



OUR SAVIOR'S

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



WELCOME

Welcome to worship, especially our guests! We are delighted to have you with us. If you are looking for a church home, we are happy to share ours with you. If you are “checking out” a Lutheran worship service for the first time, know that we have much to offer, for the entire service is focused on the Word of the Lord and our Savior, Jesus. Do join us again soon!

As we look back at July 4th we will consider the example of the Levites in the Old Testament who were both fine men of God and good citizens of the young Israelite nation. May they inspire us as we seek to serve God and our country to the best of our ability.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

Almighty God, you have given us a land where we are free to read and hear your Word, confess your name, and work together for the extension of your kingdom. Preserve the liberty you have given us for generations to come, that the power of the gospel may increase and be a blessing for all the nations on the earth. 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 the pastor before the service begins.

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

- Minister ~ Pastor Kevin Schnake
- Organist ~ Marie Kurth
- Ushers ~ Mark Krohn, Kurt Schubring

Next week ~ Tim & Ellen Heil

Acknowledgments

Setting One from Christian Worship

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Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

July 9, 2023

Define Christian: The Christian Loves God Above All

Opening Hymn

CW 702

- 1 “Come, follow me,” the Savior spake,
“all in my way abiding;
deny yourselves, the world forsake,
obey my call and guiding.
O bear the cross, whate’er betide,
take my example for your guide.
- 2 “I am the light, I light the way,
a godly life displaying;
I bid you walk as in the day,
I keep your feet from straying.
I am the way, and well I show
how you must sojourn here below.
- 3 “I teach you how to shun and flee
what harms your soul’s salvation,
your heart from ev’ry guile to free,
from sin and its temptation.
I am the refuge of the soul
and lead you to your heav’nly goal.”
- 4 Then let us follow Christ our Lord
and take the cross appointed
and, firmly clinging to his Word,
in suffering be undaunted.
For those who bear the battle’s strain
the crown of heav’nly life obtain.

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.

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

CW 614 sts. 1, 4

- 1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, O Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, your great name we praise!

- 4 Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
your angels adore you, all veiling their sight.
Our praises we render; O lead us to see
the light of your splendor, your love's majesty!

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Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

God of all power and might, you are the giver of all that is good. Help us love you with all our heart, strengthen us in true faith, provide us with all we need, and keep us safe in your care; 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

Exodus 32:15–29

The nation of Israel struggled to love God above all things

¹⁵Moses turned and went down the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant law in his hands. They were inscribed on both sides, front and back. ¹⁶The tablets were the work of God; the writing was the writing of God, engraved on the tablets.

¹⁷When Joshua heard the noise of the people shouting, he said to Moses, “There is the sound of war in the camp.”

¹⁸Moses replied: “It is not the sound of victory, it is not the sound of defeat; it is the sound of singing that I hear.”

¹⁹When Moses approached the camp and saw the calf and the dancing, his anger burned and he threw the tablets out of his hands, breaking them to pieces at the foot of the mountain. ²⁰And he took the calf the people had made and burned it in the fire; then he ground it to powder, scattered it on the water and made the Israelites drink it.

²¹He said to Aaron, “What did these people do to you, that you led them into such great sin?”

²²“Do not be angry, my lord,” Aaron answered. “You know how prone these people are to evil. ²³They said to me, ‘Make us gods who will go before us. As for this fellow Moses who brought us up out of Egypt, we don’t know what has happened to him.’ ²⁴So I told them, ‘Whoever has any gold jewelry, take it off.’ Then they gave me the gold, and I threw it into the fire, and out came this calf!”

²⁵Moses saw that the people were running wild and that Aaron had let them get out of control and so become a laughingstock to their enemies. ²⁶So he stood at the entrance to the camp and said, “Whoever is for the LORD, come to me.” And all the Levites rallied to him.

²⁷Then he said to them, “This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: ‘Each man strap a sword to his side. Go back and forth through the camp from one end to the other, each killing his brother and friend and neighbor.’” ²⁸The Levites did as Moses commanded, and that day about three thousand of the people died. ²⁹Then Moses said, “You have been set apart to the LORD today, for you were against your own sons and brothers, and he has blessed you this day.”

The LORD Is My Light

Psalm 27A

Refrain

The LORD is my light, the LORD is my help, the
LORD is my sal - va - tion.

Tone

The LORD is my light and my salvation—whom / shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I / be afraid?

One thing I ask / from the LORD,

this only / do I seek:

that I may dwell in the house / of the LORD

all the days / of my life,

to gaze on the beauty / of the LORD

and to seek him in his / temple. *Refrain*

He will hide me in the shelter of his / sacred tent

and set me high up- / on a rock.

I remain confi- / dent of this:

I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land / of the living.

Wait / for the LORD;

be strong and take heart and wait / for the LORD.

Glory be to the Father and / to the Son

and to the Holy / Spirit,

as it was in / the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain*

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Second Reading

1 Timothy 6:11–16

Paul describes the man of God in action: struggling to love God above all things

¹¹But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. ¹²Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³In the sight of God, who gives life to everything, and of Christ Jesus, who while testifying before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you ¹⁴to keep this command without spot or blame until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵which God will bring about in his own time—God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords, ¹⁶who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To him be honor and might forever. Amen.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

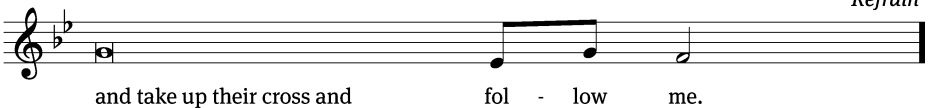
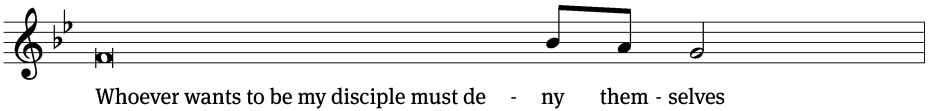
Mark 8:34



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Gospel

Matthew 10:34–42

Jesus calls his followers to love him above all things

³⁴“Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. ³⁵For I have come to turn

“ ‘a man against his father,
a daughter against her mother,
a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law—

³⁶a man’s enemies will be the members of his own household.’

³⁷“Anyone who loves their father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves their son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. ³⁸Whoever does not take up their cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹Whoever finds their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life for my sake will find it.

⁴⁰“Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me, and anyone who welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹Whoever welcomes a prophet as a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person as a righteous person will receive a righteous person’s reward. ⁴²And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple, truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Children’s Message

- 1 In Christ alone my hope is found;
he is my light, my strength, my song;
this cornerstone, this solid ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all;
here in the love of Christ I stand.

- 2 In Christ alone, who took on flesh,
fullness of God in helpless babe;
this gift of love and righteousness,
scorned by the ones he came to save.
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
the wrath of God was satisfied;
for ev'ry sin on him was laid;
here in the death of Christ I live.

- 3 There in the ground his body lay,
light of the world by darkness slain;
then bursting forth in glorious day,
up from the grave he rose again!
And as he stands in victory,
sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
for I am his and he is mine,
bought with the precious blood of Christ.

- 4 No guilt in life, no fear in death,
this is the pow'r of Christ in me;
from life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man
can ever pluck me from his hand;
till he returns or calls me home,
here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

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Love the Lord Like the Levites!

1. Worship the Lord
2. Serve the Lord

Stand

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

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

Almighty God, we acknowledge with thanks that all we have and enjoy is a gift from your gracious hand. We come before you today in heartfelt appreciation for our nation and its people.

We thank you for enabling us to worship you in freedom and to serve you without fear.

You have enriched us with the bounties of farm and factory, the beauty of forest and mountain, and the marvels of medicine and science.

For all these blessings, we praise and glorify you.

Look with favor upon our nation and preserve our cherished liberties. Enable our leaders to govern with wisdom, honesty, courage, and justice. Protect those who serve in the armed forces and those who maintain peace and safety in our communities.

Give us willingness to obey our nation's laws and to work for the common good.

Keep our financial institutions secure and our economy strong. Bless our fields that they may produce abundant harvests. Guard us from calamities of nature and accident and spare our land from the ravages of disease and epidemic.

Teach us not to worry but to cast all our cares on you.

Strengthen the homes of our nation. By your Spirit lead husbands and wives to love each other, parents to nurture their children, young adults to assume responsibility, and children to show respect.

Lead the citizens of our land to honor the useful foundations of society.

Prayers of Intercession & Silent Prayer

To you, O Lord, we bring our thanks and our requests.
Hear our prayers for Jesus' sake. 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.

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.

O Christ, Lamb of God

CW 169

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;
have mer-cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,
you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. A - - men.

Be seated

Distribution

Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken

CW 694

- 1 Jesus, I my cross have taken,
all to leave and follow you;
destitute, despised, forsaken,
you on earth once suffered, too.
Perish ev'ry fond ambition,
all I've ever hoped or known;
yet how rich is my condition,
God and heav'n are still my own!

- 2 Let the world despise and leave me;
they have left my Savior, too.
Human hearts and looks deceive me;
you are not, like them, untrue.
And, since you have smiled upon me,
God of wisdom, love, and might,
foes may hate and friends may shun me;
show your face, and all is bright.
- 3 Go, then, earthly fame and treasure!
Come, disaster, scorn, and pain!
In your service pain is pleasure,
with your favor loss is gain.
I have called you Abba, Father;
you my all in all shall be.
Storms may howl, and clouds may gather,
all must work for good to me.
- 4 Haste, my soul, from grace to glory,
armed by faith and winged by prayer;
all but heav'n is transitory,
God's own hand shall guide you there.
Soon shall end this earthly story,
swift shall pass the pilgrim days,
hope soon change to heav'nly glory,
faith to sight and prayer to praise.

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Before You, Lord, We Bow

CW 775

- 1 Before you, Lord, we bow, our God who reigns above
and rules the world below in boundless pow'r and love.
Our thanks we bring in joy and praise, our hearts we raise
to you, our King!

- 2 The nation you have blessed may well your love declare,
from foes and fears at rest, protected by your care.
For this bright day, for this fair land— gifts of your hand—
our thanks we pay.
- 3 May ev'ry mountain height, each vale and forest green,
shine in your Word's pure light and its rich fruits be seen!
May ev'ry tongue be tuned to praise and join to raise
a grateful song.
- 4 Earth, hear your maker's voice, your great Redeemer own;
believe, obey, rejoice, and worship him alone.
Cast down your pride, your sin deplore, and bow before
the Crucified.
- 5 And when in pow'r he comes, oh, may our native land
from all its rending tombs send forth a glorious band,
a countless throng, with joy to sing to heav'ns high King,
salvation's song!

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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 774

- 1 God bless our native land; firm may she ever stand
thro' storm and night!
When the wild tempests rave, Ruler of wind and wave,
do thou our country save by thy great might.
- 2 For her our prayers shall rise to God above the skies;
on him we wait.
Thou who art ever nigh, guarding with watchful eye,
to thee aloud we cry: God save the state!

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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.

Favorite Hymns Service at Our Savior's July 16 – Next weekend 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!

God Bless America – Looking back on the July 4th holiday we pray that the Lord would continue to bless our great nation. May all Christians living in America share our faith and living hope in Jesus with our fellow countrymen so that they, too, would believe in him for salvation and live according to God's will for their lives.

Remember in Prayer – Please remember Rose Schreiber and her family as they mourn the recent deaths of Rose's brother and then also her niece, Vickie Leister, who passed away at age 52 due to a brain tumor.

Gift – We thank our Ladies' Aid for their gift given in honor of Audrey Bey's 100th birthday, which is today! We wish her God's rich blessings.

Pastor Installation and Divine Call Updates – Pastor Benjamin Phelps will be installed as an associate pastor at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Marathon today at 3 pm. We are invited to this service which will be followed with a potluck fellowship meal served in the fellowship hall at the church. May the Lord bless Pastor Phelps and his ministry as he serves alongside Pastor Jon Hadler. ... Pastor Donn Dobberstein continues to hold the Divine Call extended to him by the Western Wisconsin District Mission Board to serve as the missionary pastor for the Kronenwetter mission. He currently serves as the administrator for Discipleship at the synod's headquarters in Pewaukee.

Annual Meeting Is Coming – All members are encouraged to attend the annual meeting on Sunday, July 30th, after the 9:00 am worship service. In addition to approving the 2023-2024 budget, there will be a report from the leaders regarding recent discussions held with the leaders of St Peter for potentially merging the ministries of the Lutheran Elementary Schools and/or the churches. At the congregational meeting held a few weeks ago permission was given to our leaders to have these talks.

Our Savior's School Registration – Registration Day is Tuesday, Aug. 8 from 4-6 pm. Information was mailed to current families last week.

Devotion Materials – The July 2023 issue of Forward in Christ and the 3rd Quarter Portals of Prayer are available. Please pick up your copy of these publications in the narthex.

This Week at Our Savior's

Today	9:00 AM	Worship with Communion <i>Food Pantry Sunday</i>
	3:00 PM	Installation of Pastor Benjamin Phelps at St. Matthew, Marathon
Monday	6:00 PM	Coordinating Council
Sunday 7/16	9:00 AM	Worship - favorite hymns & Bible passages <i>WELS Connection</i>

Growing Together

July 2, 2023

<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Vision</u>	<u>Debt Red</u>	<u>A.Bey 100th Bday</u>
\$4,323.00	\$275.00	\$115.00	\$100.00

NLHS Operating
\$250.00

Anticipated Weekly Offerings \$4,038

Attendance: Sunday, July 2 – 56

NLHS News – There are now only 98 seats needed to complete the gymnasium bleachers project! We thank God for your continued generous support! If you feel moved to help, the seats are \$150 each.

A Called Worker Care Committee is being established at Northland. If you would like to be a voice for a called worker at NLHS and show them hospitality and care as part of the Body of Christ, you are encouraged to ask questions of one of our pastors or let Pastor Dan Iwinski of Medford know of your interest @ 309-428-9680 or @ dciwinski@hotmail.com

Please pick up your July newsletter today in the narthex!



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