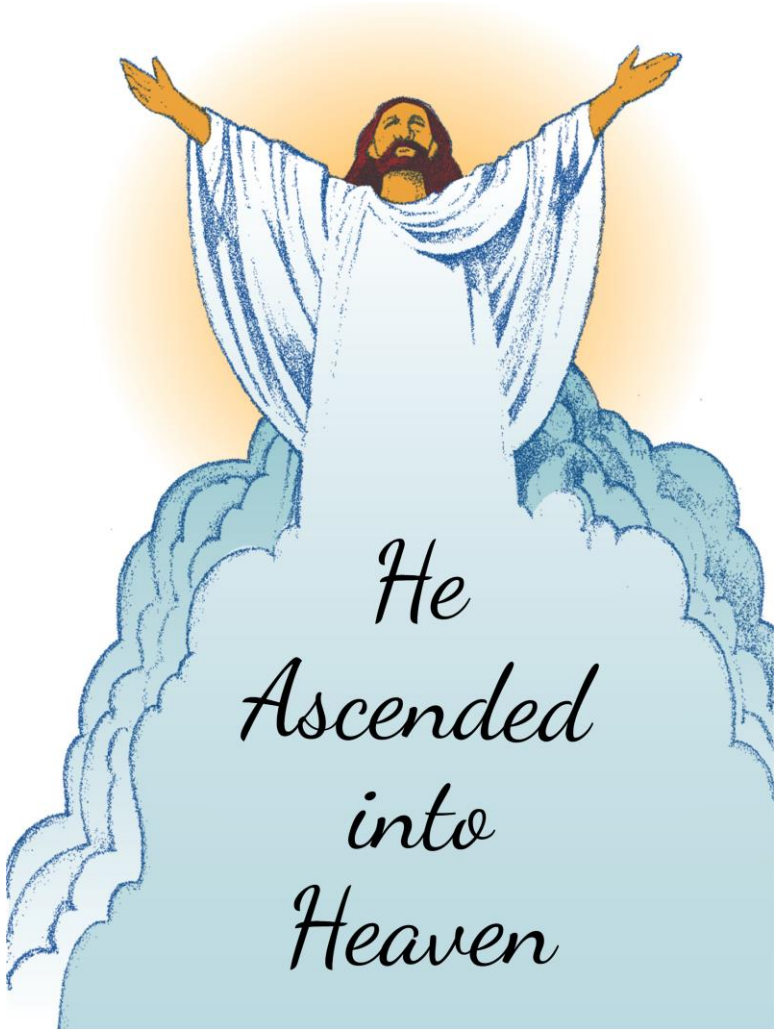




OUR SAVIOR'S

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



WELCOME

We welcome you to the house of our true and living God this last Sunday of Easter as we celebrate our Savior's ascension into heaven. Though he has withdrawn his visible presence from his followers, he promises to always be with us. From God's right hand, Jesus continues to serve us as our Prophet, Priest and King. May we, his church, faithfully carry out the commission to be his witnesses until he returns in glory at time's end. May the Lord bless your worship!

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

O Jesus, Shepherd, Guardian, Friend, My Prophet, Priest, and King. My Lord, my Life, my Way, my End. Accept the praise I bring. Amen.
(Red CW 358:5)

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 Jeff Mahnke
- Organist ~ Marie Kurth

Acknowledgments

Setting One from Christian Worship

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Ascension of Our Lord

May 28, 2023

He Lives to Rule All Things for His Church

Welcome

Opening Hymn

CW 549

Across the Lands

- 1 You're the Word of God the Father from before the world began.
Ev'ry star and ev'ry planet has been fashioned by your hand.
All creation holds together by the power of your voice.
Let the skies declare your glory, let the land and seas rejoice!
You're the author of creation, you're the Lord of ev'ry man,
and your cry of love rings out across the lands.

- 2 Yet you left the gaze of angels, came to seek and save the lost,
and exchanged the joy of heaven for the anguish of a cross.
With a prayer you fed the hungry, with a word you calmed the sea,
yet how silently you suffered that the guilty may go free!
You're the author of creation, you're the Lord of ev'ry man,
and your cry of love rings out across the lands.

- 3 With a shout you rose victorious, wresting vict'ry from the grave,
and ascended into heaven, leading captives in your way.
Now you stand before the Father, interceding for your own;
from each tribe and tongue and nation you are leading sinners
home!
You're the author of creation, you're the Lord of ev'ry man,
and your cry of love rings out across the lands.

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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.

Lord, Have Mercy

In peace let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria

Tune: O DURCHBRECHER ALLE BANDE



1 Glo - ry be to God in heav - en, peace to those he
2 On - ly Son of God the Fa - ther, Lamb who takes our



loves so well. On the earth let all his peo - ple speak his
sin a - way, now with him in tri - umph seat - ed— for your



grace, his won - ders tell: Lord, we praise you for your glo - ry,
mer - cy, Lord, we pray: Je - sus Christ, most high and ho - ly,



might - y Fa - ther, heav - en's King; hear our joy - ful
Sav - ior, you are God a - lone in the glo - ry



ad - o - ra - tion and ac - cept the thanks we bring.
of the Fa - ther with the Spir - it, Three in One!

Prayer of the Day

Lord Jesus, King of glory, on this day you ascended far above the heavens, and at God's right hand you rule the nations. Leave us not alone, we pray, but grant us the Spirit of truth that, at your command and by your power, we may be your witnesses in all the world; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The Word

First Reading

Acts 1:1–11

The Lord ascends into heaven

¹In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach ²until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen.

³After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. ⁴On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: “Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. ⁵For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

⁶Then they gathered around him and asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?”

⁷He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

⁹After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

¹⁰They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. ¹¹“Men of Galilee,” they said, “why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.”

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 47A

Refrain

God has gone up with a shout,
the LORD with the sound of the trum - pet.

Tone

God has ascended amid / shouts of joy,
the LORD amid the sounding of / trumpets.

Clap your hands, all you / nations;
shout to God with / cries of joy.
For the LORD Most High is / awesome,
the great King over / all the earth.
God reigns over the / nations;
God is seated on his / holy throne. *Refrain*

God has ascended amid / shouts of joy,
the LORD amid the sounding of / trumpets.

Sing praises to God, sing / praises;
sing praises to our King, sing / praises.

For God is the King of / all the earth;
sing to him a / psalm of praise.

**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***

Second Reading

Ephesians 1:15-23

Jesus ascended so that he might fill creation with his presence and power

¹⁵For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, ¹⁶I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. ¹⁷I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. ¹⁸I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, ¹⁹and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength ²⁰he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, ²¹far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. ²²And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 28:20



Refrain



Tone



Refrain

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Gospel

Luke 24:44-53

Jesus' ascension fills his disciples with joy

⁴⁴He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms."

⁴⁵Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

⁵⁰When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. ⁵¹While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. ⁵²Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. ⁵³And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day

CW 472 sts. 1-4

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing

- 1 A hymn of glory let us sing!
New songs throughout the world shall ring:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Christ, by a road before untrod, ascends unto the throne of God.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

- 2 The holy apostolic band upon the Mount of Olives stand,
Alleluia, alleluia!
and with his followers they see their Lord ascend in majesty.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

- 3 To them the shining angels cry,
“Why stand and gaze upon the sky?”
Alleluia, alleluia!
“This is the Savior,” thus they say.
“This is his glorious triumph day.”
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 4 “You see him now, ascending high up to the portals of the sky.”
Alleluia, alleluia!
“Hereafter Jesus you shall see returning in great majesty.”
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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Sermon

*“He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand
of God the Father almighty.”*

The Son Has Returned!

1. What a scene
2. What a source of comfort
3. What a commissioning

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.

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

O Lord, your Son has ascended to sit at your right hand until you make all enemies his footstool. Fix our eyes on him, ruling in the midst of his enemies, that we may have no fear of them but abide in his peace. Empower us to fulfil our calling to be his witnesses. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, you have put all things under Jesus' feet and given him as head to the Church. Have mercy on the congregations where you gather your people. Give your pastors wisdom and insight to hold fast to the message of repentance and the forgiveness of sins. Open the ears of all who hear, that we may rejoice to be Christ's Body, the fullness of him who fills all in all. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, your Son fulfilled everything written about him in the Law of Moses, the prophets and the Psalms. Open our minds to understand the Scriptures, that we may grow in faith, wisdom and knowledge of Christ. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Father of glory, you raised your Son from the dead and established him at your right hand to give us a place in your eternal household. Bless our homes as we await the resurrection. Be the companion and consolation of those who live in solitude. Strengthen husbands and wives, that their love would exemplify the love between Christ and his Church. Bless parents and children as they gather around your Word. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of mercy, you will not change your mind that Christ is our High Priest forever. Remember those who despair of forgiveness or of cleansing from guilt and shame. Console them with the certainty of unending grace in the name of Jesus. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

O Lord, heavenly Father, we draw strength from your dear Son's ascension before you, where he ever stands for us and serves as Prophet, Priest, and King. Gather us together from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in his kingdom, which has no end. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Special prayers and intercession 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

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 Hymns

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

CW 606

- 1 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; his the scepter, his the throne;
Alleluia! his the triumph, his the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood:
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation has redeemed us by his blood."
- 2 Alleluia! Bread of heaven, here on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluia! here the sinful flee to you from day to day.
Intercessor, friend of sinners, earth's Redeemer, hear our plea
where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.
- 3 Alleluia! Not as orphans are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! he is near us; faith believes, nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received him
when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise: "I am with you evermore"?

- 1 Draw us to thee, for then shall we walk in thy steps forever
and hasten on where thou art gone
to be with thee, dear Savior.
- 2 Draw us to thee, Lord, lovingly; let us depart with gladness
that we may be forever free from sorrow, grief, and sadness.
- 3 Draw us to thee; O grant that we may walk the road to heaven!
Direct our way lest we should stray and from thy paths be driven.
- 4 Draw us to thee that also we thy heav'nly bliss inherit
and ever dwell where sin and hell no more can vex our spirit.
- 5 Draw us to thee unceasingly; into thy kingdom take us.
Let us fore'er thy glory share; thy saints and joint heirs make us.

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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 511 sts. 1,3,4

Crown Him with Many Crowns

- 1 Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;
hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King thro' all eternity.

- 3 Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave
and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing who died and rose on high,
who died eternal life to bring and lives that death may die.

- 4 Crown him the Lord of heav'n, enthroned in worlds above;
crown him the King to whom is giv'n the wondrous name of Love.
Crown him with many crowns as thrones before him fall;
crown him, ye kings, with many crowns for he is King of all.

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Thank you for worshipping 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

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 at 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!

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!

Asleep in Jesus – God in his mercy called home to himself the soul of Edward Heckendorf. A private Christian graveside service will be held.

Church Library News - Our church library has received several new books by famous authors. 'Skipping Christmas' by John Grisham was made into the movie, 'The Kranks Christmas'.

'Angels at the Table' by Debbie Macomber is another delightful story of the misadventures of the angels Shirley, Goodness, Mercy and Will. If you ever wondered where the names came from, a verse in the 23rd Psalm says, "SURELY (Shirley) GOODNESS, AND MERCY WILL follow me all the days of my life.

We've also received several other novels that are good reading. Stop by the library and check out the new additions.

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!

This Week at Our Savior's

Today	9:00 AM	Worship with Communion <i>Summer schedule begins: No Sunday School/Bible Class</i>
Monday		<i>Memorial Day</i>
Tuesday	8 AM – 8 PM	School Cleaning
Wednesday	8 AM – 4 PM	School Cleaning
Thursday	8 AM – 4 PM 11:30 AM	School Cleaning Ladies' Luncheon at Denny's (WinGS)
Saturday	8:00 AM	Coordinating Council at Eagles Nest)
Sunday 6/4	9:00 AM	Worship

Growing Together

May 21, 2023

<u>Weekly</u> \$2,512.00	<u>Vision</u> \$245.00	<u>Debt Red</u> \$90.00	<u>Missions</u> \$40.00	<u>Ascension</u> \$205.00
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<u>NLHS Tuition</u> \$15.00	<u>NLHS Op</u> \$30.00	<u>School Fees</u> \$45.00
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