



OUR SAVIOR'S

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

*"There before me was a great multitude
that no one could count, from every
nation, tribe, people and language..."*

Revelation 7:9



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

We welcome you to the house of the true and living God for worship this Saints Triumphant Sunday. Today we remember those that have passed from this life over the past year. They have joined the multitudes of saints in heaven around the throne worshipping the Lord with songs of praise. In our service today, we will look at John's vision of the saints triumphant and see how the Lamb of God, Jesus Christ, has washed theirs and our sins away.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

O Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Thanks to your innocent death, we have been forgiven and have gained eternal life in heaven. We eagerly await your return and the moment where we are united with our brothers and sisters in faith to join that crowd of saints in heaven. There we will gather around the throne to offer you worship and praise forevermore. Come quickly, Lord Jesus, Amen.

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

- Minister ~ Vicar John Wenzel
 - Organist ~ Marie Kurth
 - Ushers ~ Dan & Carrie Stelzer
- Next week ~ Mark Krohn, Kurt Schubring*

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Saints Triumphant

November 19, 2023

The Time in Between:

A Time to Focus on Future Glory

Welcome

Opening Hymn

CW 885

There Is a Higher Throne

- 1 There is a higher throne
than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from ev'ry tongue
will one day come.
Before the Son we'll stand,
made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace;
salvation comes. (Refrain)

Ref **Hear heaven's voices sing;
their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies;
their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, pow'r,
strength, thanks, and honor are
to God our King who reigns on high
forevermore.**

- 2 And there we'll find our home,
our life before the throne;
we'll honor him in perfect song
where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye
as thirst and hunger die;
the Lamb becomes our Shepherd-King;
we'll reign with him. (Refrain)

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Lord, in this Saints Triumphant service, we gather in your name to remember and rejoice.

We remember the ones we love - ones loved also by you.

We rejoice in the resurrection life promised in Christ and through Christ.

We rejoice that Jesus has overcome death forever.

We rejoice that you are God - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit - in whose name we worship.

Amen.

Confession and Absolution

In Baptism, God welcomes us into the family of Christ and embraces us with his love. Welcomed and embraced, we are free to confess our sins, trusting the power of Christ to lead us to newness of life.

We confess, good Lord, that we have sinned against you and our neighbors in thought, word, and deed. We have hungered and thirsted for unworthy things. Our hearts are not right within us. Forgive us, O God, for the sake of Jesus, our Brother.

Today we hear these beautiful words from John: "See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!" 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. Thanks be to God for our Baptism into Christ!

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you have knit your people together into one holy Church, the body of Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow the example of your blessed saints in lives of faith and willing service and with them at last inherit the inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who love you; 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

Revelation 7:9–17

St. John's vision of the saints enjoying glory in heaven

⁹After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰And they cried out in a loud voice:

“Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne,
and to the Lamb.”

¹¹All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²saying:

“Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor
and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!”

¹³Then one of the elders asked me, “These in white robes—who are they, and where did they come from?”

¹⁴I answered, “Sir, you know.”

And he said, “These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵Therefore,

“they are before the throne of God
and serve him day and night in his temple;
and he who sits on the throne
will shelter them with his presence.

¹⁶‘Never again will they hunger;
never again will they thirst.
The sun will not beat down on them,
nor any scorching heat.

¹⁷For the Lamb at the center of the throne
will be their shepherd;
‘he will lead them to springs of living water.’
‘And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.’”

Second Reading

1 John 3:1-3

In love God adopted us as his children, heirs of future glory

¹See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. ³All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia. They are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple. Alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12

Sorrow and persecution are temporary; glory and blessings are coming

¹Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, ²and he began to teach them.

He said:

³“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.

⁷Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

⁸Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹“Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to you, O Christ!

For All the Saints

CW 880 sts.1-4

- 1 For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

- 2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

- 3 Oh, may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold
fight as the saints who nobly fought of old
and win with them the victor’s crown of gold.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

- 4 Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

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We Remember Our Faithfully Departed

My flesh and my heart may fail,
but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.
(Psalm 73:26)

Virginia Fromnes
February 16, 1927 – November 20, 2022
95 years – 9 months – 4 days of grace

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.
I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise.
(Luke 23:42-43)

William Melanson
October 27, 1939 – December 24, 2022
83 years – 1 months – 27 days of grace

Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life,
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. (Psalm 23:6)

DuWayne Marquardt
February 13, 1936 – January 2, 2023
86 years – 10 months – 19 days of grace

Sovereign Lord, as you have promised,
You now dismiss your servant in peace, for my eyes have seen your salvation. (Luke 2:29-30)

Gerald Ziegel
March 19, 1936 – January 4, 2023
86 years – 9 months – 15 days of grace

The Lord will keep you from all harm, He will watch over your life.
The Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore. (Psalm 121:7-8)

Judith Wisneski
September 27, 1945 – January 16, 2023
77 years – 3 months – 19 days of grace

Fear, not, for I have redeemed you;
I have summoned you by name; You are mine. (*Isaiah 43:1*)

Suzanne Durkee
March 28, 1942 – February 2, 2023
80 years – 10 months – 4 days of grace

One thing I ask from the Lord, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in
the house of the Lord all the days of my life,
to gaze on the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple.
(*Psalms 27:4*)

Eugene Arndt
September 19, 1928 – July 5, 2023
94 years – 9 months – 16 days of grace

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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Sermon

Revelation 7:9-17

Join the Great Crowd in Celebration!

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.

Prayer of the Church

King of Kings, we remember with solemn gratitude those who have fallen in the wars of this world and their sacrifice on our behalf. Bring comfort to all who still mourn and miss them. May the memory of these fallen servicemen and women never be taken for granted among us. Instead, help us make good use of the freedom they fought for to protect by living in peace and harmony with one another. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Righteous God, You despise corruption and command justice. Embolden our rulers and all in authority to enact and defend measures that preserve peace and provide justice for all. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, Your Son will descend from heaven with a cry of command, raise those who have fallen asleep and deliver us to Your kingdom of glory. Until that day, strengthen us by His body and blood and prepare us for His coming in glory. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Special prayers

God of our salvation, we know neither the day nor the hour of Christ's return, but we know that He has died and is risen again to open the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Until that day, preserve us in faith and guard us from temptation. Let us live our days in loving service and joyful expectation of 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.

Closing Prayer

O Lord God, Lord of life and death, we thank you for all the mercies with which you have blessed our fellow believers, now fallen asleep. We thank you especially for having brought them to the knowledge of your Son, Jesus Christ. As we have been privileged today to hear of your Son's gift of life and death on our behalf, so strengthen our faith in him that we may be welcomed also into the everlasting family. Grant that the Word of our Redeemer be heard in all the world, and that many more come to know him, our Savior, 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 889

- 1 Jerusalem the golden, with milk and honey blest—
the sight of it refreshes the weary and oppressed.
I know not, oh, I know not what joys await us there,
what radiancy of glory, what bliss beyond compare:
to sing the hymn unending with all the martyr throng,
amidst the halls of Zion resounding full with song.

- 2 O sweet and blessèd country, the home of God's elect!
O sweet and blessèd country that eager hearts expect,
where they who with their leader have conquered in the fight
forever and forever are clad in robes of white:
in mercy, Jesus, bring us to that dear land of rest
where sings the host of heaven your glorious name to bless.

- 3 The Christ is ever with them, the daylight is serene;
the pastures of the blessed are ever rich and green.
There is the throne of David, and there, from care released,
the shout of them that triumph, the song of them that feast.
To God enthroned in glory the Church's voices blend,
the Lamb forever blessèd, the Light that knows no end.

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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.



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

Christmas Parade – Our Savior’s School will again have a float in the Wausau Christmas Parade on Friday, December 1 beginning at 6:00 pm. Help is needed! We need candy donations or money towards the purchase of candy, or a Thrivent grant if you are able. Please call or text Mr. Lemke for more details 920-650-6115.

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!

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!

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.

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

Thrivent Choice Update – We recently received notices of deposits from Thrivent totaling \$398.00. We offer our sincere thanks to the following members and friends who have designated Our Savior's for contributions from Thrivent Charitable and Thrivent Choice Dollars: Dennis Grammer, Barbara & Kelly Graefe, Sarah Marcis, Elaine Radtke.

Volunteers Needed for Our Savior's Day at Dime & Dollar!

We have a small, dedicated group that helps at Dime & Dollar on the 4th Saturday of every month. If you are interested in joining this great group of helpers, please call Judy Wastrack at:

(H) 715-241-0097 or (C) 715-432-0232

With Small Business Saturday on Nov. 25th, volunteers are needed. You can choose to help from 10-1 or 1-4 or all day.

Please let Judy know if you can help!



This Week at Our Savior's

Today	9:00 AM 10:15 AM	Worship / WELS Connection <i>Saints Triumphant Sunday</i> Sunday School & Bible Class <i>Reservations for Advent by Candlelight Due</i>
Monday		<i>NLHS Fruit Orders Due</i>
Wednesday	1:00 PM 7:00 PM	Thanksgiving Worship at Our Savior's Thanksgiving Worship at St. Peter, Schofield
Thursday	9:00 AM	Thanksgiving Worship at St. Peter, Wausau
Saturday		Our Savior's Day at Dime & Dollar
Next Sunday 11/26	9:00 AM 10:15 AM	Worship with Communion Sunday School & Bible Class

Growing Together

November 12, 2023

<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Vision</u>	<u>Debt Red</u>	<u>Missions</u>	<u>Plate</u>	<u>OS School</u>
\$2,897.00	\$110.00	\$182.00	\$25.00	\$40.00	\$115.00
<u>Publications</u>	<u>School Fees</u>	<u>School Library</u>		<u>Thanksgiving</u>	
\$7.00	\$2,096.00	\$100.00		\$25.00	

Anticipated Weekly Offerings: \$4,077

Attendance: Sunday, November 12 – 57



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