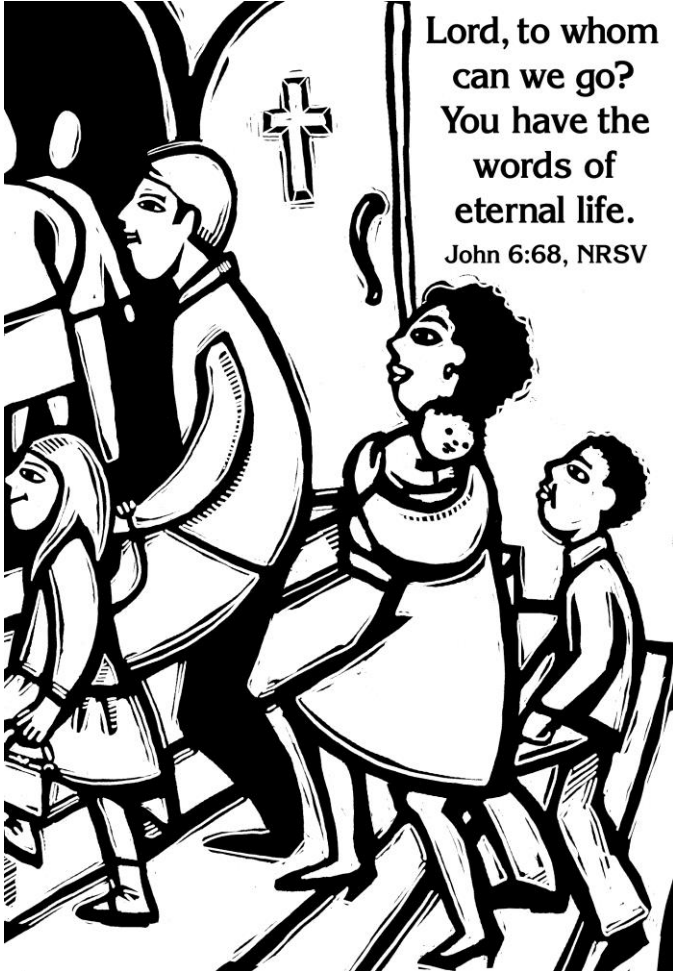




OUR SAVIOR'S

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



WELCOME TO OUR SERVICE

Welcome to the house of our true and living God for worship on this 15th Sunday after Pentecost. Today's hymns, readings, and prayers continue the theme that Jesus is the true Bread of life and the only true food that sustains our sin weary and guilt burdened souls. May we be strengthened in our faith to continue following Jesus as we say with Peter, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of everlasting life". May the words of Jesus give you life and build you up in your faith, and may the Lord bless your worship!

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

Dear Lord, we come to you today burdened and worn down by the attacks of this world, confident that you will fulfill your promise to strengthen and feed our faith. Thank you for the blessings of your word and for the faith you have planted deeply within our hearts. Help us follow your Son all our days and until we enjoy life forever in your presence. Amen.

SERVING TODAY

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

PICK UP TODAY

September newsletter, *Forward in Christ*, and the next issue of *Meditations* (devotions begin today).

Acknowledgments

Setting One from Christian Worship

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15th Sunday after Pentecost

September 1, 2024

The Only Food We Really Need

Words of Welcome

Opening Hymn

CW 606

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

- 1 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; his the scepter, his the throne;
Alleluia! his the triumph, his the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood:
“Jesus out of ev’ry nation has redeemed us by his blood.”

- 2 Alleluia! Bread of heaven, here on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluia! here the sinful flee to you from day to day.
Intercessor, friend of sinners, earth’s Redeemer, hear our plea
where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.

- 3 Alleluia! Not as orphans are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! he is near us; faith believes, nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received him
when the forty days were o’er,
shall our hearts forget his promise: “I am with you evermore”?

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Stand

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

Amen.

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.

Song of Praise

- 1 To God on high be glory and peace to all the earth,
for God has shown his favor in Jesus' holy birth!
Almighty God and Father, our humble thanks we bring;
we worship you, we bless you, Lord God, our heav'nly King.
- 2 O Lamb of God exalted, you take all sin away;
extend to us your mercy and hear us as we pray.
With God the Holy Spirit, at God the Father's throne,
you reign, O Christ, forever, for you are Lord alone!

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Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life that we may boldly confess him to be the Christ and steadfastly walk in the way that leads to life eternal; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

The Word

First Reading

Joshua 24:1–2, 14–18

¹Then Joshua assembled all the tribes of Israel at Shechem. He summoned the elders, leaders, judges and officials of Israel, and they presented themselves before God.

²Joshua said to all the people, “This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: ‘Long ago your ancestors, including Terah the father of Abraham and Nahor, lived beyond the Euphrates River and worshiped other gods.

¹⁴“Now fear the Lord and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your ancestors worshiped beyond the Euphrates River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. ¹⁵But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.”

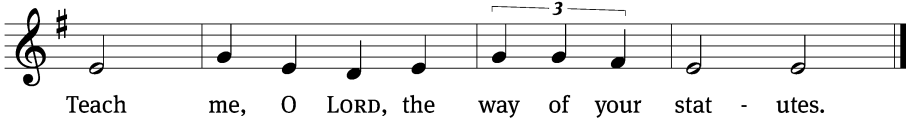
¹⁶Then the people answered, “Far be it from us to forsake the Lord to serve other gods! ¹⁷It was the Lord our God himself who brought us and our parents up out of Egypt, from that land of slavery, and performed those great signs before our eyes. He protected us on our entire journey and among all the nations through which we traveled. ¹⁸And the Lord drove out before us all the nations, including the Amorites, who lived in the land. We too will serve the Lord, because he is our God.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Teach Me, O LORD Psalm 119D

Refrain



Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes.

The musical notation for the refrain is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp). It consists of eight measures. The first measure contains a quarter note G4. The second measure contains a quarter note A4. The third measure contains a quarter note B4. The fourth measure contains a quarter note C5. The fifth measure contains a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note G4, with a '3' above the notes and a slur indicating a triplet. The sixth measure contains a quarter note F#4. The seventh measure contains a quarter note E4. The eighth measure contains a quarter note D4. The piece ends with a double bar line.

Tone



The musical notation for the tone is written on two staves in G major. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. The music is in 4/4 time and consists of four measures. The first measure has a G4 in the treble and a G2 in the bass. The second measure has a G4-A4-B4 in the treble and a G2-A2-B2 in the bass. The third measure has a G4-B4-C5 in the treble and a G2-A2-B2 in the bass. The fourth measure has a G4-A4-B4 in the treble and a G2-A2-B2 in the bass.

Oh, how I / love your law!
I meditate on it / all day long.
Your commands are always / with me
and make me wiser than my / enemies.
I have more insight than all my / teachers,
for I meditate on your / statutes. *Refrain*

I have kept my feet from every / evil path
so that I might o- / bey your word.
How sweet are your words / to my taste,
sweeter than honey / to my mouth!
I gain understanding from your / precepts;
therefore I hate every / wrong path.
**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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⁵¹I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.”

⁵²Then the Jews began to argue sharply among themselves, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?”

⁵³Jesus said to them, “Very truly I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day. ⁵⁵For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.

⁵⁶Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven. Your ancestors ate manna and died, but whoever feeds on this bread will live forever.” ⁵⁹He said this while teaching in the synagogue in Capernaum.

⁶⁰On hearing it, many of his disciples said, “This is a hard teaching. Who can accept it?”

⁶¹Aware that his disciples were grumbling about this, Jesus said to them, “Does this offend you? ⁶²Then what if you see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before! ⁶³The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you—they are full of the Spirit and life.

⁶⁴Yet there are some of you who do not believe.” For Jesus had known from the beginning which of them did not believe and who would betray him. ⁶⁵He went on to say, “This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless the Father has enabled them.”

⁶⁶From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him.

⁶⁷“You do not want to leave too, do you?” Jesus asked the Twelve.

⁶⁸Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹We have come to believe and to know that you are the Holy One of God.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Children’s Message

Hymn of the Day

CW 830

We Walk by Faith

- 1 We walk by faith and not by sight,
no gracious words we hear
from him who spoke as none e'er spoke,
but we believe him near.
- 2 We may not touch his hands and side,
nor follow where he trod;
but in his promise we rejoice
and cry "My Lord and God!"
- 3 Help then, O Lord, our unbelief;
and may our faith abound
to call on you when you are near
and seek where you are found.
- 4 For you, O resurrected Lord,
are found in means divine:
beneath the water and the Word,
beneath the bread and wine.
- 5 Lord, when our life of faith is done,
in realms of clearer light
we may behold you as you are
with full and endless sight.

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Sermon

John 6:51-69

Jesus Isn't Junk Food

Stand

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. 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.

Speak, O Savior, I Am Listening

CW 631 sts. 1, 3

- 1 Speak, O Savior, I am list'ning,
as a servant to his lord.
Let me show respect and honor
to your holy, precious Word,
that each day, my whole life through,
I may serve and follow you.
Let your Word e'er be my pleasure
and my heart's most precious treasure.

3 Lord, your words are waters living
where I quench my thirsty needs.
Lord, your words are bread life-giving;
on your words my spirit feeds.
Lord, your words will be my light
thro' death's cold and dreary night;
yes, they are my sword prevailing
and my cup of joy unfailing.

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Stand

Prayer of the Church

Your commands are always with us, O Lord. Keep our feet from every evil path so that we obey your Word. Your Word is a lamp for our feet.
Your Word is a light on our path.

Help us to regard your teachings as of greater value than the treasures of the world, that we fear you and serve you with all faithfulness. Your Word is a lamp for our feet.
Your Word is a light on our path.

You told us that unless we eat of your heavenly bread, we will have no life in us. Have mercy on those who have not heard your Word, and whose spirits starve. Bring the living bread of heaven to them in your Word, so that they may eat from you and live forever. Your Word is a lamp for our feet.
Your Word is a light on our path.

Bless those who learn your Word, that they may rejoice in the knowledge of your truth, and serve you from generation to generation. Your Word is a lamp for our feet.
Your Word is a light on our path.

Bless those who teach your Word, that they may share the wisdom they have received from above, and that they may do their work with patience and love that reflect your mercy. Your Word is a lamp for our feet.

Your Word is a light on our path.

Jesus, living Bread who came down from heaven, strengthen, comfort and guide those who are weary and burdened in mind and body. Let your sweet Word give them rest, peace, and assurance of your love. Your Word is a lamp for our feet.

Your Word is a light on our path.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

Jesus, Bread of life, long ago you sustained your people through long and dangerous journeys until they reached your promised land. Sustain us with your words of eternal life that we may be strong in you until we reach our heavenly goal; you live and reign, now and forever.

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.

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

Feed your children, God most holy;
comfort sinners poor and lowly.
Jesus, bread of life from heaven,
bless the food you here have given.
As these gifts the body nourish,
may our souls in graces flourish
till with saints in heav'nly splendor
at your feast due thanks we render.

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

Sincere Thanks to Vicar Eric Helmer from St. Peter for leading our worship service today. We're grateful for his willingness to serve us.

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.

Open Forum on September 29 - The Church Council met last Sunday after worship to discuss the challenges and opportunities before our church and school now and into the future. The Church Council has decided to hold an Open Forum for all confirmed Our Savior's members at 10:15 am on Sunday, September 29th, to discuss and get feedback regarding some recommendations that they will bring. The Council has also tentatively scheduled a congregational meeting the following Sunday, October 6th, also at 10:15 am, for the purpose of making decisions on their recommendations for our future ministry. The next meeting for calling a pastor will be held in mid / late October.

This Week at Our Savior's

Today	9:00 AM	Worship
Monday		Labor Day – No School
Sunday 9/8	9:00 AM 10:15 AM	Worship with Holy Communion Sunday School & Bible Class Resume <i>Food Pantry Sunday</i>

Mission Festival - On Sunday, September 22, Pastor Fred Berger from the Kronenwetter mission will lead our worship service with a missions theme. Following the service, enjoy refreshments, fellowship, and then stay for a special Bible Class. We're looking forward to this special morning of missions and fellowship!

Memorial – We thank Geneva Weith for her gift to Our Savior's School given in loving memory of her son, Scott. Blessed be his memory. Thanks be to God for the love which led to this gift.

OWLS: Organization of WELS Lutheran Seniors

Summer seems to evaporate faster as we get older. Now that it is over it is time to renew old acquaintances and prayerfully make new ones. The OWLS will be meeting on **Tuesday, September 10** at the Pizza Ranch, meeting at 11:30. We will be planning the year's activities so please bring all your ideas so we can discuss how we can continue to serve the Lord. Any questions please contact Evan or Sandy at 715-693-1337. Non-members are always welcome, come join us!!

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. A potluck meal will follow. All are invited to come and celebrate this joyous occasion!

There will be a special choir made up of members of area supporting congregations. Rehearsal is on Wednesday, Sept. 11 at 7:00 pm at St. Peter, Schofield. If you'd like to be in the choir but are unable to attend this practice, please reach out to Debbie Price at 715-370-5596.

The Life of David Bible Study draws from eight segments of David's life and connects them to our lives. The Lord uses David's strengths and weaknesses to teach His church. From David killing Goliath to David being overcome by temptation, we can see images of ourselves and learn how God deals justly with those He loves.

- From Shepherd Boy to God's Chosen King
- David, the Giant Killer
- 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

Join us on Sundays, beginning September 8, at 10:15 am.

Sunday School also resumes next week at 10:15 am, meeting in the school library, room 134. Children ages 4 through grade 5 are welcome. Older children are invited to be helpers.

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. Order your copy today! Hardcover, approximately 260 full-color pages. BU1500857, \$29.99 \$23.99

Growing Together					
August 25, 2024					
<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Vision</u>	<u>Debt Red</u>	<u>Plate</u>	<u>Bldg Maint</u>	<u>OS School</u>
\$5,809.00	\$345.00	\$415.00	\$36.00	\$200.00	\$100.00
<u>Sunday School</u>	<u>NLHS Op</u>	<u>School Fees</u>			
\$5.00	\$250.00	\$1,500.00			
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