



OUR SAVIOR'S

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Do not be afraid, little flock,
for it is your
Father's
good pleasure
to give
you the
kingdom.*



Luke 12:32, NRSV

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: God preserves us by defending us against all danger and protecting us from all evil. May the Lord bless us as we give him our heartfelt worship and praise!

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 your never-failing protection in our time of need. Help us stand firm as we hear you proclaim to us all: Have no fear, little flock. In the name of our Good Shepherd. 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 – Sawyer Burish, Bob Gresens
- Next week – Mark Krohn, Kurt Schubring*

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Setting Two from Christian Worship

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Have no fear, little flock

Words of Welcome

Opening Hymn

CW 624

- 1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear now to his temple draw near,
joining in glad adoration!
- 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning
and, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.
Have you not seen how all that's needful has been
sent by his gracious ordaining?
- 3 Praise to the Lord, who has fearfully, wondrously, made you,
health has bestowed and, when heedlessly falling, has stayed you.
What need or grief ever has failed of relief?
Wings of his mercy did shade you.
- 4 Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do
as with his love he befriends you.
- 5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again;
gladly forever adore him!

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Stand

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

Confession

CW 173

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Almighty and merciful Father, we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts. We have offended you and sinned against your holy law. We have done those things that we should not have done, and we have not done those things that we should have done. Have mercy on us, Lord! Spare us, forgive us, and restore us, according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.
Amen.

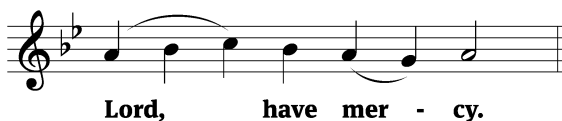
Lord, Have Mercy

CW 174

In peace let us pray to the Lord.



For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



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Prayer of the Day

Gracious Father, we live in a vale of tears and trouble and danger are constantly all around us. Assure of your presence. Protect us from true harm by your powerful love and your mighty angels. Grant us steadfast faith to trust that all things will work out for our eternal good because we are your children and nothing can separate us from your love; for you live and reign with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

The Word

First Reading

Genesis 50:15–21

¹⁵When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "What if Joseph holds a grudge against us and pays us back for all the wrongs we did to him?" ¹⁶So they sent word to Joseph, saying, "Your father left these instructions before he died: ¹⁷'This is what you are to say to Joseph: I ask you to forgive your brothers the sins and the wrongs they committed in treating you so badly.' Now please forgive the sins of the servants of the God of your father." When their message came to him, Joseph wept.

¹⁸His brothers then came and threw themselves down before him. "We are your slaves," they said.

¹⁹But Joseph said to them, "Don't be afraid. Am I in the place of God? ²⁰You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. ²¹So then, don't be afraid. I will provide for you and your children." And he reassured them and spoke kindly to them.

Psalm of the Day

Old CW 91

Verses sung responsively: congregation sings verses in **bold** print, all sing refrain

Refrain



Keep me, keep me as the ap - ple of your eye.



Hide me, hide me in the shad-ow of your wings.

Psalm tone



He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High*
will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.

I will say of the LORD,*

**“He is my refuge and my fortress,
my God, in whom I trust.”**

Refrain

You will not fear the terror of the night,*
nor the arrow that flies by day.

**If you make the Most High your dwelling,*
then no harm will befall you,
no disaster will come near your tent.**

For he will command his angels concerning you*
to guard you in all your ways;

**they will lift you up in their hands,*
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Refrain

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Second Reading

Daniel 6:16–23

¹⁶So the king gave the order, and they brought Daniel and threw him into the lions' den. The king said to Daniel, "May your God, whom you serve continually, rescue you!"

¹⁷A stone was brought and placed over the mouth of the den, and the king sealed it with his own signet ring and with the rings of his nobles, so that Daniel's situation might not be changed. ¹⁸Then the king returned to his palace and spent the night without eating and without any entertainment being brought to him. And he could not sleep.

¹⁹At the first light of dawn, the king got up and hurried to the lions' den. ²⁰When he came near the den, he called to Daniel in an anguished voice, "Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to rescue you from the lions?"

²¹Daniel answered, "May the king live forever! ²²My God sent his angel, and he shut the mouths of the lions. They have not hurt me, because I was found innocent in his sight. Nor have I ever done any wrong before you, Your Majesty."

²³The king was overjoyed and gave orders to lift Daniel out of the den. And when Daniel was lifted from the den, no wound was found on him, because he had trusted in his God.

Stand

Verse of the Day

Romans 8:28

²⁸And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

¹It was about this time that King Herod arrested some who belonged to the church, intending to persecute them. ²He had James, the brother of John, put to death with the sword. ³When he saw that this met with approval among the Jews, he proceeded to seize Peter also.

This happened during the Festival of Unleavened Bread.

⁴After arresting him, he put him in prison, handing him over to be guarded by four squads of four soldiers each. Herod intended to bring him out for public trial after the Passover.

⁵So Peter was kept in prison, but the church was earnestly praying to God for him.

⁶The night before Herod was to bring him to trial, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains, and sentries stood guard at the entrance. ⁷Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He struck Peter on the side and woke him up.

“Quick, get up!” he said, and the chains fell off Peter’s wrists.

⁸Then the angel said to him, “Put on your clothes and sandals.” And Peter did so. “Wrap your cloak around you and follow me,” the angel told him. ⁹Peter followed him out of the prison, but he had no idea that what the angel was doing was really happening; he thought he was seeing a vision. ¹⁰They passed the first and second guards and came to the iron gate leading to the city. It opened for them by itself, and they went through it. When they had walked the length of one street, suddenly the angel left him.


¹¹Then Peter came to himself and said, “Now I know without a doubt that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from Herod’s clutches and from everything the Jewish people were hoping would happen.”

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day

Old CW 442

Have No Fear, Little Flock



1 Have no fear, lit - tle flock; Have no fear,
2 Have good cheer, lit - tle flock; Have good cheer,
3 Praise the Lord high a - bove; Praise the Lord
4 Thank - ful hearts raise to God; Thank - ful hearts

lit - tle flock, For the Fa - ther has cho - sen To
lit - tle flock, For the Fa - ther will keep you In
high a - bove, For he stoops down to heal you, Up -
raise to God, For he stays close be - side you, In

give you the king - dom; Have no fear, lit - tle flock!
his love for - ev - er; Have good cheer, lit - tle flock!
lift and re - store you; Praise the Lord high a - bove!
all things works with you; Thank - ful hearts raise to God!

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Sermon

Luke 12:32

³²“Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom.

God also preserves me by defending me against all danger and protecting me from all evil.

Have no fear, little flock

Stand

Confession of Faith

Luther's Explanation to the 1st Article

I believe that God created me and all that exists, and that he gave me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my mind and all my abilities.

And I believe that God still preserves me by richly and daily providing clothing and shoes, food and drink, property and home, spouse and children, land, cattle, and all I own, and all I need to keep my body and life. God also preserves me by defending me against all danger, guarding and protecting me from all evil. All this God does only because he is my good and merciful Father in heaven, and not because I have earned or deserved it. For all this I ought to thank and praise, to serve and obey him.

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

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.

Special prayers

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.

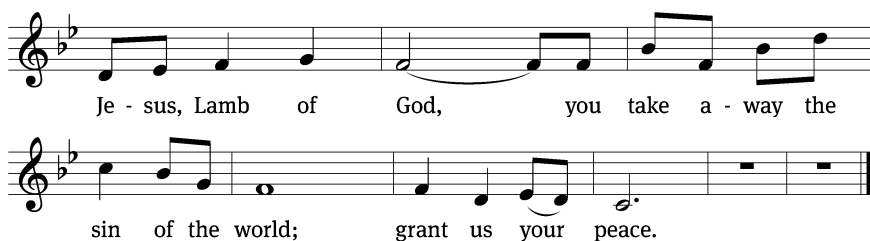
Jesus, Lamb of God

CW 186

The musical score is written for a single voice part on a treble clef staff with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are written below the staff, aligned with the notes. The score consists of five lines of music. The first line is a short phrase. The second and third lines form a full phrase. The fourth and fifth lines form another full phrase. The lyrics are: 'Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.'

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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.



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Be seated

Distribution & Hymns

I Walk in Danger All the Way

CW 836

- 1 I walk in danger all the way;
the thought shall never leave me
that Satan, who has marked his prey,
is plotting to deceive me.
This foe with hidden snares may seize me unawares
if e'er I fail to watch and pray;
I walk in danger all the way.
- 2 I pass through trials all the way,
with sin and ills contending;
in patience I must bear each day
the cross of God's own sending.
Oft in adversity I know not where to flee,
when storms of woe my soul dismay;
I pass through trials all the way.
- 3 Grim death pursues me all the way,
nowhere I rest securely;
he comes by night, he comes by day,
he takes his prey most surely.
A failing breath, and I in death's strong grasp may lie
to face eternity today;
grim death pursues me all the way.

- 4 I walk with angels all the way,
they shield me and befriend me;
all Satan's pow'r is held at bay
when heav'nly hosts attend me.
They are my sure defense; all fear and sorrow, hence!
Unharmed by foes, do what they may,
I walk with angels all the way.
- 5 I walk with Jesus all the way,
his guidance never fails me;
within his wounds I find a stay
when Satan's pow'r assails me;
and by his footsteps led, my path I safely tread.
No evil leads my soul astray;
I walk with Jesus all the way.
- 6 My walk is heav'nward all the way;
await, my soul, the morrow,
when you at last with joy can say
farewell to sin and sorrow.
All worldly pomp, begone! To heav'n I now press on.
For all the world I would not stay;
my walk is heav'nward all the way.

Text: tr. Ditlef G. Ristad, 1863–1938, alt.; Hans A. Brorson, 1694–1764
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Jesus, Still Lead On

CW 842

- 1 Jesus, still lead on till our rest is won;
and although the way be cheerless,
we will follow, calm and fearless.
Guide us by your hand to our fatherland.
- 2 If the way be drear, if the foe be near,
let not faithless fears o'ertake us;
let not faith and hope forsake us,
for through many' a woe to our home we go.

- 3 When we seek relief from a long-felt grief,
when temptations come alluring,
make us patient and enduring.
Show us that bright shore where we weep no more.
- 4 Jesus, still lead on till our rest is won.
Heav'nly leader, still direct us,
still support, console, protect us
till we safely stand in our fatherland.

Text: tr. Jane L. Borthwick, 1813–1897, alt.; Nicolaus L. von Zinzendorf, 1700–1760, adapt.
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Stand

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 924 sts. 5-6
Abide, O Dearest Jesus

5 A - bid e with your pro - tec - tion a - mong us, Lord, our strength,
6 A - bid e, O faith - ful Sav - ior, a - mong us with your love;
lest world and Sa - tan fell us and o - ver - come at length.
grant stead-fast-ness and help us to reach our home a - bove.

Text: tr. August Crull, 1845-1923, alt.; Josua Stegmann, 1588-1632
Tune: Melchior Vulpus, c. 1570-1615

*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.

Pastoral Call Update – Pastor Zachary VonDeylen has declined and returned our Call. Our church council members will meet today to begin long-range planning. Please watch for an announcement regarding the date of the next Call meeting.

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. 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. All are invited to come and celebrate this joyous occasion!

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This Week at Our Savior’s		
Today	9:00 AM	Worship with Holy Communion
Monday	7:45 AM	NLHS Opening Service
Friday		<i>No School – Labor Day Break</i>
Sunday 9/1	9:00 AM	Worship

Growing Together

August 18, 2024

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- David's Bond with Jonathan
- David, the Hunter and the Hunted
- The High Point and Low Point of David's Life
- God Called David to Repentance and Forgave Him
- David's Problem with Absalom
- David's Music and Poetry: Good Medicine for the Soul

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