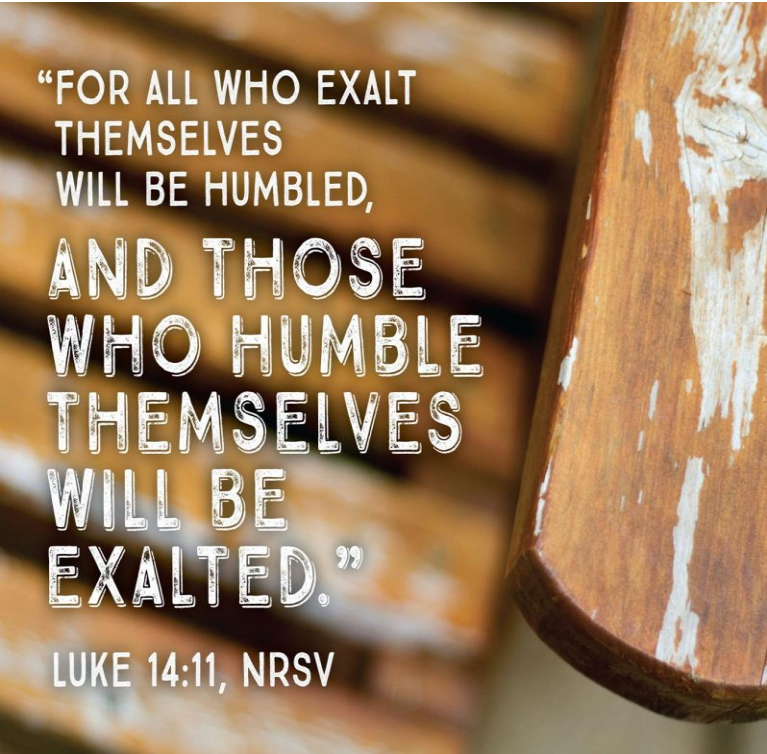




OUR SAVIOR'S

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

12th Sunday after Pentecost – September 4, 2022



“FOR ALL WHO EXALT
THEMSELVES
WILL BE HUMBLD,
AND THOSE
WHO HUMBLE
THEMSELVES
WILL BE
EXALTED.”

LUKE 14:11, NRSV

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.

This week Jesus gives us another Hard Truth. Rather than minimizing or dismissing pride as a sin that is both common and harmless, Jesus confronts us with the truth about pride. Those who exalt themselves will be humbled. Jesus reminds us that our exaltation does not need to be our responsibility because Jesus has already made it his. Those who humble themselves will be exalted.

Prayer before Worship

Holy God, focus my mind and heart on you Holy Word today at worship. Help me to put my sinful pride to the side and come before you as a humble penitent sinner. Strengthen me with your promise of the forgiveness of my sins. Through your son, Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

Serving You in Worship

- Minister – Vicar Caleb Gustafson
- Organist – Marie Kurth
- Usher – Travis Kurth, Kurt Schubring
(Next Sunday – Tim & Ellen Heil)

Acknowledgments

Setting One from Christian Worship

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Our Worship

Opening Hymn

CW 768

Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace

- 1 Lord of all nations, grant me grace
to love all people, ev'ry race;
and in each person help me view
my kindred, loved, redeemed by you.

- 2 Break down the wall that would divide
your children, Lord, on ev'ry side.
My neighbors' good let me pursue;
bind them to me and all to you.

- 3 Forgive me, Lord, where I have erred
by loveless act and thoughtless word.
Make me to see the wrong I do
will hurt my neighbor, Lord, and you.

- 4 Give me your courage, Lord, to speak
whenever strong oppress the weak;
and should I be a victim, too,
help me forgive, rememb'ring you.

- 5 With your own love may I be filled
and by your Holy Spirit willed,
that all I touch, whate'er I do,
may be divinely touched by you.

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Stand

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

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.

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.

Hymn of Praise

CW 609 sts. 2–3

We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer

- 2 We worship you, God of our fathers, we bless you;
through trial and tempest our guide you have been.
When perils o'ertake us, you will not forsake us,
and with your help, O Lord, our battles we win.
- 3 With voices united our praises we offer
and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.
With you, Lord, beside us, your strong arm will guide us;
to you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!

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Prayer of the Day

O Lord of grace and mercy, teach us by your Holy Spirit to follow the example of your Son in true humility, that we may withstand the temptations of the devil and with pure hearts and minds avoid ungodly pride; 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

The Word

First Reading

Proverbs 25:6,7a

Solomon provides common sense about humility and pride

⁶Do not honor yourself in a king's presence. Do not stand in a place reserved for great people,

⁷because it is better to be told, "Come up here," than for you to be humiliated before a ruler whom your eyes have seen.

Psalm 112 *(spoken)*

How blessed is a man who fears the LORD. In his commands he delights greatly.

His descendants will be mighty in the land. The circle of the upright will be blessed.

Wealth and riches are in his house, and his righteousness stands forever.

In darkness, light dawns for the upright. He is gracious and compassionate and righteous.

Good things will come to the man who is gracious and lends, who conducts his business with justice.

Surely he will never fall. The righteous will be remembered forever.

He will not fear bad news. His heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD.
His heart is secure. He will have no fear, until he looks in triumph on his foes.

Second Reading

James 2:1–13

James forbids favoritism

My brothers, have faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ without showing favoritism. ²For example, suppose a man enters your worship assembly wearing gold rings and fine clothing, and a poor man also enters wearing filthy clothing. ³If you look with favor on the man wearing fine clothing and say, “Sit here in this good place,” but you tell the poor man, “Stand over there” or “Sit down here at my feet,” ⁴have you not made a distinction among yourselves and become judges with evil opinions? ⁵Listen, my dear brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom, which he promised to those who love him? ⁶But you dishonored the poor man. Don’t the rich oppress you, and don’t they drag you into court? ⁷Aren’t they the ones who blaspheme the noble name that was pronounced over you? ⁸However, if you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself,” you are doing well. ⁹But if you show favoritism, you are committing a sin, since you are convicted by this law as transgressors.

¹⁰In fact, whoever keeps the whole law but stumbles in one point has become guilty of breaking all of it. ¹¹For the one who said, “Do not commit adultery,” also said, “Do not commit murder.” Now if you do not commit adultery, but you do commit murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. ¹²So speak and act as those who are going to be judged by the law of freedom. ¹³For there will be judgment without mercy on the one who has not shown mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

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Gospel Acclamation

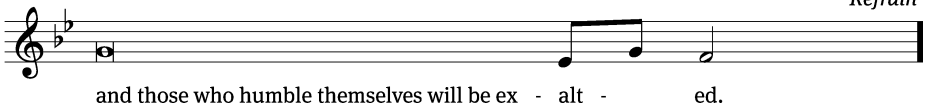
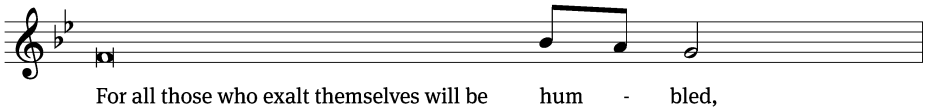
Luke 14:11



Refrain



Tone



Refrain

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Gospel

Luke 14:1,7-14

One Sabbath day, when Jesus went into the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat bread, they were watching him closely. ⁷When he noticed how they were selecting the places of honor, he told the invited guests a parable. ⁸“When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not recline in the place of honor, or perhaps someone more distinguished than you may have been invited by him. ⁹The one who invited both of you may come and tell you, ‘Give this man your place.’ Then you will begin, with shame, to take the lowest place.

¹⁰“But when you are invited, go and recline in the lowest place, so that when the one who invited you comes, he will tell you, ‘Friend, move up to a higher place.’ Then you will have honor in the presence of all who are reclining at the table with you. ¹¹“Yes, everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.”

¹²He also said to the one who had invited him, “When you make a dinner or a supper, do not invite your friends, or your brothers, or your relatives, or rich neighbors, so that perhaps they may also return the favor and pay you back. ¹³“But when you make a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, ¹⁴and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. Certainly, you will be repaid in the resurrection of the righteous.”

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day

CW 728

This Is My Will

- 1 This is my will, my one command,
that love should dwell among you all.
This is my will, that you should love
as I have shown that I love you.
- 2 No greater love can be than this:
To choose to die to save one's friends.
You are my friends if you obey
what I command that you should do.
- 3 I call you now no longer slaves;
no slave knows all his master does.
I call you friends, for all I hear
my Father say you hear from me.
- 4 You chose not me, but I chose you,
that you should go and bear much fruit.
I chose you out that you in me
should bear much fruit that will abide.

- 5 All that you ask my Father dear
for my name's sake you shall receive.
This is my will, my one command,
that love should dwell in each, in all.

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Sermon

Luke 14:1, 7-14

Humble before God, Exalted Forever

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

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.

Hymn

CW 731
Oh, How Good It Is

- 1 Oh, how good it is when the fam'ly of God dwells together in spirit, in faith and unity. Where the bonds of peace, of acceptance and love are the fruits of his presence here among us. (Refrain)

Refrain: **So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord,
and with one heart we'll live out his word,
till the whole earth sees the Redeemer has come,
for he dwells in the presence of his people.**

- 2 Oh, how good it is on this journey we share to rejoice with the happy and weep with those who mourn. For the weak find strength, the afflicted find grace when we offer the blessing of belonging. (Refrain)
- 3 Oh, how good it is to embrace his command to prefer one another, forgive as he forgives. When we live as one we all share in the love of the Son with the Father and the Spirit. (Refrain)

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Prayer of the Church

Heavenly Father, through the humiliation of your Son, you have called us to a place at your heavenly table. Teach us to treasure this place of honor, and so to spurn the foolish honors of this world.
Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of justice, you exalt the humble and humble the proud in your own appointed time. We commend to you the elected officials of our land. Grant them the desire to govern as though serving, and give them wisdom and courage to know what is right and to follow it.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Merciful God, you chose us who are poor to be rich in faith. You call on us to not show favoritism. Help us to practice brotherly love, show hospitality to strangers and remember all those in need.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Special prayers may follow

Remembering that here we have no abiding city but that heaven is our home, give us your aid, that we may by true faith and godly life prepare for the coming of our Savior, multiplying your mercy by loving our neighbor in need and loving you with all our body, soul, strength and will; 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 737

Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way

- 1 Lord, help us walk your servant way
wherever love may lead
and, bending low, forgetting self,
each serve the other's need.
- 2 You came to earth, O Christ, as Lord,
but pow'r you laid aside.
You lived your years in servanthood,
in lowliness you died.
- 3 No golden scepter but a towel
you place within the hands
of those who seek to follow you
and live by your commands.
- 4 You bid us bend our human pride
nor count ourselves above
the lowest place, the meanest task
that waits the gift of love.
- 5 Lord, help us walk your servant way
wherever love may lead
and, bending low, forgetting self,
each serve the other's need

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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 voters issued a Divine Call to Rev. Dale Reckzin, who currently serves at St. John, Oak Creek, WI. Please keep him, his wife and both of our congregations in your prayers as he deliberates where he may best serve our Lord. You may call, email or text Pastor Reckzin: 414-232-2953 or d.reckzin@gmail.com

Memorials – We thank the following members and friends of Shirley Marquardt for their gifts given in her memory: Beverly Foster, Betty Krueger, Mavis Schubring, David & Kelly Schultz.

Blessed be her memory.

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

Invitation to Our Ladies - The WinGS Group (Women in God's Service) of St. Peter has scheduled their fall kickoff meeting for Thursday, September 8th at 1:00 pm in the lower level of the Schofield Campus. The featured speaker will be our church member, Patti Manteufel-Boers. Patti will provide us with an enlightening and informational session on her Sign Language Ministry. All ladies are welcome.

Organization of WELS Lutheran Seniors (OWLS)

On Tuesday, September 13 our OWLS chapter will have a meet and greet at 11:30 AM at Gorski's Restaurant, 450 Orbiting Drive, Mosinee. Lunch will be order off the menu including time to visit followed by our business meeting. Please call Ruth at 715-573-2142 to reserve your place. Please join us!

Favorite Hymns & Bible Readings Sunday

We have a special worship service coming up on September 18! Please use the bulletin insert to tell us your favorite hymns and Bible readings. Just drop it in the box in the narthex or slip it under the office door. We look forward to hearing from you!

Deadline is next Sunday, Sept. 11.

7th & 8th Grade Confirmation Classes

Pastor Mahnke will teach the public school student Confirmation classes together with St. Peter students at the Schofield campus. Parents who have a student in 7th or 8th grade, please contact Pastor Mahnke as soon as possible for more information: call/text 715.297.0132 or email pastor@mysaintpeter.org

Baptism Seminar

Do you know someone who is curious about baptism for their children? Invite them to a free seminar about baptism on Saturday, Sep. 10 th , 9-11:30 am, at the St. Peter Schofield Campus. We also encourage parents of recently baptized (or soon to be baptized) children to attend for a refresher on baptism and for practical tips for nurturing your child's faith. For more information and/or to register, contact Pastor Mahnke (pastorm@mysaintpeter.org / 715-297-0132)

Sunday Bible Class

Bible class will begin on Sept. 11 at 10:15 AM in the school meeting room (133). We'll continue our study from last May on the book of Revelation.

Sunday School

Sunday School begins on Sept. 11 at 10:15 AM in the school library (room 134). Children ages 4 through grade 5 are welcome. Older children are invited to be helpers. Miss Lori can't wait to see you!

Small Group Bible Class

Small Group Bible Class will start on Wednesday, Sept. 14 at 6:30 PM, in classroom 133. We will continue our study of the book "God - The Ultimate Humanitarian," the story of how God keeps on giving. This class is open to everyone. Join us in this informal setting of friends becoming better friends, all while studying God's word.

This Week's Opportunities for Growing in Christ

Today	9:00 AM	Worship
Monday		Labor Day – No School
Wednesday	6:00 PM	Board of Education
Thursday	1:00 PM	Ladies' Aid with WinGS at St. Peter
Saturday	9-11:30 AM	Baptism Seminar at St. Peter
Sunday 9/11 -Food Pantry	9:00 AM 10:15 AM	Worship with Communion Sunday School & Bible Class

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<u>Weekly</u> \$5,508.00	<u>Vision</u> \$410.00	<u>Debt Reduction</u> \$570.00	<u>Plate</u> \$148.25	<u>OS School</u> \$140.00
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<u>NLHS Op</u> \$250.00	<u>Church Office Equipment</u> \$150.00	<u>School Fees</u> \$9,298.00
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Attendance: 86 + 33 (online) = 119

***Sunday School & Bible Class begin on
Sunday, Sept. 11 at 10:15 am.
Please join us!***



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