



OUR SAVIOR'S

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

*“Go
into all the world*



*and preach the good
news to all creation.”*

Mark 16:15

WELCOME

We welcome you to the house of our true and living God for worship! Much of what Jesus says lies within his parables, simple stories that contain profound truths about life and eternity. May God bless us as Jesus tells us a story of his love for us!

Today's story is about the growth of God's kingdom in all the world. It started very small, like a seed planted in the ground. But how God's kingdom has grown! In today's gospel lesson, Jesus says his kingdom is now like a large tree. By God's grace, we are part of his kingdom through faith in Jesus Christ. It is now our responsibility and privilege to share the gospel with other people so they, too, may have faith in Jesus and live eternally.

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

- Preacher ~ Pastor Michael Duncan
 - Liturgy ~ Pastor Jeff Mahnke
 - Organist ~ Marie Kurth
 - Ushers ~ Tim & Ellen Heil
- Next week ~ Phil Brost, Travis Kurth*

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Mission Festival

October 22, 2023

Welcome

Opening Hymn

CW 908

Go Forth and Preach the Gospel

- 1 Go forth and preach the gospel to all who are in need.
As witness to the Savior, go teach by word and deed.
The Spirit is upon us, and sends us to declare
good news of God's forgiveness to people ev'rywhere.
- 2 Go forth and preach the gospel to all who live in fear,
and share the joyful message that God is always near.
The Spirit is upon us, and sends us forth in peace
to bring the poor glad tidings, that mercy may increase.
- 3 Go forth and preach the gospel; go spread the news abroad!
Proclaim to ev'ry nation the greatness of our God.
The Spirit is upon us, that all may understand
the promise of salvation revealed to ev'ry land.

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The Words of Praise and Mission

Sing to the Lord, praise his name;
Proclaim his salvation day after day.

Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous deeds among all peoples.

Go into all the world
And preach the good news to all creation.

Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.

In your hearts set apart Christ as Lord.

Confession

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 have heard the call to do your will, but have often chosen not to follow. I have been slow to share my faith with others, and have been reluctant to support the mission of the church with my time, talents and treasures. 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!

Song of Praise

CW 605 st. 1

**From all that dwell below the skies
let the Creator's praise arise.**

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Let the Redeemer's name be sung
through ev'ry land, by ev'ry tongue.**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, allelu--ia!

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Prayer of the Day

Merciful Father, your kindness caused the light of the gospel to shine among us. Use us now as instruments of your love to reach out with the message of salvation to all people. Bless those who labor in the mission fields far off and near, and grant success to their witness that many may be freed from sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Word

First Reading

Isaiah 6:1–8

Here am I, send me, send me!

¹In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. ²Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. ³And they were calling to one another: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory." ⁴At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke. ⁵"Woe to me!" I cried. "I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty."

⁶Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷With it he touched my mouth and said, “See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for.”

⁸Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?”

And I said, “Here am I. Send me!”

Psalm 96A

Let the Heavens Rejoice

Refrain



Let the heav-ens re-joice, let the earth be glad, let all that is
in them sing to the LORD. Let the heav-ens re-joice, let the
earth be glad, let all that is in them sing to the LORD.

Tone



Sing to the LORD a / new song;
sing to the LORD, / all the earth.
Sing to the LORD, / praise his name;
proclaim his salvation day / after day.
Declare his glory among the / nations,
his marvelous deeds among all / peoples.
Ascribe to the LORD the glory / due his name;
bring an offering and come in- / to his courts. *Refrain*

Let all creation rejoice before the LORD, / for he comes,
he comes to / judge the earth.

He will judge the world in / righteousness
and the peoples in his / faithfulness.

**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

Colossians 4:2–6

Pray for God to open doors for the gospel

²Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. ³And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. ⁴Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should. ⁵Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. ⁶Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.

Gospel Acclamation

Acts 8:4



Refrain



Tone



Refrain

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Gospel

Matthew 13:31–32

The parable of the mustard seed shows the growth of the kingdom

³¹He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. ³²Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches.”

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day

CW 745

Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying

- 1 Hark, the voice of Jesus crying, “Who will go and work today?
Fields are ripe and harvests waiting; who will bear the sheaves away?”
Loud and long the Master calleth; rich reward he offers thee.
Who will answer, gladly saying, “Here am I, send me, send me”?
- 2 If you cannot speak like angels, if you cannot preach like Paul,
you can tell the love of Jesus, you can say he died for all.
If you cannot rouse the wicked with the judgment’s dread alarms,
you can lead the little children to the Savior’s waiting arms.
- 3 If you cannot be a watchman, standing high on Zion’s wall,
pointing out the path to heaven, off’ring life and peace to all,
with your prayers and with your off’rings you can do what God
demands;
you can be like faithful Aaron, holding up the prophet’s hands.
- 4 Let none hear you idly saying, “There is nothing I can do,”
while the multitudes are dying, and the Master calls for you.
Take the task he gives you gladly, let his work your pleasure be;
answer quickly when he calleth, “Here am I, send me, send me!”

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¹⁵ He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.

***Preach the Gospel to All Nations –
Even Bangladesh!***

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.

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

Eternal God and Father, we give you thanks for the blessings we share as members of your holy Church, for your gracious Word and sacraments, for opportunities to worship and to grow in faith and knowledge, for occasions to serve and be served, for fellowship with believers in our congregation and in our synod.

Help us to rejoice in these blessings, dear Lord, and to use them faithfully.

Jesus Christ, Lord of the Church, you give grace to your people by calling us to be your witnesses in the world. Open our eyes to see the great and noble mission that lies before us. In the hurting eyes of the lonely, in the pained eyes of the sick, and in the searching eyes of the lost, help us to see your face, O Jesus, and to serve others as we would serve you.

Awaken us to the opportunities you give to proclaim your message of love.

Holy Spirit, giver of life, through Word and sacrament bestow on us the wisdom and power we need to witness clearly and to act boldly. Help us to speak the truth in love, to give the reason for the hope we have, and to conduct ourselves with gentleness and respect.

Set our hearts on fire as we work and witness for Christ.

Bless the Church with men and women who are willing to proclaim your Word in places where we cannot go. Keep them and their loved ones in your care, and let nothing hinder their work. By the power of the gospel, restore their spirits each day, so that they do not lose heart as they serve us and others.

Move us to support them with our sincere prayers and generous offerings.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

Wherever your Word is proclaimed, O Lord, grant it success. Let your kingdom come to us and others, so that we and many more might join the assembly of saints and angels to sing your praise forever.

Savior of all, hear our prayer and help us in our mission. 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

Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

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 900 sts. 3-4

Lift High the Cross

Lift high the cross; the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.
Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell
of him who saves our souls from death and hell.

Lift high the cross; the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.
So shall our song of triumph ever be:
praise to the Crucified for victory!

Lift high the cross; the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.

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

Mission Festival 2023 – This weekend we celebrate Mission Festival with an emphasis on World Missions. We welcome as our guest preacher Pastor emeritus Michael Duncan. A free will door offering will be gathered after the service to support WELS World Missions. May God’s people be generous!

Please join us for brunch, fellowship and a special missions Bible Class in the fellowship room (lower level) following 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.

Divine Call Issued – 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 or call 520-836-8911.

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!

Memorials – We thank Mark & Beth Krohn and Bill & Sue Unruh for their gifts to the Vision fund given in memory of Kathy Stubbe’s mother, Esther Strehlow. Blessed be her memory. Thanks be to God for the love which led to these gifts.

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.

NLHS Fruit Sale

The 2023 Fruit Sale is underway. Order forms are in the narthex or online at nlhs.org. Orders must be received by Nov. 20.

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 / 715-845-3253 /or sign up in the narthex.

Pioneers Biking Event - Join our Pioneer group for a family bike ride on the Eau Claire River Bike Trail on TODAY from 2-4pm. We will meet at Ryan Street entrance of the trail. If you or your bike needs transportation, please contact one of the leaders or Sarah Marcis at 715-650-2245. It is recommended that you bring a water bottle, bike, and helmet. We’ll cancel if the weather is not cooperative for a bike ride.

WELS Youth Night

TONIGHT!! 5:00-8:30 p.m. at Northland Lutheran High School

- Grades 8 - 12
- Sign up at mysaintpeter.org.

Kronenwetter Mission – The Core Group for the effort to start a new mission church in Kronenwetter at Northland Lutheran High School will meet today at 6:00 pm for Bible study, fellowship and ministry planning. Anyone interested in being part of this is invited to come. For more information, speak to either Guy Russ or Pastor Mahnke. Pastor Collin Vanderhoof (Pilgrim, Menomonee Falls, WI) has returned the Divine Call to serve as the home missionary for the Kronenwetter mission.

Church Library News - Four new books have been added to the church library:

- 'The Story' - the story of the Bible in an easy-to-read format. Events and teachings are arranged chronologically and are timelines of Bible events.
- 'What in the World is Going On?' - Identifying hollow and deceptive world views.
- 'Speaking the Truth in love to Muslims' - A biblical perspective on opportunities for Christians as they encounter Islam today.
- 'Speaking the Truth in love to Jehovah's Witness' - A must read for anyone who has been confronted by the visits of Jehovah's Witnesses.

These and many other good books are in the library for your information and reading enjoyment.

Trunk or Treat – This event will be held at the St. Peter Wausau Campus on Sunday, October 29th, 2-4 pm. Our Savior's School will have a display and a decorated trunk with candy (of course!).

Advent by Candlelight Please join the ladies of St. Peter Lutheran Church in Wausau/Schofield for Advent by Candlelight on November 26th 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. If you would like more information on how to decorate and host a table, please call Ann as well!

Craft and Home Business Expo – at St. Peter Lutheran School on Saturday, Nov. 18, 9am-3pm. Admission is free and there will be lunch concessions, a pie sale, local crafters and local businesses. Stop over and shop local!

This Week at Our Savior's

Today	9:00 AM 10:15 AM 2:00 PM 5:00 PM	Worship: Mission Festival Brunch, Sunday School & Bible Class Pioneers Biking Event WELS Youth Night at NLHS
Wednesday		NLHS Wildcat for a Day
Thursday-Friday		Teachers Conference – No School
Saturday		OS Day at Dime & Dollar
Next Sunday 10/29	9:00 AM 10:15 AM 2-4 PM	Worship with Communion Sunday School & Bible Class Trunk or Treat at St. Peter Wausau Campus

Growing Together

October 15, 2023

<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Vision</u>	<u>Debt Red</u>	<u>Bldg Maint</u>	<u>Jesus Care Ministry</u>
\$7,772.00	\$270.00	\$110.00	\$40.00	\$10.00
<u>Magic Paper Box</u>	<u>School Fees</u>	<u>School Marketing</u>		
\$27.60	\$3,162.00	\$150.00		

Anticipated Weekly Offerings: \$4,077

Attendance: Sunday, October 15 – 67

St. Peter Invitation for Vets - The St. Peter Men's Club invites all Vets to their annual Veterans Night Dinner on Monday, November 6th. Fellowship begins at 5:30 pm. A free will offering will be collected to defray costs. After dinner, our special speaker will be Susan Reetz who will speak about Scott Alwin. Scott 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 or contact the St Peter Church office at 715-359-2829 no later than October 31st.



Growing in Jesus, Sharing His Love

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