



# OUR SAVIOR'S

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



## **WELCOME**

Today we celebrate the fifth Sunday of Easter as we continue to rejoice that Jesus lives! May God open our minds and bless our worship.

## **PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP**

“I rejoiced with those who 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.

## **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 ~ Pastor Kevin Schnake
  - Organist ~ Marie Kurth
  - Ushers ~ Dan & Carrie Stelzer
- (next week ~ Mark Krohn, Kurt Schubring)*

## **Acknowledgments**

Setting One from Christian Worship

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# The Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 14, 2023

*He Lives to Be the Only Way to Heaven*

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## Welcome

## Opening Hymn

**CW 914**

*Christ Is Our Cornerstone*

- 1 Christ is our cornerstone, on him alone we build;  
with his true saints alone the courts of heav'n are filled.  
On his great love our hopes we place  
of present grace and joys above.
- 2 Here may we gain from heav'n the grace which we implore,  
and may that grace, once giv'n, be with us evermore  
until that day when all the blest  
to endless rest are called away.
- 3 Oh, then, with hymns of praise these hallowed courts shall ring;  
our voices we will raise the Three in One to sing  
and thus proclaim in joyful song,  
both loud and long, that glorious name.

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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.**

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 of the Day**

O God, you form the minds of your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that among the many changes of this world, our hearts may ever yearn for the lasting joys of heaven; 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**

**Acts 4:8–12**

*Salvation is found only in the name of Jesus*

<sup>8</sup>Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: “Rulers and elders of the people! <sup>9</sup>If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a man who was lame and are being asked how he was healed, <sup>10</sup>then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. <sup>11</sup>Jesus is “the stone you builders rejected, which has become the cornerstone.’ <sup>12</sup>Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.”

# Psalm of the Day: Irish Alleluia

Psalm 118B

## Refrain



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Tone



The LORD is my strength and / my defense;  
he has become my sal- / vation.

The LORD's right hand is / lifted high;  
the LORD's right hand has done / mighty things!

I will not / die but live,  
and will proclaim what the / LORD has done. *Refrain*

I will give you thanks, for you / answered me;  
you have become my sal- / vation.

The stone the builders re- / jected  
has become the / cornerstone;

the LORD has / done this,  
and it is marvelous / in our eyes.

**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son  
and to the Holy / Spirit,**

**as it was in the be- / ginning,  
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain***

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## Second Reading

1 Peter 2:4–10

*The truth about Jesus is the cornerstone on which the Church is built*

<sup>4</sup>As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him—<sup>5</sup>you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup>For in Scripture it says: “See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame.” <sup>7</sup>Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe, “The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,” <sup>8</sup>and, “A stone that causes people to stumble and a rock that makes them fall.” They stumble because they disobey the message—which is also what they were destined for.

<sup>9</sup>But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. <sup>10</sup>Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

## Gospel Acclamation

John 14:6



*Refrain*



*Tone*



*Refrain*



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## Gospel

**John 14:1-11**

*I am the way, the truth and the life*

<sup>1</sup>“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. <sup>4</sup>You know the way to the place where I am going.” <sup>5</sup>Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?”

<sup>6</sup>Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup>If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.” <sup>8</sup>Philip said, “Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.” <sup>9</sup>Jesus answered: “Don’t you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? <sup>10</sup>Don’t you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. <sup>11</sup>Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

## Children's Message

### Hymn of the Day

**CW 514**

*You Are the Way; through You Alone*

- 1 You are the way; thro’ you alone can we the Father find;  
in you, O Christ, has God revealed his heart and will and mind.
- 2 You are the truth; your Word alone true wisdom can impart;  
you only can inform the mind and purify the heart.

- 3 You are the life; the empty tomb proclaims your conqu'ring arm,  
and those who put their trust in you nor death nor hell shall harm.
- 4 You are the way, the truth, the life; grant us that way to know,  
that truth to keep, that life to win whose joys eternal flow.

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## Sermon

1 Peter 2:4–10

### *You Are a Chosen People*

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#### 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.*

#### Prayer of the Church

Heavenly Father, through the power of Christ's resurrection you adopt all who believe in him who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Receive us as your newborn children and nourish our faith through the pure spiritual milk of your Word, that we may dwell in your presence forever. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, you have promised to build up your Church to be a holy priesthood, that your people might offer spiritual sacrifices of praise and thanksgiving acceptable to you. Bless your Church, and bring all congregations together. Bless all pastors who proclaim Christ to us. Bless church workers and those preparing for full-time church vocations, that we may be supplied with faithful leaders and servants of your Word. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**



Merciful heavenly Father, for the sake of your dear Son, who has restored all things by his cross, grant healing, comfort, deliverance and peace to those in need. Bless the sick, the sorrowing, the anxious, the fearful, the homebound, the homeless, and the dying. At the last, give them entrance into your heavenly kingdom. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Father of the risen Christ, you give us the crucified and risen body and blood of our Lord in this Holy Supper. Let us taste that the Lord is good so that we might declare to others the praises of him who called us out of darkness into his wonderful light. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*Special prayers 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.**

## **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.**

# Agnus

CW 1031

Tune: ST. CRISPIN



1 O Lamb of God, once lift - ed high up - on a  
2 O Lamb of God, your sac - ri - fice has can-celled



cross to bleed and die, in per - fect love you  
sin, has paid its price; your per - fect love will



took our place— be - stow on us your sav - ing grace.  
nev - er cease— have mer - cy, Lord, and grant us peace.

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Be seated

## Distribution

### Distribution Hymns

#### Christ, the Word of God Incarnate

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- 1 Christ, the Word of God incarnate, Lord and Son of Abraham;  
Christ, the radiance of the Father, perfect God, the great I AM;  
Christ, the light, you shine unvanquished,  
light and life you bring to all;  
light our path with your own presence,  
grant us grace to heed your call.
- 2 Christ, the living bread from heaven, food for body, food for soul;  
Christ, the manna, daily given, nourish, strengthen, make us whole.  
Feed us with the food of heaven, foretaste of the feast to be;  
quench our thirst with living water springing up eternally.

- 3 Christ, the shoot that springs triumphant  
 from the stump of Jesse's tree;  
 Christ, true vine, you nurture branches to bear fruit abundantly.  
 Graft us into you, O Savior; prune our hearts so we remain  
 fruitful branches in your vineyard till eternal life we gain.
- 4 Christ, our good and faithful shepherd,  
 watching all your lambs and sheep;  
 Christ, the gate that guards the sheepfold, never-failing vigil keep.  
 When we stray, Good Shepherd, seek us,  
 find us, lift us, bear us home;  
 Lamb of God, our shepherd, keep us; let us hear your voice alone.
- 5 Christ, the way that leads unailing to the Father's home on high;  
 Christ, the truth that frees the captive,  
 Christ, the life that cannot die;  
 mediator to the Father, sacrifice and great High Priest:  
 lead us to your heav'nly mansions, there to share your wedding feast.
- 6 Christ, the Alpha and Omega, Christ, the firstborn from the dead;  
 Christ, the life and resurrection, Christ, the Church's glorious head:  
 praise and thanks and adoration and unending worship be  
 to the Father and the Spirit and to you eternally.

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## God Loved the World So That He Gave

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- 1 God loved the world so that he gave his only Son the lost to save  
 that all who would in him believe should everlasting life receive.
- 2 Christ is the solid rock of faith,  
 who was made flesh and suffered death.  
 All who confide in him alone are built on this chief cornerstone.
- 3 God would not have the sinner die; his Son with saving grace is nigh.  
 His Spirit in the Word declares that we in Christ are heaven's heirs.

- 4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son  
forgives the sins that you have done.  
You're justified by Jesus' blood; baptized, you are a child of God.
- 5 If you are sick, if death is near,  
this truth your troubled heart can cheer:  
Christ Jesus saves my soul from death; this is the anchor of my faith!
- 6 Glory to God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Three in One!  
To you, O blessed Trinity, be praise now and eternally!

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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 563

*My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

- 1 My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
I dare to make no other claim, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.  
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.
- 2 When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace;  
in ev'ry high and stormy gale my anchor holds within the veil.  
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.
- 3 His oath, his covenant and blood support me in the raging flood;  
when ev'ry earthly prop gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.
- 4 When he shall come with trumpet sound,  
oh, may I then in him be found,  
clothed in his righteousness alone,  
faultless to stand before his throne. (Refrain)

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

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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](mailto:pastorm@mysaintpeter.org).

**Pastoral Call Update** – On Tuesday evening our voters issued a Divine Call to Rev. Samuel Pappenfuss. He currently serves a tri-parish in Hiles, Crandon, and Pelican Lake WI. Please keep him and his family, as well all four congregations in your prayers as Pastor Pappenfuss deliberates where he can best serve our Lord.

**Congregational Survey** – All members received a survey regarding the future of our ministry. We want to hear from you! Deadline to return your survey is today. Please place it in the box in the narthex.

**Altar Flowers** It is the tradition of our Ladies' Aid to provide altar flowers for Confirmation Sunday. We offer them our sincere thanks!

**Gift** Thank you to our Ladies' Aid for their gift given to the Vision fund on behalf of Rose Schreiber's recent hospitalization.

**School Cleaning** – Our annual deep cleaning has been scheduled for:

Tuesday, May 30 – 8:00 am – 8:00 pm

Wednesday, May 31 – 8:00 am – 4 pm

Thursday, June 1 – 8:00 am – 4 pm

Your help is appreciated! Please talk to Mr. Lemke to let him know what day/time you're available to help. You may also sign up online at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c094fa9ae22a3fccf8-endofyear#/>

**Lawn Maintenance** - We're getting close to that time of year when our church and school green areas need to be mowed. If you're willing to help, please add your name on the signup sheet on the table in the narthex. The more people that help the fewer times it would be your team's turn.

**Free! Retired School Basketball Uniforms** A box of retired Mustang basketball uniforms is in the narthex. Please help your self!

**End of the School Year** Our last day of the school year is Thursday, May 25. The closing and graduation service is at 6:30 pm. Fellowship and treats will follow the service. All are welcome to attend.

## This Week at Our Savior's

<b>Today</b>	9:00 AM 10:15 AM	<b><i>Mother's Day</i></b> Worship with Communion Sunday School & Bible Class <i>Food Pantry Sunday</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>		NLHS Grade School Track Meet
<b>Friday</b>	7:00 PM	NLHS Spring Pops Concert
<b>Sunday 5/21</b>	9:00 AM 10:15 AM	Worship / WELS Connection Sunday School & Bible Class

## Growing Together

*May 7, 2023*

<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Vision</u>	<u>Debt Red</u>	<u>Missions</u>	<u>Plate</u>	<u>Bldg Maintenance</u>
\$2,199.00	\$380.00	\$265.00	\$100.00	\$122.00	\$100.00

School Fees  
\$78.00

**Anticipated Weekly Offerings \$4,038**

**Attendance:** Sunday, May 7 – 90



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