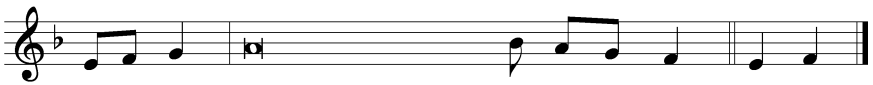
have mercy on us. You take away the sin of the world; re-ceive our prayer.



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.

Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared joys beyond understanding for those who love you. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

1 Kings 19:19-21

Elisha commits himself completely to the work

¹⁹So Elijah went from there and found Elisha son of Shaphat. Elisha was doing the plowing with twelve teams of oxen in front of him, and he himself was driving the twelfth team. Elijah crossed over to him and threw his cloak over him. ²⁰Then Elisha left the oxen and ran after Elijah. He said, "Let me kiss my father and my mother good-bye! Then I will follow you."

Then Elijah said, "Go back! For what have I done to you?" ²¹So Elisha turned back from following him. Then he took the team of oxen and slaughtered them. Using the equipment from the oxen as fuel, he cooked the meat and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he got up, followed Elijah, and served him.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

62C My Soul Finds Rest in God Alone

Psalm 62C



1 My soul finds rest in God a-lone, my rock and my sal -
 2 Find rest, my soul, in God a-lone a - mid the world's temp -
 3 I'll set my gaze on God a-lone and trust in him com -



va - tion; a for - tress strong a - gainst my foes, and
 ta - tions; when e - vil seeks to take a hold I'll
 plete - ly; with ev - 'ry day pour out my soul and



I will not be shak - en. Though lips may bless and
 cling to my sal - va - tion. Though rich - es come and
 he will prove his mer - cy. Though life is but a



hearts may curse, and lies like ar - rows pierce me, I'll
 rich - es go, don't set your heart up - on them; the
 fleet - ing breath, a sigh too brief to mea - sure, my



fix my heart on right-eous-ness, I'll look to him who hears me.
 fields of hope in which I sow are har-vest-ed in heav - en.
 King has crushed the curse of death and I am his for - ev - er.

Refrain



O praise him, hal - le - lu - jah, my de - light and my re - ward;



ev - er - last - ing, nev - er fail - ing, my Re - deem - er, my God.

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Second Reading

2 Corinthians 11:21b-30

God's grace moved Paul to be committed to Christ

However bold anyone might be (I am speaking in a foolish way), I am going to be bold too. ²²Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they Abraham's seed? So am I. ²³Are they ministers of Christ? (I am speaking in a crazy way.) I am even more. I've done more hard work, been in prisons more often, been whipped far more, and I've been close to death many times. ²⁴Five times I received from the Jews the forty lashes minus one. ²⁵Three times I was beaten with rods. One time they tried to stone me to death. Three times I was shipwrecked. I have spent a night and a day on the open sea. ²⁶I have often been on journeys, in danger from rivers, in danger from robbers, in danger from my own people, in danger from Gentiles, in danger in the city, in danger in the wilderness, in danger on the sea, in danger among false brothers. ²⁷I have worked hard and struggled. I've spent many sleepless nights. I've been hungry and thirsty. I've gone without food many times. I've been cold and lacked clothing.

²⁸Besides those external matters, there is the daily pressure on me of my concern for all the churches. ²⁹Who is weak without my being weak? Who falls into sin without my being distressed? ³⁰If it is necessary that I boast, I will boast of the things that show my weakness.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

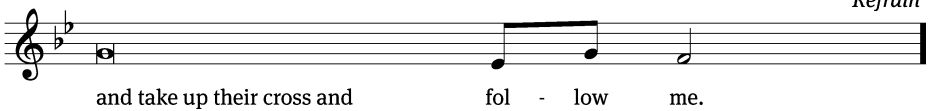
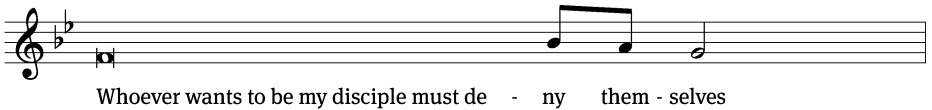
Mark 8:34



Refrain



Tone



Refrain

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Gospel

Luke 9:51-62

Jesus teaches that following him means leaving this world behind

⁵¹When the days were approaching for him to be taken up, Jesus was determined to go to Jerusalem. ⁵²He sent messengers ahead of him. They went and entered a Samaritan village to make preparations for him. ⁵³But the people did not welcome him, because he was determined to go to Jerusalem. ⁵⁴When his disciples James and John saw this, they said, “Lord, do you want us to call down fire from heaven to consume them?” ⁵⁵But he turned and rebuked them. “You don’t know what kind of spirit is influencing you. ⁵⁶For the Son of Man did not come to destroy people’s souls, but to save them.” Then they went to another village.

⁵⁷As they went on the way, a man said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.” ⁵⁸Jesus said to him, “Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head.” ⁵⁹He said to another man, “Follow me!” But he said, “Lord, first let me go and bury my father.” ⁶⁰Jesus told him, “Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God.” ⁶¹Another man also said, “I will follow you, Lord, but first let me say good-bye to those at my home.”

⁶²Jesus told him, “No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day

CW 695

Take My Life and Let It Be

- 1 Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.
- 2 Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.
- 3 Take my voice and let me sing always, only for my King;
take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee.
- 4 Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect and use ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.
- 5 Take my will and make it thine, it shall be no longer mine;
take my heart, it is thine own, it shall be thy royal throne.
- 6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

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The Truth About Following Jesus

Stand

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Be seated

Offering

Moved by God's love, we offer him our first and best gifts out of thanks to him.

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

Prayer of the Church

Almighty God, we acknowledge with thanks that all we have and enjoy is a gift from your gracious hand. We come before you today in heartfelt appreciation for our nation and its people.

We thank you for enabling us to worship you in freedom and to serve you without fear.

You have enriched us with the bounties of farm and factory, the beauty of forest and mountain, and the marvels of medicine and science.

For all these blessings, we praise and glorify you.

Look with favor upon our nation and preserve our cherished liberties. Enable our leaders to govern with wisdom, honesty, courage, and justice. Protect those who serve in the armed forces and those who maintain peace and safety in our communities.

Give us willingness to obey our nation's laws and to work for the common good.

Keep our financial institutions secure and our economy strong. Bless our fields that they may produce abundant harvests. Guard us from calamities of nature and accident and spare our land from the ravages of disease and epidemic.

Teach us not to worry but to cast all our cares on you.

Strengthen the homes of our nation. By your Spirit lead husbands and wives to love each other, parents to nurture their children, young adults to assume responsibility, and children to show respect.

Lead the citizens of our land to honor the useful foundations of society.

Care for those who are sick or have been injured. Calm those who are disappointed and depressed. [Especially bless...] Provide guidance to those who care for people in trouble or in need.

Lead us to provide help when we can and to pray at all times.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

To you, O Lord, we bring our thanks and our requests.
Hear our prayers for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Hymn

CW 694

Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken

- 1 Jesus, I my cross have taken,
 all to leave and follow you;
destitute, despised, forsaken,
 you on earth once suffered, too.
Perish ev'ry fond ambition,
 all I've ever hoped or known;
yet how rich is my condition,
 God and heav'n are still my own!

- 2 Let the world despise and leave me;
 they have left my Savior, too.
Human hearts and looks deceive me;
 you are not, like them, untrue.
And, since you have smiled upon me,
 God of wisdom, love, and might,
foes may hate and friends may shun me;
 show your face, and all is bright.

- 3 Go, then, earthly fame and treasure!
 Come, disaster, scorn, and pain!
In your service pain is pleasure,
 with your favor loss is gain.
I have called you Abba, Father;
 you my all in all shall be.
Storms may howl, and clouds may gather,
 all must work for good to me.

- 4 Haste, my soul, from grace to glory,
armed by faith and winged by prayer;
all but heav'n is transitory,
God's own hand shall guide you there.
Soon shall end this earthly story,
swift shall pass the pilgrim days,
hope soon change to heav'nly glory,
faith to sight and prayer to praise.

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Stand

Almighty God, grant to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that we may serve you in steadfast faith and confess your name as long as we live; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father 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

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 702

Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spake

- 1 “Come, follow me,” the Savior spake,
“all in my way abiding;
deny yourselves, the world forsake,
obey my call and guiding.
O bear the cross, whate’er betide,
take my example for your guide.
- 2 “I am the light, I light the way,
a godly life displaying;
I bid you walk as in the day,
I keep your feet from straying.
I am the way, and well I show
how you must sojourn here below.
- 3 “I teach you how to shun and flee
what harms your soul’s salvation,
your heart from ev’ry guile to free,
from sin and its temptation.
I am the refuge of the soul
and lead you to your heav’nly goal.”
- 4 Then let us follow Christ our Lord
and take the cross appointed
and, firmly clinging to his Word,
in suffering be undaunted.
For those who bear the battle’s strain
the crown of heav’nly life obtain.

Text: tr. Charles W. Schaeffer, 1813–1896, alt.; (sts. 1–2, 4): Johann Scheffler, 1624–1677, abr.; (st. 3): Geistliche Lieder und Lobgesänge, 1695
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***Thank you for worshiping with us!
May God richly bless your week.***

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.

Divine Call News

Our congregation has issued a divine call to Rev. Benjamin Wessel, who is currently serving at Woodlawn Lutheran Church in West Allis, WI. Please keep him, his wife, and both of our congregations in your prayers as he deliberates where he can best serve our Lord.

Annual Voters Meeting

All members are encouraged to attend the meeting on Sunday, July 17 following our worship service. The 2022-23 budget will be presented for approval.

Volunteers Needed on July 23

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. **Our Savior's members will run the ring toss game from 1:00 to approximately 8:00 pm.** We're looking for members of the congregation who will volunteer for 2-3 hour shifts. What a great way to highlight Our Savior's Church & School! We'll also have a banner in the game booth.

To volunteer please contact Tim Heil @ 715-842-4573. Please leave a call back number if there is no answer.

School Custodian Position

We are searching for a new school custodian to begin working by mid-August. The position is part time. Please speak with Dan Hoenecke for more information. We thank Dave Schultz for his service to our school.

Pastor Installation at Redeemer, Weston

The members of Redeemer Lutheran Church in Weston invite us to celebrate God's goodness as Pastor Ryan Cortright is installed in a 3:30 pm worship service on Sunday, July 17th with a meal to follow. If you are planning to attend, please contact their church office as Redeemer would like a head count in advance for planning purposes 715.359.4433

This Week's Opportunities for Growing in Christ

Today	9:00 AM	Worship
Sunday 7/10	9:00 AM	Worship with Communion <i>Food Pantry Sunday</i>

Food Pantry Sunday

On the second Sunday of each month, a collection of non-perishable food items is taken and delivered to The Neighbor's Place, which operates a food pantry for those in need in our community. If you wish to participate, please place your donation in the grocery cart located near the church library (office link area). Thank you!

Our Stewardship of God's Gifts: June 26 , 2022

<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Vision</u>	<u>Debt</u>	<u>Plate</u>	<u>NLHS Operating</u>
\$4,515.00	\$375.00	\$390.00	\$10.00	\$250.00
<u>Bldg Maint</u>	<u>School Fees</u>	<u>Publications</u>		
\$150.00	\$1,013.33	\$26.00		

Attendance: Sunday, June 26 – 65 online – 27 Total = 92



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