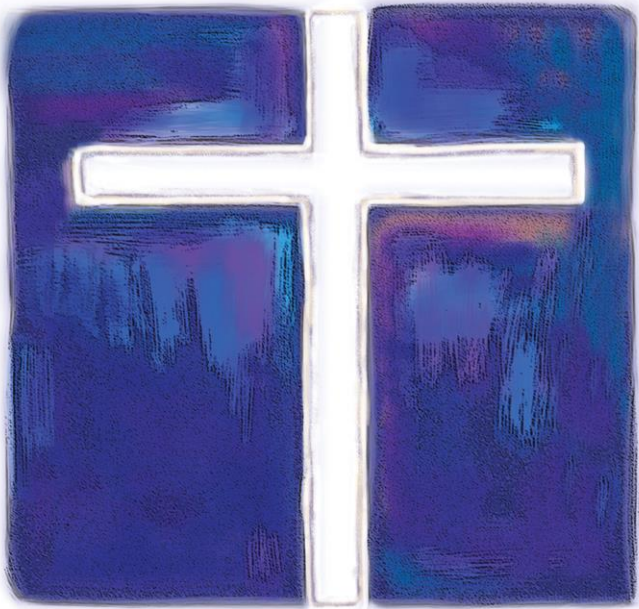




# OUR SAVIOR'S

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



Christ Jesus came  
into the world to  
save sinners...

1 Timothy 1:15, NRSV

## **WELCOME**

Welcome to God's house for worship. Our worship focus today is how God calls sinners into the ministry. Jesus calls Matthew, a tax-collector, to be his apostle. Jesus called Paul, a persecutor of the church, to spread the gospel around the world. It wasn't because the accomplishments of these men God called them, but because of his mercy. It is also by the mercy of God that he calls us to be his children.

## **PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP**

God our Father, your Son welcomed all who came to him, even the outcasts and the despised. Give me a faith that dares to come to you, trusting only in your love and mercy. In Jesus name. Amen.

## **SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY**

- Minister ~ Vicar Caleb Gustafson
  - Organist ~ Marie Kurth
  - Ushers ~ Rick and Karen Leopold
- Next week ~ Dan and Carrie Stelzer*

## **Acknowledgments**

Setting One from Christian Worship

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## The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

June 18, 2023

*Focus: The Holy Ministry is filled with sinners  
called by God*

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### Welcome / WELS Connection

#### Opening Hymn

**CW 916**

*Today Your Mercy Calls Us*

- 1 Today your mercy calls us to wash away our sin.  
However great our trespass, whatever we have been,  
however long from mercy our hearts have turned away,  
your precious blood can wash us and make us clean today.
  
- 2 Today your gate is open, and all who enter in  
shall find a Father's welcome and pardon for their sin.  
The past shall be forgotten, a present joy be giv'n,  
a future grace be promised, a glorious crown in heav'n.
  
- 3 Today our Father calls us, his Holy Spirit waits;  
his blessed angels gather around the heav'nly gates.  
No question will be asked us how often we have come;  
although we oft have wandered, it is our Father's home.
  
- 4 O all-embracing Mercy, O ever-open Door,  
what should we do without you when heart and eye run o'er?  
When all things seem against us, to drive us to despair,  
we know one gate is open, one ear will hear our prayer.

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Stand

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.**

God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

**Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. 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.**

# O Lord, Our Lord

CW 939

*Refrain*



O Lord, our Lord, how glo-rious is your name in all the earth.



Al-might-y God, mer-ci-ful Fa - ther, you crown our life



with your love. You take a-way our sin; you com-fort our spir-it;



you make us pure and ho-ly in your sight. You did not spare your



on - ly Son, but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,



how glo-rious is your name in all the earth. O Son of



God, e - ter-nal Word of the Fa - ther, you came to live with us;



you made your Fa - ther known; you washed us from our sins in



your own blood. You are the King of glo-ry; you are the Lord!

*Refrain*



O Lord, our Lord, how glo-rious is your name in all the earth.

## Prayer of the Day

Almighty and merciful God, you sent your Son, Jesus Christ, to seek and to save the lost. Graciously open our ears and our hearts to hear his call and follow him by faith that we may feast with him forever in his kingdom; 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

**Jeremiah 1:4–10**

<sup>4</sup>The word of the LORD came to me, saying,

<sup>5</sup>“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,  
before you were born I set you apart;  
I appointed you as a prophet to the nations.”

<sup>6</sup>“Alas, Sovereign LORD,” I said, “I do not know how to speak; I am too young.”

<sup>7</sup>But the LORD said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am too young.’ You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you. <sup>8</sup>Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you,” declares the LORD.

<sup>9</sup>Then the LORD reached out his hand and touched my mouth and said to me, “I have put my words in your mouth. <sup>10</sup>See, today I appoint you over nations and kingdoms to uproot and tear down, to destroy and overthrow, to build and to plant.”

# Psalm of the Day

# Psalm 119C

## Refrain

Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes.

## Tone

Do good to your / servant  
according to your / word, LORD.  
Teach me knowledge and good / judgment,  
for I trust / your commands.  
Before I was afflicted I / went astray,  
but now I o- / bey your word. *Refrain*

You are good, and what you / do is good;  
teach me / your decrees.  
It was good for me to be af- / flicted  
so that I might learn / your decrees.  
The law from your mouth is more pre- / cious to me  
than thousands of pieces of sil- / ver and gold.  
**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 Timothy 1:12–17

<sup>12</sup>I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, that he considered me trustworthy, appointing me to his service. <sup>13</sup>Even though I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man, I was shown mercy because I acted in ignorance and unbelief. <sup>14</sup>The grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

<sup>15</sup>Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst.

<sup>16</sup>But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his immense patience as an example for those who would believe in him and receive eternal life.

<sup>17</sup>Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

*Stand*

## Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 9:12,13

Alleluia. It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick.  
I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners. Alleluia.

## Gospel

Matthew 9:9–13

<sup>9</sup>As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him.

<sup>10</sup>While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with him and his disciples. <sup>11</sup>When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?"

<sup>12</sup>On hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. <sup>13</sup>But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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



## Children's Message

### Hymn of the Day

CW 579

*His Mercy Is More*

- 1 What love could remember no wrongs we have done?  
Omniscient, all-knowing, he counts not their sum;  
thrown into a sea without bottom or shore,  
our sins they are many, his mercy is more. (Refrain)

Praise the Lord! His mercy is more!  
Stronger than darkness, new ev'ry morn;  
our sins they are many, his mercy is more!

- 2 What patience would wait as we constantly roam,  
what Father so tender is calling us home!  
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor;  
our sins they are many, his mercy is more. (Refrain)

Praise the Lord! His mercy is more!  
Stronger than darkness, new ev'ry morn;  
our sins they are many, his mercy is more!

- 3 What riches of kindness he lavished on us;  
his blood was the payment, his life was the cost.  
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford;  
our sins they are many, his mercy is more. (Refrain)

Praise the Lord! His mercy is more!  
Stronger than darkness, new ev'ry morn;  
our sins they are many, his mercy is more! (Refrain 3X)

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## **Incomprehensible Mercy**

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*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**

*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

### 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 575 sts. 2-4**

*By Grace I'm Saved*

- 2 By grace God's Son, our only Savior,  
came down to earth to bear our sin.  
Was it because of your own merit  
that Jesus died, your soul to win?  
No, it was grace, and grace alone,  
that brought him from his heav'nly throne.

- 3 By grace! O mark this word of promise  
when you are by your sins oppressed,  
when Satan plagues your troubled conscience,  
and when your heart is seeking rest.  
What reason cannot comprehend  
God by his grace to you did send.
- 4 By grace to timid hearts that tremble,  
in tribulation's furnace tried,  
by grace, despite all fear and trouble,  
the Father's heart is open wide.  
Where could I help and strength secure  
if grace were not my anchor sure?

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***Thank you for worshiping 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** – 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.

**Voters' Annual Budget Meeting** – All members are welcome and voters are especially encouraged to attend the annual budget meeting next Sunday, June 25 following our worship service. Our 2023-24 budget will be presented for discussion and then will be voted on at the July 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting. Please plan to attend this important meeting.

**Survey Results** – You may pick up a copy of the survey results today in the narthex. If you have further comments or questions, please reach out to one of our Council members.

**Pew Repairs** – The pew repairs are completed! The persons responsible request no public recognition, but we wish to convey our sincere thanks for the many weeks of work and for the financing of this big project. God has blessed us through you, and we are grateful.

**Church Office Summer Hours** – Marie will be in the church office on most Tuesdays and Wednesdays, and in and out on other days as needed. As always, you may call or email her as necessary.



**Birthday Card Shower for Audrey Bey** – Audrey's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday is July 9<sup>th</sup>. We'd love to mark this special birthday with a card shower. Please bring your card to church and put it in the box in the narthex by July 2.

We'll deliver them to her on her birthday weekend.

**Brat Fry & Mission Call News** – The Kronenwetter Mission Core Group is holding a brat fry (free will donation) at Northland on Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, 11:00-1:00 pm, as part of the Kronenwetter community-wide garage sale weekend. Please come and enjoy brats and fellowship!!

**A Divine Call** was extended to Pastor Donn Dobberstein to serve the Kronenwetter mission. He is currently the WELS Administrator for Discipleship. Please keep this mission and Pastor Dobberstein in your prayers.

## This Week at Our Savior's

<b>Today</b>	9:00 AM	Worship <i>Happy Father's Day</i>
<b>Thurs-Sunday</b>		LWMS Convention in LaCrosse
<b>Saturday</b>	11:00-1:00 PM	OS Day at Dime & Dollar Kronenwetter Mission Brat Fry at NLHS
<b>Sunday 6/25</b>	9:00 AM 10:15 AM	Worship with Communion Voters' Annual Budget Meeting

## Growing Together

*June 11, 2023*

<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Vision</u>	<u>Debt Red</u>	<u>Plate</u>	<u>NLHS Op</u>	<u>Magic Paper Box</u>
\$1,638.00	\$135.00	\$70.00	\$40.00	\$10.00	\$12.96

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

**Attendance:** Sunday, June 11 – 66

**Favorite Hymns Service at Our Savior's in July** – On Sunday, July 16, Pastor Mahnke will be conducting the service at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Burlington, Iowa, so Deacon Ellenberger will lead us in a special service of song and Scriptures. We'll be singing more of your favorite hymns combined with favorite Scripture readings. Join us!

**Staff needed at Key to Life** – Compassionate and nurturing assistant teachers and support staff needed. Submit your resume to Joy Young at [director@keytolifeweston.org](mailto:director@keytolifeweston.org) or call Abby, 715-359-5451, for further information. Key to Life is also looking to hire a part time cook for the summer months. If you or someone you know may be interested, please contact the Key to Life office.

**Riding Lawnmower Available** – The church’s old riding lawnmower is no longer needed. It’s yours for a donation. Please speak with Nathan Lemke or Bob Gresens for more information.





*Growing in Jesus, Sharing His Love*

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