



OUR SAVIOR'S
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



God's
"RECKLESS"
Patience

WELCOME

Welcome to God's House today. We are so glad you could join us and we hope you 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

"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.

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 Mark Schlenner
- Organist ~ Sam Wessel
- Ushers ~ Sawyer Burish, Bob Gresens
Next week ~ Mark Krohn, Kurt Schubring

Acknowledgments

Setting One from Christian Worship

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October 8, 2023

Welcome

Opening Hymn

CW 920

- 1 Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ, our head and cornerstone,
chosen of the Lord and precious,
binding all the Church in one;
holy Zion's help forever
and our confidence alone.
- 2 To this temple, where we call you,
come, O Lord of hosts, and stay;
come with all your lovingkindness,
hear your people as they pray;
and your fullest benediction
speak within these walls today.
- 3 Grant, we pray, to all your faithful
all the gifts they ask to gain;
what they gain from you forever
with the blessed to retain;
and hereafter in your glory
evermore with you to reign.
- 4 Praise and honor to the Father,
praise and honor to the Son,
praise and honor to the Spirit,
ever three and ever one:
one in might and one in glory
while unending ages run!

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.

Hymn

CW 627 sts. 1

1 To God be the glory, great things he has done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

Let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

Let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father through Jesus the Son
and give him the glory, great things he has done!

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The Word

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Mercifully grant, O God, that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct
and rule our hearts, for without your help we are unable to please you;
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

First Reading

Ezekiel 18:1–4,25–32

¹The word of the LORD came to me: ²“What do you people mean by quoting this proverb about the land of Israel:

“The parents eat sour grapes,
and the children’s teeth are set on edge’?

³“As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign LORD, you will no longer quote this proverb in Israel. ⁴For everyone belongs to me, the parent as well as the child—both alike belong to me. The one who sins is the one who will die.

²⁵“Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ Hear, you Israelites: Is my way unjust? Is it not your ways that are unjust? ²⁶If a righteous person turns from their righteousness and commits sin, they will die for it; because of the sin they have committed they will die. ²⁷But if a wicked person turns away from the wickedness they have committed and does what is just and right, they will save their life. ²⁸Because they consider all the offenses they have committed and turn away from them, that person will surely live; they will not die. ²⁹Yet the Israelites say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ Are my ways unjust, people of Israel? Is it not your ways that are unjust?

³⁰“Therefore, you Israelites, I will judge each of you according to your own ways, declares the Sovereign LORD. Repent! Turn away from all your offenses; then sin will not be your downfall. ³¹Rid yourselves of all the offenses you have committed, and get a new heart and a new spirit. Why will you die, people of Israel? ³²For I take no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Sovereign LORD. Repent and live!

Second Reading

Philippians 2:1–11

¹Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, ²then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. ³Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, ⁴not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

⁵In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

⁶Who, being in very nature God,
did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;

⁷rather, he made himself nothing
by taking the very nature of a servant,
being made in human likeness.

⁸And being found in appearance as a man,
he humbled himself
by becoming obedient to death—
even death on a cross!

⁹Therefore God exalted him to the highest place
and gave him the name that is above every name,

¹⁰that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Acclamation

Psalm 51:17



Refrain



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

Tone



My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spir - it;

Refrain



a broken and contrite heart you will not de - spise.

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Gospel

Luke 20:9–19

⁹He went on to tell the people this parable: “A man planted a vineyard, rented it to some farmers and went away for a long time. ¹⁰At harvest time he sent a servant to the tenants so they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed. ¹¹He sent another servant, but that one also they beat and treated shamefully and sent away empty-handed. ¹²He sent still a third, and they wounded him and threw him out.

¹³“Then the owner of the vineyard said, ‘What shall I do? I will send my son, whom I love; perhaps they will respect him.’

¹⁴“But when the tenants saw him, they talked the matter over. ‘This is the heir,’ they said. ‘Let’s kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.’

¹⁵So they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him.

“What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? ¹⁶He will come and kill those tenants and give the vineyard to others.”

When the people heard this, they said, “God forbid!”

¹⁷Jesus looked directly at them and asked, “Then what is the meaning of that which is written:

“ ‘The stone the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone’?”

¹⁸Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces; anyone on whom it falls will be crushed.”

¹⁹The teachers of the law and the chief priests looked for a way to arrest him immediately, because they knew he had spoken this parable against them. But they were afraid of the people.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Hymn of the Day

CW 862

1 Lord, keep us steadfast in your Word;
curb those who by deceit or sword
would seek to overthrow your Son
and to destroy what he has done.

- 2 Lord Jesus Christ, your pow'r make known,
for you are Lord of lords alone;
defend your Christendom that we
may sing your praise eternally.

- 3 O Comforter of priceless worth,
send peace and unity on earth;
support us in our final strife
and lead us out of death to life.

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Sermon

Luke 20:9–19

Our Loving God's "Reckless" Patience

1. May we never throw it away
2. It is our priceless heritage

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.

Be seated

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

Almighty God and Father, we thank you for all your mercies, especially for the gift of your Son, through whom you have revealed your gracious will. We praise you for the Holy Spirit and his working through the means of grace.

Plant your Word in our hearts, and cause it to produce fruit in our lives.

Strengthen and defend your Church, that by your Word and sacraments faith may grow and love toward all may increase.

Support all who spread the light of your truth throughout the world.

Keep our children in the grace of their baptisms. Enable their parents to train them in lives of faith.

Raise up Christians to serve you in the ministry of the Word and in all godly walks of life.

Preserve our nation in justice and honor. Guide and bless all who make, administer, and judge our laws.

Give them wisdom that they may promote justice and hinder evil.

Let your blessing rest on planting and harvest, commerce and industry, medicine and science, the arts and culture. Protect all who travel, and care for those whose work is difficult or dangerous.

Be with all who devote themselves to any useful task.

Special prayers

Comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity. Remember those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on those for whom death draws near.

Grant them your love, and take them into your tender care.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

Grant us these things, Father, for the sake of Jesus, who died and rose again.

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 \dagger 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 \dagger 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 a-way the sin of the world;
have mer-cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,
you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. A - - - men.

The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below the notes. The first line of music corresponds to the first line of lyrics, and so on. The final line of music ends with a double bar line.

Distribution and Hymns

Though Thoughtless Thousands Choose the Road

CW 718

- 1 Though thoughtless thousands choose the road
 that leads the soul away from God,
 this happiness, dear Lord, be mine: to live and die entirely thine.
- 2 In Christ, by faith, I wish to live, from him my life, my all, receive,
 to him devote my fleeting hours, serve him alone with all my pow'rs.
- 3 Christ is my everlasting all, to him I look, on him I call;
 he will my ev'ry need supply in time and through eternity.
- 4 Soon will the Lord, my life, appear; soon shall I end my trials here,
 leave sin and sorrow, death and pain. To live is Christ; to die is gain.
- 5 Soon will the saints in glory meet,
 soon walk through ev'ry golden street
 and sing on ev'ry blissful plain, "To live is Christ; to die is gain."

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God Loved the World So That He Gave

CW 570

- 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 blessed Trinity, be praise now and eternally!

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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.

Closing Hymn

CW 932

- 1 Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,
the people of God from his dwelling take leave.

The supper is ended; O be now extended
the fruits of this service in all who believe.

The seed of his teaching, receptive souls reaching,
shall blossom in action for God and for all.

His grace did invite us; his love shall unite us
to work for God's kingdom and answer his call.

- 2 With praise and thanksgiving to God ever-living,
the tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face.

Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,
embracing his children of each tribe and race.

One bread that has fed us, one light that has led us
unite us as one in his life that we share.

Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving
give honor to Christ and his name that we bear.

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

Sincere thanks to retired Pastor Mark Schlenner for leading us in
worship and Bible study 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.

Call Meeting on Tuesday – Pastor Warnecke has returned our Call
to serve as our pastor. Our next Call meeting is scheduled for Tuesday,
Oct. 10 at 6:30 pm.

October Is Pastor Appreciation Month – Please remember in prayer
(and cards) our pastors and missionaries who work to share the Gospel
message. Your words of support are priceless!

Please pick up your October newsletter today!

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." *If you'd like to carpool, please speak with Marie Kurth.*

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.

Door Offering Thanks Many thanks to all who contributed to the LWMS door offering for home and world missions and New Beginnings: A Home for Mothers. Your gift of \$143.00 will be delivered to the LWMS Fall Rally on October 21.

Food Pantry Sunday Is Today - On the 2nd Sunday of the month a non-perishable food collection is taken for the food pantry at The Neighbor's Place. If you would like to help others in need in this manner, please place your donation in the grocery cart located in the office area.

NLHS News

Painting Help - Are you a painter? We could use help painting trim around our exterior. Please call Ryan Wiechmann (715-297-4427) if you are able to help.

Our Fall Pops Concert will be held Friday, October 20, at 7 pm. Join us for some musical cheer!

2023 Fruit Sale order forms are in the narthex. The deadline to order is November 20.

WELS Youth Night

- Sunday, October 22, 5:00-8:30 p.m.
- Northland Lutheran High School
- Grades 8 - 12
- Sign up at mysaintpeter.org.

Join Us for Mission Festival on Oct. 22

We're having a special Mission Festival worship service on Sunday, October 22nd. Pastor Michael Duncan will be our guest preacher and will also conduct our Bible Class. Pastor Duncan was a missionary to two Muslim countries and one Hindu country in south Asia.

Brunch & Bible Class

Following our Mission Festival worship service, please join us in the church fellowship room (basement level) for brunch. Then stay to learn about mission work in Bangladesh. Pastor Duncan has great stories to share!

- Please sign up in the narthex to bring an egg bake, coffee cake, sweet rolls, fresh fruit, sausage & cheese, etc. Your help is appreciated!



Explore Forward in Christ October 2023 Articles

- Discover what Johannes Bugenhagen, Martin Luther's pastor and organizer of the Reformation, can teach us today
- Meet Marian Newman, a Navajo shepherdess who has been guided and blessed by her Good Shepherd
- Find out what bananas have to do with witnessing, then learn how you can use human evangelism to share your faith in your community.
- What are the building blocks of a strong parent/child relationship?
- How do you confidently live and express your faith in an environment where absolute truth is considered offensive?

This Week at Our Savior's		
Today	9:00 AM 10:15 AM	Worship with Communion Sunday School & Bible Class <i>Food Pantry Sunday</i>
Monday	6:00 PM	Board of Education
Tuesday	11:30 AM 4:00 PM 6:30 PM	OWLS Meeting at Our Savior's School Home Volleyball Call Meeting
Thursday	1:00 PM	Ladies' Aid
Saturday	9:00 AM	NLHS Grade School Volleyball Tournament
Next Sunday 10/15	9:00 AM 10:15 AM	Worship / WELS Connection Sunday School & Bible Class

Growing Together				
October 1, 2023				
<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Vision</u>	<u>Debt Red</u>	<u>OS Tuition Asst</u>	<u>Bldg Maint</u>
\$3,315.00	\$180.00	\$205.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
<u>Missions</u>	<u>Publications</u>	<u>School Fees</u>		
\$50.00	\$35.00	\$269.00		
Anticipated Weekly Offerings: \$4,077				
Attendance: Sunday, October 1 – 61				

PTO Fellowship Event - School families as well as church members are welcome to join us on Sunday, October 15. We'll meet at 2:00 PM at Oak Island Park for an afternoon of fun and fellowship.



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