



OUR SAVIOR'S
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



*God
Provides*

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!

Today in worship we have before us the miracle of Jesus feeding the five thousand with just two fish and five loaves of bread. This miracle teaches us that Jesus is Lord and that he will always provide what we need from his heart filled with compassion. May the Lord bless our worship together.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

God of all comfort, speak tenderly to us through your gospel. Assure us that our sins have been forgiven through Christ, and fill our hearts with joy because of your salvation. Bless us richly, and bring us safely to the eternal promised land of our heavenly home; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 a pastor before the service begins.

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

- Minister ~ Pastor Kevin Schnake
- Organist ~ Marie Kurth
- Ushers ~ Dan & Carrie Stelzer

Next week ~ Sawyer Burish, Bob Gresens

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Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 13, 2023

Worship Theme: DEFINE CHRISTIAN

The Christian trusts God to provide

Opening Hymn

CW 504

- 1 We sing th' almighty pow'r of God
that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.
We sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
the moon shines full at his command, and all the stars obey.
- 2 We sing the goodness of the Lord that filled the earth with food;
he formed the creatures with his Word
and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how your wonders are displayed where'er we turn our eyes,
if we survey the ground we tread or gaze upon the skies.
- 3 There's not a plant or flow'r below but makes your glories known,
and clouds arise and tempests blow by order from your throne;
while all that borrows life from you is ever in your care,
and ev'rywhere that we can be, you, God, are present there.

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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.**

Song of Praise

CW 617

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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Prayer of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and willing to give far more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask except through the merits and mediation of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Word

First Reading

1 Kings 17:1–6

In dark times, the Lord provided food for his faithful prophet

¹Now Elijah the Tishbite, from Tishbe in Gilead, said to Ahab, “As the LORD, the God of Israel, lives, whom I serve, there will be neither dew nor rain in the next few years except at my word.”

²Then the word of the LORD came to Elijah: ³“Leave here, turn eastward and hide in the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan. ⁴You will drink from the brook, and I have directed the ravens to supply you with food there.”

⁵So he did what the LORD had told him. He went to the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan, and stayed there. ⁶The ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning and bread and meat in the evening, and he drank from the brook.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 136C sts. 1, 4

- 1 We thank you, LORD, for you are good;
your mercy lives forever.
Your kindness from of old has stood;
your love will keep us ever.
O God of gods, O sov'reign Lord,
we bless you now with one accord:
your love is everlasting.
- 4 You rescue us from ev'ry foe;
your mercy lives forever.
You feed your creatures here below;
your love will keep us ever.
We give you thanks, Creator, Lord;
we sing the glories of your Word;
your love is everlasting.

Second Reading

Ephesians 1:3–10

Before the world was formed, God chose us to be his beloved children

³Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. ⁴For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love ⁵he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will— ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace ⁸that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, ⁹he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, ¹⁰to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

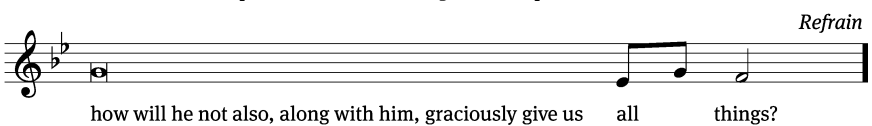
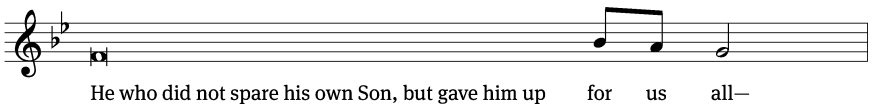
Romans 8:32



Refrain



Tone



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Gospel

Matthew 14:13–21

Jesus graciously and abundantly provides for the needs of a great multitude

¹³When Jesus heard what had happened, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. Hearing of this, the crowds followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick.

¹⁵As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a remote place, and it’s already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food.”

¹⁶Jesus replied, “They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat.”

¹⁷“We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish,” they answered.

¹⁸“Bring them here to me,” he said. ¹⁹And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. ²⁰They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. ²¹The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day

CW 505

- 1 For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

- 2 For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night;
hill and vale, and tree and flow'r, sun and moon, and stars of light:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.
- 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.
- 4 For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above; for all gentle thoughts and mild:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.
- 5 For thyself, best gift divine, to our world so freely giv'n;
for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

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Sermon

Matthew 14:13-21

Jesus Will Always Be Your Safety Net!

1. Both Physically
2. And Spiritually

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 fully 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

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, and 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 our 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.

Thank you for the healing you bring when we are sick, the protection you send when we are in danger, and the comfort you offer when we are sad. Lead us to be thankful as we believe that in all things you work for the good of those who love you.

Thank you for those who help and encourage us in difficult times.

Prayers of intercession may follow.

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, 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 away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. Amen.

Distribution & Hymns

Father, God of Grace, You Knew Us

CW 566

- 1 Father, God of grace, you knew us, chose us, named us as your own,
through eternal ages planning to redeem us in your Son.
Praise the Father, God who loved us ere creation was begun!
- 2 We, your creatures, sinned against you,
and our guilt was crimson red.
Son of God, you came incarnate, crushed the crafty serpent's head,
died our death, now live triumphant:
praise the firstborn from the dead!
- 3 Counselor, you bring as promised from the Father and the Son
righteousness fulfilled, accomplished, free forgiveness, heaven won.
Praise the Spirit! He assures us our salvation's work is done!
- 4 Lord, your changeless Word has fed us,
spanning time, transcending space.
Water, bread, and wine sustained us
when the darkness hid your face.
Keep us with you, faithful Shepherd, by your saving means of grace!
- 5 Forward lead us; Christ, we follow, drawn by Word and promise true:
"To all nations preach the gospel; I am evermore with you."
Keep us faithful! Then, Lord Jesus, quickly come; make all things new!

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- 1 When all your mercies, O my God, my waking soul surveys,
transported with the view, I'm lost in wonder, love, and praise.
- 2 Ten thousand thousand precious gifts my daily thanks employ,
nor is the least a cheerful heart that tastes these gifts with joy.
- 3 Through ev'ry passing phase of life your goodness I'll pursue
and after death, in distant worlds, the glorious theme renew.
- 4 Through all eternity to you a joyful song I'll raise,
but, oh, eternity's too short to utter all your praise.

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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.

Feed your children, God most holy; comfort sinners poor and lowly.
Jesus, bread of life from heaven, bless the food you here have given.
As these gifts the body nourish, may our souls in graces flourish
till with saints in heav'nly splendor
at your feast due thanks we render.

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*Thank you for worshiping 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.

Divine Call Updates

- 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 this Wednesday, Aug. 16 at 6:30 pm. All are welcome, and voters are especially encouraged to attend.
- The Western Wisconsin District Mission Board has extended a Divine Call to Pastor Andrew Schultz (St John's, Barre Mills, WI) to serve as the pastor for the new Kronenwetter mission at Northland Lutheran High School. ... Pastor James Seiltz (Salem, Colorado Springs, CO) has declined and returned the Divine Call to Grace, Ringle.

This Week at Our Savior's

Today	9:00 AM	Worship with Communion <i>Food Pantry Sunday</i>
Monday	6:00 PM	Coordinating Council
Wednesday	6:30 PM	Pastoral Call Meeting
Sunday 8/20	9:00 AM	Worship

Growing Together

August 6, 2023

<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Vision</u>	<u>Debt Red</u>	<u>Missions</u>	<u>Plate</u>	<u>OS School</u>
\$3,736.00	\$260.00	\$215.00	\$100.00	\$55.00	\$75.00
<u>Bldg Maint</u>	<u>Publications</u>	<u>Special Olympics</u>			
\$50.00	\$13.00	\$666.00			

Anticipated Weekly Offerings: \$4,077

Attendance: Sunday, July 30 – 81

Memorial – We thank Elaine Radtke for her gift given in memory of Eugene Arndt. Blessed be his memory. Thanks be to God for the love which led to this gift.

Building & Grounds - We'd appreciate some help with the following:

- 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, call Bill Unruh.

Sharing Jesus With Others

A new Bible Information Class, “Life’s Big Questions”, is scheduled to begin in the lower level of the Ministry Center at the Schofield Campus on Monday, August 21st, at 6:30 pm. Please consider speaking about this with a friend, relative, associate at work, or a neighbor. Invite them to attend, and to at least try the first few lessons. You may even want to offer to come with the person, so he/she feels more comfortable. So that there are plenty materials on hand, please RSVP to Pastor Mahnke. Life’s Big Questions is perfect for anyone without a church connection and/or for anyone interested in exploring the Christian faith.

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.

News From Northland Lutheran High School

Opening Service will take place on the first day of school, August 28, at 7:45 am. Pastor Jeff Grundmeier and Mrs. Christine Krueger will be installed during that service. Parents and friends of Northland are very welcome to attend.

Summer SCRIP! Our SCRIP Coordinator will be out until Aug 16.

Volunteers needed: We need your help. The outside of the building is cleaned and prepped. Now we are looking for volunteers to spray seal the building. We also have cleaning and simple handyman-type things to do. Can you please help? Almost anytime of day would work for us. Please email Ryan Wiechmann at rwiechmann@nlhs.org if you can help. Thank you!

Our Hot Lunch program **STILL NEEDS A FEW COOKS** for next year! Please call (715-359-3400) or email (nlhsoffice@nlhs.org) if you’d like to cook, or have any questions. Your costs are reimbursed up to \$3/meal.

Booster Club is holding a Kick-off Celebration following our soccer game on August 28. Join in the fun, and learn how you can support Northland through the Booster Club.

The gymnasium bleachers project is nearing completion! *We only need 32 more!* Seats are \$150 apiece.



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