



**OUR SAVIOR'S**  
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



**OUR UNITY**  
**IN CHRIST**

## **WELCOME TO OUR SERVICE**

Welcome to worship, especially our guests! We are delighted to have you with us. If you are looking for a church home, we are happy to share ours with you. If we haven't seen you in a while, it is great to see you today! May God bless your time with us richly.

## **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 Andrew Ewald
  - Organist – Marie Kurth
  - Ushers – Phil Brost, Travis Kurth
- Next week – Tony Sulko, Bill Unruh*

## **Acknowledgments**

Setting Two from Christian Worship

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# Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 9, 2024

*Our Unity in Christ*

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## Words of Welcome

### Opening Hymn

CW 590

- 1 O Holy Spirit, enter in and in our hearts your work begin,  
your dwelling place now make us.  
Sun of the soul, O Light divine, around and in us brightly shine,  
to joy and gladness wake us  
that we may be truly living, to you giving prayer unceasing  
and in love be still increasing.
- 2 Give to your Word impressive pow'r  
that in our hearts from this good hour  
as fire it may be glowing,  
that in true Christian unity we faithful witnesses may be,  
your glory ever showing.  
Hear us, cheer us by your teaching;  
let our preaching and our labor  
praise you, Lord, and serve our neighbor.
- 3 O mighty Rock, O Source of life,  
let your dear Word, in doubt and strife,  
in us be strongly burning  
that we be faithful unto death and live in love and holy faith,  
from you true wisdom learning.  
Your grace and peace on us shower;  
by your power Christ confessing,  
let us see our Savior's blessing

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In the name of the Father and of the † 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 † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**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 God, you are the giver of everything good. Inspire us, your humble servants, to long for what is right and, through your gracious guidance, accomplish it to your glory; 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

**Exodus 24:3–11**

<sup>3</sup>When Moses went and told the people all the LORD's words and laws, they responded with one voice, "Everything the LORD has said we will do." <sup>4</sup>Moses then wrote down everything the LORD had said.

He got up early the next morning and built an altar at the foot of the mountain and set up twelve stone pillars representing the twelve tribes of Israel. <sup>5</sup>Then he sent young Israelite men, and they offered burnt offerings and sacrificed young bulls as fellowship offerings to the LORD. <sup>6</sup>Moses took half of the blood and put it in bowls, and the other half he splashed against the altar. <sup>7</sup>Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it to the people. They responded, "We will do everything the LORD has said; we will obey."

<sup>8</sup>Moses then took the blood, sprinkled it on the people and said, "This is the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words."

<sup>9</sup>Moses and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and the seventy elders of Israel went up <sup>10</sup>and saw the God of Israel. Under his feet was something like a pavement made of lapis lazuli, as bright blue as the sky. <sup>11</sup>But God did not raise his hand against these leaders of the Israelites; they saw God, and they ate and drank.

## Sing to the LORD, Ye Distant Lands

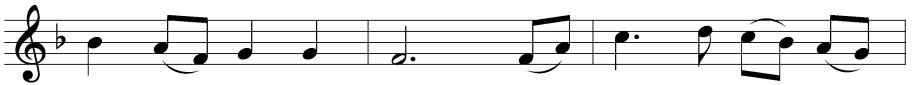
## Psalm 96D



1 Sing to the LORD, ye dis - tant lands, ye tribes of ev - 'ry  
 2 Let heav'n pro-claim the joy - ful day; let joy on earth be  
 3 Be - hold, he comes, he comes to bless the na - tions as their



tongue; his new - dis - cov - ered grace de - mands a  
 seen; let cit - ies shine in bright ar - ray, and  
 God, to show the world his right - eous - ness, and



new and no - bler song. Tell all the na - tions,  
 fields in cheer - ful green. Let joy a - bove all  
 send his truth a - broad. But when his voice shall



"Je - sus reigns, God's own al - might - y Son; his pow'r the  
 joys sur - prise the is - lands of the sea; ye moun - tains  
 raise the dead, and bid the world draw near, how will the



sink - ing world sus - tains, and grace sur - rounds his throne."  
 sink; ye val - leys rise; pre - pare the LORD his way.  
 guilt - y na - tions dread to see their judge ap - pear.

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## Second Reading

Ephesians 4:11-16

<sup>11</sup>So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup>to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up <sup>13</sup>until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

<sup>14</sup>Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. <sup>15</sup>Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. <sup>16</sup>From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

## Gospel Acclamation

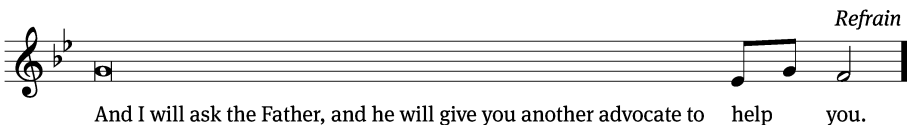
John 14:15,16



*Refrain*



*Tone*



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## Gospel

John 14:15–21

<sup>15</sup>“If you love me, keep my commands. <sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— <sup>17</sup>the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. <sup>18</sup>I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. <sup>19</sup>Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup>On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. <sup>21</sup>Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

## Hymn of the Day

**CW 897**

*Lord Jesus, You Have Come*

- 1 Lord Jesus, you have come a teacher sent from heaven  
and by both word and deed God’s truth to us have given.  
You wisely have ordained the holy ministry  
that we, your flock, may know the truth that sets us free.
- 2 O blessèd ministry of reconciliation,  
that shows the way to God and brings to us salvation!  
Lord, by your gospel pure you bless and keep your fold,  
you call, enlighten, keep, you comfort and uphold.
- 3 Preserve this ministry while harvest days are keeping;  
and since the fields are ripe and hands are few for reaping,  
send workers forth, O Lord, the sheaves to gather in  
that not a soul be lost which you have come to win.



- 4 The servants you have called and to your Church are giving  
preserve in doctrine pure and holiness of living.  
Your Spirit fill their hearts and charge their words with pow'r;  
what they should boldly speak, O give them in that hour!
- 5 Bring those into your fold who still to you are strangers;  
guard those who are within against offense and dangers.  
Press onward with your Word till pastor and his fold  
through faith in you, O Christ, your glory shall behold.

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## Sermon

Ephesians 4:11–16

### Christ Builds His Ministry

1. with his gifts of ministers
2. by equipping us for service

## 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 + 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.**

## Jesus, Lamb of God

CW 186

The musical score is written in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of five staves of music. The first staff is an instrumental introduction. The second and third staves are vocal lines with lyrics: "Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us." The fourth and fifth staves are instrumental accompaniment for the second and third staves respectively. The lyrics are: "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.

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*Be seated*

## Distribution

### 663 Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

- 1 Soul, adorn yourself with gladness;  
leave behind all gloom and sadness.  
Come into the daylight's splendor;  
there with joy your praises render  
unto him whose grace unbounded  
has this wondrous supper founded.  
He, though reigning high and holy,  
deigns to dwell with you most lowly.
  
- 2 Hasten as a bride to meet him,  
and with loving rev'rence greet him,  
for with words of life immortal  
he is knocking at your portal.  
Open wide the gates before him,  
saying, as you there adore him:  
Grant, Lord, that I now receive you,  
that I nevermore will leave you.

- 3 He who craves a precious treasure  
neither cost nor pain will measure,  
but the priceless gifts of heaven  
God to us has freely given.  
Though the wealth of earth were proffered,  
naught would buy the gifts here offered:  
Christ's true body, for you riven,  
and his blood, for you once given.
- 4 Now I kneel before you lowly,  
filled with joy most deep and holy,  
as with trembling awe and wonder  
on your mighty work I ponder,  
by such mystery surrounded,  
depths that no one ever sounded.  
None may dare to pierce unbidden  
secrets that with you are hidden.
- 5 Human reason, though it ponders,  
cannot fathom these great wonders,  
that Christ's body must be boundless  
since the souls it feeds are countless,  
and that he his blood is giving  
with the wine we are receiving.  
These great mysteries unsounded  
are by God alone expounded.
- 6 Lord, by love and mercy driven,  
you have left your throne in heaven  
on the cross for me to languish  
and to die in bitter anguish,  
to forgo all joy and gladness  
and to shed your blood in sadness.  
By this blood redeemed and living,  
Lord, I praise you with thanksgiving.

7 Jesus, sun of life, my splendor,  
Jesus, friend of friends most tender,  
Jesus, joy of my desiring,  
fount of life, my soul inspiring:  
at your feet I cry, my maker,  
let me be a fit partaker  
of this blessed food from heaven  
for our good, your glory, given.

8 Jesus, Lord of life in heaven,  
help me when this meal is given  
to receive it for my blessing  
as I come, my sins confessing.  
In this supper let me measure,  
Lord, how deep is your love's treasure,  
that, as I on earth have eaten,  
I may be your guest in heaven.

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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 736**

*Lord, You Call Us as Your People*

- 1 Lord, you call us as your people, out of darkness into light.  
You created and redeemed us, made us precious in your sight.  
Give us faith to trust you boldly and to love you steadfastly.  
By your Spirit may we ever faithful to our callings be.
  
- 2 Lord, you call us as disciples, walking on your pilgrim way.  
Crucified and risen Savior, you are with us ev'ry day.  
Give us wisdom, give us courage as you teach us patiently.  
By your Spirit may we ever faithful to our callings be.
  
- 3 Lord, you send us to the harvest in your Great Commission's call,  
reaching out to all the nations, bringing life and hope to all.  
Give us boldness and compassion, bless us with your eyes to see.  
By your Spirit may we ever faithful to our callings be.
  
- 4 Lord, you call us to new ventures by a pathway yet unknown.  
Though we cannot see the ending, we will follow you alone.  
Knowing that your hand is guiding and you love us faithfully,  
by your Spirit may we ever faithful to our callings be.
  
- 5 Lord, you call us as your people, now in faith we sing your praise:  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, alleluias to you raise.  
Hold us in your gracious power, blessed Holy Trinity,  
that rejoicing we will ever faithful to our callings be.

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*Thank you for worshipping with us.  
May your week be richly blessed!*

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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](mailto:pastorm@mysaintpeter.org).

**Sincere Thanks** – Many thanks to Pastor Andy Ewald for leading our worship service today. He will also lead our Call meeting which follows today's service.

**Divine Call Updates** – Our voters issued a Divine Call to Mrs. Sarah Birsching to teach grades 5-8. She currently serves at St. Peter, Schofield, as the church secretary and K-8 technology teacher. Please remember Sarah in your prayers as she deliberates where she can best serve our Lord and reach out to her with words of encouragement [sjq5@hotmail.com](mailto:sjq5@hotmail.com).

**TODAY: Pastoral Call meeting** will take place today following our worship service. Please stay for this special meeting and keep our ministry in your prayers.

**More Area Divine Call News** – Travis Kurth has received a Divine Call to teach science and math at Northland Lutheran High School. Elizabeth Buskirk has accepted the Divine Call to serve as a special needs teacher at St Peter Lutheran Elementary School. The Western Wisconsin District Mission Board has extended a Divine Call to Pastor Frederic Berger to serve as the pastor for the Kronenwetter mission. Pastor Berger is currently serving as an associate pastor at St Paul's in Plymouth, NE.

**In Our Prayers** – Please remember in your prayers Roger Schulrud, recovering from hip surgery, and Bob Ruether, whose health is declining. *God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. (Psalm 46)*



**Last Call for Graduation Recognition** – Next Sunday we would like to recognize our graduating members from area high schools, colleges, and tech schools in the bulletin. Parents or graduates are encouraged to call or e-mail the office with the graduate’s name, their school, the name of the degree and future plans if they are known. Thank you and congratulations graduates!

### **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. To learn more, please call or email 715-359-3400 or [nlhsoffice@nlhs.org](mailto:nlhsoffice@nlhs.org).

**WILDCAT OPEN** Save the date: August 10, 2024. Registration info is available in the church narthex or go to [nlhs.org/wildcat-open.html](http://nlhs.org/wildcat-open.html). Proceeds benefit Northland’s biomedical and engineering programs and tuition assistance. We are also looking for sponsors and prizes. To help, please contact NLHS at 715.359.3400.

**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 12<sup>th</sup>. The bus will leave the Schofield Campus in the early afternoon so we can tailgate before the game begins at 7:10 pm. The price should be \$43-60 person (depending on how many go). Call the St. Peter church office by **Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>**, to secure your spot (715-359-2829). Area WELS members are invited as well.

## This Week at Our Savior's

<b>Today</b>	9:00 AM 10:15 AM	Worship with Communion Pastoral Call Meeting
<b>Mon - Tues</b>		Western WI District Convention at Luther Prep School, Watertown
<b>Wednesday</b>	6:00 PM	Council
<b>Saturday</b>		Taste of Missions at the Seminary & online ( <a href="http://tasteofmissions.com/register">tasteofmissions.com/register</a> )
<b>Sunday 6/16</b>	9:00 AM	Worship / WELS Connection <i>Father's Day</i>

## Growing Together

*June 2, 2024*

<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Vision</u>	<u>Debt Red</u>	<u>Plate</u>	<u>Ascension</u>	<u>Missions</u>
\$4,542.00	\$555.00	\$140.00	\$31.00	\$25.00	\$190.00
<u>Bldg Maint</u>	<u>Chr Aid &amp; Relief</u>	<u>NLHS Operating</u>		<u>NLHS Tuition Asst</u>	
\$100.00	\$100.00	\$20.00		\$15.00	

**Anticipated Weekly Offerings \$4,077**

**Attendance:** Sunday, June 2 – 73

## **Taste of Missions**

You are invited to the WELS Taste of Missions, a hybrid event that will be held on Saturday, **June 15<sup>th</sup>**, at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in Mequon. Attend in person OR online to get a “taste of missions”. Registration is \$15 per person, with children 13 and under attending for free. Those attending in person will receive food tickets to sample ethnic food and will have the ability to purchase additional food from the food trucks.

**Or attend virtually for free** and watch all events via livestream, view additional video updates from missionaries, and try your hand at making one of the many ethnic recipes shared on the website.

Learn more and register at [tasteofmissions.com](http://tasteofmissions.com).



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