



**OUR SAVIOR'S**  
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



"TAKE  
HEART;  
IT IS I.

**DO NOT  
BE AFRAID."**

MATTHEW 14:27

## **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**

Heavenly Father, as we look around us, you have once again shown us all your blessings. We know that you have provided much more than just our daily needs. We thank you for so generously giving us your Son, our Lord. Through him you have showered us with the blessings of forgiveness, a purpose in life, and eternal life in paradise—no strings attached. For all these blessings, may we truly be thankful, dear Lord. Amen.

## **WELS CONNECTION**

Today we'll learn about several congregations who are discovering that they can do more together than they can do separately.

## **SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY**

- Minister ~ Pastor Mark Schlenner
- Organist ~ Marie Kurth
- Ushers ~ Sawyer Burish, Bob Gresens

*Next week ~ Mark Krohn, Kurt Schubring*

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# Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 20, 2023

**Worship Theme: DEFINE CHRISTIAN**

*The Christian answers doubt with faith*

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## Welcome / WELS Connection

### Opening Hymn

CW 812

- 1 Christ, the sure and steady anchor in the fury of the storm—  
when the winds of doubt blow through me  
and my sails have all been torn,  
in the suff'ring, in the sorrow, when my sinking hopes are few,  
I will hold fast to the anchor; it shall never be removed.
- 2 Christ, the sure and steady anchor while the tempest rages on—  
when temptation claims the battle  
and it seems the night has won,  
deeper still then goes the anchor, though I justly stand accused;  
I will hold fast to the anchor; it shall never be removed.
- 3 Christ, the sure and steady anchor through the floods of unbelief—  
hopeless, somehow, O my soul now, lift your eyes to Calvary.  
This my ballast of assurance, see his love forever proved;  
I will hold fast to the anchor; it shall never be removed.
- 4 Christ, the sure and steady anchor as we face the wave of death—  
when these trials give way to glory and we draw our final breath,  
we will cross that great horizon, clouds behind and life secure,  
and the calm will be the better, for the storms that we endure.
- 4a Christ, the shore of our salvation, ever faithful, ever true—  
we will hold fast to the anchor; it shall never be removed.

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

## **Confession**

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

CW 849 sts. 1–2

- 1 Lord, take my hand and lead me upon life's way;  
direct, protect, and feed me from day to day.  
Without your grace and favor I go astray;  
so take my hand, O Savior, and lead the way.
- 2 Lord, when the tempest rages, I need not fear;  
for you, the Rock of Ages, are always near.  
Close by your side abiding, I fear no foe,  
for when your hand is guiding, in peace I go.

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## Prayer of the Day

Almighty and most merciful God, preserve us from all harm and danger that we, being ready in both body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish what you want done; through 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 19:9–18

<sup>9</sup>There he went into a cave and spent the night.

And the word of the LORD came to him: “What are you doing here, Elijah?”

<sup>10</sup>He replied, “I have been very zealous for the LORD God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, torn down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too.”

<sup>11</sup>The LORD said, “Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by.”

Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. <sup>12</sup>After the earthquake came a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper. <sup>13</sup>When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave.

Then a voice said to him, “What are you doing here, Elijah?”

<sup>14</sup>He replied, “I have been very zealous for the LORD God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, torn down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too.”

<sup>15</sup>The LORD said to him, “Go back the way you came, and go to the Desert of Damascus. When you get there, anoint Hazael king over Aram. <sup>16</sup>Also, anoint Jehu son of Nimshi king over Israel, and anoint Elisha son of Shaphat from Abel Meholah to succeed you as prophet. <sup>17</sup>Jehu will put to death any who escape the sword of Hazael, and Elisha will put to death any who escape the sword of Jehu. <sup>18</sup>Yet I reserve seven thousand in Israel—all whose knees have not bowed down to Baal and whose mouths have not kissed him.”

# Psalm of the Day

Psalm 73B

## Refrain



Sure-ly, it is God who saves me, I will trust in him and  
not be a - fraid, for the LORD is my strong-hold and my  
sure de-fense, and he will be my Sav - ior.

## Tone



I am always / with you;  
you hold me by my / right hand.  
You guide me with your / counsel,  
and afterward you will take me into / glory.  
Whom have I in / heav'n but you?  
And earth has nothing I desire be- / sides you.  
My flesh and my / heart may fail,  
but God is the strength of my heart and my portion for- / ever.  
**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

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.



# Gospel Acclamation

Hebrews 11:1



## Refrain



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Tone



Now faith is confidence in what we hope for



and assurance about what we do not see.

*Refrain*

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# Gospel

Matthew 14:22–33

<sup>22</sup>Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. <sup>23</sup>After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone, <sup>24</sup>and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it.

<sup>25</sup>Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake.

<sup>26</sup>When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. “It’s a ghost,” they said, and cried out in fear.

<sup>27</sup>But Jesus immediately said to them: “Take courage! It is I. Don’t be afraid.”

<sup>28</sup>“Lord, if it’s you,” Peter replied, “tell me to come to you on the water.”

<sup>29</sup>“Come,” he said.

Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. <sup>30</sup>But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, “Lord, save me!”

<sup>31</sup>Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. “You of little faith,” he said, “why did you doubt?”

<sup>32</sup>And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. <sup>33</sup>Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Hymn of the Day

**CW 847**

- 1 Be still, my soul; the Lord is on your side;  
bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;  
leave to your God to order and provide;  
in ev'ry change he faithful will remain.  
Be still, my soul; your best, your heav'nly friend  
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.
- 2 Be still, my soul; your God will undertake  
to guide the future as he has the past;  
your hope, your confidence, let nothing shake;  
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.  
Be still, my soul; the waves and winds still know  
his voice who ruled them while he lived below.
- 3 Be still, my soul; when dearest friends depart  
and all is darkened in the vale of tears,  
then you will better know his love, his heart,  
who comes to soothe your sorrows and your fears.  
Be still, my soul; your Jesus can repay  
from his own fullness all he takes away.
- 4 Be still, my soul; the hour is hast'ning on  
when we shall be forever with the Lord,  
when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,  
sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.  
Be still, my soul; when change and tears are past,  
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

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## Only Jesus Can Remove Our Fears

1. Because only Jesus is perfectly connected to the Heavenly Father
2. Because only Jesus is in command of all nature
3. Because only Jesus is The Son of God

## 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.*

Stand

## Prayer of the Church

Eternal Lord, give us peace as we ponder the good news that you forgive our sins in Christ. Lead us to see clearly the path you have laid out for us.

**Work in us so that we believe and live the Word we have heard today.**

Provide courage and compassion to all who preach and teach your Word. Fill them with a love like yours as they proclaim your grace to us and all people.

**Move us to love all ministers of the Word wherever they serve.**

Guard and guide the families of our congregation. Lead husbands and wives to love each other with commitment, respect, and patience. Help parents to grasp the eternal value of keeping their children close to Jesus all their lives. Grant joy to those who are single, and make them a blessing to others.

**Protect us from the temptations that surround us; give us pure hearts and minds.**

Provide wisdom and insight to those who make laws and set policies. Give us respect for those who protect us from crime. Lead us to value the rights of our fellow citizens and to defend those who cannot defend themselves.

**Bless our land with peace and prosperity so that the gospel may be proclaimed to all.**

Give us passion to share the story of your love with our family and friends. Overcome unbelief, and open the hearts of people everywhere to believe the good news that Jesus has forgiven their sins and opened the gates of heaven.

**Fill us with joy over every sinner who repents and comes to trust in you.**

Extend your healing power to those who are sick and suffering in body or mind. Give patience and compassion to all who care for the sick and dying.

**Lift the eyes of the distressed to your love in Christ.**

*Special prayers may follow*

Gracious God, you govern and direct all things and you love all people. Hear our prayers, spoken and silent, and answer them in your wisdom and grace.

**In Jesus' name we pray. 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.**

## **Closing Hymn**

**CW 930**

- 1 Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.  
Waking, sleeping, I am with you; you are my own.  
In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever.  
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.
- 2 Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.  
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
Here you heard my dear Son's story;  
here you touched him, saw his glory.  
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.

- 3 Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me;  
grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.  
Here my Spirit's power filled you;  
here his tender comfort stilled you.  
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.
- 4 I the Lord will bless and keep you and give you peace;  
I the Lord will smile upon you and give you peace;  
I the Lord will be your Father, Savior, Comforter, and Brother.  
Go, my children; I will keep you and give you peace.

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

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**Sincere Thanks** We thank retired Pastor Mark Schlenner for his willingness to fill in and lead today's worship service.

### **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**

- Mr. Nathan Lemke has accepted our Call to officially serve as Our Savior's School Principal. Praise the Lord!
- A Pastoral Call was issued on Wednesday evening to Rev. Darin Warnecke. Pastor Warnecke currently serves St. John's Lutheran Church in Sturgis, Michigan. Please keep him and his wife, as well as both of our congregations in your prayers as he deliberates where he may best serve our Lord.

**Open Forum** Please plan to attend an open forum next Sunday, Aug. 27, following our worship service. We'll update you on our pastoral call and discuss our ministry plans.

**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.

**Sunday School and Bible Class** will resume on Sunday, September 10, following our worship service (around 10:15).

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

- 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.

If you are willing and able to help, please let Bill Unruh know.

**Sharing Jesus With Others** - A new Bible Information Class, "Life's Big Questions", will begin in the lower level of the Ministry Center at the St. Peter Schofield Campus **tomorrow**, Monday, August 21st, at 6:30 pm. Please consider speaking about this with a friend, relative, associate at work, or a neighbor. You may even want to offer to come with the person, so he/she feels more comfortable. Please RSVP to Pastor Mahnke. Life's Big Questions is perfect for anyone without a church connection or for anyone interested in exploring the Christian faith.

**Surprise Event for Pioneer Families:** Today 2-4 pm or so  
Boats, Kayak or Canoe need to RSVP for a boat and life jacket or you may bring your own. You may also bring fishing poles to use if you need to wait for a boat. Lawn chairs or camping chairs to sit around the fire. We will be paddling by Gilbert Park and return to the Wausau Campus for food and fellowship. We'll have pudgy pies and smores over the fire; bring items to make pudgy pies and drinks and snacks. Meeting at St Peter's Wausau Campus at 2pm: 2822 N 6th Street Wausau, WI 54403  
Contact Sarah Marcis 715-650-2245(text or call) or [smarcis7@gmail.com](mailto:smarcis7@gmail.com)

***This is a great opportunity to check out the Boy & Girl Pioneer programs!***

## This Week at Our Savior's

<b>Today</b>	9:00 AM	Worship <i>WELS Connection</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>	8:00 AM	OS School Opening Service
<b>Saturday</b>		OS Day at Dime & Dollar
<b>Sunday 8/27</b>	9:00 AM 10:15 AM	Worship with Communion Open Forum

## Growing Together

August 13, 2023

<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Vision</u>	<u>Debt Red</u>	<u>NLHS Op</u>	<u>Plate</u>	<u>School Fees</u>
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