



# OUR SAVIOR'S

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



Lord, thank you  
for giving us  
great faith  
in you!

## **WELCOME**

We welcome you to God's house for worship this Twelfth Sunday after our Lord's Pentecost. Today we are excited to begin a five-week worship series under the theme, "The Church God Wants". Today's lessons, hymns, and prayers emphasize the truth that God wants church to be for all people. All of us—regardless of age, ethnicity, gender, or social status—have the same problem of sin. And we all have the same Savior. Therefore, anyone who comes to Christ's Church and cries out, "Lord, have mercy!" (as the Canaanite woman in today's gospel lesson did) is more than welcome. May the Lord bless you as you worship him!



## **PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP**

Lord Jesus, thank you for being a Savior from sin and death for all people, both Jews and Gentiles alike. I praise you for sending your Holy Spirit to create faith in my heart to believe that my sins have been forgiven because of your mercy, and that I have been welcomed into the family of my heavenly Father. Strengthen my trust through your Word and promises to me. Bless the worship that I give you in this house of praise and prayer with my fellow believers. 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 Jeff Mahnke
- Organist ~ Marie Kurth
- Ushers ~ Mark Krohn, Kurt Schubring

*Next week ~ Tim & Ellen Heil*



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# Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 27, 2023

**THE CHURCH GOD WANTS**

*A Church for All People*

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## Welcome

## Opening Hymn

**CW 914**

*Christ Is Our Cornerstone*

- 1 Christ is our cornerstone, on him alone we build;  
with his true saints alone the courts of heav'n are filled.  
On his great love our hopes we place  
of present grace and joys above.
- 2 Here may we gain from heav'n the grace which we implore,  
and may that grace, once giv'n, be with us evermore  
until that day when all the blest  
to endless rest are called away.
- 3 Oh, then, with hymns of praise these hallowed courts shall ring;  
our voices we will raise the Three in One to sing  
and thus proclaim in joyful song,  
both loud and long, that glorious name.

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

## Confession

CW 172

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.

## Glory to God in the Highest

CW 176A

*Minister speaks the verses; the congregation joins in singing the refrain*

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff is labeled 'Refrain' and contains the melody for 'Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace'. The second staff contains the melody for 'to his peo - ple on earth.' and is marked 'Last time only' at the end. The lyrics are written below the notes.

*Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. **Refrain***

*Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. Refrain*

*For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father. Amen. Refrain*

## **Prayer of the Day**

Gracious God, in Christ you bring people from near and far into the fellowship of your church. Open our eyes to your saving plan, and move us to embrace all who seek your salvation so that we may rejoice together at the banquet of your love; 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**

**Isaiah 56:1,6–8**

*All God-fearing people have a place in the house of the Church*

<sup>1</sup>This is what the LORD says:

“Maintain justice and do what is right, for my salvation is close at hand and my righteousness will soon be revealed.

<sup>6</sup>And foreigners who bind themselves to the LORD to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, all who keep the Sabbath without desecrating it and who hold fast to my covenant— <sup>7</sup>these I will bring to my holy mountain and give them joy in my house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house will be called a house of prayer for all nations.” <sup>8</sup>The Sovereign LORD declares— he who gathers the exiles of Israel: “I will gather still others to them besides those already gathered.”

# Let the People Praise You, O God

Psalm 67D

## Refrain



Let the peo-ple praise you, O God, let all the peo-ple praise you.

## Tone



May God be gracious to us and / bless us  
and make his face / shine on us—  
so that your ways may be / known on earth,  
your salvation among all / nations.  
May the peoples / praise you, God;  
may all the peoples / praise you.  
May the nations be glad and / sing for joy,  
for you rule the peoples with equity and guide the nations / of  
the earth. *Refrain*

The land yields its / harvest;  
God, our God, / blesses us.  
May God / bless us still,  
so that all the ends of the earth will / fear him.  
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*

Tune: Dale Wood

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## Second Reading

**Ephesians 2:13–22**

*Christ takes foreigners and strangers and builds them into a holy temple*

<sup>13</sup>But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

<sup>14</sup>For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, <sup>15</sup>by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, <sup>16</sup>and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. <sup>17</sup>He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. <sup>18</sup>For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.

<sup>19</sup>Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, <sup>20</sup>built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. <sup>21</sup>In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. <sup>22</sup>And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

*Stand*

## Gospel Acclamation

**Ephesians 2:13**

Alleluia. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ. Alleluia.

## Gospel

**Matthew 15:21–28**

*A Canaanite woman demonstrates great faith*

<sup>21</sup>Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>22</sup>A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is demon-possessed and suffering terribly."

<sup>23</sup>Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to him and urged him, “Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us.”

<sup>24</sup>He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel.”

<sup>25</sup>The woman came and knelt before him. “Lord, help me!” she said.

<sup>26</sup>He replied, “It is not right to take the children’s bread and toss it to the dogs.”

<sup>27</sup>“Yes it is, Lord,” she said. “Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master’s table.”

<sup>28</sup>Then Jesus said to her, “Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted.” And her daughter was healed at that moment.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **The Third Article**

**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.**

*What does this mean?*

**I believe that I cannot by my own thinking or choosing believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to him. But the Holy Spirit has called me by the gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way he calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian Church he daily and fully forgives all sins to me and all believers. On the Last Day he will raise me and all the dead and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.**

**This is most certainly true.**

## **Children's Message**



- 1 The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;  
she is his new creation by water and the Word.  
From heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride;  
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
- 2 Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth;  
her charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth.  
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,  
and to one hope she presses, with ev'ry grace endued.
- 3 The Church shall never perish. Her dear Lord, to defend,  
to guide, sustain, and cherish, is with her to the end.  
Tho' there be those that hate her and strive to see her fail,  
against both foe and traitor she ever shall prevail.
- 4 Tho' with a scornful wonder the world sees her oppressed,  
by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,  
yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up, "How long?"  
and soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.
- 5 Mid toil and tribulation and tumult of her war  
she waits the consummation of peace forevermore  
till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,  
and the great Church victorious shall be the Church at rest.

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## Sermon

**Matthew 15:21-28**

***Lord, thank you for giving us great faith in you!***

## 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.*

## New Member Welcome

### Prayer of the Church

O Lord, bless this congregation. Grant that our church may be a house of prayer and we a people of prayer. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

O Lord, grant that the Church may steadfastly proclaim that sinners who were once far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ. Fill our hearts with joy as members of God's household and fellow citizens with all the saints on earth and in heaven. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

O Lord, bless all honest work and occupations, and grant that we may use well the fruits of our labors. Give us generosity for those in need. Bless the tithes and offerings that accompany our sacrifice of praise. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

O Lord, grant that the government and those who protect us might keep justice and do righteousness for your name's sake and according to your will. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

O Lord, care for those who cry to you, whether beset with grief, sorrow, pain or trouble. Be pleased for Christ's sake to answer them according to your will. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

O Lord, bless all who are about to receive Christ's body and blood from this altar. Grant that these crumbs from your table may strengthen us in faith and love, united with you and our neighbors. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

All these things and whatever else you know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever. **Amen.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

## **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.**

# Jesus, Lamb of God

CW 186

Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.  
Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.  
Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us your peace.

The musical score is written in G minor (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of six staves of music. The first two staves form the first line of the hymn, and the next four staves form the second line. The melody is simple and repetitive, with a focus on the lyrics. The lyrics are: 'Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.' and 'Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us your peace.'

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## Distribution & Hymns

### 661 Draw Near and Take the Body of Your Lord

- 1 Draw near and take the body of your Lord,  
and drink the holy blood for you outpoured.  
Saved by his body and his holy blood,  
with souls refreshed we give our thanks to God.

- 2 Christ our Redeemer, God's eternal Son,  
has by his cross and blood the vict'ry won.  
He gave his life for greatest and for least,  
himself the off'ring and himself the priest.
- 3 Let us approach with faithful hearts sincere  
and take the pledges of salvation here.  
Christ, who in this life all the saints defends,  
gives all believers life that never ends.
- 4 With heav'nly bread he makes the hungry whole,  
gives living waters to the thirsting soul.  
Lord of the nations, to whom all must bow,  
in this great feast of love be with us now.

Text: tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.; Latin, 7th cent., abr. Text: Public domain

## 570 God Loved the World So That He Gave

- 1 God loved the world so that he gave his only Son the lost to save  
that all who would in him believe should everlasting life receive.
- 2 Christ is the solid rock of faith,  
who was made flesh and suffered death.  
All who confide in him alone are built on this chief cornerstone.
- 3 God would not have the sinner die; his Son with saving grace is nigh.  
His Spirit in the Word declares that we in Christ are heaven's heirs.
- 4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son  
forgives the sins that you have done.  
You're justified by Jesus' blood; baptized, you are a child of God.
- 5 If you are sick, if death is near,  
this truth your troubled heart can cheer:  
Christ Jesus saves my soul from death; this is the anchor of my faith!
- 6 Glory to God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Three in One!  
To you, O blessèd Trinity, be praise now and eternally!

Text: tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt.; Heiliges Lippen- und Hertzens- Opffer, Stettin, c. 1778 Text: Public domain

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 you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet you have given us in this Sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit, help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, 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 721, sts.1,3**

- 1    What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!  
      What a privilege to carry ev'rything to God in prayer!  
      Oh, what peace we often forfeit, oh, what needless pain we bear,  
      all because we do not carry ev'rything to God in prayer!
  
- 3    Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?  
      Precious Savior, still our refuge— take it to the Lord in prayer.  
      Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
      In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a solace there.

Text: Joseph M. Scriven, 1819–1886, alt.  
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*Thank you for worshipping with us!  
May God richly bless your week.*

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### **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** – Our voters issued a Pastoral Call 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. You may contact him by email to offer your words of encouragement: [dwarnecke12@gmail.com](mailto:dwarnecke12@gmail.com)

**Open Forum** - Please plan to attend an open forum TODAY following our worship service. We'll update you on our pastoral call and discuss our ministry plans.

**Welcome!** Today we officially welcome the Sandstrom family into our membership. Paul & Jenny, along with their daughter PJ (Penelope), come to us from Trinity, Minocqua. Please give them a warm welcome!

**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.

- **Large Print Meditations:** Please sign up in the narthex or let Marie know if you'd like the large print version of Meditations. We've cut back on our subscriptions to reduce waste.

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

We are occasionally in need of a **substitute Sunday School teacher**. Please speak with Lori Cramer or Marie Kurth if you're willing to help.

**Area Divine Call News** – Pastor Andrew Schultz has declined the Call to serve as the pastor for the new Kronenwetter mission at Northland Lutheran High School. The Western Wisconsin District Mission Board will extend another Call on September 9 ... Pastor Jon Cox (Bethel Lutheran in Galesville & Arcadia, WI) is holding the Divine Call to serve Grace Lutheran in Ringle.

**OWLS News Chapter 82** - We pray everyone had a pleasant and safe summer. It is now time to renew old acquaintances and prayerfully make new ones. The OWLS will be meeting on September 12 at the Pizza Ranch, meeting at 11:30. We will be planning the year's activities so please bring all your ideas so we can discuss how we can continue to serve the Lord. Any questions please contact Ruth Jakubowski 715-573-2142. Non-members are always welcome, come join us!!

**Invitation** - The Men's Club of St Peter would like to invite any male 18 and older to our first meeting of the year. It will be held at our Schofield Campus on Monday, August 28 starting at 6 PM. Please join us for food, fun, fellowship, and most importantly gathering around God's Word as fellow brothers in Christ. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Mark Frailing at [mfrail2004@yahoo.com](mailto:mfrail2004@yahoo.com)

**Synod Convention Recap** – Help yourself to a copy of the latest “Together” from WELS President Mark Schroeder which is a highlight and recap of the synod's convention from a few weeks ago. You can find even more information at [welsconvention.net](http://welsconvention.net).



## This Week at Our Savior's

<b>Today</b>	9:00 AM 10:15 AM	Worship with Communion Open Forum
<b>Monday</b>	7:45 AM 6:00 PM	NLHS Opening Service St. Peter Men's Club
<b>Sunday 9/3</b>	9:00 AM 10:15 AM	Worship with Communion Open Forum

## Growing Together

*August 20, 2023*

<u>Weekly</u> \$4,932.00	<u>Vision</u> \$95.00	<u>Debt Red</u> \$90.00	<u>Missions</u> \$40.00	<u>Plate</u> \$11.00	<u>Bldg Maint</u> \$50.00
<u>NLHS Tuition</u> \$15.00	<u>NLHS Op</u> \$20.00	<u>Campus Ministry</u> \$10.00	<u>Publications</u> \$27.00		

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

**Attendance:** Sunday, August 20 – 75

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