



OUR SAVIOR'S

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



WELCOME

Welcome to Our Savior's and our worship today. We are especially thankful to have you who are visiting and those who haven't worshiped with us recently. Do come again soon to this place of refuge and worship, we would love to see you.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Resurrection and the Life. You have promised that those who believe in you will live, even though they die. Grant to us who live and believe in you a steadfast conviction that you shall come again as you promised, and may you find us ready with believing to answer your call on the Last Day so we may dwell with you forever. 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 ~ Pastor Jeff Mahnke
 - Organist ~ Marie Kurth
 - Ushers ~ Rick & Karen Leopold
- Next week ~ Dan & Carrie Stelzer*

Acknowledgments

Setting Two from Christian Worship

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Welcome

Opening Hymn

CW 487

- 1 Lo! He comes with clouds descending,
once for ev'ry sinner slain;
thousand thousand saints attending
swell the triumph of his train:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Christ reveals his endless reign.
- 2 Ev'ry eye shall now behold him
robed in glorious majesty;
those who set at naught and sold him,
pierced and nailed him to the tree,
deeply wailing, deeply wailing, deeply wailing,
shall their true Messiah see.
- 3 Those dear tokens of his passion
still his dazzling body bears,
cause of endless exultation
to his ransomed worshipers.
With what rapture, with what rapture, with what rapture,
gaze we on those glorious scars!
- 4 Yea, amen, let all adore thee
high on thine eternal throne;
Savior, take the pow'r and glory,
claim the kingdom as thine own.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Thou shalt reign, and thou alone!

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In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Confession

CW 188

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

CW 190

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.

Glory to God in the Highest

CW 176

Refrain

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace

to his peo - ple on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you,
we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. *Refrain*

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you
take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the
right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. *Refrain*

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are
the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in the glory of God
the Father. *Amen. Refrain*

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Prayer of the Day

Eternal God, merciful Father, you have appointed your Son as judge of
the living and the dead. Enable us to wait for the day of his return with
our eyes fixed on the kingdom prepared for your own from the
foundation of the world; 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

Daniel 7:9-10,13-14

⁹“As I looked,

“thrones were set in place,
and the Ancient of Days took his seat.

His clothing was as white as snow;
the hair of his head was white like wool.

His throne was flaming with fire,
and its wheels were all ablaze.

¹⁰A river of fire was flowing,
coming out from before him.

Thousands upon thousands attended him;
ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him.

The court was seated,
and the books were opened.

¹³“In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. ¹⁴He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all nations and peoples of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.

Come, Let Us Praise the LORD

Psalm 95C

- 1 Come, let us praise the LORD, with joy our God acclaim,
his greatness tell abroad and bless his saving name.
Lift high your songs
before his throne to whom alone all praise belongs.
- 3 In worship bow the knee, our glorious God confess;
the great Creator, he, the LORD our Righteousness.
He reigns unseen:
his flock he feeds and gently leads in pastures green.

- 4 Come, hear his voice today, receive what love imparts;
 his holy will obey and harden not your hearts.
 His ways are best
 and lead at last, all troubles past, to perfect rest.

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Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 4:13–18

¹³Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. ¹⁴For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. ¹⁵According to the Lord’s word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. ¹⁸Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Gospel Acclamation

Revelation 22:13



Refrain



Tone



³¹“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. ³²All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

³⁴“Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. ³⁵For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, ³⁶I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’

³⁷“Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? ³⁸When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? ³⁹When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’

⁴⁰“The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’

⁴¹“Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. ⁴²For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.’

⁴⁴“They also will answer, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?’

⁴⁵“He will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.’

⁴⁶“Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Hymn of the Day

CW 563

- 1 My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare to make no other claim,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand.

- 2 When darkness veils his lovely face,
I rest on his unchanging grace;
in ev'ry high and stormy gale
my anchor holds within the veil.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand.

- 3 His oath, his covenant and blood
support me in the raging flood;
when ev'ry earthly prop gives way,
he then is all my hope and stay.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand.

- 4 When he shall come with trumpet sound,
oh, may I then in him be found,
clothed in his righteousness alone,
faultless to stand before his throne.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand.

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Sermon

Matthew 25:31–46

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

Eternal and gracious Father, today we end another year of grace. Once again the Holy Spirit has nourished and strengthened our faith as we reviewed the words and works of Jesus recorded in the Gospels. We have rejoiced to hear that you kept the promises you made to your ancient people. We were encouraged as we remembered how you empowered your followers to proclaim the good news in their world.

Work in us every day to believe the truths of your Word and apply them in our lives.

We are aware that we live in dangerous times as Satan and his forces of evil assault your people again and again. Give us wisdom to discern teachings that subtly deny the Scriptures. Provide courage to stand against the attacks of godless opponents. Strengthen our resolve to confess the truth and then to speak the truth in love.

Work in us every day to be watchful and cautious as we live in our world.

Help us take to heart that your Son, our Lord Jesus, is coming again to judge the living and the dead. Since the day of his return is unknown to us, lead us to note the signs that signal the end of time. Spare us from fear as trouble and woe increase, and fill us with hope as we long for that great day.

Work in us every day to be ready for the moment of his coming.

Fill us with concern for family members and friends who are not taking seriously their need for Jesus and his forgiveness. Provide opportunities to reach out to them with patient persistence and to lovingly lead them to your Word and sacraments. Make us generous with our offerings so that others can go in our place to proclaim the good news.

Work in us every day to witness to Christ and his love for sinners.

Lead us to see our Savior's face in the faces of the poor and hungry, the lonely and forgotten, the oppressed and imprisoned, and move to support them whenever we can. Empower our faith to be lights in the world so that people may see our good works and glorify you and your Son.

Work in us every day to imitate your love for the lost, the least, and the last.

If you call us to glory before the final day comes, carry our souls to heaven where we will await the resurrection of our bodies. Comfort those who may grieve over losing us and point them to the day when they will join us at the marriage feast of the Lamb.

Work in us every day so that we are ready whenever you call us home.

Special prayers

Fill us with hope and joy as we await your Son's return. Cause us to enjoy your earthly blessings in light of your eternal glories and to realize that heaven is really our home. Lead us to long for the splendor of Paradise where you will wipe away all tears from our eyes.

Work in us every day as we listen for the sound of the final trumpet. 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 \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.

Jesus, Lamb of God

CW 186

Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us your peace.

The musical score is written in G minor (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of seven staves of music. The first staff is an instrumental introduction. The second and third staves contain the first line of lyrics. The fourth and fifth staves contain the second line of lyrics. The sixth and seventh staves contain the third line of lyrics. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes.

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Distribution & Distribution Hymns

612 How Great Thou Art

- 1 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed; (Refrain)

Ref **Then sings my soul, my Savior-God, to thee,
How great thou art! How great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior-God to thee,
How great thou art! How great thou art!**

- 2 When through the woods and forest glades I wander
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; (Refrain)
- 3 And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
that on the cross my burden gladly bearing
he bled and died to take away my sin; (Refrain)
- 4 When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
and there proclaim: "My God, how great thou art!" (Refrain)

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629 O God from God, O Light from Light

- 1 O God from God, O Light from Light,
O Prince of Peace and King of kings,
to you in heaven's glory bright
the song of praise forever rings.
To him who sits upon the throne,
the Lamb once slain but raised again,
be all the glory he has won,
all thanks and praise! Amen, amen.

- 2 For deep in prophets' sacred page,
and grand in poets' wingèd word,
slowly in type, from age to age
the nations saw their coming Lord;
till through the deep Judean night
rang out the song, "Good will to men!"
What angels sang in heav'nly light
reechoes now, "Good will!" Amen.
- 3 That life of truth, those deeds of love,
that death of pain mid hate and scorn—
these all are past, and now above
he reigns, our King once crowned with thorn.
Lift up your heads, you heav'nly gates!
So sang his hosts, unheard by men.
Lift up your heads, for you he waits.
We lift them up. Amen, amen.
- 4 Then sing to Christ a mighty song;
extol his name, his mercies tell!
Sing, heav'nly hosts, your praise prolong,
and all on earth, your anthem swell!
All hail, O Lamb for sinners slain!
Forever let the song ascend!
To Christ the King, enthroned to reign,
all glory, pow'r! Amen, amen.

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Stand

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.

O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving-kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day; through 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 884

Lord, when your glory I shall see
and taste your kingdom's pleasure,
your blood my royal robe shall be,
my joy beyond all measure!
When I appear before your throne,
your righteousness shall be my crown;
with these I need not hide me.
And there, in garments richly wrought,
as your own bride I shall be brought,
to stand in joy beside you.

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***Thank you for worshiping 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 Returned – Pastor Guillaume has declined our Call. Watch the bulletin for further updates.

OWLS: Organization of WELS Lutheran Seniors

Join us Tuesday at 11:30 at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Mosinee. The November meeting will be of special interest to all. Rev Michael & Cathy Duncan were missionaries in Nepal, Bangladesh and Pakistan. Cathy will be discussing the challenges of sharing the Gospel with women in Hindu and Muslim nations. This will be a most interesting presentation. Everyone is welcome, not just OWLS members. Questions contact Evan or Sandy Dobberfuhl 715-693-1337.



Thanksgiving Worship – O give thanks to the Lord!

We have changes to our holiday worship schedule due to the pastoral vacancy. We encourage you to attend any of the following Thanksgiving worship services:

- Wednesday, Nov. 22 at 1:00 pm at Our Savior’s
- Wednesday at 7:00 pm at St. Peter in Schofield
- Thanksgiving Day at 9:00 am at St. Peter Wausau Campus

Memorial – We thank Elaine Radtke for her gift given in memory of Esther Strehlow, Kathy Stubbe’s mother. Blessed be her memory. Thanks be to God for the love which led to this gift.

Mustang Tumblers Available – We have just five Mustang tumblers left. They are available in the narthex on a first-come, first-served basis.

SNOW! – Your help is needed with snow shoveling and salting at church and school. Please sign up in the narthex today. Thank you!

NLHS Fruit Sale – Order forms are in the narthex or online at nlhs.org. Orders must be received by Nov. 20. Fruit pickup will be Dec. 15, 9 am - 3 pm, and Dec. 16, 9 am - noon.

This Week at Our Savior's

Today	9:00 AM 10:15 AM 2-4 PM	Worship with Communion Sunday School & Bible Class Pioneers meet at NLHS <i>OSS students sing at Mtn of the Lord</i> <i>Food Pantry Sunday</i>
Tuesday	11:30 AM 6:00 PM	OWLS Meeting at Immanuel, Mosinee Coordinating Council
Thursday	7:00 PM	Deer Hunters Service at St. Peter Schofield
Next Sunday 11/19	9:00 AM 10:15 AM	Worship / WELS Connection <i>Saints Triumphant Sunday</i> Sunday School & Bible Class

Growing Together

November 5, 2023

<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Vision</u>	<u>Debt Red</u>	<u>Missions</u>	<u>Plate</u>	<u>Bldg Maintenance</u>
\$2,482.00	\$425.00	\$165.00	\$100.00	\$40.00	\$100.00

<u>Memorials</u>	<u>School Fees</u>
\$10.00	\$54.00

Anticipated Weekly Offerings: \$4,077

Attendance: Sunday, November 5 – 72

Parking Lot Assistance and Wheelchairs Available – With winter weather come concerns about slipping in the parking lot or on the sidewalks. While we do our best to keep walking areas clear and salted, sometimes it's impossible to remove all slippery spots. If you would like help getting from your car to the church entrance, please let us know. Talk to an usher or the greeters at the doors or the church office. We're happy to help! We also have several wheelchairs available for further assistance.

Deer Hunters' Worship – Before heading to deer camp for the hunt we encourage our hunters to worship on Thursday, November 16th, at 7 pm. We will certainly pray for a safe and successful hunt!

Upcoming Pioneer Events – Today the Pioneers will be meeting at Northland Lutheran High School from 2-4 pm. They will be making ropes, tying knots, and doing a yarn project. In December, Pioneers will be meeting at NLHS from 2-4 pm on Sunday, Dec. 17 to make Christmas centerpiece/pinecone/salt ornaments. Also put on your calendar that at the January meeting, Pioneers will need to sign up by Jan 1, 2024, for the Matchbox race. If you have any questions, contact pioneer leader Sarah Marcis at 715-650-2245.

NLHS Live Nativity Event Needs Actors, Carolers, Volunteers – Do you enjoy singing Christmas carols or serving cookies? What about donning a shepherd's crook and cloak? The Kronenwetter Mission Core Group is seeking carolers, actors, and other volunteers for "The Greatest Gift," a live outdoor nativity. This event will be a wonderful outreach opportunity to share the message of Jesus, our Savior, with the Kronenwetter community. It will take place on Sat. December 16th, at Northland Lutheran High School. If you helped with this event last year, encourage someone you know to help with you this year. More details will be coming soon! If you are interested or have questions, text/email Pastor Jeff Grundmeier at 906- 203-0411 / jgrundmeier@nlhs.org.

Advent by Candlelight – It is officially time to sign up for this year's Women's Advent by Candlelight! The St. Peter ladies invite ladies from area congregations to join them on Sunday, November 26th 7-8:30pm at the Rothschild Pavilion. We are so excited to enjoy an evening of coffee and dessert coupled with music and Christmas devotion at this beautiful venue. Remember you can participate in this special free event in one of two ways, as a hostess or a guest. Hostesses will be responsible for decorating a table (or two!) and providing a dessert for eight. Hostesses may also invite guests to sit at their table. A step-by-step guide is available to answer any questions about hosting at the Pavilion - it is fun and easy to do. If you would just like to attend this evening as a guest, you will be placed at a table (we would love to have you!). With all the extra room, please be sure to extend an invitation to your relatives, friends, co-workers, and/or neighbors. Reservations are needed so please sign up by contacting Ann Peterson at 314-761-5489 or RN2020@yahoo.com



Growing in Jesus, Sharing His Love

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