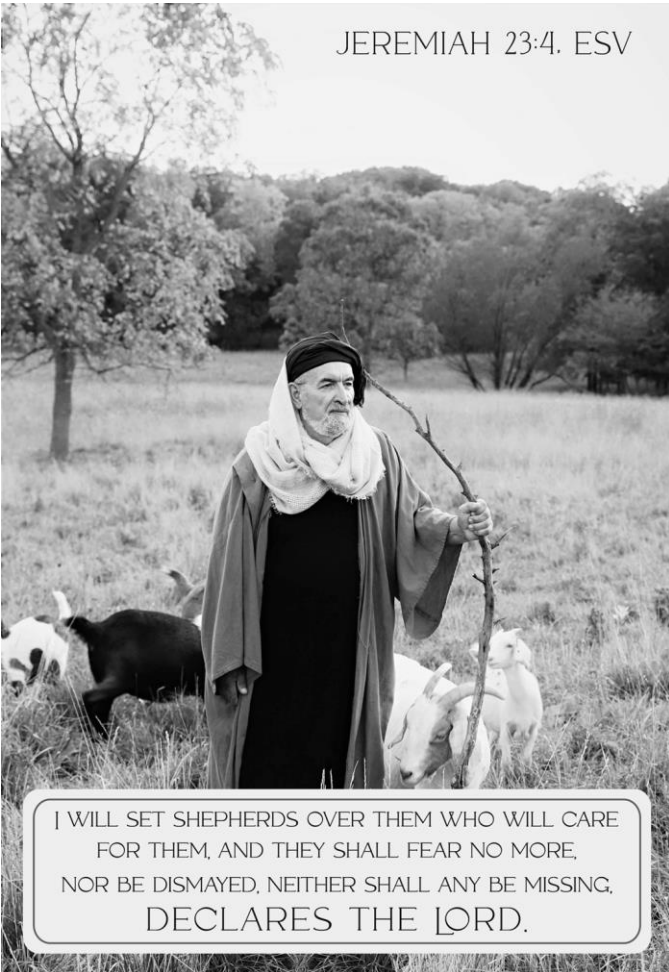




OUR SAVIOR'S

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

JEREMIAH 23:4. ESV



I WILL SET SHEPHERDS OVER THEM WHO WILL CARE FOR THEM, AND THEY SHALL FEAR NO MORE, NOR BE DISMAYED, NEITHER SHALL ANY BE MISSING, DECLARES THE LORD.

WELCOME TO OUR SERVICE

We welcome you to the house of our true and living God for worship this tenth Sunday after Pentecost. Today's readings, hymns, and prayers emphasize the loving heart that Jesus, the Good Shepherd, has for his blood-bought sheep and lambs. It's that boundless love that leads Jesus to care for his sheep by placing over them faithful shepherds (ie pastors and teachers) to guide and lead them into the green pastures of God's Word. May the Lord continue to bless the public ministry of the gospel in our midst and in his Church!

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

Lord, the harvest is plenty, but the workers are few. Grant your people faithful shepherds to love them, watch over them, comfort them with the bountiful promises of your Word. Let them model their ministries and hearts like the one Good Shepherd, your son Jesus Christ. 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 – Pastor Jeffrey Mahnke
- Organist – Marie Kurth
- Ushers – Phil Brost & Family, Travis Kurth

Next week – Tony Sulko. Bill Unruh

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Setting Two from Christian Worship

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10th Sunday after Pentecost

July 28, 2024

Jesus Models a Shepherd's Heart

Words of Welcome

Opening Hymn

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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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.

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

Shepherd of Tender Youth

CW 756 sts. 2, 5

You are the holy Lord, Christ, the incarnate Word, healer of strife.
You did yourself abase that from sin's deep disgrace
you might thus save our race and give us life.

So now and till we die sound we your praises high and joyful sing:
infants and all the throng who to your Church belong,
unite to swell the song to Christ, our King!

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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 him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The Word

First Reading

Jeremiah 23:1–6

¹“Woe to the shepherds who are destroying and scattering the sheep of my pasture!” declares the LORD. ²Therefore this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says to the shepherds who tend my people: “Because you have scattered my flock and driven them away and have not bestowed care on them, I will bestow punishment on you for the evil you have done,” declares the LORD. ³“I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them and will bring them back to their pasture, where they will be fruitful and increase in number. ⁴I will place shepherds over them who will tend them, and they will no longer be afraid or terrified, nor will any be missing,” declares the LORD.

⁵“The days are coming,” declares the LORD,
“when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch,
a King who will reign wisely
and do what is just and right in the land.
⁶In his days Judah will be saved
and Israel will live in safety.
This is the name by which he will be called:
The LORD Our Righteous Savior.

Psalm 23 *(spoken responsively)*

¹The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing.

²**He makes me lie down in green pastures,**

he leads me beside quiet waters, ³he refreshes my soul.

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

⁴Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil;

my cup overflows.

⁶Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Second Reading

Hebrews 13:7–8, 17–21

⁷Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you.

Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. ⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

¹⁷Have confidence in your leaders and submit to their authority, because they keep watch over you as those who must give an account. Do this so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no benefit to you.

¹⁸Pray for us. We are sure that we have a clear conscience and desire to live honorably in every way. ¹⁹I particularly urge you to pray so that I may be restored to you soon.

²⁰Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, ²¹equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

Mark 6:34



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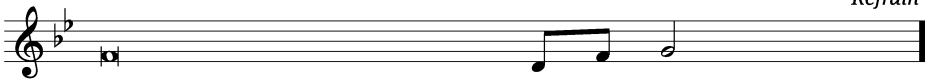


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Tone



Jesus had compassion on them,



because they were like sheep without a shep - herd.

Refrain

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Gospel

Mark 6:30-34

³⁰The apostles gathered around Jesus and reported to him all they had done and taught. ³¹Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, “Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest.”

³²So they went away by themselves in a boat to a solitary place. ³³But many who saw them leaving recognized them and ran on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. ³⁴When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day

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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Sermon

Jeremiah 23:1–6

The Sheep Are Loved Deeply!

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.

Be seated

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.

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Lord and Righteous Savior, gather your people and bring them back to your pasture. Place shepherds over them who will tend them. Lord our Shepherd, in you we lack nothing.

We will fear not evil, for you are with us.

Equip us with everything good for doing your will, and work in us what is pleasing to you. Lord our Shepherd, in you we lack nothing.

We will fear not evil, for you are with us.

Send good leaders to speak the Word of God to all, that people far off may be brought near to enjoy peace in Jesus Christ, and bring him glory for ever and ever. Lord our Shepherd, in you we lack nothing.

We will fear not evil, for you are with us.

The devil rages against us, the world around us is full of temptations to do evil, and our sinful flesh tempts us to selfishness from within. With your mighty Word drive back the devil, instruct us in what is right, and strengthen our faith as we follow you. Lord our Shepherd, in you we lack nothing.

We will fear not evil, for you are with us.

Your Word brings blessed peace to the soul. It also gives rest to those who are weary and burdened. Have mercy on those who struggle with pain, anxiety, or health, [*especially...*]. If it is your will, bring them recovery and an end to pain. Uplift their hearts with the assurance of your love. Lord our Shepherd, in you we lack nothing.

We will fear not evil, for you are with us.

Special prayers may follow.

We give you thanks for all things, O Lord Almighty, that you have not taken away your mercies and your compassions from us. In every succeeding generation you save, deliver, help, and protect. You have instructed us and cared for us as a tender shepherd. Glory and worship be to you for all these things; through Jesus Christ, now and ever, and through all ages.

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



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.

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Distribution & Hymns

654 Jesus Sinners Does Receive

- 1 Jesus sinners does receive;
 oh, may all this saying ponder
 who in sin's delusions live
 and from God and heaven wander.
Here is hope for all who grieve:
Jesus sinners does receive.

- 2 We deserve but grief and shame,
 yet his words, rich grace revealing,
 pardon, peace, and life proclaim;
 here their ills have perfect healing
 who with humble hearts believe:
Jesus sinners does receive.

- 3 Sheep that from the fold did stray
 are not by the Lord forsaken;
weary souls who lost their way
 are by Christ, the Shepherd, taken
 in his arms that they may live:
Jesus sinners does receive.

- 4 I, a sinner, come to you
 with a penitent confession.
Savior, show me mercy, too;
 grant for all my sins remission.
Let these words my soul relieve:
Jesus sinners does receive.

- 5 Oh, how blest it is to know,
 were as scarlet my transgression,
 it shall be as white as snow
 by your blood and bitter passion,
 for these words I do believe:
Jesus sinners does receive.

- 6 Now my conscience is at peace,
from the law I stand acquitted.
Christ has purchased my release
and my ev'ry sin remitted.
Naught remains my soul to grieve:
Jesus sinners does receive.
- 7 Jesus sinners does receive,
even I have been forgiven.
And when I this earth must leave,
I shall find an open heaven.
Dying, still to him I cleave:
Jesus sinners does receive.

Text: tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, alt.; Erdmann Neumeister, 1671–1756, abr.
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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.

Text: tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, alt.; Henrietta L. von Hayn, 1724–1782
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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 897 sts. 1, 3

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.
- 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.

Text: tr. composite; Eberhard L. Fischer, 1695–1773, abr.
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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.

School Registration Information – Registration for the 2024-25 school year will take place this Wednesday, July 31, 4-6 pm.

Please note that despite our best efforts, we were unable to find a teacher for our upper grades. Because of this, our school will offer grades Kindergarten through grade 6 this school year. Mrs. Zahrt will teach grades K-2, and Mrs. Krohn will teach grades 3-6. Please keep our church and school ministry in your prayers.

Sharing God's Love in Jesus – A new Bible Information Class, "Life's Big Questions", will begin on Monday, August 19th, at 6:30 pm in the lower level of the Ministry Center at the Schofield Campus. Please think of friends, co-workers, neighbors whom you could invite to attend! Members of Our Savior's are also welcome to attend for a review of the main teachings of the Christian faith.

Elephant Ears at the Fair!

Our Savior's School will again volunteer at the Wausau Noon Optimist's Elephant Ear stand. If you're willing to help us on Friday or Saturday, August 2 or 3, please contact Beth Krohn.

Summer Luncheon

All ladies of our congregation are invited to a luncheon at the Mandarin Restaurant in Wausau on Thursday, August 8 at 11:30am. Let's get together to catch up on what has happened over the summer and enjoy some good Christian fellowship -- and good food! Please join us and bring a friend. Please RSVP to Karen Leopold at (715) 581-8096.

Pick up today:

Annual Report, August church newsletter, August *Forward in Christ*

This Week at Our Savior's

Today	9:00 AM	Worship with Holy Communion
Wednesday	4-6 PM	School Registration
Fri & Sat		OSS at the Elephant Ear Stand
Sunday 8/4	9:00 AM	Worship

Growing Together

July 21, 2024

<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Vision</u>	<u>Debt Red</u>	<u>Missions</u>	<u>OSS Tuition Assistance</u>
\$3,143.50	\$140.00	\$165.00	\$90.00	\$25.00

<u>Plate</u>	<u>Memorial</u>	<u>NLHS Tuition Asst</u>	<u>NLHS Op</u>	<u>Magic Paper Box</u>
\$30.00	\$220.00	\$15.00	\$20.00	\$19.34

Anticipated Weekly Offerings \$4,077

Attendance: Sunday, July 21 – 64

Dear Members of Our Savior's,

Thank you for the generosity and hospitality with which you have welcomed me into your congregation this past year. Although my call was to St. Peter's, it was a blessing to lead you in worship and to study scriptures together in bible class. I've greatly enjoyed getting to know a bit about you, and how you serve the Lord in all your personal lives. Just like St. Peter's, you too had a role in shaping my growth this vicar year and for this I cannot thank you enough. And thank you so much for the parting gift as well. This will help me greatly my final year at the Seminary.

Brothers and Sisters in Christ, it was an honor to serve you. May God be with you 'til we meet again.

-Vicar Wenzel



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