



OUR SAVIOR'S

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

7th Sunday after Pentecost – July 31, 2022



For everyone who *asks receives,*
and everyone who *searches finds,*
and for everyone who *knocks,*
the *door will be opened.*

Luke 11:10, NRSV

Welcome to Worship!

We welcome you to the house of the true and living God for worship this Seventh Sunday after Pentecost. Today's gospel lesson, from Luke chapter 11 has Jesus teaching us about prayer. Here he reminds us that he can't be bothered, we can come to him at any time about anything, and when we do, he is ready to graciously answer our prayers with his very best. May God bless your worship today in his house of prayer and praise!

Prayer Before Worship

Lord, mercifully direct and guide us in our journey through this life and give us a willing spirit to pray to you daily. Although we are surrounded by change and uncertainty, grant that we begin, continue, and end all our works in you, that we may glorify your holy name, and finally, by your grace, be brought safely to your eternal kingdom. Amen.

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.

Our Worship

Opening Hymn

CW 627

To God Be the Glory

- 1 To God be the glory, great things he has done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin
and opened the life-gate that all may go in. *Refrain*

Ref **Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son
and give him the glory, great things he has done!**

- 2 Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son,
but purer and higher and greater will be
our joy and our wonder when Jesus we see. *Refrain*

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Stand

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

And also with you.

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.

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.

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.

Amen.

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

O Lord, Our Lord

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.

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). It consists of seven staves of music. The lyrics are placed below the notes. There are three triplet markings (indicated by a '3' above the notes) on the second, third, and fourth staves. The piece concludes with a double bar line and a key signature change to one flat (F).

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.

The Word

The Lord be with you.
 And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O Lord, your ears are always open to the prayers of your humble servants who come to you in Jesus' name. Teach us always to ask according to your will that we may never fail to obtain the blessings you have promised; 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

Genesis 18:20–32

Abraham prays boldly

²⁰Then the LORD said, “The outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is so great and their sin so grievous ²¹that I will go down and see if what they have done is as bad as the outcry that has reached me. If not, I will know.”

²²The men turned away and went toward Sodom, but Abraham remained standing before the LORD. ²³Then Abraham approached him and said: “Will you sweep away the righteous with the wicked? ²⁴What if there are fifty righteous people in the city? Will you really sweep it away and not spare the place for the sake of the fifty righteous people in it? ²⁵Far be it from you to do such a thing—to kill the righteous with the wicked, treating the righteous and the wicked alike. Far be it from you! Will not the Judge of all the earth do right?”

²⁶The LORD said, “If I find fifty righteous people in the city of Sodom, I will spare the whole place for their sake.”

²⁷Then Abraham spoke up again: “Now that I have been so bold as to speak to the Lord, though I am nothing but dust and ashes, ²⁸what if the number of the righteous is five less than fifty? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five people?”

“If I find forty-five there,” he said, “I will not destroy it.”

²⁹Once again he spoke to him, “What if only forty are found there?”

He said, “For the sake of forty, I will not do it.”

³⁰Then he said, “May the Lord not be angry, but let me speak. What if only thirty can be found there?”

He answered, “I will not do it if I find thirty there.”

³¹Abraham said, “Now that I have been so bold as to speak to the Lord, what if only twenty can be found there?”

He said, “For the sake of twenty, I will not destroy it.”

³²Then he said, “May the Lord not be angry, but let me speak just once more. What if only ten can be found there?”

He answered, “For the sake of ten, I will not destroy it.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Your Praises, God, I'm Bringing

Psalm 138A



1 Your prais-es, God, I'm bring-ing; my heart with joy is
2 When deep-est need had felled me, your stead-fast love up -
3 Though you, O God, are ho-ly, yet you re-gard the
4 All peo-ples shall ac-claim you, and wor-ship-ing shall



sing-ing its thanks for gifts out-poured.
held me; my ur-gent prayer you heard.
low-ly and raise them from the dust.
name you the God of time and space.



Now, in your pres-ence kneel-ing, a-gain for grace ap -
When trou-ble sore as-sailed me, your mer-cy nev-er
Your prom-ise holds for-ev-er: "I will for-sake you
And I will join my prais-es with hymns the whole world



peal-ing, in qui-et-ness I wait your word.
failed me. You strength-ened me and I en-dured.
nev-er!" My God, my rock, in you I trust.
rais-es to you, the God of bound-less grace!

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Second Reading

1 Timothy 2:1-7

Paul encourages prayer

¹I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—²for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. ³This is good, and pleases God our Savior, ⁴who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. ⁵For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, ⁶who gave himself as a ransom for all people. This has now been witnessed to at the proper time. ⁷And for this purpose I was appointed a herald and an apostle—I am telling the truth, I am not lying—and a true and faithful teacher of the Gentiles.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

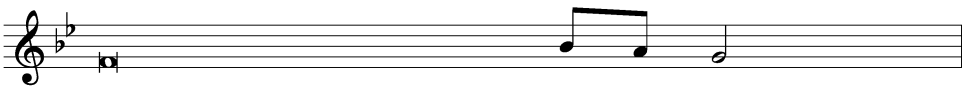
Luke 11:9



Refrain



Tone



Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find;



knock and the door will be opened to you.

Gospel

Luke 11:1–13

Jesus teaches us how to pray and how our Father will answer

¹One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.”

²He said to them, “When you pray, say:

“ ‘Father,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come.

³Give us each day our daily bread.

⁴Forgive us our sins,
for we also forgive everyone who sins against us.
And lead us not into temptation.’ ”

⁵Then Jesus said to them, “Suppose you have a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; ⁶a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have no food to offer him.’ ⁷And suppose the one inside answers, ‘Don’t bother me. The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I can’t get up and give you anything.’ ⁸I tell you, even though he will not get up and give you the bread because of friendship, yet because of your shameless audacity he will surely get up and give you as much as you need.

⁹“So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. ¹⁰For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

¹¹“Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? ¹²Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? ¹³If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Hymn of the Day

CW 720 vs. 1, 6, 3

- A Our Father, throned in heav'n above,
you bid us all to live in love
as members of one family
and pray to you in unity—
teach us no thoughtless words to say,
but from our inmost hearts to pray.
- 3rd Your gracious will on earth be done
just as in heav'n around your throne,
that patiently we may obey
throughout our lives all that you say.
Curb sinful flesh and ev'ry ill
that sets itself against your will.
- B Amen, that is, so shall it be.
Make strong our faith in you that we
may never doubt you but believe
that what we ask we shall receive.
Thus in your name and at your word
we say, "Amen, O hear us, Lord!"

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Sermon

Luke 11:1-13

God Wants You to Bother Him!

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 & Friendship Register

Members of Our Savior's give generous and free will gifts to honor the Lord and support our ministry of the gospel.

As the offering is gathered, we ask that both members and visitors to sign the Friendship Register, which is located at the center aisle end of the pew.

Prayer of the Church

In peace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For trusting hearts that turn to our heavenly Father in all joy and sorrow, finding in his fatherly goodness and will all that we ask, seek, need or desire, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For faithful pastors to speak God's Word of warning and comfort to us, that trusting in the intercession of Christ, we may be drawn in repentance to his cross, seek shelter in his mercy and, in him, escape destruction, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the gift of the Holy Spirit, that enlightened by the Word of Christ, our homes may not be places of deceit or confusion, but dwellings of truth; and that husbands and wives, parents and children, young and old, and all who live alone would be built up into him who is the Head, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For civil leaders who serve in accordance with the righteous judgment of the Lord of hosts, condemning what is evil and approving what is good; and that all nations may be brought to see the wisdom and glory of Christ and dwell together in peace and humility, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

Prayers of intercession may follow

Dear Lord, we pray for all who partake of Christ's body and blood this day, that having been planted in Christ by the Word and Spirit through the waters of Holy Baptism, they may be firmly rooted and built up in him who also taught us how to pray:

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.

Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. In perfect unity with his Son and the Holy Spirit, he is the source, guide and goal of our lives now and always. 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 forever and ever.

Holy, Holy, Holy

CW 167

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na, ho -
san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he,
bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.

Distribution Hymns

Lord, Teach Us How to Pray

CW 719

- 1 Lord, teach us how to pray
as once the Twelve you taught,
for we can never find the words
to praise you as we ought.
- 2 Lord, teach us how to pray
when cares distract the mind.
Help us to wait in quietness,
a calmer spirit find.
- 3 Lord, teach us how to pray;
rekindle faith’s bright flame,
until our faith leaps up again
to speak and praise your name.
- 4 Lord, teach us how to pray;
remind us day by day
that you wait eagerly to hear
before we think to pray.

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- 1 What a friend we have in Jesus,
 all our sins and griefs to bear!
 What a privilege to carry
 ev'rything to God in prayer!
 Oh, what peace we often forfeit,
 oh, what needless pain we bear,
 all because we do not carry
 ev'rything to God in prayer!

- 2 Have we trials and temptations?
 Is there trouble anywhere?
 We should never be discouraged—
 take it to the Lord in prayer.
 Can we find a friend so faithful
 who will all our sorrows share?
 Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness—
 take it to the Lord in prayer.

- 3 Are we weak and heavy laden,
 cumbered with a load of care?
 Precious Savior, still our refuge—
 take it to the Lord in prayer.
 Do your friends despise, forsake you?
 Take it to the Lord in prayer.
 In his arms he'll take and shield you;
 you will find a solace there.

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Closing Prayer

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.

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 724

- 1 Be still, my soul, before the Lord,
for God is always near.
Before your mind is moved to pray,
God listens and will hear.
- 2 You need not multiply your words
nor pray with practiced art.
Beyond all speech, God understands
the hunger of your heart.
- 3 Wait, then, in quiet confidence,
your anxious thoughts at rest.
God knows your needs before you ask
and works for what is best.

- 4 Be still, my soul, before the Lord;
on God in patience wait.
God's love, unseen, surrounds your life;
God's help will not be late.

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

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Setting One from Christian Worship

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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.

In Our Prayers

Please remember Shirley Marquardt, Gene Arndt and Betty Krueger in your prayers. All were hospitalized this past week. We pray that God would grant them comfort and healing according to his good and gracious will.

School Custodian Position

We are still 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.

Elephant Ear Stand

Our Savior's School volunteers will work at the Noon Optimist's Elephant Ear stand. In past years this has been a fantastic fundraiser for our school. It can be hot at times, but the fellowship makes it a fun experience. And the elephant ears are delicious, of course!

We need volunteers! If you're willing to help us on Friday or Saturday, August 5 or 6, please contact Beth Krohn at 715.216.9350. Open time slots are 10:30-3, 3-7, 7-close each day.

Our Savior's School Registration

We're gearing up for another school year! Our school registration date is Wednesday, Aug. 10, from 4:00 to 6:00 pm. If this date and time do not work for you, please contact the school to set up a registration time prior to Aug. 10.

Farewell Door Offering Next Week for Vicar Helwig

Vicar Helwig will preach his last sermon at St. Peter today before the Helwig family moves back to the Milwaukee area for Sam's final year at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. He will return to preach at Our Savior's next Sunday, August 7. To thank Vicar Helwig for his service to Our Savior's, we'll collect a door offering next Sunday, which will then be mailed to the seminary to help with his tuition costs.

Welcome, Vicar Gustafson

Caleb Gustafson will move to Schofield on August 1st and will be installed as St. Peter's new vicar on August 7th. His first service at Our Savior's will be on August 21st.

This Week's Opportunities for Growing in Christ

Today	9:00 AM	Worship with Communion
Friday & Saturday	10 AM - 10 PM	OSS at the Wausau Noon Optimist Elephant Ear Stand
Sunday 8/7	9:00 AM	Worship

Our Stewardship of God's Gifts: July 24, 2022

<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Vision</u>	<u>Debt</u>	<u>Plate</u>	<u>Bldg Maintenance</u>
\$5,517.00	\$400.00	\$360.00	\$75.00	\$150.00
<u>NLHS Operating</u>	<u>Publications</u>			
\$250.00	\$7.00			

Attendance: Sunday, July 24 – 70 online – 41 Total = 111

Serving You in Worship

- Minister – Pastor Kevin Schnake
- Organist – Marie Kurth
- Ushers – Phil Brost, Travis Kurth
(Next Sunday – Bill Unruh, Tony Sulko)



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