



OUR SAVIOR'S

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



Sing aloud

unto God our strength:
make a

Joyful noise

unto the God
of Jacob.

Psalms 81:1, KJV

WELCOME TO OUR SERVICE

We welcome you to the house of our true and living God for worship. Today we will celebrate God's love and faithfulness with hymns and scripture readings.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

Dear Lord Jesus, thank you for richly blessing our church with all the opportunities to feast upon the Gospel. Thank you for the services, sermons, bible classes, school programs and every other opportunity we take to spread the Good News. Empower the hearts of your people to proclaim the glory of your Son Jesus Christ forevermore!

SERVING TODAY

- Minister – Deacon Jim Ellenberger
 - Organist – Marie Kurth
 - Ushers – Rick & Karen Leopold
- Next week – Sawyer Burish, Bob Gresens*

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13th Sunday after Pentecost

August 18, 2024

Words of Welcome & WELS Connection

Opening Hymn: How Great Thou Art

CW 612 sts. 1-3

- 1 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;
Then sings my soul, my Savior-God, to thee,
How great thou art! How great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior-God to thee,
How great thou art! How great thou art!
- 2 When through the woods and forest glades I wander
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze;
Then sings my soul, my Savior-God, to thee,
How great thou art! How great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior-God to thee,
How great thou art! How great thou art!
- 3 And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
that on the cross my burden gladly bearing
he bled and died to take away my sin;
Then sings my soul, my Savior-God, to thee,
How great thou art! How great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior-God to thee,
How great thou art! How great thou art!

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

Children of God: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ, to forgive us.

Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior, Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. 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.

O Savior, Precious Savior

Old CW 368 sts. 1-2

1 O Sav - ior, pre - cious Sav - ior, Whom, yet un -
 2 O Bring - er of sal - va - tion, Who won - drous -
 seen, we love, O name of might and fa - vor, All
 ly hast wrought, Thy - self the rev - e - la - tion Of
 oth - er names a - bove, We wor - ship thee; we bless thee;
 love be - yond our thought, We wor - ship thee; we bless thee;
 To thee, O Christ, we sing; We praise thee
 To thee, O Christ, we sing; We praise thee
 and con - fess thee, Our ho - ly Lord and King.
 and con - fess thee, Our gra - cious Lord and King.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–79, alt.

Tune: ANGEL'S STORY (76 76 D) Arthur H. Mann, 1850–1929.

Reading

Matthew 7:7–11

Jesus teaches about prayer

⁷“Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. ⁸For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

⁹“Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? ¹⁰Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? ¹¹If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

CW 721



- 1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
- 2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
- 3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
 We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged— take it to the Lord in prayer.
 Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit, oh, what need - less pain we bear,
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?
 Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
 Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness— take it to the Lord in prayer.
 In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a sol - ace there.

Text: Joseph M. Scriven, 1819–1886, alt.

Tune: Charles C. Converse, 1832–1918

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Reading

Isaiah 40:28–31

Those who trust in Jesus soar on eagle's wings

²⁸Do you not know? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. ²⁹He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. ³⁰Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; ³¹but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

On Eagle's Wings

Old CW 440



1 You who dwell in the shel-ter of the Lord, Who a-
2 Snares of the fowl - er will nev - er cap-ture you, And
3 For to his an - gels he's giv - en a com-mand To



bide in his shad-ow for life, Say to the Lord: "My
fam - ine will bring you no fear; Un - der his wings your
guard you in all of your ways; Up - on their hands they will



ref - uge, My rock in whom I trust!"
ref - uge, His faith - ful - ness your shield.
bear you up, Lest you dash your foot a - gainst a stone.

Refrain



And he will raise you up on ea - gles' wings, Bear you on the



breath of dawn, Make you to shine like the sun, And



hold you in the palm of his hand.

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Reading

Luke 19:1–10

Zacchaeus offers his life to Jesus in joy

¹Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. ²A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy.

³He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd. ⁴So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way.

⁵When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today.”

⁶So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly.

⁷All the people saw this and began to mutter, “He has gone to be the guest of a sinner.”

⁸But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, “Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount.”

⁹Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”

Take My Life and Let It Be

CW 695 sts. 1–4



- 1 Take my life and let it be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly for my King;
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with-hold;



take my mo-ments and my days, let them flow in cease-less praise.
take my feet and let them be swift and beau-ti - ful for thee.
take my lips and let them be filled with mes-sag - es from thee.
take my in - tel - lect and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879

Tune: William H. Havergal, 1793–1870

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Reading

Mark 5:18–20

“Go home and tell your family what the Lord has done.”

¹⁸As Jesus was getting into the boat, the man who had been demon-possessed begged to go with him. ¹⁹Jesus did not let him, but said, “Go home to your own people and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you.” ²⁰So the man went away and began to tell in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him. And all the people were amazed.

I Love to Tell the Story

CW 746 sts. 1, Ref, 3



1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,
3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best
of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.
seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest.
I love to tell the sto - ry be - cause I know it's true;
And when in scenes of glo - ry I sing the new, new song,
it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else can do.
'twill be the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.
Refrain
I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry
to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

Text (sts. 1, 3): Katherine Hankey, 1834–1911, verses, abr., alt.; (Ref): William G. Fischer, 1835–1912, refrain
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Reading

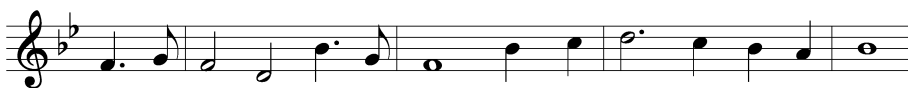
Romans 3:21–26

Justified freely by God's grace

²¹But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. ²²This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. ²⁵God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished— ²⁶he did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

CW 839 sts. 1–3



- 1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;
2 Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fill thy law's de - mands;
3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring, sim - ply to thy cross I cling;



let the wa - ter and the blood, from thy riv - en side which flowed,
could my zeal no res - pite know, could my tears for - ev - er flow,
na - ked, come to thee for dress, help - less, look to thee for grace;



be of sin the dou - ble cure: cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
all for sin could not a - tone; thou must save and thou a - lone.
foul, I to the foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.

Text: Augustus M. Toplady, 1740–1778, alt.

Tune: Thomas Hastings, 1784–1872

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Reading

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd

¹The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing. ²He 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.

Jesus, Shepherd of the Sheep

CW 551 sts. 1-3



1 Je - sus, shep - herd of the sheep, who your
2 In your prom - ise firm we stand, none can
3 By your blood our souls were bought, by your



Fa - ther's flock does keep, safe we wake and
take us from your hand; speak— we hear— at
life sal - va - tion wrought; by your light our



safe we sleep, guard - ed still by you.
your com - mand, we will fol - low you.
feet are taught, Lord, to fol - low you.

Text: Henry Cook, 1788–1868, alt.

Tune: Friedrich Filitz, 1804–1876

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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 of heaven and earth, you made all things beautiful. You have provided green forests and refreshing streams. You have arranged the orderly procession of day and night for our work and rest.

Thank you for the mountains and the prairies, the roaring sea, and the gentle breeze.

Thank you for roofs that shelter us, for clothing that protects us, and for food and drink. Thank you for our work, for projects that are done well, and for the approval of supervisors and teachers. Thank you for all who serve at night to make our days more pleasant.

Thank you for associates at work, for their encouragement and praise, and for the joys of human friendships.

Thank you for our cities and our countrysides, for farms and factories, for streets and highways, and for all of life that flows so swiftly before us.

Thank you for children at play, their boundless energy, and their shouts of joy and laughter.

Thank you for the morning greetings we receive, and for all the smiles that come from faces loved by you.

Thank you for Christian parents, for their affection and their care.

Hear us, Lord, as we give thanks for personal blessings.

Silent prayer. Special prayers may follow.

Thank you for your Son, Jesus Christ, for his coming to us in Word and sacraments, for his giving and forgiving, and for listening to our prayers. Receive our gifts and offerings as our sacrifice of praise.

Lead us in thankful living today and always. 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.

Reading

Revelation 21:1–4

A breath-taking glimpse of heaven

¹Then I saw “a new heaven and a new earth,” for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. ²I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. ⁴“He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death’ or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”

There Is a Higher Throne

CW 885



1 There is a high - er throne than all this world has known,
2 And there we'll find our home, our life be - fore the throne;



where faith - ful ones from ev - 'ry tongue will one day come.
we'll hon - or him in per - fect song where we be - long.



Be - fore the Son we'll stand, made fault-less through the Lamb;
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hun - ger die;



be - liev - ing hearts find prom - ised grace; sal - va - tion comes.
the Lamb be - comes our Shep - herd - King; we'll reign with him.

Refrain



Hear heav-en's voic - es sing; their thun-d'rous an - them rings through



em - 'rald courts and sap-phire skies; their prais - es rise.



All glo - ry, wis - dom, pow'r, strength, thanks, and hon - or are



to God our King who reigns on high for - ev - er - more.

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Blessing

The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Amen.

Abide with Me

CW 783 sts. 1, 5, 7



1 A - bid e with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.
5 I need thy pres - ence ev - 'ry pass - ing hour;
7 Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes;



The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bid e.
what but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r?
shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.



When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
Who like thy - self my guide and stay can be?
Heav'n's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee;



help of the help - less, O a - bid e with me.
Through cloud and sun - shine, O a - bid e with me!
in life, in death, O Lord, a - bid e with me!

Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793-1847, alt.

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

Sincere Thanks to Deacon Jim Ellenberger for leading today's worship service. He serves at St. Peter Lutheran Church.

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) 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 **tomorrow**, 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". Our enrollment is 15 students in kindergarten through sixth grade.

Christ Through Us:

A Pictorial History of the Wisconsin Synod, 1850–2025

Filled with captivating images and fascinating stories, *Christ Through Us* is a thoughtful gift for WELS historians or people interested in our synod's history. It's also an incredible visual aid for Lutheran elementary and high school teachers! This limited edition book can be ordered until 9/30/24 for guaranteed availability. A sign up is in the narthex or you may order online at nph.net. Hardcover, approximately 260 full-color pages. BU1500857, \$29.99 \$23.99

In Our Prayers – Len Becker was hospitalized at Aspirus with gall stones. He will be released soon. May our Lord grant him strength and healing.

New Address – Roger Schulrud has moved to the Veterans Home in King. His address is 800 Mitchell Ave #353, King WI 54946.

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!

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

Dime & Dollar Volunteers Needed – Our Savior’s day at Dime & Dollar is this Saturday, August 24. If you can volunteer three hours, either morning or afternoon, please speak with Judy Wastrack or sign up in the narthex today.

Pick Up Today – The latest issues of *Forward in Christ* and *Meditations* are available in the narthex and in the church office entry. Devotions begin Sept. 1

This Week at Our Savior's		
Today	9:00 AM	Worship / WELS Connection
Wednesday	8:00 AM	Our Savior's School Opening Service
Saturday		OS Day at Dime & Dollar
Sunday 8/25	9:00 AM	Worship with Holy Communion

Growing Together					
August 11, 2024					
<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Vision</u>	<u>Debt Red</u>	<u>Plate</u>	<u>OS Tuition Asst</u>	<u>Missions</u>
\$3,890.00	\$40.00	\$275.00	\$21.00	\$75.00	\$45.00
<u>NLHS Op</u>	<u>Sunday School</u>	<u>School Fees</u>	<u>WELS Campus Ministry</u>		
\$20.00	\$5.00	\$2,995.00	\$25.00		
Anticipated Weekly Offerings \$4,230					
Attendance: Sunday, August 11 – 56					

Many Thanks – Our faithful maintenance crew has been busy. Here's the short list of their latest accomplishments:

- cleaned up water leaks and repaired the school roof (again)
- power washed away the spiders on the outside of the building
- installed a new mailbox

Thanks so much! We truly appreciate all you do!

PS: They're always happy for helpers.



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