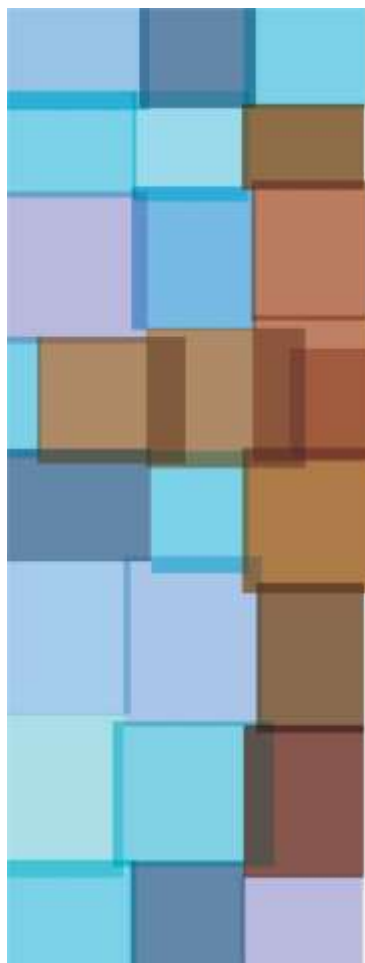




OUR SAVIOR'S

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



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Galatians 2:20

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

We welcome one and all to the house of our true and living God for worship this fifth Sunday in Lent. This weekend we are continuing our stewardship emphasis to manage faithfully and well God's gift of time and to do so compelled by the love of Christ. Today's hymns, readings, and prayers encourage us to take and use our time to carefully plan the gifts that we choose to return to God for his honor and to support the church's ministry of the gospel. May the Lord accept these gifts for Jesus' sake and bless our worship as well!



Prayer Before Worship

We give thee but thine own, What-e'er the gift may be; All that we have is thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from thee. May we thy bounties thus As stewards true receive And gladly, as thou blesses us, To thee our first-fruits give. Amen. (Christian Worship #750)

Serving in Worship

- Minister ~ Pastor Jeff Mahnke
 - Organist ~ Marie Kurth
 - Ushers ~ Tim & Ellen Heil
- Wednesday – Brost, Kurth*
Next Sunday – Sulko, Unruh

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The Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 17, 2024

Opening Hymn

CW 806

- 1 Your days and ways to God surrender,
and let his wisdom be your light.
He stands beside you, strong but tender,
and guides your steps thro' storm and night.
Upon a rock you build your life
when you rely on Jesus Christ.

- 2 Why do you wallow in this worry?
Why tightly clutch this pain and fear?
Do you forget that on this journey
you're not alone? Your God is near!
The many midnight tears you spill
just make the darkness darker still.

- 3 Wait for his hand to write your story,
his gracious will, your destiny.
What looks like gloom he turns to glory;
what's hidden now he will reveal.
Who holds your future and your past
knows what you need before you ask.

- 4 Then wake with joy and expectation,
for God is good and heav'n is sure.
Sing, pray, and work in your vocation,
and sleep in peace, your heart secure.
Surrender all to his good grace;
he keeps you safe in his embrace.

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Invocation & Opening Dialogue

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

God, in love, has given us his very best: his one and only Son, Jesus Christ. But we have failed to appreciate God's goodness and we have countless times not given our best back to him. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

Heavenly Father, I confess my sins to you. In so many ways, I have failed to love you with my whole heart, soul, mind, and strength. At times, I place my own wants in front of your perfect will for my life. I feel the pull of this dark world, and I give in to temptation and sin. I have earned your punishment in this world and deserve to be forsaken forever. For Jesus' sake, hear my cry for mercy, and give me the comfort of your forgiveness.

For all who trust in his Son, God will not withhold his forgiveness. Instead, he richly pours out his grace upon everyone who believes.

Having heard your confession, I announce the grace of God to you for the sake of Jesus Christ, our eternal Savior. All your sins are forgiven; your guilt is taken away.

Amen! Let us serve the living God in peace, joy, and everlasting thanks for his kindness to us!

Prayer of the Day

O merciful Creator, your hand is open wide to satisfy the needs of every living creature. Make us always thankful for your loving providence; and grant that we, remembering the richness of your grace, may be faithful stewards of all your good gifts; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Word

First Reading

1 Chronicles 29:1–9

Gifts for building the temple

¹Then King David said to the whole assembly: “My son Solomon, the one whom God has chosen, is young and inexperienced. The task is great, because this palatial structure is not for man but for the LORD God. ²With all my resources I have provided for the temple of my God—gold for the gold work, silver for the silver, bronze for the bronze, iron for the iron and wood for the wood, as well as onyx for the settings, turquoise, stones of various colors, and all kinds of fine stone and marble—all of these in large quantities. ³Besides, in my devotion to the temple of my God I now give my personal treasures of gold and silver for the temple of my God, over and above everything I have provided for this holy temple: ⁴three thousand talents of gold (gold of Ophir) and seven thousand talents of refined silver, for the overlaying of the walls of the buildings, ⁵for the gold work and the silver work, and for all the work to be done by the craftsmen. Now, who is willing to consecrate themselves to the LORD today?”

⁶Then the leaders of families, the officers of the tribes of Israel, the commanders of thousands and commanders of hundreds, and the officials in charge of the king’s work gave willingly. ⁷They gave toward the work on the temple of God five thousand talents and ten thousand darics of gold, ten thousand talents of silver, eighteen thousand talents of bronze and a hundred thousand talents of iron. ⁸Anyone who had precious stones gave them to the treasury of the temple of the LORD in the custody of Jehiel the Gershonite. ⁹The people rejoiced at the willing response of their leaders, for they had given freely and wholeheartedly to the LORD. David the king also rejoiced greatly.

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 8:1–9

Generosity encouraged

¹And now, brothers and sisters, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. ²In the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty

welled up in rich generosity. ³For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, ⁴they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the Lord's people. ⁵And they exceeded our expectations: They gave themselves first of all to the Lord, and then by the will of God also to us. ⁶So we urged Titus, just as he had earlier made a beginning, to bring also to completion this act of grace on your part. ⁷But since you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you—see that you also excel in this grace of giving.

⁸I am not commanding you, but I want to test the sincerity of your love by comparing it with the earnestness of others. ⁹For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.

Gospel Acclamation

Galatians 2:20

I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Gospel

Mark 12:41–44

The widow's offering

⁴¹Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. ⁴²But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few cents.

⁴³Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. ⁴⁴They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

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.

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day

CW 735

- 1 Before you I kneel, my Master and Maker,
to offer the work of my hands.
For this is the day you've given your servant;
I will rejoice and be glad
for the strength I have to live and breathe,
for each skill your grace has given me,
for the needs and opportunities
that will glorify your great name.

- 2 Before you I kneel and ask for your goodness
to cover the work of my hands,
for patience and peace to shape all my labor;
your grace for thorns in my path.
Flow within me like a living stream;
wear away the stones of pride and greed,
till your ways are dwelling deep in me
and a harvest of life is grown.

3 Before you we kneel, our Master and Maker;
establish the work of our hands,
and order our steps to seek first your kingdom
in ev'ry small and great task.
May we live the gospel of your grace,
serve your purpose in our fleeting days,
then our lives will bring eternal praise
and all glory to your great name.

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Sermon

A Christian's Plan for Giving to the Lord

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that **you through his poverty might become rich.** *2 Corinthians 8:9*

**Principle #1 – Give in _____ to God's
_____ in _____.**

Each man should **give what he has decided in his heart to give**, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for **God loves a cheerful giver.**
2 Corinthians 9:7

**Principle #2 – Give from a _____ and
_____ heart.**

Each one of you should **set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income.** *1 Corinthians 16:2*

Principle #3 – Give in _____ to what God has given.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name. **Bring an offering and come before him**; worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness. *1 Chronicles 16:29*

Principle #4 – Give as part of your _____.

On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income. *1 Corinthians 16:2*

Principle #5 – Give _____.

Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the **first fruits** of all your crops. *Proverbs 3:9*

Principle #6 – Give to the Lord the _____ of your income.

Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops; then your **barns will be filled to overflowing**, and your **vats will brim over** with new wine. *Proverbs 3:9, 10*

Principle #7 – _____ put _____ things _____ .

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.

Hymn Response

CW 750



1 We give thee but thine own, what-e'er the gift may be;
2 May we thy boun-ties thus as stew-ards true re-ceive



all that we have is thine a-lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
and glad-ly, as thou bless-est us, to thee our first-fruits give.

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Prayer of the Church

Lord of our lives, by sending your Son to live and die as our perfect substitute, you provided forgiveness and salvation for a world of sinners.

We praise you for your generous and saving love.

You have set us apart as people who belong to you, people whose purpose in life is to receive your love and live to your glory.

We praise you for your generous and saving love.

Help us devote our time, our talents, and our treasures toward those things that will have value for eternity. Move us to use the unique gifts you have given each of us to advance your Son's kingdom and to bring comfort and help to those who need it.

Lord, help us live a life that brings you glory.

Crush the selfishness that comes to us naturally and fill us with joyful generosity. Bless us with a faith that seeks first your kingdom and righteousness. Assure us that you will supply all our other needs as well.

Make us bold to give as generously as you have given to us.

Fill us today and every day with a humble and grateful faith that sincerely prays,
“Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.”
Amen.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

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 332 sts. 1-3



1 Let us all with glad-some voice praise the God of heav - en,
2 To this vale of tears he comes, here to serve in sad - ness,
3 We are rich, for he was poor; is not this a won - der?



who, to bid our hearts re - joice, his own Son has giv - en.
that with him in heav'n's fair homes we may reign in glad-ness.
There-fore praise God ev - er - more here on earth and yon - der.

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*Thank you for worshipping with us.
May your week be richly blessed!*

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 News – Pastor Platzer has returned our Call. There will be an announcement soon regarding the next Call meeting date.



Easter Lilies – If you would like to donate an Easter lily, please sign up in the narthex.

Lent & Holy Week Schedule

March 20, Midweek Lent #6: Pastor Ben Phelps – God on Trial: Restraint
March 28, Maundy Thursday: Pastor Mahnke – God on Trial: Respite
March 29, Good Friday: Pastor Mahnke – God on Trial: Evidence
March 31, Easter Sunday: Pastor Mahnke – God on Trial: Vindication

Please join us for fellowship and treats following our Easter worship!

Our Savior’s Day at Dime & Dollar – Our Savior’s provides workers on the 4th Saturday of the month at Dime & Dollar Thrift Store, which directly supports Northland Lutheran High School. If you can give three hours, either morning or afternoon, please let Judy Wastrack know.

Schedule Change: The April date for Our Savior’s to staff D&D has been changed. This change allows members to attend both the LWMS Spring Rally at St. Peter (April 20) and Our Savior’s Everyone Outreach program (April 27-28). Instead of the usual 4th Saturday, we will staff D&D on **Saturday, May 4th and** our normal **4th Saturday on May 25th**. If interested in helping, sign up in the narthex or contact Judy Wastrack.

School Accreditation Info Meeting Cancelled – Please note that the information meeting on Monday, March 18 is cancelled and will be rescheduled for April.

This Week at Our Savior's

Today	9:00 AM 10:15 AM	Worship Sunday School & Bible Class
Monday	6:00 PM	School Board & Coordinating Council
Wednesday	1:00 PM	Lenten Worship
Thursday	4:30-6:30	"Down on the Farm" School Literacy Night
Saturday		Our Savior's Day at Dime & Dollar
Next Sunday 3/24	9:00 AM 10:15 AM	Palm Sunday Worship Sunday School & Bible Class

Growing Together

March 10, 2024

<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Vision</u>	<u>Debt Red</u>	<u>Plate</u>	<u>Lent</u>	<u>Missions</u>
\$2,809.00	\$490.00	\$130.00	\$45.00	\$567.00	\$100.00
<u>OS School</u>	<u>NLHS Op</u>	<u>Bldg Maint</u>	<u>School Fees</u>		
\$1,000.00	\$40.00	\$100.00	\$228.00		

Anticipated Weekly Offerings: \$4,077

In-Person Attendance: Sunday, March 3 – 55
Midweek Lent – 58

Sincere Thanks to Bob & Janice Gresens for their gift to Debt Reduction given in memory of Dawn Mae Erdman Burish, grandmother of Dawn Baumann.

We also thank Sara Ruiz and her family for their gift given to Our Savior's School in loving memory of their son, Alexander.

Blessed be their memories. Thanks be to God for the love which led to these gifts.

Child Care Needed – A couple tweens and teens are needed for childcare during our Everyone Outreach workshop on April 27-28. Please speak with Tim Heil or the church office if you can help. Thanks!

LWMS Spring Rally – The Spring Rally will be held on Saturday, April 20 at St. Peter, Schofield. Our theme will be “Gather Sheep from Every Fold,” based on John 10:16. Registration will begin at 8:30 am and the rally will be from 9:00 – noon. More information is coming soon. Meantime, save the date!

Sisters In Christ Spring Event – All ladies are welcome to join us for our spring Sisters in Christ event on Thursday, April 18 6-8pm hosted at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Mosinee. We'll be doing a board painting class. Three designs are offered; you will need to choose one. See the poster in the narthex for the designs. The cost will be \$40. Craft supplies as well as snacks and drinks will be provided. Please RSVP by April 8 to Cassy Ewald at cinderella.ewald@gmail.com. Hope to see you there!

WELS Milwaukee Tour - The PACE group of Grace/Maine, St. Paul's/Naugart, and Trinity/Berlin have organized a summer trip to see a Brewers game and to visit some of the Synod sites in and around Milwaukee on June 28-29. See the flyer in the narthex for more information. Reservations are due May 15.

Together We Shine – is coming up April 21 at Northland Lutheran High School! As they have for the last several years, they will hold their famous Soup Cook-Off and Silent Auction. If you have any wonderful and valuable prizes for the auction, please bring them to the school office. In the past, they have auctioned off prize items ranging from artwork to grills, gourmet baskets to quilts, Packer helmets to vacation cabin stays or attraction tickets. Also consider creating an award-winning soup for the cook-off! Prizes will be awarded for best soups, and the first one to run out!

WELS Youth Night – Our next youth night sponsored by WELS United of central Wisconsin will be April 28th at Northland Lutheran High School from 5:45pm to 8:30pm. We will have pizza, music, devotion, and a *Nerf War* to remember (think paint ball without paint balls). A sign-up is on our website. Eyewear is encouraged, guns and ammo will be provided.

Register today for the Everyone Outreach workshop!

Our Savior's is participating in an exciting new program called Everyone Outreach. The program will help us build a culture of outreach so that every ministry and every member is encouraged and equipped to reach the lost in our community. **Everyone Outreach kicks off with an interactive 2-day workshop on Saturday, April 27, 9:00-1:30 (lunch provided) and Sunday, April 28, 10:15-11:15 am at Our Savior's.** Each participant will leave the workshop with sustainable ways to personally help build our congregation's outreach culture. **Register for the workshop** by signing up in the narthex or calling the church office (845-3253). Questions? Visit everyoneoutreach.com or contact Tim Heil at 842-4573. We encourage every member of our congregation to attend the workshop and participate. In fact, the more members that attend, the more likely it is that our culture shift will be successful!

Sign up in the narthex!

Save
the
Date





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