



OUR SAVIOR'S

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



WELCOME

“Christ is risen!” Those are three words of truth that bring us true peace and lasting joy. The resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead is our guarantee that our sins are forgiven and that we have the victory over death. Thank you for joining us, and may the Lord richly bless your worship!

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

Dear Lord, you loved us so greatly that you gave us your son who lived among us perfectly and died innocently for our sins. Now, we rejoice that he has risen from the grave and rules over all things both on earth below and heaven above for our eternal God. May your Holy Spirit give us the joy of our salvation this day and always. Amen.

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

- Minister ~ Vicar John Wenzel
- Organist ~ Jodi Langenhahn
- Ushers ~ Mark Krohn, Kurt Schubring

Next week ~ Time & Ellen Heil

Acknowledgments

Setting One from Christian Worship

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The Second Sunday of Easter

April 7, 2024

Words of Welcome

Opening Hymn

CW 442

- 1 Christ the Lord is ris'n today; Alleluia!
Christians, hasten on your way; Alleluia!
see the place where he was laid; Alleluia!
praise him for the ransom paid. Alleluia!
- 2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Alleluia!
sinless in the sinners' stead. Alleluia!
"Christ is ris'n," today we cry; Alleluia!
now he lives, no more to die. Alleluia!
- 3 Christ, the victim undefiled, Alleluia!
God and sinners reconciled, Alleluia!
while, in strange and awe-full strife, Alleluia!
met together death and life. Alleluia!
- 4 Christ, who once for sinners bled, Alleluia!
now the firstborn from the dead, Alleluia!
throned in endless might and pow'r, Alleluia!
lives and reigns forevermore. Alleluia!

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Stand

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

Confession

CW 154

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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

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.

Hymn Response

CW 460 st. 1



1 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Hearts to heav'n and voic - es raise:
sing to God a hymn of glad-ness, sing to God a hymn of praise;
he who on the cross a vic-tim for the world's sal - va - tion bled—
Je - sus Christ, the King of glo - ry, now is ris - en from the dead.

Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807–1885

Tune: Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770–1827; adapt. Edward Hodges, 1796–1867

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Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, by the glorious resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, you conquered death and opened the gate to eternal life. Grant that we, who have been raised with him through Baptism, may walk in newness of life and ever rejoice in the hope of sharing his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be dominion and praise now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

The Word

First Reading

Job 19:23–27

²³“Oh, that my words were recorded, that they were written on a scroll,
²⁴that they were inscribed with an iron tool on lead, or engraved in
rock forever! ²⁵I know that my redeemer lives, and that in the end he
will stand on the earth. ²⁶And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in
my flesh I will see God; ²⁷I myself will see him with my own eyes—I,
and not another. How my heart yearns within me!

Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense

CW 446 sts. 1, 4–5

- 1 Jesus Christ, my sure defense
and my Savior, now is living!
Knowing this, my confidence
rests upon the hope he’s giving,
though the night of death be fraught
still with many’_an anxious thought.

- 4 I am flesh and must return
unto dust, whence I am taken;
but by faith I now discern
that from death I shall awaken
with my Savior to abide
in his glory, at his side.

- 5 Glorified, I shall anew
with this flesh then be enshrouded;
in this body I shall view
God, my Lord, with eyes unclouded;
in this flesh I then shall see
Jesus Christ eternally.

Text: Otto von Schwerin, 1616–1679; (st. 1): tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.; (st. 4): tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941; (st. 5): tr. Evangelical Lutheran Hymn-Book, 1912, alt.
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Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:19–26

¹⁹If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. ²⁰But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. ²²For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. ²³But each in turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. ²⁴Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Gospel Acclamation

Psalm 118:24

Alleluia! This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 16:1–8

¹When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body. ²Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb ³and they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?" ⁴But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. ⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. ⁶"Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.' "

⁸Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day

CW 445

- 1 He's risen, he's risen, Christ Jesus, the Lord;
he opened death's prison, the incarnate Word.
Break forth, hosts of heaven, in jubilant song
and earth, sea, and mountain, the praises prolong.
- 2 The foe was triumphant when on Calvary
the Lord of creation was nailed to the tree.
In Satan's domain did the hosts shout and jeer,
for Jesus was slain, whom the evil ones fear.
- 3 But short was their triumph; the Savior arose,
and death, hell, and Satan he vanquished, his foes.
The conquering Lord lifts his banner on high;
he lives, yes, he lives, and will nevermore die.
- 4 O, where is your sting, death? We fear you no more;
Christ rose, and now open is fair Eden's door.
For all our transgressions his blood does atone;
redeemed and forgiven, we now are his own.
- 5 Then sing your hosannas and raise your glad voice;
proclaim the blest tidings that all may rejoice.
Laud, honor, and praise to the Lamb that was slain:
with Father and Spirit he ever shall reign.

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Sermon

Mark 16:1-8

Jesus' Trial Ends Easter Morn

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.

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

God of all grace, we thank you for the gift of eternal life in your Son. By the resurrection of Jesus from the dead and by the faithful testimony of the apostles, you have assured us that our faith stands on a sure and solid foundation.

Though we do not see Jesus with our physical eyes, help us to see him with the eyes of faith.

Through your Holy Spirit, breathe on your Church that it may faithfully proclaim the gospel of our risen Savior with courage and diligence in all lands and to all people.

Grant that we also may be illumined by the heavenly light of your Word, and so keep us in the one and only true faith.

Preserve us from all assaults on our souls and deliver us from doubt and despair. As we stand by faith in your Easter cemetery and are emboldened by your triumphant resurrection, help us stand firm when our loved ones die trusting in you.

Thank you for giving them the victory over sin, death and the devil. Preserve us in faith until we inherit the glory of heaven and thus live eternally in your presence and with all your redeemed people.

Special prayers may follow.

As we go from this holy place today, grant peace and rest to us all. We pray this in the name of Christ our Lord, who has also taught us to pray:

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

Amen.

Closing Hymn

CW 465 sts. 1, 3-4

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today



1 "Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day!" saints on
3 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Christ has
4 Lives a - gain our glo - rious King! Where, O



earth and an - gels say. Raise your joys and
burst the gates of hell. Death in vain for -
death, is now your sting? Once he died our



tri - umphs high; sing, O heav'ns, and earth, re - ply.
bids his rise; Christ has o - pened par - a - dise.
souls to save; where your vic - to - ry, O grave?

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, abr., alt.

Tune: Pierre de Corbeille, d. 1221; adapt. Richard Redhead, 1820-1901

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*Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed.
Alleluia!*



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.

Thank you to all who donated Easter lilies and to our Lent & Easter decorating crew.

OWLS – After that excellent presentation on Alaska by Pastor Phelps we have decided to go to the Pizza Ranch for our April gathering. We will meet on Tuesday, April 9th at 11:30. Again, this is not just for members, but guests are encouraged to attend for some Christian fellowship. Questions contact Evan or Sandy at 715.693.1337.

LWMS Spring Rally – St Peter (Schofield Campus) is privileged to host a spring rally of the Wisconsin River Valley circuit of Lutheran Women Missionary Society (LWMS) on Saturday, April 20. The rally theme will be “Gathering Sheep from Every Fold”. Cathy Duncan will talk about her world missions experience and reaching out to Hindu and Muslim women. Registration starts at 8:00 am and the rally will begin 9:00 am. All members, including men, are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Everyone Outreach

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!

Teens! Your Help Is Needed - We need childcare help during our Everyone Outreach workshop on April 27-28. Please speak with Tim Heil or the church office if you can help.

School Accreditation Information Meeting - If you signed up to help with the accreditation project, please attend the meeting on Tues, April 9 at 6:00 PM. (Your help is welcome even if you didn't sign up!)

Together We Shine – On April 21st NLHS will hold its famous Soup Cook-Off and Silent Auction. If you have any wonderful and valuable prizes for the auction, please bring them to the NLHS 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. The event goes from noon to 3 pm.

Church Library – Looking for a good book? Our library is full of good reads! Two new books have been added to our library showing the strength of two women. In 'The Secret', a woman keeps a secret that would adversely affect several lives. The 'River Rose' is about a woman that pilots a river boat to support herself and her daughter at a time when women didn't work outside the home. Both books are very enjoyable reading.

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 info. Reservations are due May 15.

WELS Youth Night - Our next youth night sponsored by WELS United of central Wisconsin will be Sunday, 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). Eyewear is encouraged, guns and ammo will be provided. Please sign up in advance on the website mysaintpeter.org (use the TEEN EVENT link).

This Week at Our Savior's

Today	9:00 AM 10:15 AM	Worship Sunday School & Bible Class
Monday	6:00 PM	School Board
Tuesday	11:30 AM 6:00 PM	OWLS Luncheon at Pizza Ranch School Accreditation Info Meeting
Wednesday	6:00 PM	Coordinating Council
Thursday	1:00 PM	Ladies' Aid
Sunday 4/14	9:00 AM 10:15 AM	Worship Sunday School & Bible Class <i>Food Pantry Sunday</i>

Growing Together

March 31, 2024

<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Vision</u>	<u>Debt Red</u>	<u>Plate</u>	<u>Lent</u>	<u>M Thursday</u>
\$2,291.00	\$280.00	\$70.00	\$184.00	\$30.00	\$847.00
<u>Good Fri</u>	<u>Easter</u>	<u>Initial Env</u>	<u>Gym Rental</u>		
\$982.00	\$2,092.00	\$25.00	\$388.50		

Anticipated Weekly Offerings \$4,077

Attendance: Maundy Thursday - 43
 Good Friday - 56
 Easter Sunday - 100

Sincere Thanks – We thank Carol Scmith for her gift given in loving memory of her parents, Otto & Emma Borchardt. Blessed be their memories. Thanks be to God for the love which led to this gift.

We also thank the following members and friends for directing their Thrivent Choice Dollars to Our Savior's church or school: Theresa Hoffmann, Steven Marcis, David Schultz, Bill & Sue Unruh, Judith Wastrack.



EVERYONE OUTREACH

BUILDING A CONGREGATIONAL OUTREACH CULTURE

Everyone Outreach is designed to help our congregation build a culture of outreach so that every ministry and every member is thinking about and participating in outreach.

DATES: Saturday, April 27 & Sunday, April 28
TIMES: Saturday 9:00-1:30 pm | Sunday 10:15-11:15 am
LOCATION: Our Savior's (lower level)
CONTACT: Tim Heil 715-571-4372 or teheil@msn.com



EXERCISES: Memorable activities designed to help participants discover and consider their thought habits.



DISCUSSIONS: Thought-provoking discussions and questions to help participants think differently about resources, roles and mindsets.



GROUNDED IN GOD'S WORD: Each culture concept explored in the workshop is supported by the transforming power of scripture.



READY TO GO: Participants will leave the workshop with sustainable ways that they can personally help build the congregation's outreach culture.



ENGAGEMENT & SUPPORT: A system designed to provide ongoing engagement and implementation of the program beyond the workshop.

Learn more at
everyoneoutreach.com



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"I WISH MY CONGREGATION WAS
MORE OUTREACH-MINDED."





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