



OUR SAVIOR'S

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



*We have
waited for him,
so that he might
save us.*

ISAIAH 25:9 NRSV

WELCOME TO OUR SERVICE

We welcome you to worship this 21st Sunday after the Lord's Pentecost. Our theme for today is a story of insane rejection. God freely offers forgiveness of sins to all. The innocent suffering and death of God's Son, Jesus Christ, has paid for the sins of the whole world. Eternal life in heaven is freely offered to all, yet many sadly reject that invitation. We thank God that the Holy Spirit has worked faith in our hearts, that we now can come to God in praise and worship. We look forward to the day we will taste God's grand feast in the banquet halls of Heaven.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

Gracious Father, I have come to worship you. Keep my eyes looking forward to the heavenly banquet you will bring me to at the end of my life. Till then, empower me to serve you with all my heart and soul, out of thanks for the grace you have shown to me. Keep me satisfied with all the blessings you shower upon me, until the day I stand before your presence in Heaven. 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 ~ Vicar John Wenzel
 - Organist ~ Marie Kurth
 - Ushers ~ Phil Brost, Travis Kurth
- Next week ~ Bill Unruh, Tony Sulko*

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21st Sunday after Pentecost

October 29, 2023

Welcome

Opening Hymn

CW 902

- 1 Spread abroad, O mighty Word,
telling of a gracious Lord
whose all-pow'rful gospel call
fills his heav'nly banquet hall.
- 2 Tell how God the Father's will
made the world, upholds it still,
how his only Son he gave
all from sin and death to save.
- 3 Tell of our Redeemer's love,
who forever does remove
by his holy sacrifice
all the guilt that on us lies.
- 4 Tell of God the Spirit giv'n
now to guide us on to heav'n,
strong and holy, just and true,
working both to will and do.
- 5 Spread abroad! Ripe fields of grain
all throughout the world remain,
but the reapers still are few;
great the work they have to do.

6 Lord of harvest, great and kind,
rouse to action heart and mind;
let the gath'ring nations all
see your light and heed your call.

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The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

And also with you.

God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. 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.

The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

O Lord, Our Lord

CW 939

O Lord, our Lord, how glorious is your name in all the earth.

Almighty God, merciful Father, you crown our life with your love.

You take away our sin; you comfort our spirit;

you make us pure and holy in your sight.

You did not spare your only Son, but gave him up for us all.

O Lord, our Lord, how glorious is your name in all the earth.

O Son of God, eternal Word of the Father,

you came to live with us; you made your Father known;

you washed us from our sins in your own blood.

You are the King of glory; you are the Lord!

O Lord, our Lord, how glorious is your name in all the earth.

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Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you invite us to trust in you for our salvation. Deal with us not in the severity of your judgment but by the greatness of your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



The Word

First Reading

Isaiah 25:6–9

Isaiah describes the heavenly banquet. Entrance is by faith.

⁶On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples, a banquet of aged wine— the best of meats and the finest of wines. ⁷On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations; ⁸he will swallow up death forever. The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears from all faces; he will remove his people’s disgrace from all the earth. The LORD has spoken. ⁹In that day they will say,

“Surely this is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us.

This is the LORD, we trusted in him; let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation.”

Second Reading

Romans 1:16–17

Salvation is by faith; May we never reject this truth!

¹⁶For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile. ¹⁷For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed—a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: “The righteous will live by faith.”

Verse of the Day

Isaiah 25:6

Alleluia. On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples. Alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 22:1–14

Jesus tells the story of those who insanely rejected a king's invitation

¹Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying: ²“The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. ³He sent his servants to those who had been invited to the banquet to tell them to come, but they refused to come.

⁴“Then he sent some more servants and said, ‘Tell those who have been invited that I have prepared my dinner: My oxen and fattened cattle have been butchered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet.’

⁵“But they paid no attention and went off—one to his field, another to his business. ⁶The rest seized his servants, mistreated them and killed them. ⁷The king was enraged. He sent his army and destroyed those murderers and burned their city.

⁸“Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding banquet is ready, but those I invited did not deserve to come. ⁹So go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find.’ ¹⁰So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, the bad as well as the good, and the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes. ¹²He asked, ‘How did you get in here without wedding clothes, friend?’ The man was speechless.

¹³“Then the king told the attendants, ‘Tie him hand and foot, and throw him outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

¹⁴“For many are invited, but few are chosen.”

This is the gospel of the Lord!



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day

CW 573

- 1 Jesus, your blood and righteousness
my beauty are, my glorious dress;
mid flaming worlds, in these arrayed,
with joy shall I lift up my head.
- 2 Bold shall I stand in that great day;
who can a word against me say?
Fully absolved through these I am
from sin and fear, from guilt and shame.
- 3 Lord, I believe your precious blood,
which at the very throne of God
pleads for the captives' liberty,
was also shed in love for me.
- 4 Lord, I believe, were sinners more
than sands upon the ocean shore,
you have for all a ransom paid,
for all a full atonement made.
- 5 When from the dust of death I rise
to claim my mansion in the skies,
this then shall be my only plea:
Jesus has lived and died for me.
- 6 Jesus, be worshiped endlessly!
Your boundless mercy has for me,
for me and all your hands have made,
an everlasting ransom paid.

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You Are Invited to the Heavenly Feast!

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 fully 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 King, Your Son, Jesus Christ, purchased the Church with His precious blood. Preserve her in the pure teaching of Your Word, in the right use of the Sacraments and in the unity of the faith. Lord, in Your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Gracious Lord, You send out Your invitation that all who believe in Your Son should take their seats at His feast. By the proclamation of Your Church, gather many, however evil they may be, to repent and fill Your eternal banquet hall. Lord, in Your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Bountiful God, You have prepared a table before us in the midst of those who refuse Your invitation. Keep Your Church unstained by the world, that we may partake of our Lord's Supper worthily. Lord, in Your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Special prayers of intercession

Caring Father, give us such joy in pursuing what is true, just, pure and worthy of praise that, spurning the temptations of this world, we would suffer no anxiety. Let our trust be placed fully in Christ and let our hope rest in the life of the world to come; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, 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

The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up to the Lord.


Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

Holy, Holy, Holy

 Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.
The whole earth is full of your glory.
You are my God, and I will exalt you.
I will give you thanks,
for you have become my salvation.
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.
The whole earth is full of your glory.

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.



C: A - men.

O Christ, Lamb of God

♪ 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

- 1 Jesus comes today with healing,
knocking at my door, appealing,
 off ring pardon, grace, and peace.
He himself makes preparation,
and I hear his invitation:
 “Come and taste the blessed feast.”
- 2 Christ himself, the priest presiding,
yet in bread and wine abiding
 in this holy sacrament,
gives the bread of life, once broken,
and the cup, the precious token
 of his sacred covenant.
- 3 Under bread and wine, though lowly,
I receive the Savior holy,
 blood and body, giv’n for me,
very Lamb of God from heaven,
who to bitter death was given,
 hung upon the cursèd tree.
- 4 God descends with heav’nly power,
gives himself to me this hour
 in this ordinary sign.
On my tongue his pledge receiving,
I accept his grace, believing
 that I taste his love divine.
- 5 Let me praise God’s boundless favor,
whose own feast of love I savor,
 bidden by his gracious call.
Wedding garments he provides me,
with a robe of white he hides me,
 fits me for the royal hall.

6 Now have I found consolation,
comfort in my tribulation,
balm to heal the troubled soul.
God, my shield from ev'ry terror,
cleanses me from sin and error,
makes my wounded spirit whole.

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Thank the Lord and Sing His Praise

CW 948

Thank the Lord and sing his praise;
tell ev'ryone what he has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name.
He renews his promises
and leads his people forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

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.



Closing Hymn

CW 881

- 1 Sing with all the saints in glory,
sing the resurrection song!
Death and sorrow, earth's dark story,
to the former days belong.
All around the clouds are breaking;
soon the storms of time shall cease;
in God's likeness we awaken,
knowing everlasting peace.
- 2 Oh, what glory, far exceeding
all that eye has yet perceived!
Holiest hearts for ages pleading
never that full joy conceived.
God has promised, Christ prepares it;
there on high our welcome waits.
Ev'ry humble spirit shares it,
Christ has passed th' eternal gates.

3 Life eternal! Heav'n rejoices:
Jesus lives who once was dead.
Shout with joy, O deathless voices!
Child of God, lift up your head!
Life eternal! Oh, what wonders
crowd on faith; what joy unknown,
when, amid earth's closing thunders,
saints shall stand before the throne!

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

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.

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.

Mustang Tumblers Available – We have a limited number of Mustang tumblers which will be available in the narthex beginning Nov. 5th on a first-come, first-served basis.

NLHS News– Principal Wiechmann received a call to be the Principal at Wisconsin Lutheran High School in the Milwaukee area. If he were to accept the new position, it would start next school year. Please keep Ryan and his family in your prayers. They welcome any conversations about how and where they can best serve.

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.

This Week at Our Savior's

Today	9:00 AM 10:15 AM 2-4 PM	Worship with Communion Sunday School & Bible Class Trunk or Treat at St. Peter Wausau Campus
Saturday		<i>Daylight Savings Time Ends Tonight</i>
Next Sunday 11/5	9:00 AM 10:15 AM	Reformation Worship Sunday School & Bible Class

Growing Together

October 22, 2023

<u>Weekly</u> \$4,955.00	<u>Vision</u> \$530.00	<u>Debt Red</u> \$370.00	<u>Bldg Maint</u> \$150.00	<u>Plate</u> \$5.00	<u>World Missions</u> \$411.00
<u>WELS Missions</u> \$45.00	<u>NLHS Operating</u> \$250.00	<u>School Fees</u> \$163.00			

Anticipated Weekly Offerings: \$4,077

Attendance: Sunday, October 22 – 67

October 31st Deadline: 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 mfraill2004@yahoo.com or contact the St Peter Church office at 715-359-2829 no later than October 31st.



**Wisconsin River Valley
Organization of WELS Lutheran Seniors**

November 14th at 11:30 am

**Location: Immanuel Lutheran Church
2001 Jackson St, Mosinee**

Guest Speaker – Kathy Duncan

**Theme – Woman to Woman:
Sharing the Gospel with women in
Hindu and Muslim nations.**

Kathy will share her experiences while she and her husband, Michael, were missionaries in Nepal, Bangladesh, and Pakistan. We will learn about their cultures, traditions, and how women are treated in these countries. She will also show us how we can share our faith with people from other countries.

As Kathy shares her experiences you will thank the Lord that we live in a country where we can openly worship the Lord and talk to anyone about Jesus.

Won't you join us on November 14th at Immanuel in Mosinee? This event is for everyone, not just OWLS members. Light snacks will be available.

For questions please contact Evan or Sandy Dobberfuhl
at 715-693-1337.



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