



OUR SAVIOR'S

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



“Forgive your
brother or sister
from your heart.”

MATTHEW 18:35, NRSV

WELCOME

Welcome to God's House today. We are so glad you could join us and we hope your find your time with us beneficial to your soul for many days to come. If you are visiting with us, do come again soon.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

Heavenly Father, you have forgiven me all my sins, even the sins I struggle to confess. May your grace abound in my heart today though my worship and your Word with the result that I am a more forgiving person and all the more grateful for your son Jesus Christ who has taken away my guilt. Amen.

WELS CONNECTION

This month's video from our national church body - the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) will review this year's Synod Convention which was held in Saginaw, Michigan, in August.

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

Acknowledgments

Setting One from Christian Worship

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16th Sunday after Pentecost

September 24, 2023

WELS Connection

Opening Hymn

CW 731

- 1 Oh, how good it is when the fam'ly of God
dwells together in spirit, in faith and unity.
Where the bonds of peace, of acceptance and love
are the fruits of his presence here among us. (Refrain)

**Ref So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord,
and with one heart we'll live out his word,
till the whole earth sees the Redeemer has come,
for he dwells in the presence of his people.**

- 2 Oh, how good it is on this journey we share
to rejoice with the happy and weep with those who mourn.
For the weak find strength, the afflicted find grace
when we offer the blessing of belonging. (Refrain)
- 3 Oh, how good it is to embrace his command
to prefer one another, forgive as he forgives.
When we live as one we all share in the love
of the Son with the Father and the Spirit. (Refrain)

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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.

Gloria

CW 1015

Tune: AURELIA



1 To God on high be glo - ry and peace to all the earth,
2 O Lamb of God ex - alt - ed, you take all sin a - way;



for God has shown his fa - vor in Je - sus' ho - ly birth!
ex - tend to us your mer - cy and hear us as we pray.



Al - might - y God and Fa - ther, our hum - ble thanks we bring;
With God the Ho - ly Spir - it, at God the Fa - ther's throne,



we wor - ship you, we bless you, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.
you reign, O Christ, for - ev - er, for you are Lord a - lone!

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Prayer of the Day

Lord God, heavenly Father, you graciously forgive us all our sins and abundantly provide for all our needs of body and soul. Give us confidence in your mercy, and teach us also to be merciful to our neighbor, that we willingly forgive all people, and judging only ourselves, lead blessed lives to your glory; 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

Genesis 50:15–21

¹⁵When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "What if Joseph holds a grudge against us and pays us back for all the wrongs we did to him?" ¹⁶So they sent word to Joseph, saying, "Your father left these instructions before he died: ¹⁷'This is what you are to say to Joseph: I ask you to forgive your brothers the sins and the wrongs they committed in treating you so badly.' Now please forgive the sins of the servants of the God of your father." When their message came to him, Joseph wept.

¹⁸His brothers then came and threw themselves down before him. "We are your slaves," they said.

¹⁹But Joseph said to them, "Don't be afraid. Am I in the place of God? ²⁰You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. ²¹So then, don't be afraid. I will provide for you and your children." And he reassured them and spoke kindly to them.

Second Reading

Ephesians 4:29—5:2

²⁹Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. ³⁰And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. ³¹Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. ³²Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

¹Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children ²and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Gospel Acclamation

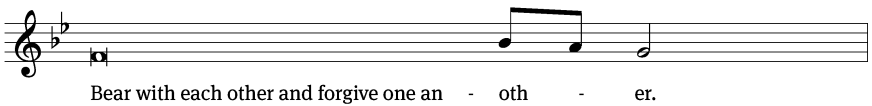
Colossians 3:13



Refrain



Tone



Refrain



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Gospel

Matthew 18:21–35

²¹Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, “Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?”

²²Jesus answered, “I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.

²³“Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold was brought to him. ²⁵Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt.

²⁶“At this the servant fell on his knees before him. ‘Be patient with me,’ he begged, ‘and I will pay back everything.’ ²⁷The servant’s master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go.

²⁸“But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins. He grabbed him and began to choke him. ‘Pay back what you owe me!’ he demanded.

²⁹“His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.’

³⁰“But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. ³¹When the other servants saw what

had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened.

³²“Then the master called the servant in. ‘You wicked servant,’ he said, ‘I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to.

³³Shouldn’t you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?’ ³⁴In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be

tortured, until he should pay back all he owed.

³⁵“This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Hymn of the Day

CW 733

- 1 “Forgive our sins as we forgive,” you taught us, Lord, to pray,
but you alone can grant us grace to live the words we say.
- 2 How can your pardon reach and bless the unforgiving heart
that broods on wrongs and will not let old bitterness depart?
- 3 In blazing light your cross reveals the truth we dimly knew:
how small are others’ debts to us, how great our debt to you!
- 4 Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls
and bid resentment cease;
then, bound to all in bonds of love,
our lives will spread your peace.

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Sermon

Genesis 50:15–21

What Role Does God's Providence Play in Forgiveness?

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 truly 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

Heavenly Father, in Your mercy You have forgiven our insurmountable debt of sin, ransoming us with the death of Your Son. Free us from our grudges and unforgiving nature, lest through our lack of mercy we exclude ourselves from Your forgiveness. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, as You kept Joseph from evil and brought good from his suffering in Egypt, deliver us by Your grace so that we may learn patience in trials. Teach us to be slow to judge, quick to forgive, and steadfast in love for You and one another. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We praise You, O Lord, for retaining among us Your Holy Word and Sacraments. Continue to raise up faithful stewards of Your mysteries, that repentance and the forgiveness of sins in Christ's name would be proclaimed in our midst and throughout the world. Prepare Your baptized children to be faithful confessors of the hope that is in them. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Caring Father, visit the homes of Your people. Keep them from all harm and danger, and grant that we would dwell together in peace under the protection of Your holy angels. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Special prayers of intercession

Hear us, heavenly Father, for the sake of Christ Jesus, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **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

His Mercy Is More

CW 579

- 1 What love could remember no wrongs we have done?
Omniscient, all-knowing, he counts not their sum;
thrown into a sea without bottom or shore,
our sins they are many, his mercy is more.

Praise the Lord! His mercy is more!
Stronger than darkness, new ev'ry morn;
our sins they are many, his mercy is more!

- 2 What patience would wait as we constantly roam,
what Father so tender is calling us home!
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor;
our sins they are many, his mercy is more.

Praise the Lord! His mercy is more!
Stronger than darkness, new ev'ry morn;
our sins they are many, his mercy is more!

- 3 What riches of kindness he lavished on us;
his blood was the payment, his life was the cost.
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford;
our sins they are many, his mercy is more.

Praise the Lord! His mercy is more!
Stronger than darkness, new ev'ry morn;
our sins they are many, his mercy is more!

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O Bless the Lord, My Soul

CW 623

- 1 O bless the Lord, my soul! Let all within me join
and aid my tongue to bless his name whose favors are divine.

- 2 O bless the Lord, my soul, nor let his mercies lie forgotten in unthankfulness and without praises die.
- 3 'Tis he forgives your sins, 'tis he relieves your pain, 'tis he that heals your sicknesses and makes you young again.
- 4 He fills the poor with good; he gives the sufferers rest. The Lord has judgments for the proud and justice for th'oppressed.
- 5 His wondrous works and ways he made by Moses known but sent the world his truth and grace by his belovèd Son.

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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.

- 1 Love in Christ is strong and living,
binding faithful hearts in one;
love in Christ is true and giving,
may his will in us be done.

- 2 Love is patient and forbearing,
clothed in Christ's humility,
gentle, selfless, kind, and caring,
reaching out in charity.

- 3 Love in Christ abides forever,
fainting not when ills attend;
love, forgiving and forgiven,
shall endure until life's end.

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

Sincere Thanks – We thank retired Pastor Timothy Kujath for leading our worship service and Bible class today.

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 – 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 or to set up a time to chat: dwarnecke12@gmail.com

Devotion Materials - The September issue of *Forward in Christ* and the most current issues of *Meditations* and *Portals of Prayer* are available. Please pick up your copy of these publications in the narthex.

Lutheran Women’s Mission Society (LWMS) - The Fall Rally for our Wisconsin River Valley Circuit will be Saturday, October 21, 2023 from 9AM - Noon at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Medford. All are welcome to attend. Breakfast snacks and registration will be from 8:00-9:00. The main speaker will be Brittany Jahns from Christian Life Resources who will be speaking about “New Beginnings - A Home for Mothers.”

Altar Guild – Are you looking for an important yet behind the scenes way of serving the Lord? Helping on the altar guild may be a good fit for you. We have a rotation of volunteers who are trained to change paraments, place flowers on the altar, and prepare communion. If you have any questions or would like to learn, speak with Audrey Jones or Marie Kurth.

Camp Phillip's Fall Teen Retreat - is October 20-22, 2023. Join Camp Phillip's staff and fellow teens for campfires, games, in-depth and meaningful Bible studies, and more. For more information visit campphillip.com.

Holy Smoke BBQ Contest & Fellowship – Holy Smoke BBQ Contest and neighborhood food drive is once again happening at Redeemer Lutheran in Weston on Saturday, October 7th from 11am – 2PM. There will be free BBQ samples, music and games. Help your neighbor by bringing a nonperishable item for Neighbor’s Place food pantry. Everyone is welcome and any person or team interested in competing can call 715-359-4433 or fill out the team registration at www.redeemerweston.com

Invitation for Vets – The St. Peter Men’s Club would like to invite all Vets to their annual Veterans Night Dinner on Monday, November 6th. Meet and greet will start at 5:30 p.m. The menu will be chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetable, rolls, and dessert. A free will offering will be collected to help defray costs.

After dinner, our special speaker this year will be Susan Reetz who will speak about Scott Alwin who served 5 tours of duty during the Vietnam war as an Army helicopter pilot with the 68 th Assault Helicopter Company. He was awarded 136 medals in total during his service and developed a low approach authorization technique to counter tail rotor failure which is still taught to all helicopter pilots to this day.

To ensure we order enough food for the night, please email our Men’s Club Secretary, Mark Frailing, at mfrail2004@yahoo.com or contact the St Peter Church office at 715-359-2829 with the number attending no later than October 31st.

NOTE: Our Savior’s School will also have a Veteran’s lunch the week of Nov. 6th. Stay tuned for details.

WELS Youth Night - On Sunday, October 22nd, 5:00-8:30 pm our Wausau area WELS teens and their friends in **8th to 12th grade** are invited to come to our first WELS Youth Night of the new school year at Northland Lutheran High School in Kronenwetter. This year Youth Night will have a revamped format and the same great pizza! We are excited to have some time in God’s Word together **AND** spend some time with Bob Ross painting some Happy Trees! There will also be “Bob Ross” themed prizes, so you don’t want to miss this event! Admission is free again and teens are encouraged to invite a friend. While the event is at Northland, it is not just for Northland students. We encourage teens to sign up soon so we can prepare well in advance – space could be limited if you wait too long. The sign-up can be found at mysaintpeter.org.

This Week at Our Savior's

Today	9:00 AM	Worship with Communion <i>WELS Connection</i>
	10:15 AM	Sunday School & Bible Class
Tuesday	4:30 PM	OS School Home Volleyball & PTO Meeting
Next Sunday 10/1	9:00 AM	Worship
	10:15 AM	Sunday School & Bible Class

Growing Together

September 17, 2023

<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Vision</u>	<u>Debt Red</u>	<u>Missions</u>	<u>NLHS Op</u>	<u>NLHS Tuition</u>
\$2,230.00	\$40.00	\$60.00	\$50.00	\$20.00	\$15.00

<u>Texas Mission</u>	<u>Plate</u>	<u>School Fees</u>
\$80.00	\$139.00	\$1,360.00

Anticipated Weekly Offerings: \$4,077

Attendance: Sunday, September 17 – 141



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