



OUR SAVIOR'S

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Then beginning with Moses
and all the prophets, he interpreted
to them the things about himself in
all the scriptures.

Luke 24:27, NRSV





The Third Sunday of Easter

April 30, 2023

He Lives to Restore My Hope

WELCOME

Today we celebrate the third Sunday of Easter as we continue to rejoice that Jesus lives! We will walk along with some disciples who are at a loss after Jesus' death. We see that their hope in God is crushed. Jesus comes up beside them and restores their hope by pointing them back to the promises of Scripture. We too need reminders of the promises of Scripture to restore our Christian hope of eternal life.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

Lord of life, fill our hearts with joy this day, for you have risen and conquered the grave. Imprint the message of victory on our hearts and implant it in our minds. Through the good news of your resurrection, renew our hope and revive our faith. In Jesus' name. 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 Pastor Mahnke before the service begins.

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

- Minister ~ Vicar Caleb Gustafson
- Organist ~ Marie Kurth
- Ushers ~ Tony Sulko, Kurt Schubring
(*next week – Rick & Karen Leopold*)

Opening Hymn

CW 466 sts. 1, 4-5

Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia



1 Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia.
4 "Go spread the news: he's not in the grave;
5 Christ has a - ris - en to set us free.



Re - joice and praise him, al - le - lu - ia.
he has a - ris - en this world to save.
Al - le - lu - ia, to him prais - es be.



For our Re - deem - er burst from the tomb,
Je - sus' re - deem - ing la - bors are done.
Je - sus is liv - ing! Let us all sing;



e - ven from death, dis - pel - ling its gloom.
E - ven the bat - tle with sin is won."
he reigns tri - um - phant, heav - en - ly King.

Refrain



Let us sing praise to him with end - less joy;



death's fear - ful sting he has come to de - stroy.



Our sin for - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!



Je - sus is liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

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Stand

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

Confession

CW 154

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.

Song of Praise

CW 1017 st. 2

Tune: LANCASHIRE

2 O Lamb of God ex - alt - ed, you take all sin a - way;
ex - tend to us your mer - cy and hear us as we pray.
With God the Ho - ly Spir - it, at God the Fa - ther's throne,
you reign, O Christ, for - ev - er, for you are Lord a - lone!

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Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O God, by the humiliation of your Son, you lifted up this fallen world from the despair of death. By his resurrection to life, grant your faithful people gladness of heart and the hope of eternal joys; 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

Acts 2:14a,32-41

The message of Christ gives the hope of forgiveness to sinners

¹⁴Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd:

³²God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it.

³³Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear.

³⁴For David did not ascend to heaven, and yet he said,

“The Lord said to my Lord:

“Sit at my right hand

³⁵until I make your enemies

a footstool for your feet.” ’

³⁶“Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.”

³⁷When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?”

³⁸Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.”

⁴⁰With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” ⁴¹Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

Psalm 116C

sts. 1, 4-5

Verses



1 For the love of the One who has heard my cry:
4 God has raised up my soul from the gates of death:
5 What re - turn can I give for the gifts I claim?



I will walk in the pres-ence of God.
I will walk in the pres-ence of God.
I will walk in the pres-ence of God.



1 God has heard my dis-tress, and I shall not die:
4 God has dried all my tears and re - newed my breath:
5 Lift the cup of sal - va - tion and praise your name:



I will walk in the pres-ence of God.
I will walk in the pres-ence of God.
I will walk in the pres-ence of God.

Refrain



I will walk in the pres-ence of God



in the land, in the land of the liv - ing.



For the love of the One who has heard my cry:



I will walk in the pres-ence of God.

Second Reading

1 Peter 1:17–21

Our hope is to join our Savior in heavenly glory. Til then, we live as strangers

¹⁷Since you call on a Father who judges each person's work impartially, live out your time as foreigners here in reverent fear. ¹⁸For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. ²⁰He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. ²¹Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

Luke 24:32



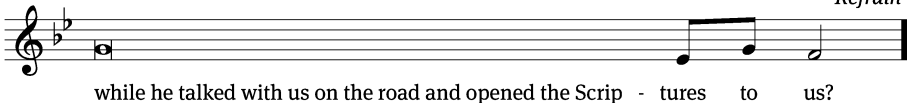
Refrain



Tone



Refrain



¹³Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. ¹⁴They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. ¹⁵As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; ¹⁶but they were kept from recognizing him.

¹⁷He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?"

They stood still, their faces downcast. ¹⁸One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, "Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?"

¹⁹"What things?" he asked.

"About Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. ²⁰The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; ²¹but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. ²²In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning ²³but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. ²⁴Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus."

²⁵He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" ²⁷And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

²⁸As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. ²⁹But they urged him strongly, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them.

³⁰When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. ³¹Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. ³²They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?"

³³They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together ³⁴and saying, “It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.” ³⁵Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

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

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day

CW 980 sts. 1-3

Who Are You Who Walk in Sorrow



1 Who are you who walk in sor - row down Em - ma - us'
2 Who is this who joins our jour - ney, walk - ing with us
3 Who are you? Our hearts are o - pened in the break - ing



bar - ren road, hearts dis - traught and hope de -
stride by stride? Un - known stran - ger, can you
of the bread— Christ the vic - tim, now the



feat - ed, bent be - neath grief's crush - ing load?
fath - om depths of grief for one who died?
vic - tor liv - ing, ris - en from the dead!



Name - less mourn - ers, we will join you, we who al - so
Then the won - der! When we told you how our dreams to
Great com - pan - ion on our jour - ney, still sur - prise us



mourn our dead; we have stood by graves un -
dust have turned, then you o - pened wide the
with your grace! Make each day a new Em -



yield - ing, eat - en death's bare, bit - ter bread.
Scrip - tures till our hearts with - in us burned.
ma - us; on our hearts your im - age trace!

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Walk Beside Jesus

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. Guests are welcome to give but should not feel obligated to do so.

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

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Eternal Lord, give us peace as we ponder the good news that you forgive our sins in Christ. Lead us to see clearly the path you have laid out for us.

Work in us so that we believe and live the Word we have heard today.

Provide courage and compassion to all who preach and teach your Word. Fill them with a love like yours as they proclaim your grace to us and all people.

Move us to love all ministers of the Word wherever they serve.

Guard and guide the families of our congregation. Lead husbands and wives to love each other with commitment, respect, and patience. Help parents to grasp the eternal value of keeping their children close to Jesus all their lives. Grant joy to those who are single, and make them a blessing to others.

Protect us from the temptations that surround us; give us pure hearts and minds.

Provide wisdom and insight to those who make laws and set policies. Give us respect for those who protect us from crime. Lead us to value the rights of our fellow citizens and to defend those who cannot defend themselves.

Bless our land with peace and prosperity so that the gospel may be proclaimed to all.

Give us passion to share the story of your love with our family and friends. Overcome unbelief, and open the hearts of people everywhere to believe the good news that Jesus has forgiven their sins and opened the gates of heaven.

Fill us with joy over every sinner who repents and comes to trust in you.

Special prayers may follow

Gracious God, you govern and direct all things and you love all people. Hear our prayers, spoken and silent, and answer them in your wisdom and grace.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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.

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

Distribution Hymn

CW 454

Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen

- 1 Alleluia! Jesus is risen!
Trumpets resounding in glorious light!
Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever!
Oh, what a miracle God has in sight! (Refrain)
Jesus is risen and we shall arise:
Give God the glory! Alleluia!
- 2 Walking the way, Christ in the center
telling the story to open our eyes;
breaking our bread, giving us glory:
Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise.
Jesus is risen and we shall arise:
Give God the glory! Alleluia!
- 3 Jesus the vine, we are the branches;
life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;
heaven to earth, Christ to the people,
gift of the future now flowing to me.
Jesus is risen and we shall arise:
Give God the glory! Alleluia!
- 4 Weeping, be gone; sorrow, be silent:
death put asunder, and Easter is bright.
Cherubim sing: "O grave, be open!"
Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light.
Jesus is risen and we shall arise:
Give God the glory! Alleluia!

5 City of God, Easter forever,
golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,
river of life, saints and archangels,
sing with creation to God the I AM!
Jesus is risen and we shall arise:
Give God the glory! Alleluia!

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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 641 sts. 1, 5, 7

Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, with us a - bide, for round us
5 O keep us in your Word, we pray; the guile and
7 O grant that in your ho - ly Word we here may



falls the e - ven - tide, nor let your Word,
rage of Sa - tan stay. Oh, may your mer -
live and die, dear Lord; and when our jour -



that heav'n-ly light, for us be ev - er veiled in night.
cy nev - er cease; give con - cord, pa - tience, cour - age, peace.
ney's end - ing here, re - ceive us in - to glo - ry there.

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*Christ is risen! He is risen indeed.
Alleluia!*



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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.



Confirmation Sunday – Next Sunday, May 7th, Ella Brei and Allison Ruether will confess their faith in the Lord Jesus and be confirmed in the Christian faith. We pray for their continued blessings and faithfulness to the word of Christ.

Pastoral Call Meeting – We will meet on Tuesday, May 9 at 6:30 PM. All members are welcome; voters are especially encouraged to attend. *Note: Pastor Ewald is not available on Wednesday evenings because he leads a Bible class at 6:30 pm.*

Open Forum Recap – We thank all 63 people who attended the open forum held last Sunday immediately after the service. It was confirmed that Our Savior's will continue to extend Divine Calls into the field for a pastor. Members were also made aware of the challenges that Our Savior's is facing a) declining membership [801 in members in 1985 to 217 in 2023, a 73% decrease], b) an aging congregation [50% of Our Savior's members are age 61 and older], c) leadership struggles [4 men are currently serving actively on the Church Council, we have been unable to find others willing and able to serve], and d) financial concerns [preliminary 23-24 budget is expected to have a \$90,000 shortfall].

Permission was given to the leaders of Our Savior's to discuss and consider other long term options for our ministry which could include reaching out to Mountain of the Lord to form a dual parish and/or reaching out to St Peter to work together to support a multi campus school or even merge into one congregation with multiple sites. It was suggested that we regularly pray for our ministry in our Sunday worship services. Words of thanks are offered to our volunteers, who may not serve in leadership positions, but who faithfully serve our Lord and our ministry in many other ways. Extra copies of the outline of talking points from the open forum are available in the back of church.

Congregational Survey – All members are encouraged to complete the enclosed survey. We want to hear from you! Please return it to the labelled box in the narthex or mail it to us by May 14.

In Our Prayers – Please keep Rose Schreiber in your prayers as she struggles with kidney failure. She has moved to Abbotsford Health Care Center, 600 E Main St, Abbotsford WI 54405.

Easter Lilies - Easter lilies are ready for a new home. Please take a few home to plant in your garden.

AED Training – Our Savior’s has purchased AEDs for both our church and our school. We are offering training (led by Jared Thompson, Wausau EMS Division Chief) to our ushers, teachers, and anyone else who is interested. Please call or email the church office if you plan to attend. The training is on Tuesday, May 2 at 3:00 pm and will last approximately 30 minutes.

OWLS – For our OWLS chapter, May brings an opportunity for fellowship and service to Christ by thanking the called workers from all of our WELS area congregations and schools. Our project will be making thank you cards for our called workers for their faithful service to God and to us. We will be meeting on Tuesday May 9 at 1:30 pm at Our Saviors in the lower level. Please join us even if you are not a member. Questions call Ruth at 715-573-2142.

WELS Night at the Brewers – Back for another year by popular demand, WELS Night at the Brewers is on for 2023! Save the date and plan to join thousands of WELS members for an evening at the ballpark on **Friday, July 7** to watch the Brewers take on the Reds. Tickets for WELS members and guests are discounted and reserved together in a block. Individual tickets can be purchased online at **brewers.com/wels**.

The Men's Club of St Peter Lutheran Church in Schofield is hoping to secure a bus to go down to American Family Field on Friday, July 7th to watch the Brewers take on the Cincinnati Reds at 7:10 p.m. 50 people are needed to fill a bus. If you are interested in joining us, please contact the church office at St Peter at 715-359-2829 or email Mark Frailing at **mfrail2004@yahoo.com**. PLAY BALL!

This Week at Our Savior's

Today	9:00 AM 10:15 AM	Worship with Communion Sunday School & Bible Class WELS Youth
Monday	6:00 PM	Coordinating Council
Tuesday	6:15 PM	PTO
Friday	5:30 PM	PTO/School Taco Party at JoJo's Jungle
Saturday	Noon	Confirmation photos
Sunday 5/7	9:00 AM 10:15 AM	<i>Confirmation Sunday</i> Worship Sunday School & Bible Class

Growing Together

April 23, 2023

<u>Weekly</u> \$5,250.00	<u>Vision</u> \$40.00	<u>Debt Red</u> \$370.00	<u>Easter</u> \$30.00	<u>Missions</u> \$40.00	<u>Plate</u> \$65.00
<u>NLHS Tuition Asst</u> \$15.00	<u>NLHS Op</u> \$270.00	<u>School Fees</u> \$60.00	<u>Office Equipment</u> \$150.00		
<u>NLHS Bleachers</u> \$300.00					

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