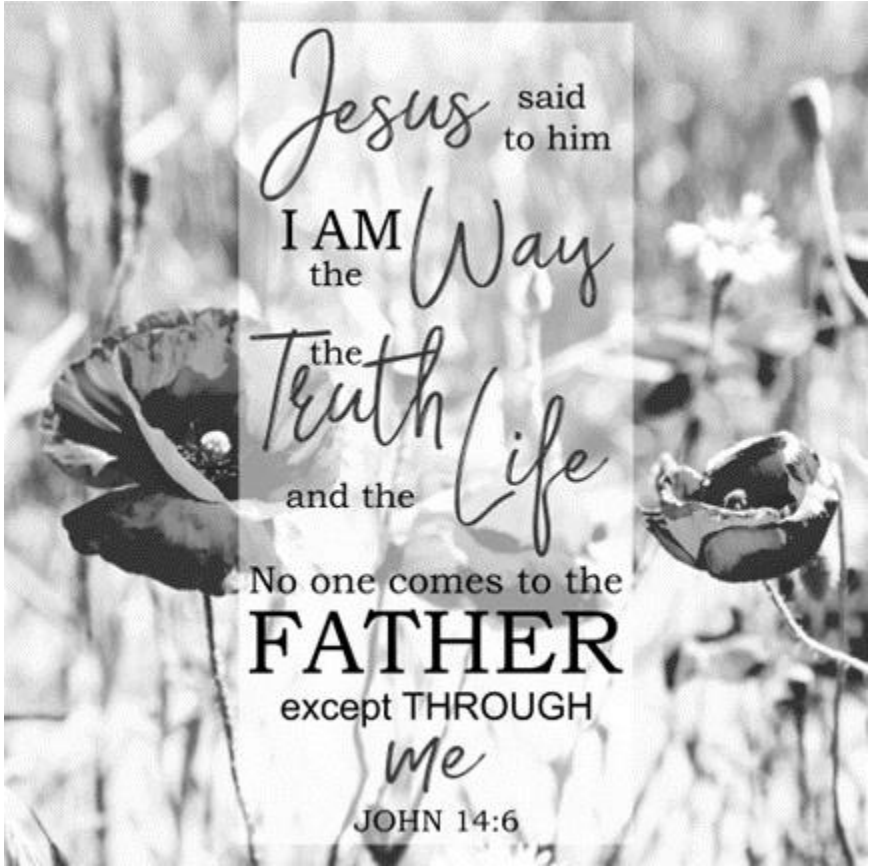




OUR SAVIOR'S

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



WELCOME

We welcome members and guests alike to the house of our true and living God for worship this Seventh Sunday of Easter as we continue celebrating Christ's resurrection from the dead. Jesus commands his followers to remain in him and his love. While because of our sin we can't even do this on our own, we are encouraged because Jesus lives to make sure we continue trusting in him by his Holy Spirit and his work on our hearts through the gospel in Word and Sacrament.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

Heavenly Father, you called me by name and declared that I was your child through my Baptism. I am wearing by faith the robe of Christ's perfect righteousness that covers all my sin – thank you, Jesus! Grant me grace that I may faithfully confess the living hope that is mine through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Reassure me of your abiding presence and your unwavering faithfulness to enable me all my days to remain in Jesus' unconditional love, through Jesus Christ my Lord. 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 Jeff Mahnke
- Organist ~ Marie Kurth
- Ushers ~ Dan & Carrie Stelzer

Next week ~ Sawyer Burish, Robert Gresens

Acknowledgments

Setting One from Christian Worship

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Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 12, 2024

Theme: RESURRECTION REALITY

He lives to be the only way to heaven

Words of Welcome

Opening Hymn

CW 810

The First Song of Isaiah

**Surely, it is God who saves me;
I will trust in him and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,
and he will be my Savior.** (sing twice before v. 1)

- 1 Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing
from the springs of salvation.
And on that day you shall say,
“Give thanks to the Lord and
call upon his name.” (Refrain)
- 2 Make his deeds known among the peoples;
see that they remember that his name is exalted.
Sing the praises of the Lord for he has done great things
and this is known in all the world. (Refrain)
- 3 Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion,
ring out your joy,
for the great one in the midst of you
is the Holy One of Israel. (Refrain sung twice)

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

And also with you.

We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and to serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will. **Amen.**

In the peace of forgiveness and the certainty of our salvation, let us praise the Lord!

**Surely, it is God who saves me;
I will trust in him and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,
and he will be my Savior.**

Prayer of the Day

Lord Jesus, you alone are the way, the truth, and the life. Pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and by Word and Sacrament help us always to remain in you by faith; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Word

First Reading

Isaiah 12

Surely God is my salvation

¹In that day you will say:

“I will praise you, LORD. Although you were angry with me, your anger has turned away and you have comforted me.

²Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid.

The LORD, the LORD himself, is my strength and my defense; he has become my salvation.” ³With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

⁴In that day you will say:

“Give praise to the LORD, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done, and proclaim that his name is exalted. ⁵Sing to the LORD, for he has done glorious things; let this be known to all the world. ⁶Shout aloud and sing for joy, people of Zion, for great is the Holy One of Israel among you.”

As Morning Dawns, Dear Savior

CW 777 sts. 1, 5–6

- 1 As morning dawns, dear Savior, my praise and thanks I bring
for your rich grace and favor; with songs of joy I sing.
Though seated on your throne, you still are ever near me,
with promises to cheer me, your love for me made known.
- 5 Your Word shall always guide me, rich wisdom to bestow;
you will with grace provide me and cause my faith to grow.
Your power from above will keep me and protect me;
in all I do direct me, in keeping with your love.
- 6 My confidence is founded on God’s unchanging Word;
in him my trust is grounded, with promises assured.
My hands with joy I give to do the work he sends me,
with talents that he lends me; for him alone I’ll live.

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Second Reading

Jude 17–21, 24–25

Continue to build yourselves up in the faith

¹⁷But, dear friends, remember what the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ foretold. ¹⁸They said to you, “In the last times there will be scoffers who will follow their own ungodly desires.” ¹⁹These are the people who divide you, who follow mere natural instincts and do not have the Spirit. ²⁰But you, dear friends, by building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, ²¹keep yourselves in God’s love as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to eternal life.

²⁴To him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy— ²⁵to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

John 15:9

Alleluia. As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. Alleluia.

Gospel

John 14:1–6

Jesus lives to be the way, the truth and the life

¹“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. ²My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. ⁴You know the way to the place where I am going.” ⁵Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?”

⁶Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day

CW 568

His Robes for Mine

- 1 His robes for mine: O wonderful exchange!
Clothed in my sin, Christ suffered 'neath God's rage.
Draped in his righteousness, I'm justified.
In Christ I live, for in my place he died. (Refrain)

**Ref I cling to Christ, and marvel at the cost:
Jesus forsaken, God estranged from God.
Bought by such love, my life is not my own.
My praise—my all—shall be for Christ alone.**

- 2 His robes for mine: what cause have I for dread?
God's daunting law Christ mastered in my stead.
Faultless I stand with righteous works not mine,
saved by my Lord's vicarious death and life. (Refrain)
- 3 His robes for mine: God's justice is appeased.
Jesus is crushed, and thus the Father's pleased.
Christ drank God's wrath on sin, then cried, "'Tis done!"
Sin's wage is paid, propitiation won. (Refrain)
- 4 His robes for mine: such anguish none can know.
Christ, God's beloved, condemned as though his foe.
He, as though I, accursed and left alone;
I, as though he, embraced and welcomed home! (Refrain)

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Sermon

Remain in Jesus' Love

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

Heavenly Father, you have gathered people of all ages into the communion of saints. Today we thank you for the gift of young people to your Church.

We come before you and ask that you keep them in your tender care.

Protect them from the perils and temptations common to youth. Help them resist the pressure to engage in godless and immoral activity. When they become confused, show them the way. When they hurt, bind up their wounds.

When they fail, restore them according to your mercy and keep the cross of Christ before their eyes.

Bless them with good friends, competent teachers, faithful ministers, caring parents, supportive homes, and life-enriching experiences.

According to your wisdom, spare them from the perils of unexpected tragedy, severe illness, violent crime, a broken home, or an untimely death.

Be with our youth as they continue to mature. Teach them the value of honest labor and faithful stewardship. Guide and direct them as they prepare for their life's vocations.

Remind them that their greatest joy is found in using talents and abilities in service to you.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

Most of all, dear Lord, we ask you to keep this and every generation faithful to your truth. Strengthen believers through regular use of Word and Sacrament so that we remain in your Son until we enjoy eternal life in your presence in heaven.

Open our mouths to share the gospel with friends and acquaintances, that each new generation may know the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord. 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.

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 + 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 + 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.

O Lamb of God

CW 1031

- 1 O Lamb of God, once lifted high upon a cross to bleed and die, in perfect love you took our place—bestow on us your saving grace.
- 2 O Lamb of God, your sacrifice has cancelled sin, has paid its price; your perfect love will never cease— have mercy, Lord, and grant us peace.

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Distribution & Hymns

I Lay My Sins on Jesus

CW 798

- 1 I lay my sins on Jesus, the spotless Lamb of God;
he bears them all and frees us from the accursèd load.
I bring my guilt to Jesus to wash my crimson stains
white in his blood most precious till not a spot remains.
- 2 I lay my wants on Jesus, all fullness dwells in him;
he heals all my diseases, my soul he does redeem.
I lay my griefs on Jesus, my burdens and my cares;
he from them all releases, he all my sorrows shares.
- 3 I rest my soul on Jesus, this weary soul of mine;
his right hand me embraces, I in his arms recline.
I love the name of Jesus, Immanuel, Christ, the Lord;
like fragrance on the breezes his name abroad is poured.
- 4 I long to be like Jesus, meek, loving, lowly, mild;
I long to be like Jesus, the Father's holy child.
I long to be with Jesus amid the heav'nly throng,
to sing with saints his praises, to learn the angels' song.

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How Firm a Foundation

CW 800

- 1 How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!
What more can he say than to you he has said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?
- 2 “Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed,
for I am your God and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

- 3 “When through the deep waters I call you to go,
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow,
for I will be with you, your troubles to bless,
and sanctify to you your deepest distress.
- 4 “When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,
my grace all-sufficient shall be your supply;
the flames will not hurt you; I only design
your dross to consume and your gold to refine.
- 5 “The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose
I will not, I will not, desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I’ll never, no never, no never forsake!”

Text: A Selection of Hymns, London, 1787, ed. John Rippon, alt.
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We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, 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 518

Christ Be My Leader

- 1 Christ be my leader by night as by day;
safe through the darkness, for he is the way.
Gladly I follow, my future his care,
darkness is daylight when Jesus is there.
- 2 Christ be my teacher in age as in youth,
drifting or doubting, for he is the truth.
Grant me to trust him; though shifting as sand,
doubt cannot daunt me; in Jesus I stand.
- 3 Christ be my Savior in calm as in strife;
death cannot hold me, for he is the life.
Nor darkness nor doubting nor sin and its stain
can touch my salvation: with Jesus I reign.

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***Thank you for worshiping 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 Update – Last Sunday voters issued a Divine Call to Michaela Levich to teach grades 5-8. Mrs. Levich currently serves part time at St. Peter Lutheran School. Please keep her in your prayers as she deliberates where she can best serve our Lord. You may offer words of encouragement: bellahof6@gmail.com or call/text: 920.470.9371

We submitted a request for a seminary graduate and await God's will. Pray that God grants workers for both our church and our school.

Congregational Update on May 19 – Our leadership will briefly update the congregation about current discussions and challenges in our ministry on Sunday, May 19 following our worship service.

Door Offering & Reception – We will collect a “thank you” door offering gift for Mr. Lemke today. Cards are also welcome.

Our school families are holding a “thank you” pizza party for Mr. Lemke on Friday, May 17.

Our congregation will host a **reception for Mr. Lemke next Sunday**, May 19, following our worship service. We'll have refreshments and will present our gift to Mr. Lemke. Please plan to stay for fellowship, offer your thanks, and wish Mr. Lemke God's richest blessings as he prepares to move to Bethlehem Lutheran School in Hortonville.

Memorials – We offer our sincere thanks for gifts given in memory of:

Pauline Froehlich – *Mark & Beth Krohn*

Myrt Woelfle – *Mark & Beth Krohn, Elaine Radtke*

Blessed be their memories.

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

Lawn Maintenance - We are looking for some help. Where help really would be appreciated is to run the self-propelled mower where the tractor can't get in and to run the trimmer around edges of building, signs and fences. If you are willing to help, there is a signup sheet on east table in narthex.

This Week at Our Savior's

Today	9:00 AM 10:15 AM	Worship with Communion Sunday School & Bible Class <i>Food Pantry Sunday</i>
Tuesday	11:30 AM	OWLS Meeting at Immanuel, Mosinee
Friday	5:30 PM 7:00 PM	School Pizza Party for Mr. Lemke NLHS Spring Pops Concert
Sunday 5/19	9:00 AM 10:15 AM	Worship / WELS Connection/Update Sunday School Thank You Reception for Mr. Lemke

Growing Together

May 5, 2024

<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Vision</u>	<u>Debt Red</u>	<u>Memorial</u>	<u>Missions</u>	<u>Easter</u>
\$1,995.00	\$430.00	\$260.00	\$90.00	\$100.00	\$50.00
<u>Ascension</u>	<u>WELS Scholarship</u>	<u>Bldg Maint</u>	<u>New Beginnings</u>		
\$10.00	\$10.00	\$50.00	\$100.00		
<u>School Fees</u>	<u>Door Offering</u>	<u>Plate</u>			
\$78.00	\$147.00	\$106.00			

Anticipated Weekly Offerings \$4,077

Attendance: Sunday, May 5 - 80

2024 WELS Night at American Family Field – St. Peter congregation is renting a Lamers motorcoach to travel to Milwaukee to watch the Brewers play the Washington Nationals on Friday, July 12th. The bus will leave the Schofield Campus in the early afternoon so we can tailgate before the game begins at 7:10 pm. Because WELS United in Central Wisconsin is providing a generous grant the price should be \$43-60 person (depending on how many go). Sign up in the Information Center or by calling the St. Peter church office by Sunday, June 9th, to secure your spot (715-359-2829). They are inviting members from area WELS churches to join us as well.



OWLS May Meeting - The May meeting of the OWLS group will be on Tuesday, May 14th at Immanuel Lutheran in Mosinee at 11:30. Pastor Ewald will be giving an interesting presentation on beekeeping and honey. Again, light snacks will be served and guests are encouraged to attend. Any questions please contact Evan or Sandy at 715-693-1337. Note: This will be the last meeting until September. Have a safe and blessed summer.

NLHS Notes

Housing for Commuting & Foreign Students, 24-25 - We are looking for several families who would open their hearts and homes to students who live a little too far away to travel each day or a student far from home. The bonus is that we can share Jesus with these students. You would receive a stipend for the student's room and board, as well as new experiences, warm memories, and often lifetime friendships. Call or email if you are interested, 715-359-3400 or nlhsoffice@nlhs.org.

WHAT? WILDCAT OPEN? You bet! Save the date: August 10, 2024. Watch for registration information coming soon.

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