



OUR SAVIOR'S

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



“I am the good shepherd.
I know my sheep and my
sheep know me.”

--John 10:14

WELCOME

We are delighted to have you with us. If you are looking for a church home, we are happy to share ours with you. Today we will focus on Jesus as our Good Shepherd. Do come again soon for worship!

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

Dear Jesus, as our Good Shepherd, we find true comfort in your loving care for us. Guard and keep us from the dangers of our sin and enable us by your Spirit to follow you to the eternal sheep pen in heaven. Hear us for your sake. 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 Pastor Mahnke before the service begins.

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

- Minister ~ Pastor Matthew Holtz
- Organist ~ Marie Kurth
- Ushers ~ Travis Kurth, Tony Sulko

Next week ~ Rick & Karen Leopold

Acknowledgments

Setting Three from Christian Worship

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or check your emails if your newsletter is being
sent electronically. Thank you!**



Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 14, 2024

Theme: RESURRECTION REALITY

The Risen Shepherd provides good shepherding

Words of Welcome

Opening Hymn

CW 551

Jesus Shepherd of the Sheep

- 1 Jesus, shepherd of the sheep,
who your Father's flock does keep,
safe we wake and safe we sleep, guarded still by you.
- 2 In your promise firm we stand,
none can take us from your hand;
speak—we hear—at your command, we will follow you.
- 3 By your blood our souls were bought,
by your life salvation wrought;
by your light our feet are taught, Lord, to follow you.
- 4 Father, draw us to your Son;
we with joy will follow on
till the work of grace is done, there to live with you.
- 5 We, in robes of glory dressed,
join th' assembly of the blest,
gathered to eternal rest in the fold with you.

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

Confession

CW 172

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

CW 174

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

O Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Good Shepherd who laid down your life for the sheep. Lead us now to the still waters of your life-giving Word that we may abide in your Father's house forevermore; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The Word

First Reading

Acts 20:28–32

The good shepherd asks his sub-shepherds to keep watch over the flock

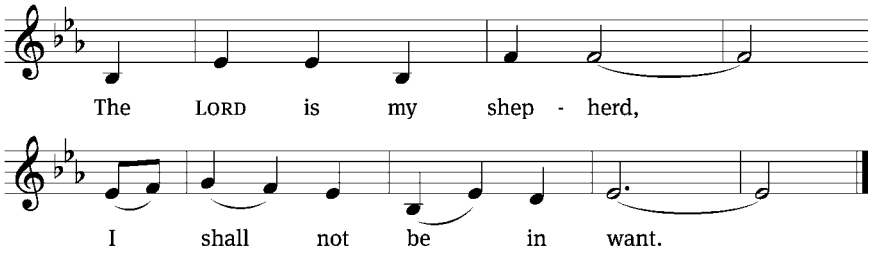
²⁸Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood. ²⁹I know that after I leave, savage wolves will come in among you and will not spare the flock. ³⁰Even from your own number men will arise and distort the truth in order to draw away disciples after them. ³¹So be on your guard! Remember that for three years I never stopped warning each of you night and day with tears.

³²“Now I commit you to God and to the word of his grace, which can build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified.

The LORD Is My Shepherd

Psalm 23C

Refrain



The LORD is my shep - herd,
I shall not be in want.

Tone



The LORD is my / shepherd,

I lack / nothing.

He makes me lie down in green / pastures,
he leads me beside quiet / waters,

he refreshes / my soul.

He guides me along the right paths for his / name's sake.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no / evil,

for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they / comfort me.

Refrain

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my / enemies.

You anoint my head with oil; my cup / overflows.

Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days / of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for- / ever.

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 4:1-6

St. John encourages us to test all those who claim to have a spiritual message. Not all such individuals have been sent by God.

¹Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. ²This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, ³but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard is coming and even now is already in the world.

⁴You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world. ⁵They are from the world and therefore speak from the viewpoint of the world, and the world listens to them. ⁶We are from God, and whoever knows God listens to us; but whoever is not from God does not listen to us. This is how we recognize the Spirit of truth and the spirit of falsehood.

Gospel Acclamation

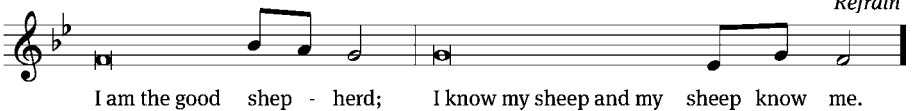
John 10:14



Refrain



Tone



Refrain

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Jesus explains why he is the good shepherd.

¹¹“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. ¹³The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

¹⁴“I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me— ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. ¹⁷The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Hymn of the Day

CW 553

The Lord's My Shepherd

- 1 The Lord's my shepherd; I'll not want. He makes me down to lie
in pastures green; he leadeth me the quiet waters by.
He leadeth me, he leadeth me the quiet waters by.
- 2 My soul he doth restore again and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness, e'en for his own name's sake;
within the paths of righteousness, e'en for his own name's sake.
- 3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I fear no ill;
for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me comfort still;
for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me comfort still.

- 4 My table thou hast furnished in presence of my foes;
my head thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows.
My head thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows.
- 5 Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me,
and in God's house forevermore my dwelling place shall be;
and in God's house forevermore my dwelling place shall be.

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Sermon

1 John 4:1–6

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

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 T 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 T 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 begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat, and a common time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: 'Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.' This phrase is repeated on the second and fourth staves. The final staff concludes with the lyrics: 'Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us your peace.'

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Distribution

552 The King of Love My Shepherd Is

- 1 The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness fails me never;
I nothing lack if I am his, and he is mine forever.

- 2 Where streams of living water flow,
my Savior gently leads me,
and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feeds me.
- 3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me
and on his shoulder gently laid and home, rejoicing, brought me.
- 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill
with you, dear Lord, beside me,
your rod and staff my comfort still, your cross before to guide me.
- 5 You spread a table in my sight,
a banquet here bestowing;
your oil of welcome, my delight; my cup is overflowing!
- 6 And so through all the length of days
your goodness fails me never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing your praise within your house forever!

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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.

We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet you have given us in this Sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit, help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, 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 804

I Am Jesus' Little Lamb

- 1 I am Jesus' little lamb;
ever glad at heart I am,
for my Shepherd gently guides me,
knows my need and well provides me,
loves me ev'ry day the same,
even calls me by my name.

- 2 Day by day, at home, away,
Jesus is my staff and stay.
When I hunger, Jesus feeds me,
into pleasant pastures leads me;
when I thirst, he bids me go
where the quiet waters flow.

- 3 Who so happy as I am,
even now the Shepherd's lamb?
And when my short life is ended,
by his angel host attended,
he shall fold me to his breast,
there within his arms to rest.

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Worship Today – Pastor Matthew Holtz, the facilitator of this weekend’s Everyone Outreach seminar, will also serve as our presiding minister and preacher for today’s worship service. Pastor Holtz serves as one of the pastors at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Appleton. We thank Pastor Holtz for his service to us, and may the Lord richly bless his ministry!

Bible Class Next Sunday – Because next Sunday is Confirmation Sunday at St Peter, there will be no Bible Class after our worship service. This will enable Vicar Wenzel to return to St Peter’s Schofield Campus to participate in the confirmation ceremony. Bible Class will resume on Sunday, May 12th.

Divine Call Update - Our voters extended a Divine Call to Pastor Darin Aden and his wife, Karla, to serve as pastor and upper grades teacher. 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.

Asleep in Jesus – In his great love and mercy, God called home to heaven two of our sisters in faith. A Christian funeral was held for Pauline Froehlich on Thursday and for Myrt Woelfle on Saturday.

We offer our sympathies to Don Froehlich and his family, and to Wade & Dianna Woelfle, Vi Schmidt, and their family. May God grant them comfort, peace and joy knowing that their loved ones are now rejoicing in heaven.

Remember in Prayer – Please keep Bob Ruether and Ellen Fitzke in your prayers as they recover at Rennes. May God surround them with his love. **Everyone Outreach: Thank you!** - We’re sending out a big

THANK YOU to the 28 members who participated in the Everyone Outreach seminar. Wow! We pray that this will bear much fruit, bringing more people to faith in Jesus, their Savior.

Dime & Dollar Schedule Change - Instead of the usual 4th Saturday in April, we will staff D&D this Saturday, May 4th plus our normal 4th Saturday on May 25th. To help, sign up in the narthex or contact Judy Wastrack. You may work just the morning or afternoon shift, or the whole day – your choice.

Tonight: WELS Youth Night - Our next youth night sponsored by WELS United of central Wisconsin will be today 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).

Northland HS Delegate Meeting Highlights:

- We (NLHS) have 111 students and their families as part of this ministry. As of now, we have 122 students for next year and are still working toward our goal of 128 students.
- Thanks to God's blessings through wise spending, sacrifice, and Christ-compelled hearts, the debt has been reduced from \$3,500,000 to \$1,080,294. With \$80,295 in gifts by June 30, we will reach our goal of getting the debt under \$1 Million. May Christ compels hearts to reach this goal.
- Dime and Dollar income was budgeted for \$200,000 for this fiscal year, and through March is on pace to meet that amount. Please encourage your congregations to consider donating their items and their time to this important resource for NLHS.
- Dawn Willitz is retiring at the end of the school year. We are looking for someone to help in the office 1-2 days per week. Character and skills include but are not limited to Christ-centeredness in everything, effective written and oral communication, organization and planning, independence, and efficient computer use. Do you know anyone interested?
- We are looking for someone to donate a fuel efficient vehicle and can always use more van drivers as well.

This Week at Our Savior's

Today	9:00 AM 10:15 AM 10:15-11:15 5:45 PM	Worship with Communion Sunday School Everyone Outreach Program WELS Youth Night
Saturday		OS Day at Dime & Dollar
Sunday 5/5	9:00 AM 10:15 AM	Worship Sunday School <i>No Bible Class today</i>

Growing Together

April 21, 2024

<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Vision</u>	<u>Debt Red</u>	<u>Plate</u>	<u>School Fees</u>
\$2,367.00	\$175.00	\$145.00	\$65.00	\$1,367.00

Anticipated Weekly Offerings \$4,077

Attendance: Sunday, April 21 - 62

2024 WELS Night At American Family Field – St. Peter's is renting a Lamers 56 passenger motorcoach to travel to American Family Park in Milwaukee to watch the Brewers play the Washington Nationals on Friday, July 12th at 7:10 pm for this summer's WELS Night. We are planning to fully enjoy the atmosphere and experience by tailgating before the game begins. The bus will leave St. Peter Schofield Campus at 1:30 pm and return at approximately 1:30 / 2:00 am. Our game tickets will be the "Loge Outfield Box" and Pastor Mahnke will take care of placing the order for the tickets for those who sign up. The approximate price for transportation and the game ticket is \$58-75 per person (depending on how many people go). Payments will be due on game day, and we will know the exact amount a few weeks before the game. Sign up in the narthex or by calling the St. Peter church office (715.359.2829) by Sunday, June 9th to secure your spot. We are inviting members from area WELS churches to join us as well. Hurry, because the bus will fill up fast. Go Brewers go!



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