



OUR SAVIOR'S

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



God

... is not far from each one of us.

Acts 17:27, NRSV

WELCOME

Today is the sixth Sunday of Easter as we continue to rejoice that Jesus lives! This Sunday's readings teach us that the love for our risen Lord means obedience to his commands. Jesus promised to send us his Holy Spirit to live in us to lead us to a life of obedience. May God bless our worship as we contemplate the love Jesus has for us.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

O God, you created the heavens and the earth and everything in it. We are all your children. You showed us the greatness of your love by sending your Son to save us from our sins. Help us to live a life of love towards you in obedience to your commands. In Jesus' name, Amen.

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

- Minister ~ Vicar Caleb Gustafson
- Organist ~ Marie Kurth
- Ushers ~ Mark Krohn, Kurt Schubring
(next week ~ Tim & Ellen Heil)

Acknowledgments

Setting One from Christian Worship

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The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 21, 2023

He Lives & Calls Me to Live for Him

Welcome

Opening Hymn

CW 455

- 1 Alleluia! Jesus lives! He is now the Living One;
from the gloomy house of death forth the conqueror has gone,
bright forerunner to the skies of his people, yet to rise.
- 2 Jesus lives! Let all rejoice; praise him, ransomed ones of earth.
Praise him in a nobler song, cherubim of heav'nly birth.
Praise the Victor-King, whose sway sin and death and hell obey.
- 3 Jesus lives! Why do you weep? Why that sad and frequent sigh?
He who died our brother here lives our brother still on high,
lives forever to bestow blessings on his Church below.
- 4 Jesus lives! And thus, my soul, life is yours eternally;
joined to him, your living head, where he is, you too shall be;
you with him at his right hand victor over death shall stand.

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Stand

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

Confession

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.

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

Glory Be to God on High

♫ **Glory be to God on high,**

and on earth peace, good will toward men.

We praise you, we bless you, we worship you,

we glorify you, we give thanks to you, for your great glory,

O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

You take away the sin of the world; receive our prayer.

You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us.

For you only are holy; you only are the Lord.

You only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

are most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Prayer of the Day

O God, you are the giver of everything good. Inspire us, your humble servants, to long for what is right and, through your gracious guidance, accomplish it to your glory; 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

Acts 17:22–31

Paul calls people in Athens to live for the one true God

²²Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said: “People of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious. ²³For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: to an unknown god. So you are ignorant of the very thing you worship—and this is what I am going to proclaim to you.

²⁴“The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands. ²⁵And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything. Rather, he himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else. ²⁶From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. ²⁷God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us. ²⁸‘For in him we live and move and have our being.’ As some of your own poets have said, ‘We are his offspring.’

²⁹“Therefore since we are God’s offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone—an image made by human design and skill. ³⁰In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. ³¹For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead.”

Psalm of the Day

CW 619, st. 1,3,4

- 1 Praise the Almighty; my soul, adore him!
Yes, I will laud him until death.
With songs and anthems I’ll come before him
as long as he allows me breath.
From him my life and all things came;
bless, O my soul, his holy name. Alleluia, alleluia!

- 3 Trust not in princes, they are but mortal;
earthborn they are and soon decay.
Vain are their counsels at life’s last portal
when the dark grave will claim its prey.
Since, then, no one can help afford,
trust only Christ, our God and Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!

- 4 Praise, all you people, the name so holy
of him who does such wondrous things!
All that has being, to praise him solely,
with happy heart its amen sings!
Children of God, with angel host
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Alleluia, alleluia!

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Second Reading

1 Peter 3:13–22

Love for God means obedience even if that brings suffering

¹³Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good? ¹⁴But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. “Do not fear their threats; do not be frightened.” ¹⁵But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord.

Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, ¹⁶keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander. ¹⁷For it is better, if it is God’s will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil. ¹⁸For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit. ¹⁹After being made alive, he went and made proclamation to the imprisoned spirits— ²⁰to those who were disobedient long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, ²¹and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also—not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at God’s right hand—with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him.

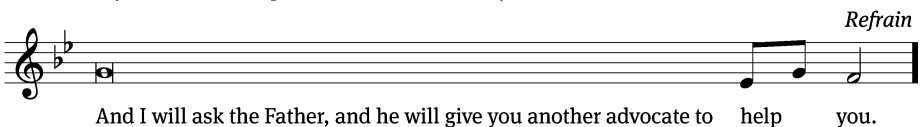
Gospel Acclamation

John 14:15,16

Refrain



Tone



Gospel

John 14:15–21

Jesus teaches that those who love him will obey his teaching

¹⁵“If you love me, keep my commands. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— ¹⁷the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. ¹⁸I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. ²¹Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Children’s Message

Hymn of the Day

CW 557 sts. 1–4, 9

- 1 Dear Christians, one and all, rejoice, with exultation springing,
and, with united heart and voice and holy rapture singing,
proclaim the wonders God has done,
how his right arm the vict’ry won. How dearly it has cost him!
- 2 Fast bound in Satan’s chains I lay; death brooded darkly o’er me.
Sin was my torment night and day; in sin my mother bore me.
Yet deep and deeper still I fell; life had become a living hell,
so firmly sin possessed me.
- 3 My own good works availed me naught, no merit they attaining;
my will against God’s judgment fought, no hope for me remaining.
My fears increased till sheer despair left only death to be my share
and hell to be my sentence.

- 4 But God beheld my wretched state before the world's foundation,
and, mindful of his mercies great, he planned for my salvation.
A father's heart he turned to me, sought my redemption fervently;
he gave his dearest treasure.
- 9 "Now to my Father I depart, the Holy Spirit sending
and, heav'nly wisdom to impart, my help to you extending.
He will a source of comfort be, teach you to know and follow me,
and in all truth will guide you.

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Sermon

Acts 17:22-31

God Makes Himself Known

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

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

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 697

- 1 May we your precepts, Lord, fulfill
and do on earth our Father's will
as angels do above;
still walk in Christ, the living way,
with all your children, and obey
the law of Christian love.

- 2 So may we join your name to bless,
your grace adore, your pow'r confess,
to flee from sin and strife.
One is our calling, one our name,
the end of all our hopes the same:
a glorious crown of life.
- 3 Spirit of life, of love, and peace,
unite our hearts, our joy increase,
your gracious help supply.
To each of us the blessing give
in Christian fellowship to live,
in joyful hope to die.

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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.

Pastoral Call Update – 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 congregations in your prayers as Pastor Pappenfuss deliberates where he can best serve our Lord. If you would like to offer him words of encouragement, email him at sepappenfuss@gmail.com

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.

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/10c094f9a9e22a3fccf8-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!

WELS Singles Event– This month the group is meeting for dinner in Madison at La Taquera on May 26th at 6pm. You may RSVP by May 23rd to rachelfritz@yahoo.com

Taste of Missions – You are invited to the WELS Taste of Missions, a hybrid event that will be held on Saturday, **June 10th**, at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in Mequon. Attend in person OR online to get a “taste of missions”. Registration is \$15 per person, with children 13 and under attending for free. Those attending in person will receive food tickets to sample ethnic food and will have the ability to purchase additional food from the food trucks. Or attend virtually for free and watch all events via livestream, view additional video updates from missionaries, and try your hand at making one of the many ethnic recipes shared on the website. Learn more and register at tasteofmissions.com.



Take me out to the ballgame! St. Peter Men's Club is hoping to secure a Lamers bus to go to American Family Field on Friday, **July 7th** to watch the Brewers take on the Cincinnati Reds at 7:10 p.m. for WELS Night. 50 people are needed to fill a bus and the cost will be approximately \$65 including bus and ticket. If you are interested in joining them, please contact the St. Peter church office or email the Men's Club secretary Mark Frailing at mfrail2004@yahoo.com. Please provide your name, a contact number, church and number of tickets that would be needed.
PLAY BALL!

Invitation to Our Savior's Ladies from St. Peter WinGS -

The next WinGS (Women in God's Service) Meeting will be on Thursday, **June 1st** at 11:30 am at Denny's restaurant in Rothschild. After we enjoy lunch together, we will play bingo with Vicar Gustafson calling out the numbers for us. Please bring two gifts (under \$5) for prizes. Husbands and friends are welcome to join us. Contact Brenda Kruncos for more information at 715.571.4420. Several OS ladies attended this last summer, and we had a great time. Please consider coming!

This Week at Our Savior's

Today	9:00 AM 10:15 AM	Worship / WELS Connection Sunday School & Bible Class
Tuesday		School Field Trips
Thursday	6:30 PM	School Closing & Graduation Service
Saturday	1:00 PM	OS Day at Dime & Dollar NLHS Graduation
Sunday 5/21	9:00 AM	Worship with Communion <i>Summer schedule begins:</i> - No Sunday School/Bible Class

Growing Together

May 14, 2023

<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Vision</u>	<u>Debt Red</u>	<u>Missions</u>	<u>Plate</u>	<u>Ascension</u>
\$4,107.00	\$95.00	\$125.00	\$50.00	\$44.00	\$35.00

<u>Initial Env</u>	<u>NLHS Tuition</u>	<u>New Beginnings</u>	<u>Bldg Maint</u>	<u>BoxTops for Ed</u>
\$10.00	\$25.00	\$10.00	\$50.00	\$16.30

<u>Magic Paper Box</u>	<u>School Fees</u>
\$17.72	\$1,374.33

Anticipated Weekly Offerings \$4,038

Attendance: Sunday, May 14 – 95



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