

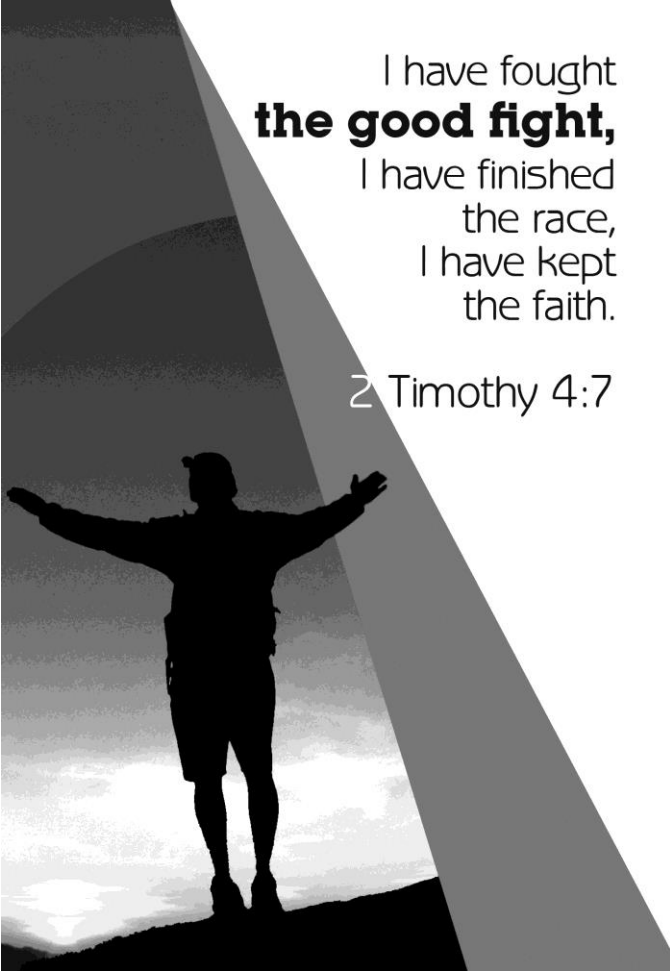


OUR SAVIOR'S

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

I have fought
the good fight,
I have finished
the race,
I have kept
the faith.

2 Timothy 4:7



WELCOME TO OUR SERVICE

We welcome you to the house of our true and living God for worship. Today's hymns, prayers, and readings from God's Word emphasize this ever-comforting truth and encouraging promise of our Lord: he will always be with his dear children!

Shortly before he ascended, Jesus told his followers they were to engage in meaningful ministry—to work their way through the world, sharing the good news of salvation. Our loving Lord knew that was a big and often intimidating task. So, his next words were a promise. "Surely I am with you always" (Matthew 28:20). God's people still need to hear that promise.

For several weeks, we have been discussing the reality that the Lord of the Church has called all believers to meaningful ministry. Ministry – and even just life itself - will come with challenges. It can cause fears to arise: the fear of rejection, the fear of inadequacy, the fear of persecution. So, listen again to your Savior. "I am with you always." We conclude our series on meaningful ministry empowered by that gracious promise.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

God of all comfort, speak tenderly to us through your gospel. Assure us that our sins have been forgiven through Christ. Fill our hearts with joy because of your abiding presence and the gift of his righteousness as our robe to wear now by faith and when we stand before you. 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 Jeff Mahnke
- Organist – Marie Kurth
- Ushers – Stelzer Family

Next week – Rick & Karen Leopold



12th Sunday after Pentecost

August 11, 2024

Fear not! For the LORD is with you

Words of Welcome

Opening Hymn

CW 681

Christ Is with Me

- 1 We were buried with him into death,
that as he was raised by God's glory,
we might walk in life made new by grace;
having died with Christ, we shall live with him.
Christ is with me ev'rywhere I go;
never to leave me, this I know.
- 2 I have now been grafted to the vine,
drawing life from roots rich in mercy,
bearing fruit as I abide in him,
fruit forever fresh, glorifying God.
Christ is with me ev'rywhere I go;
never to leave me, this I know.
- 3 I have now been crucified with Christ,
I no longer live, Christ lives in me;
now I live by faith in God's own Son—
one who loved me so, gave himself for me.
Christ is with me ev'rywhere I go;
never to leave me, this I know.

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Stand

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.

To God Be the Glory

CW 627 sts. 1

To God be the glory, great things he has done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son
and give him the glory, great things he has done!

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Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty and most merciful God, you are the protector of all who trust in you. Strengthen our faith and give us courage to believe that in your love you are with us always to rescue us from all adversities; through your Son, Jesus Christ our ever-present Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

The Word

First Reading

2 Timothy 4:6–8,16–18

⁶For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time for my departure is near. ⁷I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

¹⁶At my first defense, no one came to my support, but everyone deserted me. May it not be held against them. ¹⁷But the Lord stood at my side and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. And I was delivered from the lion's mouth. ¹⁸The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and will bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

Mark 6:50

Refrain



Tone



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Gospel Reading

Mark 6:45–56

⁴⁵Immediately Jesus made his disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. ⁴⁶After leaving them, he went up on a mountainside to pray.

⁴⁷Later that night, the boat was in the middle of the lake, and he was alone on land. ⁴⁸He saw the disciples straining at the oars, because the wind was against them. Shortly before dawn he went out to them, walking on the lake. He was about to pass by them, ⁴⁹but when they saw him walking on the lake, they thought he was a ghost. They cried out, ⁵⁰because they all saw him and were terrified.

Immediately he spoke to them and said, "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid." ⁵¹Then he climbed into the boat with them, and the wind died down. They were completely amazed, ⁵²for they had not understood about the loaves; their hearts were hardened.

⁵³When they had crossed over, they landed at Gennesaret and anchored there. ⁵⁴As soon as they got out of the boat, people recognized Jesus. ⁵⁵They ran throughout that whole region and carried the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶And wherever he went—into villages, towns or countryside—they placed the sick in the marketplaces. They begged him to let them touch even the edge of his cloak, and all who touched it were healed.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day

CW 876

Fight the Good Fight

- 1 Fight the good fight with all your might;
Christ is your strength and Christ your right.
Lay hold on life, and it shall be
your joy and crown eternally.

- 2 Run the straight race through God's good grace;
lift up your eyes and seek his face.
Life with its way before us lies;
Christ is the path and Christ the prize.

- 3 Cast care aside, lean on your guide;
his boundless mercy will provide.
Lean, and the trusting soul shall prove
Christ is its life and Christ its love.

- 4 Faint not nor fear, his arms are near;
he changes not, and you are dear.
Only believe, and you will see
that Christ is Lord eternally.

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***Dear Lord, help your people fight the good fight,
finish the race, and keep the faith!***

1. Assured of your presence
2. Confident for what's next

Stand

Confession of Faith

Luther's Explanation to the 2nd Article

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord.

He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver but with his holy, precious blood and with his innocent suffering and death.

All this he did that I should be his own, and live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as he has risen from death and lives and rules eternally.

This is most certainly true.

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 Almighty, present with all your people, still our troubled hearts, and teach us to know that you are powerful over all. Calm our hearts when we are discouraged with what we see in our world. Through your Word, open our eyes to your power and plan as you work all things for the good of those who love you. Lord of hosts, you are our refuge and our fortress.

Dwell among us and help us.

Let your name be exalted in all the earth. Let your Word gladden people's hearts as they hear your gospel, believe it, and find peace in you. Give us good and wise leaders who know and work for what is right. Give all citizens of our land the desire to work together for the common good. Lord of hosts, you are our refuge and our fortress.

Dwell among us and help us.

Look on your people around the world who are persecuted for their faith in you. Be at their side and give them strength. Rescue them from every evil attack, and at last bring us all to your heavenly kingdom. Lord of hosts, you are our refuge and our fortress.

Dwell among us and help us.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

Almighty God, you sent your Son from heaven to be the Bread of Life. Grant that when we come to him, we never hunger, and believing in him we never thirst, and by remaining in him and in us, we may have eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. 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 T 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 T 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.

Be seated

Distribution & Hymns

Order My Life, Lord, as You Will

CW 701

- 1 Order my life, Lord, as you will;
you are the one I cherish.
As you have promised, now fulfill—
Lord, do not let me perish.
Kept by your grace, O let me be
patient in all adversity,
for you will surely bless me.

- 2 Instill in me integrity,
faithfulness, love, and honor.
Lead me in paths of purity—
Lord, do not let me wander.
Help me to clearly recognize
falsehood with all its subtle lies;
your Word of truth will bless me.

- 3 When from this world I must depart,
show me your gracious favor.
Let there be joy within my heart—
Lord, do not let me waver.
In Jesus' name, my prayer attend:
keep me until my journey's end;
then when I die, Lord, bless me.

Text: tr. Michael D. Schultz, b. 1963; Kaspar Bienemann, 1540–1591

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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!”

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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.

Be seated

Closing Hymn

CW 884

Lord, When Your Glory I Shall See

Lord, when your glory I shall see
and taste your kingdom's pleasure,
your blood my royal robe shall be,
my joy beyond all measure!
When I appear before your throne,
your righteousness shall be my crown;
with these I need not hide me.
And there, in garments richly wrought,
as your own bride I shall be brought,
to stand in joy beside you.

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***Thank you for worshiping 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.

Pastoral Call Update – Our voters issued a Divine Call to Pastor Zachary VonDeylen, who currently serves at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Phoenix, AZ. Please remember Pastor VonDeylen and his wife, our ministry here and that of Good Shepherd in your prayers as he deliberates where he can best serve our Lord. Please reach out to him with words of encouragement: call or text him at 281-919-7887 (he advises leaving a text message if he doesn't answer since he's slower to reply to voicemail) or email him at zachary.vondeylen@gmail.com

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.

Feed My Lambs – Our Savior's Lutheran Elementary School begins a new year on Wednesday, August 21st. This year's theme is "A Family Growing in Faith". The anticipated enrollment is 15 students in kindergarten through sixth grade.

New Mission Update – Pastor Fred Berger's installation for the new mission church in Kronenwetter is set for Sunday, September 15th, at 4:00 pm at Northland Lutheran High School.

There will be a special choir consisting of members of the five "supporting" churches in the area: St Peter, Mountain of the Lord (Rib Mountain), Immanuel (Mosinee), Our Savior's (Wausau) and Trinity (Berlin). A rehearsal is scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 11 at 7:00 pm at St. Peter, Schofield. If you would like to be in the choir but are unable to attend this practice, please reach out to Debbie Price at 715-370-5596.

A potluck meal will follow with the Core Group providing the main course. Look for more information in the future, and all are invited to come and celebrate this joyous occasion!

This Week at Our Savior's

Today	9:00 AM	Worship with Holy Communion <i>Food Pantry Sunday</i>
Sunday 8/18	9:00 AM	Worship / WELS Connection

Growing Together

August 4, 2024

<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Vision</u>	<u>Debt Red</u>	<u>Plate</u>	<u>Bldg Maintenance</u>
\$2,277.00	\$605.00	\$475.00	\$108.75	\$100.00

<u>NLHS Op</u>	<u>Missions</u>	<u>School Fees</u>
\$10.00	\$100.00	\$8,850.00

Anticipated Weekly Offerings \$4,230

Attendance: Sunday, August 4 – 73

Christ Through Us:

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OWLS National Convention – Information and registration forms are available in the narthex.

Pick Up Today – August church newsletter, August *Forward in Christ*, and *Meditations* which begin Sept. 1



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