



OUR SAVIOR'S

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



“So
THE SON
OF MAN
IS LORD
even of the Sabbath.”

MARK 2:28



WELCOME TO OUR SERVICE

Christianity is very much a top-down faith. When we call Christianity a “top-down faith,” we mean that it tells us things about God that are so beautiful and good—teachings that couldn’t possibly have originated from human thinking. The Christian faith contains teachings that are so wonderful that we would never even believe them unless God himself revealed their truthfulness to us. So, God sent his Spirit from heaven to earth—from the top down—to empower his children to believe that which would otherwise be totally unbelievable. In today’s worship, we are looking at God’s top-down gift of rest, a gift that cannot be earned.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

Give me joy, dear Jesus, as I prepare to worship you today. Make me understand what my life would be like without you so that I long to hear about your grace and compassion. Help me participate in a way that honors you and builds up all who worship with me, and let their worship strengthen and encourage my faith.

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 the pastor before the service begins.

SERVING TODAY

- Minister – Pastor Timothy Kujath
 - Organist – Marie Kurth
 - Ushers – Mark Krohn, Kurt Schubring
- Next week – Tim & Ellen Heil*

Acknowledgments

Setting One from Christian Worship

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First Sunday after Pentecost

May 26, 2024

Words of Welcome

Opening Hymn

CW 818

My Soul Finds Rest in God Alone

- 1 My soul finds rest in God alone,
 my rock and my salvation;
a fortress strong against my foes,
 and I will not be shaken.
Though lips may bless and hearts may curse,
 and lies like arrows pierce me,
I'll fix my heart on righteousness,
 I'll look to him who hears me.
O praise him, hallelujah, my delight and my reward;
everlasting, never failing, my Redeemer, my God.

- 2 Find rest, my soul, in God alone
 amid the world's temptations;
when evil seeks to take a hold,
 I'll cling to my salvation.
Though riches come and riches go,
 don't set your heart upon them;
the fields of hope in which I sow
 are harvested in heaven.
O praise him, hallelujah, my delight and my reward;
everlasting, never failing, my Redeemer, my God.

3 I'll set my gaze on God alone
and trust in him completely;
with ev'ry day pour out my soul,
and he will prove his mercy.
Though life is but a fleeting breath,
a sigh too brief to measure,
my king has crushed the curse of death
and I am his forever.
O praise him, hallelujah, my delight and my reward;
everlasting, never failing, my Redeemer, my God.

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In the name of the Father and of the ✠ 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 ✠ 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.

Glory Be to God on High

CW 157



Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



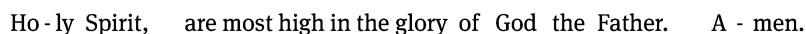
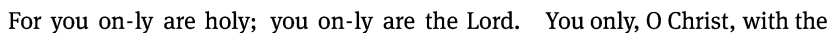
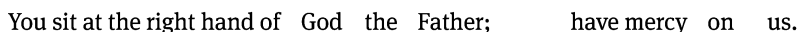
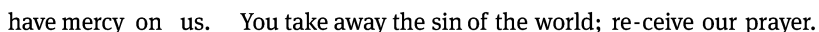
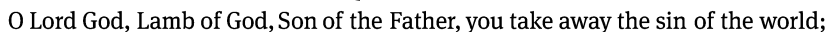
We praise you, we bless you, we wor - ship you, we glorify you,



we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



God the Fa-ther Al - mighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;



The Word

First Reading

Deuteronomy 5:12–15

The LORD commanded that the Sabbath day be observed so that we might rest and remember all that he has done for us.

¹²“Observe the Sabbath day by keeping it holy, as the LORD your God has commanded you. ¹³Six days you shall labor and do all your work, ¹⁴but the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your ox, your donkey or any of your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns, so that your male and female servants may rest, as you do. ¹⁵Remember that you were slaves in Egypt and that the LORD your God brought you out of there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm. Therefore the LORD your God has commanded you to observe the Sabbath day.

Second Reading

Colossians 2:13–17

All God's commands about religious festivals and the Sabbath day were meant to point us to the spiritual rest found in Christ.

¹³When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, ¹⁴having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

¹⁶Therefore do not let anyone judge you by what you eat or drink, or with regard to a religious festival, a New Moon celebration or a Sabbath day. ¹⁷These are a shadow of the things that were to come; the reality, however, is found in Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

Psalms 19:8



Refrain



Tone



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Gospel

Mark 2:23—3:6

The Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath.

²³One Sabbath Jesus was going through the grainfields, and as his disciples walked along, they began to pick some heads of grain. ²⁴The Pharisees said to him, “Look, why are they doing what is unlawful on the Sabbath?”

²⁵He answered, “Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need? ²⁶In the days of Abiathar the high priest, he entered the house of God and ate the consecrated bread, which is lawful only for priests to eat. And he also gave some to his companions.”

²⁷Then he said to them, “The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. ²⁸So the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath.”

¹Another time Jesus went into the synagogue, and a man with a shriveled hand was there. ²Some of them were looking for a reason to accuse Jesus, so they watched him closely to see if he would heal him on the Sabbath. ³Jesus said to the man with the shriveled hand, “Stand up in front of everyone.”

⁴Then Jesus asked them, “Which is lawful on the Sabbath: to do good or to do evil, to save life or to kill?” But they remained silent.

⁵He looked around at them in anger and, deeply distressed at their stubborn hearts, said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” He stretched it out, and his hand was completely restored. ⁶Then the Pharisees went out and began to plot with the Herodians how they might kill Jesus.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Children’s Message

Hymn of the Day

CW 703

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

- 1 I heard the voice of Jesus say, “Come unto me and rest;
lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast.”
I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad.
- 2 I heard the voice of Jesus say, “Behold, I freely give
the living water, thirsty one; stoop down and drink and live.”
I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.
- 3 I heard the voice of Jesus say, “I am this dark world’s light.
Look unto me; your morn shall rise and all your day be bright.”
I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I’ll walk till trav’ling days are done.

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Sermon

Mark 2:23—3:6

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

Almighty God and Father, we thank you for all your mercies, especially for the gift of your Son, through whom you have revealed your gracious will. We praise you for the Holy Spirit and his working through the means of grace.

Plant your Word in our hearts, and cause it to produce fruit in our lives.

Strengthen and defend your Church, that by your Word and sacraments faith may grow and love toward all may increase.

Support all who spread the light of your truth throughout the world.

Keep our children in the grace of their baptisms. Enable their parents to train them in lives of faith.

Raise up Christians to serve you in the ministry of the Word and in all godly walks of life.

King of kings, we remember with solemn gratitude those who have fallen in the wars of this world and their sacrifice on our behalf. Bring comfort to all who still mourn and miss them. Lead us to do whatever we can to help them in their loneliness and need. May the memory of these fallen servicemen and women never be taken for granted among us. Instead, help us make good use of the freedom they fought to protect by living in peace and harmony with one another. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity.

Special prayers.

Remember those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on those for whom death draws near.

Grant them your love, and take them into your tender care.

Grant us these things, Father, for the sake of Jesus, who died and rose again.

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 Christ, Lamb of God

CW 169

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;
have mer-cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,
you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. A - men.

Distribution & Hymns

913 Come Away from Rush and Hurry

CW 913

- 1 Come away from rush and hurry
to the stillness of God's peace;
from our vain ambition's worry,
come to Christ to find release.
Come away from noise and clamor,
life's demands and frenzied pace;
come to join the people gathered
here to seek and find God's grace.

- 2 In the pastures of God's goodness
we lie down to rest our soul.
From the waters of God's mercy
we drink deeply, are made whole.
At the table of God's presence
all the saints are richly fed.
With the oil of God's anointing
into service we are led.
- 3 Come, then, children, with your burdens—
life's confusions, fears, and pain.
Leave them at the cross of Jesus;
take instead his kingdom's reign.
Bring your thirsts, for he will quench them—
he alone will satisfy.
All our longings find attainment
when to self we gladly die.

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520 Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

CW 520

- 1 Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!
- 2 My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad, the honors of your name.
- 3 The name of Jesus calms our fears and bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.
- 4 He breaks the pow'r of canceled sin; he sets the pris'ner free.
His blood can make the foulest clean; his blood avails for me.
- 5 See all your sins on Jesus laid; the Lamb of God was slain.
His life was once an offering made that you might live again.

6 To God all glory, praise, and love be ever, ever giv'n
by saints below and saints above, the Church in earth and heav'n.

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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 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 927

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

1 Lord, dismiss us with your blessing;
fill our hearts with joy and peace.
Let us each, your love possessing,
triumph in redeeming grace.
O refresh us, O refresh us,
trav'ling through this wilderness.

- 2 Thanks we give and adoration
 for the gospel's joyful sound;
 may the fruits of your salvation
 in our hearts and lives abound!
 Ever faithful, ever faithful
 to your truth may we be found.
- 3 So whene'er the signal's given
 us from earth to call away,
 borne on angels' wings to heaven,
 glad the summons to obey,
 may we ever, may we ever
 reign with Christ in endless day.

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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 Updates – On Wednesday evening, our voters issued a Divine Call to Mrs. Sarah Birsching, who currently serves at St. Peter, Schofield, as the church secretary and part time teacher. You may contact her with words of encouragement at sjq5@hotmail.com. Please remember Sarah in your prayers as she deliberates where she can best serve our Lord.

We also learned that we have not been assigned a seminary graduate. Our next pastoral Call meeting will be on Sunday, June 9, following our worship service.

School Cleaning – Our annual deep cleaning will be May 28 (8:00am – 8:00pm), and May 29-30 (8:00am-4:00pm). Lunch will be at noon each day. Let Mr. Lemke or Mrs. Kurth know when you can help, or sign up online at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094FA9AE22A3FCCF8-endofyear#/>

Memorials – We thank Geneva Weith for her gift given in memory of Myrt Woelfle. *Blessed be her memory. Thanks be to God for the love which led to this gift.*



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. This could be done early in the evening as well as during the day should that work with your schedule. If you are willing to help, there is a signup sheet on east table in narthex.

Invitation! - "WinGS" from St. Peter are inviting the ladies of Our Savior's to their June Luncheon & Bingo Party at Denny's on Thursday, June 6th at 11:30. Bring two gifts, under \$2, wrapped for bingo prizes.

| This Week at Our Savior's | | |
|---------------------------|-------------|------------------------|
| Today | 9:00 AM | Worship with Communion |
| Monday | | Memorial Day |
| Tuesday | 8 AM – 8 PM | School Cleaning |
| Wednesday | 8 AM – 4 PM | School Cleaning |
| Thursday | 8 AM – 4 PM | School Cleaning |
| Sunday 6/2 | 9:00 AM | Worship |

| Growing Together | | | | | |
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| May 19, 2024 | | | | | |
| <u>Weekly</u> | <u>Vision</u> | <u>Debt Red</u> | <u>Plate</u> | <u>Ascension</u> | <u>Missions</u> |
| \$4,867.00 | \$510.00 | \$365.00 | \$6.00 | \$75.00 | \$40.00 |
| <u>Bldg Maint</u> | <u>NLHS Op</u> | <u>NLHS Tuition</u> | <u>Sunday School</u> | <u>School Fees</u> | |
| \$100.00 | \$270.00 | \$15.00 | \$5.00 | \$699.00 | |
| Anticipated Weekly Offerings \$4,077 | | | | | |
| Attendance: Sunday, May 19 - 63 | | | | | |

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). Call 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.

NLHS Notes

Housing for Commuting & Foreign Students, 24-25 - Would you consider hosting a commuting or a foreign student next school year? 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 are able to 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 in this unique opportunity, 715-359-3400 or nlhsoffice@nlhs.org.

WHAT? WILDCAT OPEN? You bet! Save the date: August 10, 2024. Registration information is available in the narthex or go to nlhs.org/wildcat-open.html. All proceeds benefit Northland's biomedical and engineering programs as well as tuition assistance. We are also looking for sponsors as well as prizes to be donated for the event. If you'd like to help, please contact NLHS at 715-359-3400.

WELS 2024 Women's Ministry Conference

Deadline to register is May 31, 2024!

<https://welswmconference.net/>

Registration is open for the 2024 WELS Women's Ministry Conference, on Sunday, July 28-30, 2024, at the Ingleside Hotel, Pewaukee, Wis. This conference is for any woman who is passionate about the spread of the Good News of Jesus in our world today, no matter her age and background. New to the faith or seasoned, married or single, the keynotes and wide variety of breakout sessions will encourage, equip, and empower you in your walk of faith. The foundation for the conference is Luke's account of the spread of the kingdom of God through God's chosen apostles and everyday believers. Learn from these early Christians how you too can be emboldened and empowered by the Holy Spirit to spread the Word!



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