



# OUR SAVIOR'S

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sing and  
make music  
from your heart  
to the Lord,  
always giving  
thanks to God  
the Father for  
everything,  
in the name  
of our Lord  
Jesus Christ.

EPHESIANS 5:19-20, NIV

## **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!

## **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.

## **SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY**

- Minister ~ Deacon Ellenberger
- Organist ~ Marie Kurth
- Ushers ~ Tim & Ellen Heil

*Next week ~ Phil Brost, Travis Kurth*

## **Acknowledgments**

Setting One from Christian Worship

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# Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 16, 2023

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## Welcome

### Now Thank We All Our God

CW 597

- 1 Now thank we all our God  
with hearts and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things has done,  
in whom his world rejoices;  
who from our mothers' arms  
has blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love  
and still is ours today.
  
- 2 Oh, may this bounteous God  
through all our life be near us,  
with ever-joyful hearts  
and blessed peace to cheer us  
and keep us in his grace  
and guide us when perplexed  
and free us from all ills  
in this world and the next.
  
- 3 All praise and thanks to God  
the Father now be given,  
the Son, and him who reigns  
with them in highest heaven,  
the one eternal God,  
whom earth and heav'n adore;  
for thus it was, is now,  
and shall be evermore.

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*Stand*

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

## **Confession**

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

**Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Almighty and merciful Father, we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts. We have offended you and sinned against your holy law. We have done those things that we should not have done, and we have not done those things that we should have done. Have mercy on us, Lord! Spare us, forgive us, and restore us, according to your promises in Christ Jesus.**

God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

**Amen.**

# To God Be the Glory

CW 627 sts. 1, Ref

1 To God be the glory, great things he has done!  
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,  
who yielded his life an atonement for sin  
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

Let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

Let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father  
through Jesus the Son  
and give him the glory,  
great things he has done!

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## Prayer of the Day

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, your mercy attends us all our days. Be our strength and support amid the wearisome changes of this world, and at life's end, grant us your promised rest and the full joys of your salvation; 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

## Genesis 1

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. <sup>2</sup>Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

<sup>3</sup>And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. <sup>4</sup>God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup>God called the light “day,” and the darkness he called “night.” And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day.

<sup>6</sup>And God said, “Let there be a vault between the waters to separate water from water.” <sup>7</sup>So God made the vault and separated the water under the vault from the water above it. And it was so. <sup>8</sup>God called the vault “sky.” And there was evening, and there was morning—the second day.

<sup>9</sup>And God said, “Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place, and let dry ground appear.” And it was so. <sup>10</sup>God called the dry ground “land,” and the gathered waters he called “seas.” And God saw that it was good.

<sup>11</sup>Then God said, “Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds.” And it was so. <sup>12</sup>The land produced vegetation: plants bearing seed according to their kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good. <sup>13</sup>And there was evening, and there was morning—the third day.

<sup>14</sup>And God said, “Let there be lights in the vault of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark sacred times, and days and years, <sup>15</sup>and let them be lights in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth.” And it was so. <sup>16</sup>God made two great lights—the greater light to govern the day and the lesser light to govern the night. He also made the stars. <sup>17</sup>God set them in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth, <sup>18</sup>to govern the day and the night, and to separate light from darkness. And God saw that it was good.

<sup>19</sup>And there was evening, and there was morning—the fourth day.

<sup>20</sup>And God said, “Let the water teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the vault of the sky.” <sup>21</sup>So God created the

great creatures of the sea and every living thing with which the water teems and that moves about in it, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>22</sup>God blessed them and said, “Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the water in the seas, and let the birds increase on the earth.” <sup>23</sup>And there was evening, and there was morning—the fifth day.

<sup>24</sup>And God said, “Let the land produce living creatures according to their kinds: the livestock, the creatures that move along the ground, and the wild animals, each according to its kind.” And it was so. <sup>25</sup>God made the wild animals according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds, and all the creatures that move along the ground according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good.

<sup>26</sup>Then God said, “Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.”

<sup>27</sup>So God created mankind in his own image,  
in the image of God he created them;  
male and female he created them.

<sup>28</sup>God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.”

<sup>29</sup>Then God said, “I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. <sup>30</sup>And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds in the sky and all the creatures that move along the ground—everything that has the breath of life in it—I give every green plant for food.” And it was so.

<sup>31</sup>God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.

## How Great Thou Art

CW 612 sts. 1, 2

- 1 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
consider all the works thy hand hath made,  
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,  
thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;  
Then sings my soul, my Savior-God, to thee,  
How great thou art! How great thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior-God to thee,  
How great thou art! How great thou art!
  
- 2 When through the woods and forest glades I wander  
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur  
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze;  
Then sings my soul, my Savior-God, to thee,  
How great thou art! How great thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior-God to thee,  
How great thou art! How great thou art!

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## 1 Timothy 6:11–16

<sup>11</sup>But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. <sup>12</sup>Fight 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. <sup>13</sup>In 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 <sup>14</sup>to keep this command without spot or blame until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>15</sup>which God will bring about in his own time—God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords, <sup>16</sup>who 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.



## Onward, Christian Soldiers

CW 869

- 1 Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war,  
with the cross of Jesus going on before.  
Christ, the royal master, leads against the foe;  
forward into battle see his banners go!  
Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war,  
with the cross of Jesus going on before.
  
- 3 Crowns and thrones may perish, kingdoms rise and wane,  
but the Church of Jesus constant will remain.  
Gates of hell can never 'gainst that Church prevail;  
we have Christ's own promise, and that cannot fail.  
Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war,  
with the cross of Jesus going on before.
  
- 4 Onward, then, ye faithful, join our happy throng,  
blend with ours your voices in the triumph song:  
Glory, laud, and honor unto Christ the King;  
this through countless ages saints and angels sing.  
Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war,  
with the cross of Jesus going on before.

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## Job 19:25–27

- <sup>25</sup>I know that my redeemer lives,  
and that in the end he will stand on the earth.
- <sup>26</sup>And after my skin has been destroyed,  
yet in my flesh I will see God;
- <sup>27</sup>I myself will see him  
with my own eyes—I, and not another.  
How my heart yearns within me!

## For All the Saints

CW 880 sts. 1–2, 7–8

- 1 For all the saints who from their labors rest,  
who thee by faith before the world confessed,  
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!
  
- 2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;  
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;  
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!
  
- 7 But, lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day:  
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;  
the King of glory passes on his way.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!
  
- 8 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,  
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,  
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

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*Stand*

## Matthew 6:25–34

<sup>25</sup>“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? <sup>26</sup>Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? <sup>27</sup>Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?

<sup>28</sup>“And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. <sup>29</sup>Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. <sup>30</sup>If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? <sup>31</sup>So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ <sup>32</sup>For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. <sup>33</sup>But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. <sup>34</sup>Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

*Be seated*

## Children of the Heavenly Father

CW 502 sts. 1, 3

- 1 Children of the heav'nly Father  
safely in his bosom gather;  
nestling bird nor star in heaven  
such a refuge e'er was given.
  
- 3 Neither life nor death shall ever  
from the Lord his children sever;  
unto them his grace he showeth,  
and their sorrows all he knoweth.

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## Romans 8:28–39

<sup>28</sup>And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup>For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. <sup>30</sup>And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

<sup>31</sup>What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup>He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? <sup>33</sup>Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup>Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. <sup>35</sup>Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? <sup>36</sup>As it is written:

“For your sake we face death all day long;  
we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.”

<sup>37</sup>No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup>For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, <sup>39</sup>neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

# He Will Hold Me Fast

CW 813

- 1 When I fear my faith will fail,  
Christ will hold me fast;  
when the tempter would prevail,  
he will hold me fast.  
I could never keep my hold  
thro' life's fearful path,  
for my love is often cold—  
he must hold me fast.  
He will hold me fast; he will hold me fast;  
for my Savior loves me so, he will hold me fast.
  
- 2 Those he saves are his delight;  
Christ will hold me fast;  
precious in his holy sight,  
he will hold me fast.  
He'll not let my soul be lost;  
his promises shall last;  
bought by him at such a cost,  
he will hold me fast.  
He will hold me fast; he will hold me fast;  
for my Savior loves me so, he will hold me fast.
  
- 3 For my life he bled and died;  
Christ will hold me fast;  
justice has been satisfied;  
he will hold me fast.  
Raised with him to endless life,  
he will hold me fast  
till our faith is turned to sight  
when he comes at last!  
He will hold me fast; he will hold me fast;  
for my Savior loves me so, he will hold me fast.

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## John 10:27–30

<sup>27</sup>My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup>I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup>My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. <sup>30</sup>I and the Father are one."

## I Am Jesus' Little Lamb

CW 804

- 1 I am Jesus' little lamb; ever glad at heart I am,  
for my Shepherd gently guides me,  
knows my need and well provides me,  
loves me ev'ry day the same, even calls me by my name.
  
- 2 Day by day, at home, away, Jesus is my staff and stay.  
When I hunger, Jesus feeds me,  
into pleasant pastures leads me;  
when I thirst, he bids me go where the quiet waters flow.
  
- 3 Who so happy as I am, even now the Shepherd's lamb?  
And when my short life is ended,  
by his angel host attended,  
he shall fold me to his breast, there within his arms to rest.

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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.*

Stand

## **Prayer of the Church**

Lord of heaven and earth, you made all things beautiful. You have provided green forests and refreshing streams. You have arranged the orderly procession of day and night for our work and rest.

**Thank you for the mountains and the prairies, the roaring sea, the gentle breeze.**

Thank you for roofs that shelter us, for clothing that protects us, and for food and drink. Thank you for our work, for projects that are done well, and for the approval of supervisors and teachers. Thank you for all who serve at night to make our days more pleasant.

**Thank you for associates at work, for their encouragement and praise, and for the joys of human friendships.**

Thank you for our cities and countrysides, for farms and factories, for streets and highways, and for all of life that flows so swiftly before us.

**Thank you for children at play, their boundless energy, and their shouts of joy and laughter.**

Thank you for the morning greetings we receive, and for all the smiles that come from faces loved by you.

**Thank you for Christian parents, for their affection and their care.**

Hear us, Lord, as we give thanks for personal blessings.

*Silent prayer.*

Thank you for your Son, Jesus Christ, for his coming to us in Word and sacraments, for his giving and forgiving, and for listening to our prayers. Receive our gifts and offerings as our sacrifice of praise.

**Lead us in thankful living today and always. Amen.**

## **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.**

*Be seated*



## Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise

CW 931 sts. 1–2, 4

- 1 Savior, again to thy dear name we raise  
with one accord our parting hymn of praise.  
Once more we bless thee ere our worship cease,  
then, lowly bending, wait thy word of peace.
- 2 Grant us thy peace upon our homeward way;  
with thee began, with thee shall end the day.  
Guard thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,  
that in this house have called upon thy name.
- 4 Grant us thy peace throughout our earthly life,  
our balm in sorrow and our stay in strife.  
Then, when thy voice shall bid our conflict cease,  
call us, O Lord, to thine eternal peace.

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

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**Guest Worship Leader** – We thank Deacon Jim Ellenberger for leading today’s worship service. He serves at St Peter of Schofield and helps with worship leading, adult Bible Class, outreach, and visiting home bound members. May the Lord continue to bless his ministry!

**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).

**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 Is Enrolling** – If you or someone you know is interested in Christian education for their child, please contact us via phone (715-845-3253), contact one of our teachers, or email [OSInfo@oursaviorswausau.org](mailto:OSInfo@oursaviorswausau.org).

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

**Sincere Thanks** – We thank Bill & Sue Unruh for their gift given to the Vision fund in honor of Audrey Bey’s 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**Childcare Staff Needed** Are you looking for a way to help serve the Lord? Key to Life Christian Childcare is looking for two full time staff members. No experience is necessary, training is provided. We are looking for an Assistant Teacher in our 4K wrap classroom and a Support Staff to help in whatever classrooms are necessary. Contact Ms. Abby via email at [administrator@keytolifeweston.org](mailto:administrator@keytolifeweston.org) or call Ms. Joy at 715-359-5451 for more information.

## This Week at Our Savior's

<b>Today</b>	9:00 AM	Worship - favorite hymns & Bible passages <i>WELS Connection</i>
<b>Saturday</b>		OS Day at Dime & Dollar
<b>Sunday 7/23</b>	9:00 AM	Worship

## Growing Together

July 9, 2023

<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Vision</u>	<u>Debt Red</u>	<u>Missions</u>	<u>Building Maint</u>	<u>Plate</u>
\$2,805.00	\$375.00	\$155.00	\$125.00	\$150.00	\$55.00
<u>NLHS Op</u>	<u>Publications</u>	<u>School Fees</u>			
\$20.00	\$29.00	\$150.00			

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

**Attendance:** Sunday, July 9 – 75



**Fair Time!** – Our Savior's School will again work at the Noon Optimist's Elephant Ear stand. In past years this has been a fantastic fundraiser for our school. Some years it gets a little warm inside the booth, but the fellowship makes it a really fun experience. No experience is needed and training will be given before your shift. You'll receive free admission to the fair for the day that you work.

**Volunteers!** If you're willing to help us on Friday or Saturday, August 4 or 5, please contact Beth Krohn. There's also an online sign-up:

[https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c094fa9ae22a3fccf8-  
osselephant#/](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c094fa9ae22a3fccf8-osselephant#/)



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