



**OUR SAVIOR'S**  
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



God's  
Immeasurable  
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.

## **SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY**

- Minister ~ Pastor Timothy Kujath
  - Organist ~ Marie Kurth
  - Ushers ~ Mark Krohn, Kurt Schubring
- Next week ~ Tim & Ellen Heil*

## **Acknowledgments**

Setting Two from Christian Worship

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## 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

October 15, 2023

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### WELS Connection

#### Opening Hymn

CW 595

- 1 Fruitful trees, the Spirit's sowing, may we ripen and increase,  
fruit to life eternal growing, rich in love and joy and peace.
- 2 Laden branches freely bearing gifts the Giver loves to bless;  
here is fruit that grows by sharing, patience, kindness, gentleness.
- 3 Rooted deep in Christ our Master, Christ our pattern and our goal,  
teach us, as the years fly faster, goodness, faith, and self-control.
- 4 Fruitful trees, the Spirit's tending, may we grow till harvests cease;  
till we taste, in life unending, heaven's love and joy and peace.

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*Stand*

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 1023

Tune: HYFRYDOL



1 Glo - ry be to God in heav - en, peace to those he  
2 On - ly Son of God the Fa - ther, Lamb who takes our



loves so well. On the earth let all his peo - ple speak his  
sin a - way, now with him in tri - umph seat - ed— for your



grace, his won - ders tell: Lord, we praise you for your  
mer - cy, Lord, we pray: Je - sus Christ, most high and



glo - ry, might - y Fa - ther, heav - en's King; hear our  
ho - ly, Sav - ior, you are God a - lone in the



joy - ful ad - o - ra - tion and ac - cept the thanks we bring.  
glo - ry of the Fa - ther with the Spir - it, Three in One!

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## Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, in your bountiful goodness, keep us safe from every evil of body and soul. Make us ready, with cheerful hearts, to do whatever pleases you; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Be seated*

# The Word

## First Reading

*Isaiah 5:1–7*

<sup>1</sup>I will sing for the one I love a song about his vineyard:  
My loved one had a vineyard on a fertile hillside.

<sup>2</sup>He dug it up and cleared it of stones  
and planted it with the choicest vines.

He built a watchtower in it  
and cut out a winepress as well.

Then he looked for a crop of good grapes,  
but it yielded only bad fruit.

<sup>3</sup>“Now you dwellers in Jerusalem and people of Judah,  
judge between me and my vineyard.

<sup>4</sup>What more could have been done for my vineyard  
than I have done for it?

When I looked for good grapes, why did it yield only bad?

<sup>5</sup>Now I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard:  
I will take away its hedge, and it will be destroyed;  
I will break down its wall, and it will be trampled.

<sup>6</sup>I will make it a wasteland, neither pruned nor cultivated,  
and briars and thorns will grow there.

I will command the clouds not to rain on it.”

<sup>7</sup>The vineyard of the LORD Almighty is the nation of Israel,  
and the people of Judah are the vines he delighted in.

And he looked for justice, but saw bloodshed;  
for righteousness, but heard cries of distress.

## Psalm of the Day

## Psalm 83A

1. Speak, Lord, and let us hear again your potent, living Word;  
Reveal yourself in acts of might and let your voice be heard.
2. For evil pow'rs are hard at work: they cunningly conspire;  
Your people's down-fall, nothing less, remains their chief desire.
3. From ev'ry side, from deep within, they threaten to attack;  
Arise, Lord, as you have before: turn Satan's armies back.
4. Ignite the fire of holiness which your opponents fear;  
like chaff before the raging wind, Lord, make them disappear.
5. Then those who see what you have done will surely seek your face,  
Confessing you, the LORD Most High, the God of truth and grace.

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## Second Reading

*Philippians 3:12–21*

<sup>12</sup>Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. <sup>13</sup>Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, <sup>14</sup>I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

<sup>15</sup>All of us, then, who are mature should take such a view of things. And if on some point you think differently, that too God will make clear to you. <sup>16</sup>Only let us live up to what we have already attained.

<sup>17</sup>Join together in following my example, brothers and sisters, and just as you have us as a model, keep your eyes on those who live as we do. <sup>18</sup>For, as I have often told you before and now tell you again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. <sup>19</sup>Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is set on earthly things. <sup>20</sup>But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>21</sup>who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

Stand

## Gospel Acclamation

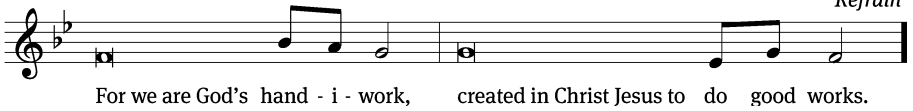
Ephesians 2:10



Refrain



Tone



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## Gospel

Matthew 21:33–43

<sup>33</sup>“Listen to another parable: There was a landowner who planted a vineyard. He put a wall around it, dug a winepress in it and built a watchtower. Then he rented the vineyard to some farmers and moved to another place. <sup>34</sup>When the harvest time approached, he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his fruit.

<sup>35</sup>“The tenants seized his servants; they beat one, killed another, and stoned a third. <sup>36</sup>Then he sent other servants to them, more than the first time, and the tenants treated them the same way. <sup>37</sup>Last of all, he sent his son to them. “They will respect my son,” he said.

<sup>38</sup>“But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, “This is the heir. Come, let’s kill him and take his inheritance.’ <sup>39</sup>So they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him.

<sup>40</sup>“Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?”

<sup>41</sup>“He will bring those wretches to a wretched end,” they replied, “and he will rent the vineyard to other tenants, who will give him his share of the crop at harvest time.”

<sup>42</sup>Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures:



“The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes”?

<sup>43</sup>“Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Be seated*

## Hymn of the Day

**CW 709**

*Christ the Vine*

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- 1 I long to serve my Savior, to seek what’s good and right,  
to trust and never waver, to walk in truth and light.  
But conduct pure and holy requires a pow’r not mine;  
a branch is fruitful only when anchored in a vine.
  
- 2 There came, with grace unsparing, a vine from heav’n above,  
its branches meant for bearing the fruits of selfless love.  
This vine is Christ who offered his life upon a tree;  
for all my sin he suffered and made a branch of me.
  
- 3 And so I’ll serve my Savior with pow’r that he provides,  
for he, my blest Redeemer, within my soul abides.  
The fruit of selfless giving will grow by God’s design  
as I, the branch, keep living by faith in Christ the vine.

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## **God's Immeasurable Patience with Mankind's Incalculable Perversion**

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### **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.**

*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

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. (*Special prayers*)

Give patience and compassion to all who care for the sick and dying.  
**Lift the eyes of the distressed to your love in Christ.**

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 927**

*Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing*

- 1 Lord, dismiss us with your blessing;  
fill our hearts with joy and peace.  
Let us each, your love possessing,  
triumph in redeeming grace.  
O refresh us, O refresh us,  
trav'ling through this wilderness.

- 2 Thanks we give and adoration  
for the gospel's joyful sound;  
may the fruits of your salvation  
in our hearts and lives abound!  
Ever faithful, ever faithful  
to your truth may we be found.
- 3 So whene'er the signal's given  
us from earth to call away,  
borne on angels' wings to heaven,  
glad the summons to obey,  
may we ever, may we ever  
reign with Christ in endless day.

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

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**Sincere thanks** to Pastor emeritus Timothy Kujath for leading today's worship and Bible study.

### **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 Issued** – On Tuesday evening our voters issued a Divine Call to Pastor Nicholas Guillaume, who currently serves at Grace Lutheran Church in Casa Grande, Arizona. Please keep him, his family and both congregations in your prayers. Pastor Guillaume (*rhymes with William*) welcomes your prayers and your kind words of wisdom. You may email him [gracebythecross1@gmail.com](mailto:gracebythecross1@gmail.com) or call 520-836-8911.

**Gifts & Memorials** – We thank Elaine Radtke for her gift given in memory of Scott Weith, son of Geneva Weith.

We thank Our Savior’s Ladies’ Aid for their gift to the Vision fund upon Sue Unruh’s hospitalization.

**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!

**PTO Fellowship Event Today** - School families as well as church members are welcome to join us at 2:00 PM at Oak Island Park for an afternoon of fun and fellowship, including a scavenger hunt.

**Lutheran Women’s Mission Society (LWMS)** - The Fall Rally for our Wisconsin River Valley Circuit will be next **Saturday, October 21, 9AM - noon** at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Medford. Breakfast snacks and registration will be from 8:00-9:00. The main speaker will be Brittany Jahns from Christian Life Resources, speaking about “New Beginnings - A Home for Mothers.” *Speak with Marie Kurth if you’d like to carpool.*

**Veteran’s Day Luncheon at Our Savior’s** - Our Savior’s School students are inviting all veterans on **Thursday, Nov. 9** at 11:00 AM to Our Savior’s Lutheran School (church fellowship room on the lower level). There will be brief presentations by students followed by a luncheon. Please RSVP by Monday, Nov. 6 via phone or email: [OSInfo@oursaviorswausau.org](mailto:OSInfo@oursaviorswausau.org) / 715-845-3253 /or sign up in the narthex.

### **NLHS News**

Fall Pops Concert will be held Friday, October 20, at 7 pm.  
2023 Fruit Sale is underway. Order forms are in the narthex or online at [nlhs.org](http://nlhs.org). Orders must be received by Nov. 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](http://mysaintpeter.org).

## Join Us for Mission Festival on Oct. 22

We're having a special Mission Festival worship service on Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>. Pastor emeritus 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. A freewill door offering will be gathered for WELS World Missions.

### 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.

**Advent by Candlelight** Please join the ladies of St. Peter Lutheran Church in Wausau/Schofield for Advent by Candlelight on November 26<sup>th</sup> from 7-8:30pm. This year it is being held at the Rothschild Pavilion (1104 Park St, Rothschild, WI 54474). Imagine an evening of beautifully decorated tables, the flicker of candles, the glow of the Nativity, the sweet smell of dessert, the voices of women joined together in song and the wonderful story of Christ's birth. This is a free event, but you must register to attend. Please contact Ann Peterson 314-761-5489 (text/call) or email [RN2020@yahoo.com](mailto:RN2020@yahoo.com). If you would like more information on how to decorate and host a table, please call Ann as well!

**St. Peter Invitation for Vets** - The St. Peter Men's Club invites all Vets to their Veterans Night Dinner on Monday, November 6th. Fellowship begins at 5:30 pm. Our special speaker 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 68th Assault Helicopter Company. Please RSVP to Mark Frailing at [mfrail2004@yahoo.com](mailto:mfrail2004@yahoo.com) or contact the St Peter Church office at 715-359-2829 by October 31st.

## This Week at Our Savior's

<b>Today</b>	9:00 AM 10:15 AM 2:00 PM	Worship / WELS Connection Sunday School & Bible Class PTO Fellowship Event at Oak Island Park
<b>Wednesday</b>	6:00 PM	Coordinating Council
<b>Saturday</b>	9 - noon	LWMS Fall Rally at Immanuel, Medford
<b>Next Sunday 10/22</b>	9:00 AM 10:15 AM 5:00 PM	Worship: Mission Festival Brunch, Sunday School & Bible Class WELS Youth Night at NLHS



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