



# OUR SAVIOR'S

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

**THEY ARE  
TO DO GOOD,  
TO BE RICH  
IN GOOD WORKS,  
TO BE GENEROUS  
AND READY  
TO SHARE.**

1 TIMOTHY 6:18, ESV

## **WELCOME**

Welcome to God's house for worship We are happy to see you today. Please come again and worship with us soon. May God open our minds and bless our worship.

## **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 ~ Pastor Timothy Kujath
  - Organist ~ Marie Kurth
  - Ushers ~ Rick & Karen Leopold
- Next week ~ Dan & Carrie Stelzer*

## **Acknowledgments**

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## Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

August 6, 2023

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### Welcome

### Opening Hymn

CW 753

- 1 My worth is not in what I own,  
not in the strength of flesh and bone,  
but in the costly wounds of love at the cross. (v. 2)
- 2 My worth is not in skill or name,  
in win or lose, in pride or shame,  
but in the blood of Christ that flowed at the cross. (Refrain)

Refrain: I rejoice in my Redeemer—  
greatest treasure, wellspring of my soul.  
I will trust in him, no other;  
my soul is satisfied in him alone.

- 3 As summer flow'rs we fade and die;  
fame, youth, and beauty hurry by.  
But life eternal calls to us at the cross. (v. 4)
- 4 I will not boast in wealth or might,  
or human wisdom's fleeting light.  
But I will boast in knowing Christ at the cross. (Refrain)

Refrain: I rejoice in my Redeemer—  
greatest treasure, wellspring of my soul.  
I will trust in him, no other;  
my soul is satisfied in him alone.

5 Two wonders here that I confess:  
my worth and my unworthiness.  
My value fixed—my ransom paid at the cross. (Refrain)

Refrain: I rejoice in my Redeemer—  
greatest treasure, wellspring of my soul.  
I will trust in him, no other;  
my soul is satisfied in him alone.

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*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.**

## 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.**

## Song of Praise

- 1 Glory be to God in heaven,  
    peace to those he loves so well.  
On the earth let all his people  
    speak his grace, his wonders tell:  
Lord, we praise you for your glory,  
    mighty Father, heaven's King;  
hear our joyful adoration  
    and accept the thanks we bring.
- 2 Only Son of God the Father,  
    Lamb who takes our sin away,  
now with him in triumph seated—  
    for your mercy, Lord, we pray:  
Jesus Christ, most high and holy,  
    Savior, you are God alone  
in the glory of the Father  
    with the Spirit, Three in One!

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O God, you reveal your mighty power chiefly in showing mercy and kindness. Grant us the full measure of your grace that we may obtain your promises and become partakers of your heavenly 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

1 Kings 3:5–12

<sup>5</sup>At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon during the night in a dream, and God said, “Ask for whatever you want me to give you.”

<sup>6</sup>Solomon answered, “You have shown great kindness to your servant, my father David, because he was faithful to you and righteous and upright in heart. You have continued this great kindness to him and have given him a son to sit on his throne this very day.

<sup>7</sup>“Now, LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David. But I am only a little child and do not know how to carry out my duties. <sup>8</sup>Your servant is here among the people you have chosen, a great people, too numerous to count or number. <sup>9</sup>So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this great people of yours?”

<sup>10</sup>The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for this. <sup>11</sup>So God said to him, “Since you have asked for this and not for long life or wealth for yourself, nor have asked for the death of your enemies but for discernment in administering justice, <sup>12</sup>I will do what you have asked. I will give you a wise and discerning heart, so that there will never have been anyone like you, nor will there ever be.

# Psalm 63C

Lord, You Are My Hope and Stay

## Refrain

Lord, you are my hope and stay; I will ev - er sing your praise.

## Tone

You, God, / are my God,  
earnestly I / seek you;  
I thirst for you,  
my whole being / longs for you,  
in a dry and parched land  
where there is no / water.  
I have seen you in the sanctu- / ary  
and beheld your power and your / glory. *Refrain*

Because your love is bet- / ter than life,  
my lips will glori- / fy you.  
I will praise you as long / as I live,  
and in your name I will lift / up my hands.  
Because you / are my help,  
I sing in the shadow / of your wings.  
**Glorify 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 6:17–21

<sup>17</sup>Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. <sup>18</sup>Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. <sup>19</sup>In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

<sup>20</sup>Timothy, guard what has been entrusted to your care. Turn away from godless chatter and the opposing ideas of what is falsely called knowledge, <sup>21</sup>which some have professed and in so doing have departed from the faith.

Grace be with you all.

Stand

## Gospel Acclamation

Colossians 3:1,2



Refrain

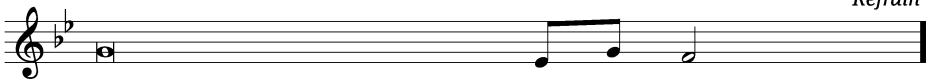


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Tone



Since, then, you have been raised with Christ,



set your minds on things above, not on earth - ly things.

Refrain

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## Gospel

Matthew 13:44–52

<sup>44</sup>“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.

<sup>45</sup>“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. <sup>46</sup>When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.

<sup>47</sup>“Once again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish. <sup>48</sup>When it was full, the fishermen pulled it up on the shore. Then they sat down and collected the good fish in baskets, but threw the bad away. <sup>49</sup>This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous <sup>50</sup>and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

<sup>51</sup>“Have you understood all these things?” Jesus asked.

“Yes,” they replied.

<sup>52</sup>He said to them, “Therefore every teacher of the law who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom new treasures as well as old.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Hymn of the Day

CW 749

- 1 God, whose giving knows no ending,  
from your rich and endless store:  
nature’s wonder, Jesus’ wisdom,  
costly cross, grave’s shattered door—  
gifted by you, we turn to you, off’ring up ourselves in praise;  
thankful songs shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.

- 2 Skills and time are ours for pressing  
toward the goals of Christ, your Son:  
all at peace in health and freedom,  
races joined, the church made one.  
Now direct our daily labor, lest we strive for self alone;  
born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at your throne.
- 3 Treasure, too, you have entrusted,  
gain through pow'rs your grace conferred:  
ours to use for home and kindred,  
and to spread the gospel word.  
Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call,  
healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving you by loving all.

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## Sermon

1 Timothy 6:17-21

### ***What Do We Do with What We Have Been Given?***

## **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.**

## **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**

Eternal God and Father, we thank you for the blessings we share as members of your holy Church, for your gracious Word and sacraments, for opportunities to worship and to grow in faith and knowledge, for occasions to serve and be served, and for fellowship with believers in our congregation and our synod.

**Help us rejoice in these blessings, dear Lord, and use them faithfully.**

Jesus Christ, Lord of the Church, you give grace to your people by calling us to be your witnesses in the world. Open our eyes to see the great and noble mission that lies before us. In the hurting eyes of the lonely, in the pained eyes of the sick, and in the searching eyes of the lost, help us to see your face, Lord Jesus, and to serve others as we would serve you.

**Awaken us to opportunities to proclaim your message of love.**

Holy Spirit, giver of life, through Word and sacrament bestow on us the wisdom and power we need to witness clearly and to act boldly. Help us to speak the truth in love, to give the reason for the hope we have, and to conduct ourselves with gentleness and respect.

**Set our hearts on fire as we work and witness for Christ.**

Wherever your Word is proclaimed, O Lord, grant it success. Let your kingdom come to us and others, so that we and many more might join the assembly of saints and angels to sing your praise forever.

**Savior of all, hear our prayer and help us in our mission.**

*Special prayers may follow.*

## 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 927

- 1 Lord, dismiss us with your blessing;  
fill our hearts with joy and peace.  
Let us each, your love possessing,  
triumph in redeeming grace.  
O refresh us, O refresh us, trav'ling through this wilderness.
- 2 Thanks we give and adoration  
for the gospel's joyful sound;  
may the fruits of your salvation  
in our hearts and lives abound!  
Ever faithful, ever faithful to your truth may we be found.
- 3 So whene'er the signal's given  
us from earth to call away,  
borne on angels' wings to heaven,  
glad the summons to obey,  
may we ever, may we ever reign with Christ in endless day.

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

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**Welcome & Sincere Thanks** to Pastor Timothy Kujath for leading our worship today. Pastor Kujath is retired and resides in Waupaca, WI.

**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).

### **Divine Call Updates**

- At last Sunday's annual meeting, a Divine Call was issued to Mr. Nathan Lemke to officially serve as Our Savior's School Principal. Please keep him in your prayers as he deliberates this call.
- A Pastoral Call meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Aug. 16 at 6:30 pm. All are welcome, and voters are especially encouraged to attend.

**Altar Flowers** We thank Bob & Janice Gresens for today's altar flowers given in thanksgiving for 80 years of God's grace. Bob's birthday is today and Jan will celebrate her birthday on August 29<sup>th</sup>. May God shower them with his rich blessings. Happy birthday, Bob & Janice!

**Ladies' Aid "Picnic" at The Palms** - All ladies of the congregation are invited to join our Ladies' Aid members for their annual summer "picnic". They'll meet for food and fellowship at The Palms Supper Club in Weston on Thursday, August 10 at 11:30 am. You're welcome to bring a guest. Please RSVP to Sue Unruh by this Tuesday, August 8.

**Devotion Materials** – The August issues of Forward in Christ and Meditations are available as well as Portals of Prayer. Please pick up your copy of these publications in the narthex.

**Our Savior's School Registration Night** – Registration is scheduled for this Tuesday, August 8 from 4:00-6:00 pm. The 2023-24 school year begins on Wednesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>.

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 us at [OSInfo@oursaviorswausau.org](mailto:OSInfo@oursaviorswausau.org).

**Building & Grounds** - With the start of the new school year on August 23, we'd appreciate some help with the following:

- August 9, 4:00-8:00 pm: Power wash both bathrooms, squeegee the partitions and floor, wipe down sinks, mirrors, etc.
- August 16 or 17 in the morning: Power wash outside of school and canopy areas of school and church.
- Outside school doors need to be painted whenever the weather is favorable.
- The inside windowsills on the east side of church could use a coat of varnish. Can be done in any weather since the A/C can be turned on and so far the church roof doesn't leak.

If you are willing and able to help with any of the above, please let Bill Unruh know so that enough food and supplies are available.

*Remember to pick up your August newsletter!*

## This Week at Our Savior's

<b>Today</b>	9:00 AM 10:30 AM	Worship Vicar Wenzel Installation at St. Peter
<b>Monday</b>	6:00 PM	Board of Education
<b>Tuesday</b>	4-6 PM	OS School Registration
<b>Wednesday</b>	4-8 PM	School bathrooms deep cleaning
<b>Thursday</b>	11:30 AM	Ladies' Aid Picnic at The Palms
<b>Saturday</b>	10:00 AM	NLHS Wildcat Open
<b>Sunday 8/13</b>	9:00 AM	Worship with Communion <i>Food Pantry Sunday</i>

## Growing Together

July 30, 2023

<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Vision</u>	<u>Debt Red</u>	<u>Missions</u>	<u>Plate</u>	<u>NLHS Op</u>
\$3,197.00	\$140.00	\$90.00	\$30.00	\$25.00	\$15.00

NLHS Tuition Assistance  
\$15.00

**Anticipated Weekly Offerings: \$4,077**

**Attendance:** Sunday, July 30 – 69



*Growing in Jesus, Sharing His Love*

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