



OUR SAVIOR'S

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

9th Sunday after Pentecost – August 14, 2022

*“Look at the birds of the air;
they do not sow or reap or store
away in barns, and yet your
heavenly Father feeds them.
Are you not much more
valuable than they?”*



M A T T H E W 6 : 2 6 , N I V

Welcome to Worship!

Today is the Ninth Sunday after the Lord's Pentecost, and we welcome you to the house of our true and living God for worship. Today's hymns, Scripture readings, and prayers help us focus on the eternal treasures of God's love and our confidence in God's faithful care for us until we live by sight in heaven. May the Lord bless your worship!

Prayer Before Worship

Heavenly Father, forgive me for too often worrying about my physical and bodily needs. Help me remember your great love and how you did not spare your only Son, but you gave him up for me and my sins. Grant me the confidence of knowing that, along with you Jesus, you will give me all the things that I truly need. By your Spirit empower me to seek first your kingdom and righteousness to your glory and for my good. 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 868

By Faith

Note: Please sing vs. 1-2, then the refrain; vs. 3-4, refrain; vs. 5, refrain



1 By faith we see the hand of God
2 By faith our fa - thers roamed the earth
3 By faith the proph - ets saw a day



in the light of cre - a - tion's grand de - sign,
with the pow'r of his prom - ise in their hearts,
when the longed - for Mes - si - ah would ap - pear



in the lives of those who prove his faith - ful - ness,
of a ho - ly cit - y built by God's own hand,
with the pow'r to break the chains of sin and death



who walk by faith and not by sight. v. 2
a place where peace and jus - tice reign. *Refrain*
and rise tri - um - phant from the grave. v. 4



Refrain
We will stand as chil - dren of the prom - ise; we will fix our



eyes on him, our soul's re - ward. Till the race is fin - ished and the



work is done, we'll walk by faith and not by sight.

- 4 By faith the church was called to go
in the pow'r of the Spirit to the lost
to deliver captives and to preach good news
in ev'ry corner of the earth. (Refrain)
- 5 By faith this mountain shall be moved
and the pow'r of the gospel shall prevail,
for we know in Christ all things are possible
for all who call upon his name. (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.

Confession

We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and to serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

Amen.

Prayer and Thanksgiving

In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is eter - nal; it stands firm in the heav - ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for - ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. It consists of six staves of music. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and willing to give far more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask except through the merits and mediation of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

The Word

First Reading

Genesis 15:1–6

In faith, Abram treasured all of the Lord's gracious promises

¹After this, the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision:

“Do not be afraid, Abram.
I am your shield,
your very great reward.”

²But Abram said, “Sovereign LORD, what can you give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?” ³And Abram said, “You have given me no children; so a servant in my household will be my heir.”

⁴Then the word of the LORD came to him: “This man will not be your heir, but a son who is your own flesh and blood will be your heir.” ⁵He took him outside and said, “Look up at the sky and count the stars—if indeed you can count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.”

⁶Abram believed the LORD, and he credited it to him as righteousness.

Second Reading

Hebrews 11:1–3, 8–16

Faith allows us to see that treasure is found in the city whose builder is God

¹Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. ²This is what the ancients were commended for.

³By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.

⁸By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. ⁹By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹And by faith even Sarah, who was past childbearing

age, was enabled to bear children because she considered him faithful who had made the promise. ¹²And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore.

¹³All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth. ¹⁴People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶Instead, they were longing for a better country—a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

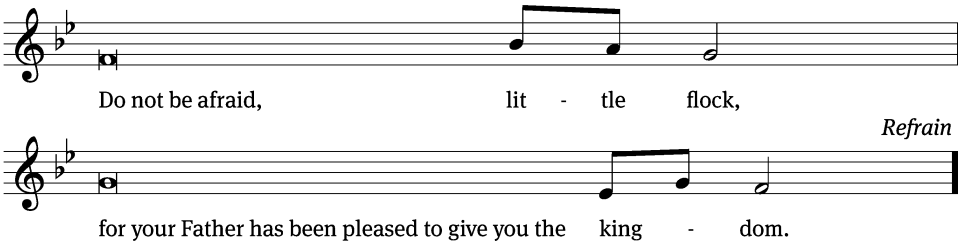
Luke 12:32



Refrain



Tone



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²²Then Jesus said to his disciples: “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear. ²³For life is more than food, and the body more than clothes. ²⁴Consider the ravens: They do not sow or reap, they have no storeroom or barn; yet God feeds them. And how much more valuable you are than birds! ²⁵Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to your life? ²⁶Since you cannot do this very little thing, why do you worry about the rest?

²⁷“Consider how the wild flowers grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. ²⁸If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today, and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! ²⁹And do not set your heart on what you will eat or drink; do not worry about it. ³⁰For the pagan world runs after all such things, and your Father knows that you need them. ³¹But seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

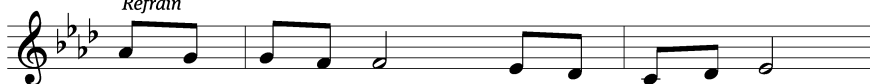
³²“Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Children's Message

Refrain

Where your trea - sure is, there your heart shall be.



All that you pos - sess will nev - er set you free.



Seek the things that last; come and learn from me.



Where your trea - sure is, your heart shall be.



- 1 What do you gain from all your wor - ry,
- 2 Look at the ra - vens high a - bove you.
- 3 Be - hold the lil - ies in their splen - dor.
- 4 O lit - tle flock, do not be fright - ened;



what you should eat or what to wear?
 They do not work their whole life through,
 In grace and beau - ty are they dressed,
 yours is the king - dom of the Lord.



There is no peace in stress or hur - ry.
 and yet God feeds them and pro - tects them.
 and yet so soon their bloom is fad - ed.
 Give your pos - ses - sions to the need - y;



Do you not know that you are held with - in God's care?
So how much more will God pro - tect and care for you?
So how much more will those who look to God be blessed?
ob - tain a trea - sure in God's heav - en safe - ly stored.

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Sermon

Luke 12:22-34

No Worries Because God Cares!

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 truly 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

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

Prayer of the Church

Almighty God, increase our faith in your wise ways and your generous providence. Preserve us from reliance on our own plans and natural powers, that we would ever trust in you and be counted righteous in your Son, Jesus Christ, through whom you provide all things needful and beneficial. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Merciful Lord, you have raised up children for Abraham from all the nations through faith in your Word and promise. Bless your Church on earth by the seed of father Abraham, our Lord, Jesus Christ, that your people would be defended against the assaults and temptations of the adversary. By your Holy Spirit, grant them to live unto righteousness in Christ and to shine like the stars in the heavens forever and ever. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God Almighty, teach the rulers of the nations how small and fleeting their reigns are. Shepherd them by the preaching of your Church into the ways of peace. Fix their eyes on the better country that is to come, that they would rule in loving service to those in their charge. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Gracious Lord, you call us to cast our anxieties upon you because you care for us. In the midst of our tribulation, bless us as the children of your heavenly Father your with your peace. As we consider your care of flower and bird, remind us of your eternal care for us in Christ. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Heavenly Father, you accomplished your divine will through the lives and deaths of your saints throughout the ages. Comfort all who mourn in our day and inspire faith in us through the godly example of those who have gone before us and are with Christ. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

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 promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock until he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

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.

O Christ, Lamb of God

CW 169

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;
have mer-cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,
you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. A - - men.

The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a mix of quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with some words hyphenated across lines. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

Be seated

Distribution Hymns

Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face

CW 660

- 1 Here, O my Lord, I see you face to face;
here would I touch and handle things unseen,
here grasp with firmer hand eternal grace,
and all my weariness upon you lean.
- 2 This is the hour of banquet and of song;
this is the heav'nly table spread anew.
Here let me feast and, feasting, still prolong
the brief bright hour of fellowship with you.

- 3 I have no help but yours nor do I need
another arm but yours to lean upon.
It is enough, O Lord, enough indeed;
my strength is in your might, your might alone.
- 4 Mine is the sin but yours the righteousness;
mine is the guilt but yours the cleansing blood.
Here is my robe, my refuge, and my peace:
your blood, your righteousness, O Lord, my God.
- 5 Too soon we rise; the vessels disappear;
the feast, though not the love, is past and gone.
The bread and wine remove, but you are here,
nearer than ever, still my shield and sun.
- 6 Feast after feast thus comes and passes by,
yet, passing, points to that glad feast above,
giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy,
the Lamb's great marriage feast of bliss and love.

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Your Days and Ways to God Surrender

CW 806

- 1 Your days and ways to God surrender,
and let his wisdom be your light.
He stands beside you, strong but tender,
and guides your steps thro' storm and night.
Upon a rock you build your life
when you rely on Jesus Christ.
- 2 Why do you wallow in this worry?
Why tightly clutch this pain and fear?
Do you forget that on this journey
you're not alone? Your God is near!
The many midnight tears you spill
just make the darkness darker still.

- 3 Wait for his hand to write your story,
his gracious will, your destiny.
What looks like gloom he turns to glory;
what's hidden now he will reveal.
Who holds your future and your past
knows what you need before you ask.
- 4 Then wake with joy and expectation,
for God is good and heav'n is sure.
Sing, pray, and work in your vocation,
and sleep in peace, your heart secure.
Surrender all to his good grace;
he keeps you safe in his embrace.

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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.

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of 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 502

Children of the Heavenly Father

- 1 Children of the heav'nly Father safely in his bosom gather;
nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge e'er was given.
- 2 God his own doth tend and nourish; in his holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things he spares them; in his mighty arms he bears them.
- 3 Neither life nor death shall ever from the Lord his children sever;
unto them his grace he showeth, and their sorrows all he knoweth.
- 4 Though he giveth or he taketh, God his children ne'er forsaketh;
his the loving purpose solely to preserve them pure and holy.

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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 & Meeting

Pastor Wessel has prayerfully declined our Call. We will hold our next Call meeting on Tuesday, August 16 at 6:30 pm.

Asleep in Jesus

Last Monday, our gracious Lord called home to himself the soul of Shirley Marquardt. A Christian funeral was held yesterday. As we rejoice that Shirley is rejoicing in heaven, we also pray for God's comfort and peace for DuWayne and their family.

Welcome in Jesus' Name

Caleb Gustafson, a student of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, was installed as the new vicar at St. Peter last Sunday. Please welcome him next Sunday when he leads our worship service. May the Lord bless Caleb among us as he continues his training for the pastoral ministry.

Sharing God's Love in Jesus

A new Bible Information Class, "Life's Big Questions", will begin next Monday, August 15th, at 6:30 pm at St. Peter in the lower level of the Ministry Center at the Schofield Campus. Please think of friends, co-workers, neighbors whom you could invite to attend! There are informational invitations on the information tables.

This Week's Opportunities for Growing in Christ		
Today - Food Pantry	9:00 AM	Worship with Communion
Monday	6:30 PM	School Cleaning Bible Information Class at St. Peter
Tuesday	6:30 PM	Call Meeting
Wednesday	6:00 PM	Kronenwetter Mission Core Group Meeting at NLHS
Sunday 8/21	9:00 AM	Worship

Our Stewardship of God's Gifts: August 7, 2022

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