

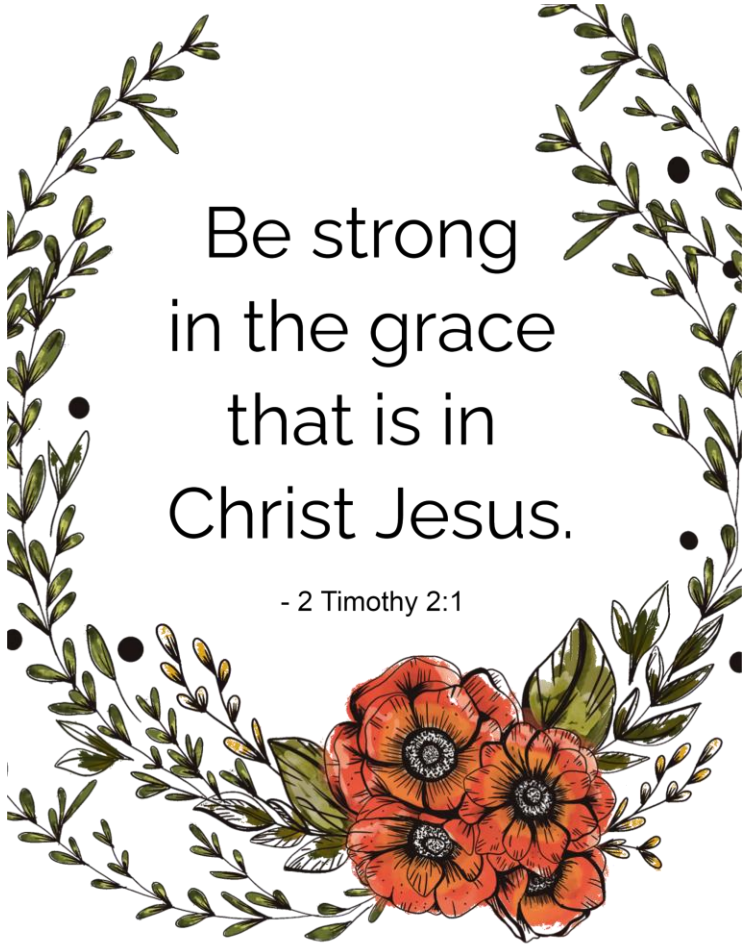


OUR SAVIOR'S

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Be strong
in the grace
that is in
Christ Jesus.

- 2 Timothy 2:1



WELCOME TO OUR SERVICE

Welcome to worship, especially our guests! We are delighted to have you with us. Today we receive encouragement from Paul, encouragement to fight the good fight. As Christians, we are soldiers called to fight our personal demons and live the holy lives God desires for us. We might lose battles in this world, give in to temptations, and fall prey to the lies of the Devil. Yet, we are not defined by our losses. No, God sees us as his proud conquerors for Christ has won the war for the sake of his believers. Victory remains ours forever!

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

Almighty God, you have given us a land where we are free to read and hear your Word, confess your name, and work together for the extension of your kingdom. Preserve the liberty you have given us for generations to come, that the power of the gospel may increase and be a blessing for all the nations on the earth. 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 the pastor before the service begins.

SERVING TODAY

- Minister – Vicar John Wenzel
 - Organist – Marie Kurth
 - Ushers – Mark Krohn, Kurt Schubring
- Next week – Tim & Ellen Heil*

Acknowledgments

Setting One from Christian Worship

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8th Sunday after Pentecost

July 14, 2024

MEANINGFUL MINISTRY:

Not glee & gratitude, but rejection & resentment

Words of Welcome

Opening Hymn

CW 639

God Has Spoken by His Prophets

- 1 God has spoken by his prophets, spoken his unchanging Word,
each from age to age proclaiming God, the one, the righteous Lord.
In the world's despair and turmoil one firm anchor holds us fast:
God is King, his throne eternal, God the first and God the last.
- 2 God has spoken by Christ Jesus, Christ, the everlasting Son,
brightness of the Father's glory, with the Father ever one;
spoken by the Word incarnate, God from God, before time was;
Light from Light, to earth descending, he reveals our God to us.
- 3 God is speaking by his Spirit, speaking to our hearts again,
in the ageless Word declaring his own message, now as then.
Thro' the rise and fall of nations one sure faith is standing fast:
God abides, his Word unchanging, God the first and God the last.

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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.

In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord!

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,



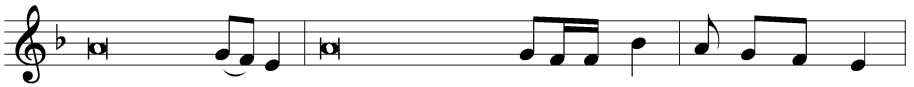
we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



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



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sin of the world;



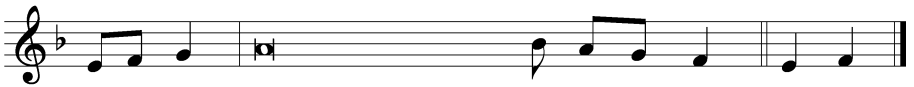
have mercy on us. You take away the sin of the world; re-ceive our prayer.



You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us.



For you on-ly are holy; you on-ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the



Ho - ly Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty, eternal and righteous God, you revealed your divine Word to teach us what we should do and what we should avoid. Strengthen and lead us by your Holy Spirit that we serve you in new obedience here until we come to complete holiness before you in that life to come; 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

Ezekiel 2:1–7

¹He said to me, “Son of man, stand up on your feet and I will speak to you.” ²As he spoke, the Spirit came into me and raised me to my feet, and I heard him speaking to me.

³He said: “Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites, to a rebellious nation that has rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me to this very day. ⁴The people to whom I am sending you are obstinate and stubborn. Say to them, ‘This is what the Sovereign LORD says.’ ⁵And whether they listen or fail to listen—for they are a rebellious people—they will know that a prophet has been among them. ⁶And you, son of man, do not be afraid of them or their words. Do not be afraid, though briars and thorns are all around you and you live among scorpions. Do not be afraid of what they say or be terrified by them, though they are a rebellious people. ⁷You must speak my words to them, whether they listen or fail to listen, for they are rebellious.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The LORD Is My Light and My Salvation

Psalm 27C

Refrain

The LORD is my light and my sal - va - tion - of
whom shall I be a - fraid, of whom shall I be a - fraid?

Tone

C4, D4, E4, F4, G4, A4, Bb4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4
C3, D3, E3, F3, G3, A3, Bb3, A3, G3, F3, E3, D3, C3

Hear my voice when I / call, LORD;
be merciful to me and / answer me.
Do not hide your / face from me,
do not turn your servant away in anger; you have been my / helper.
Do not reject me or for- / sake me,
God my / Savior. *Refrain*

Though my father and mother for- / sake me,
the LORD will re- / ceive me.
I remain confi- / dent of this:
I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the / living.
Wait / for the LORD;
be strong and take heart and wait / for 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

2 Timothy 2:1–13

¹You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. ²And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others. ³Join with me in suffering, like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. ⁴No one serving as a soldier gets entangled in civilian affairs, but rather tries to please his commanding officer. ⁵Similarly, anyone who competes as an athlete does not receive the victor's crown except by competing according to the rules. ⁶The hardworking farmer should be the first to receive a share of the crops. ⁷Reflect on what I am saying, for the Lord will give you insight into all this.

⁸Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, descended from David. This is my gospel, ⁹for which I am suffering even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But God's word is not chained. ¹⁰Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory.

¹¹Here is a trustworthy saying:

If we died with him,
we will also live with him;
¹²if we endure,
we will also reign with him.
If we disown him,
he will also disown us;
¹³if we are faithless,
he remains faithful,
for he cannot disown himself.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

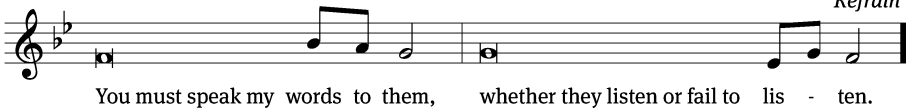
Ezekiel 2:7



Refrain



Tone



Refrain

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Gospel

Mark 6:1–6

¹Jesus left there and went to his hometown, accompanied by his disciples. ²When the Sabbath came, he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were amazed.

“Where did this man get these things?” they asked. “What’s this wisdom that has been given him? What are these remarkable miracles he is performing? ³Isn’t this the carpenter? Isn’t this Mary’s son and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas and Simon? Aren’t his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him.

⁴Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor except in his own town, among his relatives and in his own home.” ⁵He could not do any miracles there, except lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them. ⁶He was amazed at their lack of faith.

Then Jesus went around teaching from village to village.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day

CW 895 sts. 1-3, 6

Preach You the Word



1 Preach you the Word and plant it home to those who
2 We know how hard, O Lord, the task your ser - vant
3 The sow - er sows; his reck - less love scat - ters a -
6 Preach you the Word and plant it home and nev - er



like or like it not, the Word that shall en -
bids us un - der - take: to preach your Word and
broad the good - ly seed, in - tent a - lone that
faint; the Har - vest Lord who gave the sow - er



dure and stand when flow'rs and mor - tals are for - got.
nev - er ask what pride - ful prof - it it may make.
there may be the whole - some loaves that peo - ple need.
seed to sow will watch and tend his plant - ed Word.

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Sermon

2 Timothy 2:1-13

Fight the Good Fight!

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

Loving God and Lord, you created the universe that surrounds us and the globe on which we live. You control all things through your Son, who sits at your right hand in glory.

Comfort us with the promise of your eternal presence.

Give your Word power as it works in our hearts and minds. Clear away our confusion, and demolish our doubts. Send your Spirit to strengthen both our confidence in your promises and our desire to live according to your will.

Take away our love of sinning, and restore us each day by your grace.

The signs of the times warn us that the end of time is near. Protect us from scoffers who sneer at your truth. Spare us and Christians around the world from all forms of hate and persecution.

Give us courage to carry the cross with patience and joy.

Instill in the hearts of our children a desire to follow you as they prepare for future days. Help them distinguish between what is passing and what is eternal, between instant thrills and lasting joy. Encourage more young people to prepare for service in the public ministry of the gospel.

Mold us and move us to be good examples for our youth.

Hold in your care, Lord, those who are experiencing physical or emotional pain and all who are afflicted by disease or facing death.

Special prayers

Pour out your compassion on the grieving, and comfort the mourners who miss someone they loved.

Move us to pray for these brothers and sisters and to help when we can.

Whether we pray together or alone, you have promised to hear and answer us. Give us patience to accept your blessings in whatever way you send them. In your love and wisdom, prepare us for the day when you will take us to be with you forever.

Hear us for Jesus' sake. 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.

The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below the notes. The first line of music corresponds to the first line of lyrics, and so on. The final line of music ends with a double bar line.

Distribution & Hymns

Spread Abroad, O Mighty Word

CW 902

- 1 Spread abroad, O mighty Word,
telling of a gracious Lord
whose all-pow'rful gospel call
fills his heav'nly banquet hall.
- 2 Tell how God the Father's will
made the world, upholds it still,
how his only Son he gave
all from sin and death to save.

- 3 Tell of our Redeemer's love,
who forever does remove
by his holy sacrifice
all the guilt that on us lies.
- 4 Tell of God the Spirit giv'n
now to guide us on to heav'n,
strong and holy, just and true,
working both to will and do.
- 5 Spread abroad! Ripe fields of grain
all throughout the world remain,
but the reapers still are few;
great the work they have to do.
- 6 Lord of harvest, great and kind,
rouse to action heart and mind;
let the gath'ring nations all
see your light and heed your call.

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In This Place Your Word Is Planted

CW 981

- 1 In this place your Word is planted;
on our path the seed is sown.
To the Church your Word is spoken;
in our hearts a light has shone.
- 2 Let your planting not be wasted,
wilted soon in stony field.
Let our worldly cares not choke it,
robbing you of rightful yield.
- 3 Help us treasure holy wisdom,
savor ev'ry word you give.
Help us cherish Jesus' gospel,
bread by which your people live.

4 Blest are they who, truth receiving,
 know its value more than gold.
Blest are they who, persevering,
 bear good fruit a hundredfold.

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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 770

God of Grace and God of Glory

- 1 God of grace and God of glory,
on your people pour your pow'r;
crown your ancient Church's story,
bring its bud to glorious flow'r.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.

- 2 Lo, the hosts of evil round us
scorn the Christ, assail his ways.
From the fears that long have bound us
free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.

- 3 Cure your children's warring madness;
bend our pride to your control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
lest we miss your kingdom's goal,
lest we miss your kingdom's goal.

- 4 Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore;
let the gift of your salvation
be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving you whom we adore,
serving you whom we adore.

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*Thank you for worshipping 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 –Pastor Joshua Becker has returned our Call. The next Call meeting will be on Wednesday, July 24 at 6:30 pm.

Annual Voters' Meeting Today – Join us today for our annual voters meeting. At this important meeting, voters will discuss and give final approval to the 2024-25 budget. All members are encouraged to attend.

Area Divine Call News – Pastor Andy Buschkopf (Mountain of the Lord, Rib Mountain) has received the Divine Call to serve as an associate pastor at Risen Savior in Orlando, FL. Pastor Scott Wolfram (Divine Word, Plover, & The Word, Stevens Point) has received the Divine Call to serve St John Lutheran Church in Wrightstown, WI.

Asleep in Jesus – In his grace and mercy, God called home to heaven the soul of Bob Ruether. A Christian funeral was held on Friday.

We offer our sincere sympathy to Amber Ruff-Brei, whose mother, Janine Ruff, was unexpectedly called home to heaven on June 25. A Christian funeral was held on July 1 at Grace Lutheran Church in Nelson.

May God grant comfort and peace to these families, confident in the promise of eternal life for all who believe.

Memorials – We thank Mark & Beth Krohn for their gifts to the Vision fund given in memory of Janine Ruff and Bob Ruether. *Blessed be their memories. Thanks be to God for the love which led to these gifts.*

This Week at Our Savior's

Today	9:00 AM 10:15 AM	Worship with Holy Communion Annual Voters' Meeting <i>Food Pantry Sunday</i>
Sunday 7/21	9:00 AM	Worship / WELS Connection

Growing Together

July 7, 2024

<u>Weekly</u> \$2,147.00	<u>Vision</u> \$395.00	<u>Debt Red</u> \$235.00	<u>Sunday School</u> \$5.00	<u>Vicar Gift</u> \$180.00
<u>Plate</u> \$21.00	<u>Bldg Maint</u> \$100.00	<u>Missions</u> \$100.00		

Anticipated Weekly Offerings \$4,077

Attendance: Sunday, July 7 – 51

Pick up today:

- July issue of *Forward in Christ*
- July newsletter & Annual Report

Help for Grenada - Hurricane Beryl, a Category 5 storm, has left a path of unprecedented destruction across many places—especially the Caribbean country of Grenada. The scale of devastation is staggering, with widespread damage to homes, critical infrastructure, and essential services. **Kingdom Workers** has a deep-rooted presence in Grenada, with an established program that has made a difference in the lives of hundreds of children with disabilities. We have worked with caregivers, students, and volunteers in the area—sharing the gospel while providing belonging. Given this disaster, our existing networks and local relationships uniquely position us to provide practical, targeted relief. With your support, we can provide relief right away and continue our mission of sharing Christ's love through tangible actions. Your support is critical and greatly appreciated.

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