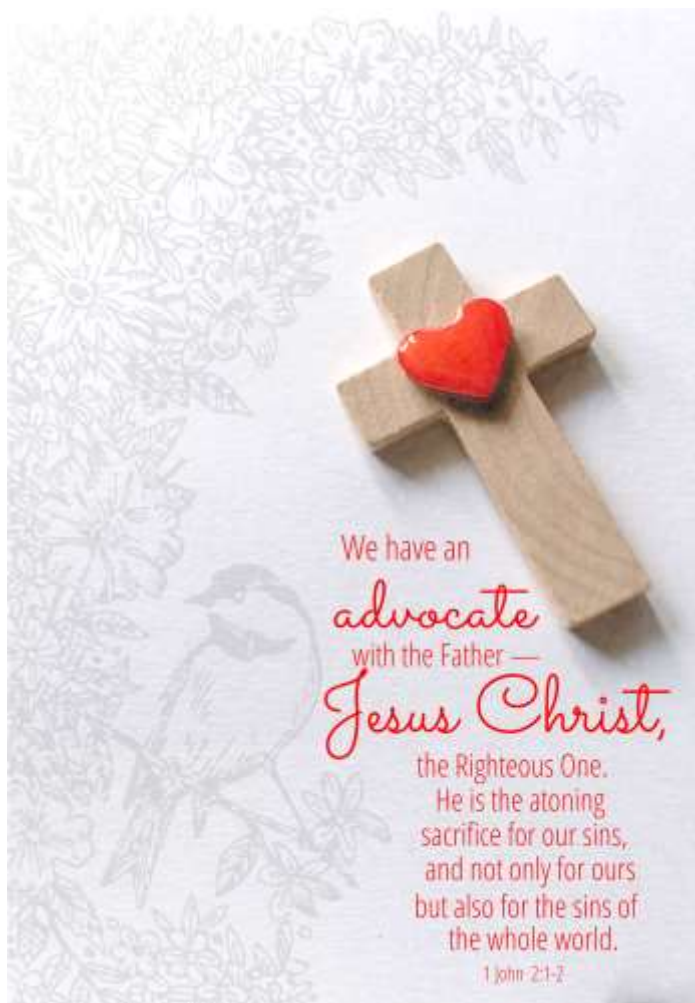




OUR SAVIOR'S

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



We have an
advocate
with the Father —
Jesus Christ,
the Righteous One.
He is the atoning
sacrifice for our sins,
and not only for ours
but also for the sins of
the whole world.

1 John 2:1-2

WELCOME

We welcome you to God's house for worship this fourth Sunday after Easter. The continuing theme we have through the Easter season is the joy we have in hearing the good news. Jesus has risen! As Jesus lives, we too have new lives in Christ. Now it is a special privilege for us to tell everyone this amazing message.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

Dear God, my Heavenly Father, I am sorry for the countless sins I commit against you. Yet, for the sake of your Son, Jesus, who died upon the cross, you will not punish me but give me eternal life in heaven. Thank you for the peace and comfort found in Christ alone and for taking away my guilt forever. Remind us of your gracious love every day. Amen.

WELS CONNECTION – In today's WELS Connection, we'll discover how a one-day camp in Dardenne Prairie, Mo., works to teach children about the compassion that Jesus has for them and how they can express that compassion to others—all to declare Christ's love in the community.

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

- Minister ~ Vicar John Wenzel
- Organist ~ Marie Kurth
- Ushers ~ Brost Family, Bill Unruh

Next week ~ Travis Kurth, Tony Sulko

Acknowledgments

Setting One from Christian Worship

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Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2024

Theme: RESURRECTION REALITY

We have a meaningful message to share

Words of Welcome / WELS Connection

Opening Hymn

CW 466 sts. 1-4

- 1 Christ has arisen, alleluia.
Rejoice and praise him, alleluia.
For our Redeemer burst from the tomb,
even from death, dispelling its gloom.
Let us sing praise to him with endless joy;
death's fearful sting he has come to destroy.
Our sin forgiving, alleluia! Jesus is living, alleluia!

- 2 For three long days the grave did its worst
until its strength by God was dispersed.
He who gives life did death undergo,
and in its conquest his might did show.
Let us sing praise to him with endless joy;
death's fearful sting he has come to destroy.
Our sin forgiving, alleluia! Jesus is living, alleluia!

- 3 The angel said to them, "Do not fear!
You look for Jesus who is not here.
See for yourselves the tomb is all bare,
only the grave cloths are lying there."
Let us sing praise to him with endless joy;
death's fearful sting he has come to destroy.
Our sin forgiving, alleluia! Jesus is living, alleluia!

4 “Go spread the news: he’s not in the grave;
he has arisen this world to save.
Jesus’ redeeming labors are done,
even the battle with sin is won.”
Let us sing praise to him with endless joy;
death’s fearful sting he has come to destroy.

Our sin forgiving, alleluia! Jesus is living, alleluia!

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

Confession & Absolution

CW 154

Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins,
asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

**Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin. For faithless
worrying and selfish pride, For sins of habit and sins of choice, For
the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do, You should
cast me away from your presence forever. O Lord, I am sorry for
my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus’ sake.**

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great
mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins.
Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your
sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Hymn Response

CW 466 sts. 5

5 Christ has arisen; he sets us free; alleluia, to him praises be.
Jesus is living! Let us all sing; he reigns triumphant, heavenly King.
Let us sing praise to him with endless joy;
death’s fearful sting he has come to destroy.
Our sin forgiving, alleluia! Jesus is living, alleluia!

Prayer of the Day

O God, by the humiliation of your Son, you lifted up this fallen world from the despair of death. By his resurrection to life, grant your faithful people gladness of heart and the hope of eternal joys; 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

Acts 3:11–20

Peter used this opportunity to share a meaningful message

¹¹While the man held on to Peter and John, all the people were astonished and came running to them in the place called Solomon's Colonnade. ¹²When Peter saw this, he said to them: "Fellow Israelites, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk? ¹³The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus. You handed him over to be killed, and you disowned him before Pilate, though he had decided to let him go. ¹⁴You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. ¹⁵You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this. ¹⁶By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus' name and the faith that comes through him that has completely healed him, as you can all see.

¹⁷"Now, fellow Israelites, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your leaders. ¹⁸But this is how God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, saying that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, ²⁰and that he may send the Messiah, who has been appointed for you—even Jesus.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 150B

Refrain



Tone



Praise God in his sanctu- / ary;
praise him in his mighty / heavens.
Praise him for his acts of / power;
praise him for his surpassing / greatness. *Refrain*

Praise him with the sounding of the / trumpet,
praise him with the / harp and lyre,
praise him with timbrel and / dancing,
praise him with the / strings and pipe,
praise him with the clash of / cymbals,
praise him with resounding / cymbals. *Refrain*

Let everything that has breath / praise the LORD.
Praise / the LORD.

**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain***

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Second Reading

1 John 1:5—2:2

John summarizes the meaningful message

⁵This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. ⁷But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

⁸If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us.

¹My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. ²He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

Gospel Acclamation

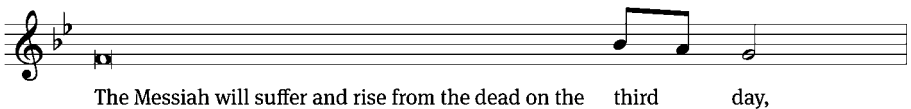
Luke 24:46,47



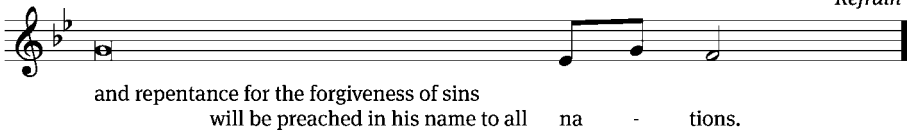
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Tone



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Gospel

Luke 24:36-49

The risen Savior gives us peace.

He also gives us a mission to share the message of repentance and forgiveness.

³⁶While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.”

³⁷They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have.”

⁴⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. ⁴¹And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, “Do you have anything here to eat?” ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate it in their presence.

⁴⁴He said to them, “This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.”

⁴⁵Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶He told them, “This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day

CW 459

Christ the Lord Is Risen Again

- 1 Christ the Lord is ris'n again;
Christ has broken death's strong chain.
Hark, the angels shout for joy,
singing evermore on high: Hallelujah!

- 2 He who gave for us his life,
who for us endured the strife,
is our Paschal Lamb today.
We too sing for joy and say: Hallelujah!
- 3 He who bore all pain and loss
comfortless upon the cross
lives in glory now on high,
pleads for us, and hears our cry: Hallelujah!
- 4 He whose path no records tell
has descended into hell;
he the strong man armed has bound
and in highest heav'n is crowned. Hallelujah!
- 5 He who slumbered in the grave
is exalted now to save;
now through Christendom it rings
that the Lamb is King of kings. Hallelujah!
- 6 Now he bids us tell abroad
how the lost may be restored,
how the penitent forgiv'n,
how we, too, may enter heav'n. Hallelujah!

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Sermon

1 John 1:5-2:2

Eternal Life Is Ours in 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.

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

Lord God, in Your presence we find fullness of joy, and by Your right hand, Christ Jesus, You win and deliver peace forevermore. In the midst of this world's sins and sorrows, give us peace in the knowledge of His salvation and confident hope in the resurrection of the dead.

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, by the incarnation of Your Son and the reconciliation of His cross, You have made us Your children and gathered us into Your Holy Church. Sustain the preaching of Your Holy Word and its message of repentance for the forgiveness of sins in Jesus' name among us and all the nations of the world.

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give peace, Lord, to our homes and enliven them by Christ's resurrected life. Let the forgiveness of sins reign among husbands and wives, parents and children. Assure those who live alone that they, too, are Your children, upheld by Your right hand.

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by Your Son's crucifixion all sins have been blotted out. Send us now the blessed refreshment of His bodily presence in the Sacrament of the Altar, and make us fit partakers in repentance for the forgiveness of our sins.

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Special prayers of intercession

Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

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 T give you peace.

Amen.

Closing Hymn

CW 746

I Love to Tell the Story



1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,
2 O won - der - ful re - demp - tion! The price for sin is paid,
3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best



of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.
sal - va - tion is ac - com - plished, my heart is un - a - fraid,
seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest.



I love to tell the sto - ry be - cause I know it's true;
for God has raised Christ Je - sus to show the work was done;
And when in scenes of glo - ry I sing the new, new song,



it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else can do.
his glo - rious res - ur - rec - tion de - clared the vic - t'ry won!
'twill be the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.



I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry



to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

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Christ is risen! He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Divine Call Update - Our voters extended a Divine Call to Pastor Darin Aden. They also extended a Call to his wife, Mrs. Karla Aden, to teach grades 5-8. They currently serve St. John St. James Lutheran Church and School in Reedsville, WI. We encourage you to pray for them as they deliberate where they can best serve our Lord. Please also reach out to them with words of encouragement.

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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.

God's Richest Blessings! On Tuesday, April 16th Pastor Buschkopf married his long-time fiancé, Rose Patingo, at Mountain of the Lord Lutheran Church before friends and family. Pastor Ewald conducted the service. Andy & Rose will hold a wedding affirmation and reception on June 1st. We rejoice with Andy & Rose on this very special occasion of their lifelong commitment to each other.

Everyone Outreach - Our Everyone Outreach program is next weekend! This is NOT training for door-to-door evangelism. This training will help you feel comfortable sharing your faith with your own family, friends, neighbors, coworkers.

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) or contact Tim Heil at 842-4573. We encourage every member of our congregation to attend the workshop!

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

This Week at Our Savior's

Today	9:00 AM 10:15 AM	Worship / WELS Connection Sunday School & Bible Class
Saturday	9:00 AM – 1:30 PM	Everyone Outreach Program at Our Savior's
Sunday 4/28	9:00 AM 10:15 AM 10:15-11:15 5:45 PM	Worship / WELS Connection Sunday School Everyone Outreach Program WELS Youth Night

Growing Together

April 14, 2024

<u>Weekly</u> \$3,093.00	<u>Vision</u> \$115.00	<u>Debt Red</u> \$110.00	<u>Plate</u> \$20.08	<u>Missions</u> \$100.00	<u>OS School</u> \$10.00
<u>Sunday School</u> \$10.00	<u>NLHS Tuition</u> \$15.00	<u>NLHS Op</u> \$30.00	<u>Bldg Maint</u> \$3.00	<u>Publications</u> \$5.00	
<u>Pop Cans</u> \$27.00	<u>School Fees</u> \$616.00	<u>Gym Rental Zumba</u> \$124.00			

Anticipated Weekly Offerings \$4,077

Attendance: Sunday, April 14 - 74

Sincere Thanks to the Ladies' Aid for their gift to the Vision fund on the occasion of Ellen Fitzke's hospitalization. We pray for healing.

Remember in Prayer – Please keep Myrt Woelfle, Bob Ruether, and Ellen Fitzke in your prayers. May God surround them all with his love.

Together We Shine – Today NLHS holds its Soup Cook-Off and Silent Auction. The event goes from noon to 3 pm. All are welcome!

BLOOD DRIVE! NLHS will hold a blood drive on Thurs, May 2. Would you like to give the gift of life? Email Miss Stelter at astelter@nlhs.org



Northland Lutheran High School
and WELS United hosts:

WELS YOUTH NIGHT

Sunday April 28 5:45 - 8:30pm

at Northland Lutheran HS

PIZZA
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Grades 8-12

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