



OUR SAVIOR'S

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Say to those
who have an
anxious heart,*

"BE STRONG; FEAR NOT!"

Isaiah 35:4, ESV

WELCOME TO GOD'S HOUSE

May the Lord lead us into a deeper appreciation of his mercy and grace in Christ.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

O Lord—our Maker, Redeemer, and Comforter—we are assembled in your presence to hear your holy Word. We pray that you would open our hearts by your Holy Spirit, that through the preaching of your Word we may repent of our sins, believe in Jesus, and grow day by day in grace and holiness. Hear us for Jesus' sake.

SERVING TODAY

- Minister – Pastor Timothy Kujath
 - Organist – Marie Kurth
 - Ushers – Brost Family, Travis Kurth
- Next week – Sulko, Unruh*

PICK UP TODAY

September newsletter, *Forward in Christ, Meditations, Portals of Prayer*

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Setting One from Christian Worship

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Words of Welcome / WELS Connection

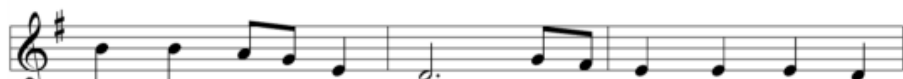
Opening Hymn

Old CW 520

Your Hand, O Lord, in Days of Old



1 Your hand, O Lord, in days of old Was
2 Your touch then, Lord, brought life and health, Gave
3 Oh, be our great de - liv - 'rer still, The



strong to heal and save; It tri - umphed o'er dis -
speech and strength and sight; And youth re - newed and
Lord of life and death; Re - store and quick - en,



ease and death, All dark - ness and the grave. To
fren - zy calmed Re - vealed you, Lord of light. And
soothe and bless, With your life - giv - ing breath. To



you they came, the blind, the dumb, The par - a -
now, O Lord, be near to bless, Al - might - y
hands that work and eyes that see Give wis - dom's



lyzed and lame, The lep - ers in their
as be - fore, In crowd - ed street, by
heal - ing pow'r That whole and sick and



mis - er - y, The sick with fe - vered frame.
beds of pain, As by Gen - nes - 'ret's shore.
weak and strong May praise you ev - er - more.

Stand

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

Confession

CW 155

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.

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

Song of Praise

CW 520 sts. 1, 3

- 1 Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!

- 3 The name of Jesus calms our fears and bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.

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Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O God, you reveal your mighty power chiefly in showing mercy and kindness. Grant us the full measure of your grace that we may obtain your promises and become partakers of your heavenly glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The Word

First Reading

Isaiah 35:4–7a

⁴say to those with fearful hearts,

“Be strong, do not fear;
your God will come,
he will come with vengeance;
with divine retribution
he will come to save you.”

⁵Then will the eyes of the blind be opened
and the ears of the deaf unstopped.

⁶Then will the lame leap like a deer,
and the mute tongue shout for joy.

Water will gush forth in the wilderness
and streams in the desert.

⁷The burning sand will become a pool,
the thirsty ground bubbling springs.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 146D

Praise the Almighty, My Soul, Adore Him



1 Praise the Al - might - y; my soul, a - dore him!
 2 Pen - i - tent sin - ners, for mer - cy cry - ing,
 3 Trust not in princ - es, they are but mor - tal;
 4 Praise, all you peo - ple, the name so ho - ly



Yes, I will laud him un - til death. With songs and
 par - don and peace from him ob - tain; ev - er the
 earth-born they are and soon de - cay. Vain are their
 of him who does such won - drous things! All that has



an - thems I'll come be - fore him as long as
 wants of the poor sup - ply - ing, their faith - ful
 coun - sels at life's last por - tal when the dark
 be - ing, to praise him sole - ly, with hap - py



he al - lows me breath. From him my life and
 God he will re - main. He helps his chil - dren
 grave will claim its prey. Since, then, no one can
 heart its a - men sings! Chil - dren of God, with



all things came; bless, O my soul, his ho - ly
 in dis - tress, the wid - ows and the fa - ther -
 help af - ford, trust on - ly Christ, our God and
 an - gel host praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly



name. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 less. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Lord. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Ghost! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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Second Reading

Acts 3:1–10

¹One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the time of prayer—at three in the afternoon. ²Now a man who was lame from birth was being carried to the temple gate called Beautiful, where he was put every day to beg from those going into the temple courts. ³When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for money. ⁴Peter looked straight at him, as did John. Then Peter said, “Look at us!” ⁵So the man gave them his attention, expecting to get something from them.

⁶Then Peter said, “Silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk.” ⁷Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man’s feet and ankles became strong. ⁸He jumped to his feet and began to walk. Then he went with them into the temple courts, walking and jumping, and praising God. ⁹When all the people saw him walking and praising God, ¹⁰they recognized him as the same man who used to sit begging at the temple gate called Beautiful, and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

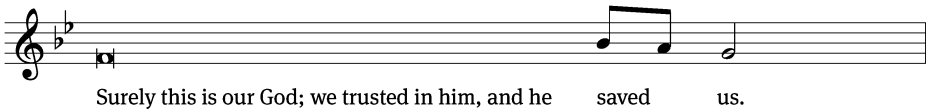
Isaiah 25:9



Refrain



Tone



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Gospel

Mark 7:31-37

³¹Then Jesus left the vicinity of Tyre and went through Sidon, down to the Sea of Galilee and into the region of the Decapolis. ³²There some people brought to him a man who was deaf and could hardly talk, and they begged Jesus to place his hand on him.

³³After he took him aside, away from the crowd, Jesus put his fingers into the man's ears. Then he spit and touched the man's tongue. ³⁴He looked up to heaven and with a deep sigh said to him, "Ephphatha!" (which means "Be opened!"). ³⁵At this, the man's ears were opened, his tongue was loosened and he began to speak plainly.

³⁶Jesus commanded them not to tell anyone. But the more he did so, the more they kept talking about it. ³⁷People were overwhelmed with amazement. "He has done everything well," they said. "He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to you, O Christ!

- 1 Joyously I'll praise my Savior; for my God I'll gladly sing,
as I see his loving favor evident in ev'rything.
In his faithful heart is beating love that's pure and wide and long,
love that makes his servants strong.
All I see on earth is fleeting; God's amazing love for me
lasts for all eternity.

- 2 God, with firm and clear conviction, gave for me his precious Son,
by whose bloody crucifixion I from hell have now been won.
O you spring of love prevailing, depth of which I'll never know,
current which will ever flow.
All I see on earth is failing; God's amazing love for me
lasts for all eternity.

- 3 God had seen my sad condition, gave me sight when I was blind;
he will be my great physician, healing body, soul, and mind.
When it seems it's not worth trying— all my skill gets nothing
done— Jesus helps me carry on.
All I see on earth is dying; God's amazing love for me
lasts for all eternity.

- 4 Since your love is never-ending, far beyond what words can say,
up to you my hands extending, Father, as your child, I pray:
Let your grace to me be given that I may with all my might
cling to you both day and night
till I see your face in heaven where my praise and love will be
yours for all eternity.

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“Say to those with fearful hearts, “Be strong, do not fear; your God will come, he will come with vengeance; with divine retribution he will come to save you.”

**To Fear or Not to Fear,
That Is the Question**

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.

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

God of grace, we thank you for your Son, who came to save all people. We marvel at His mercy that daily He reached out to people in need and showed them unconditional love.

Open our eyes to see those in need around us and our ears to hear their cries for help.

God of grace, we marvel at Your power, by which You brought healing to the sick, hearing to the deaf, sight to the blind, and life to the dead. But even more remarkable was Your power to bring life to hearts dead in sin.

You have given us eyes, ears, and hearts of faith. Now make our mouths bold to confess all that You have done for us.

God of grace, You know all things. You know those whom society too easily forgets—those who are different in ability, language, culture, or class. Forgive us for overlooking these precious souls for whom Jesus gave His life.

Make us bold to be Your witnesses to all people.

Bless our Synod, as together we train and send out workers into Your harvest fields. Give us joy in our partnership in the gospel and zeal to proclaim Your name wherever we go.

We thank you for those who spread Your Word where we cannot go.

Be with those among us and around us who are sick and suffering, alone and afraid, forgotten and fearful, those who face trials of various kinds, who walk through life carrying heavy burdens.

Grant rest and peace to their troubled hearts and relief from their trials, according to Your mercy.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow

Confident that You hear perfectly every prayer offered in the name of Jesus our Savior, we lay our petitions at Your feet. 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.

Closing Hymn

CW 600, Tune: Evening Hymn

All Praise to Him, the God of Light

- 1 All praise to him, the God of light
who formed the mountains by his might.
All praise to him who names the stars
that sing his fame in skies afar.
All praise to him who reigns in love,
who guides the galaxies above,
yet bends to hear our ev'ry prayer
with sov'reign pow'r and tender care.
- 2 All praise to him whose love is seen
in Christ the Son, the servant King,
who left behind his glorious throne
to pay the ransom for his own.
All praise to him who humbly came
to bear our sorrow, sin, and shame,
who lived to die, who died to rise,
the all-sufficient sacrifice.

3 All praise to him whose pow'r imparts
the love of God within our hearts,
the Spirit of all truth and peace,
the fount of joy and holiness.
To Father, Son, and Spirit now
our souls we lift, our wills we bow;
to you, the triune God, we raise
with loving hearts our song of praise.

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

Sincere Thanks to Pastor Timothy Kujath for traveling from Hortonville to lead our worship service and Bible class 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.

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.

Today's Lesson: David, the Giant Killer



Mission Festival - Next Sunday, September 22, Pastor Fredric 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!

Strength in the Lord – Please keep Debbie Sulko, Tony, and their family in your prayers. Debbie was hospitalized for several days this past week. Dear Lord, grant her relief from pain caused by cancer and its complications. Give her and her family patience to bear this hardship with a faith that looks to you, Lord, for needed strength.

Birthday Blessings – Gordy Baumann celebrated his 96th birthday this past Friday. We pray that he may continue to know God's loving-kindness and remain in His care and protection.

Our Savior's Day at Dime & Dollar – Our next day to staff Dime & Dollar Thrift Store is Saturday, Sept. 28. If you can help, Judy Wastrack would love to hear from you! Choose a morning or an afternoon shift. Dime & Dollar profits support Northland Lutheran High School.

Important Congregational Meetings

Open Forum on Sunday, Sept. 29 at 10:15 am

Voters' Meeting on Sunday, Oct. 6 at 10:15 am

At the Open Forum we will discuss the challenges and opportunities before our church and school now and into the future, as well as our leaders' recommendations. *An announcement was made last Sunday that our leaders recommend closing our school at the end of this school year.*

A Voters' Meeting will follow on Sunday, October 6th for the purpose of making decisions on the recommendations for our future ministry.

We strongly encourage ALL communicant members to make every effort to attend both meetings, as this will be a pivotal decision for our congregation.

The next meeting for calling a pastor will be held in mid / late October.

NLHS Homecoming Events - Homecoming is less than a month away! Mark your calendars to join us for our Pep Rally on Friday, September 27th at 7:00 pm. Events continue Saturday, September 28th at 9:00 am with our 5K Run/Walk and the Boys Varsity Soccer game at 1:00 pm. To sign up for the 5K Run/Walk go to NLHS.org or call the office. There is a \$25 fee which includes a t-shirt!

LWMS Fall Rally “Filling God’s House” is the theme for the LWMS Wisconsin River Valley Circuit Fall Rally on Saturday, October 12, 2024, at St. John, Christie, N6414 State Hwy. 73, Neillsville. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. with the rally to run from 9 a.m. to noon. Keynote speaker is Frederic Berger, WELS missionary for the new Kronenwetter mission. Fee for the rally is \$3 per person. All confirmed women are invited to attend. Men are welcome too. LWMS (Lutheran Women’s Missionary Society) is women dedicated to serving Jesus by increasing awareness of, interest in, and support of the mission outreach of the Wisconsin Evangelical Synod (WELS). Visit www.lwms.org for more information about LWMS.

Special Installation Service – All are cordially invited to a special worship service today at 4:00 pm at Northland Lutheran High School. Pastor Jeff Grundmeier (Northland’s campus pastor) will serve as the presiding minister, Pastor Jeff Mahnke (Western Wisconsin District Mission Board chairman) will preach, and Pastor Andy Ewald (circuit pastor) will install Pastor Frederic Berger as a missionary for the Kronenwetter church. Pastors from the area will participate in the laying on of hands. A free will offering will be gathered with the gifts being evenly distributed between supporting this mission church and the “100 in 10” initiative of WELS Home Missions. There will be a potluck meal to follow with the Core Group providing the main course. Praise God!

Redeemer’s Holy Smoke BBQ Is Back! This fun local BBQ contest will be held at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Weston on Saturday, October 5, 11:00 am – 2:00 pm. All are welcome! Cooks are wanted. Register your team at Redeemerweston.com or call 715-359-4433.

This Week at Our Savior's

Today	9:00 AM 10:15 AM 4:00 PM	Worship Sunday School & Bible Class <i>Food</i> Pastor Berger's Installation Service (Kronenwetter Mission) at NLHS
Wednesday	8:00 AM	Grandparents' Day at OS School
Sunday 9/22	9:00 AM 10:15 AM	Mission Festival Worship Refreshments & Fellowship Sunday School & Special Bible Class

Growing Together

September 8, 2024

<u>Weekly</u> \$2,842.00	<u>Vision</u> \$110.00	<u>Debt Red</u> \$260.00	<u>Missions</u> \$20.00	<u>OS School</u> \$30.00	<u>Sunday School</u> \$15.00
<u>NLHS Op</u> \$10.00	<u>School Fees</u> \$114.00				

Anticipated Weekly Offerings \$4,230

Attendance: Sunday, September 8 – 69

Grace Upon Grace – The members of Grace Lutheran Church, 6720 County Road A, Wausau, are celebrating 140 years of grace upon grace. They invite you on October 13th for a mission presentation, worship, and dinner. No RSVP is necessary.

9:00 am Mission Presentation:
Ukraine and Beyond
10:30 am Celebratory Worship
12:00 pm Fellowship Dinner

Celebrating 175 Years of God’s Grace - As WELS prepares to celebrate the 175th anniversary of its founding in 2025 under the theme “Christ through us,” Northwestern Publishing House is producing a special book entitled, *Christ Through Us: A Pictorial History of the Wisconsin Synod, 1850-2025*. In seven chapters, the synod’s history will be told in a fresh and engaging way with over 600 images and numerous short vignettes about important people, places, and events in the history of the Wisconsin Synod.

“The past has shaped who we are,” says Rev. Joel Otto, chairman of the WELS 175 Committee and coauthor of the book. “Learning about God’s work through us and among us leads us to appreciate his grace. And it helps us see where we also fit into his answers to the prayers of his people for new generations of faithful witnesses.”



A special preorder sale for this pictorial history is going on through the end of September. Place your order today to guarantee delivery of this unique volume and receive a 20 percent discount. Find sample pages and ordering information at online.nph.net/175annivbook. Order deadline is Sept. 30, 2024

A sign-up is in the narthex for a group order. Please sign up no later than Sunday, September 29.

Musical energy and talent a highlight at the National Worship Conference

The following summary of the recent WELS National Festival for Worship, Music, and the Arts, held July 31–Aug. 2, in Kenosha, Wis., was written by Rev. Bryan Gerlach. He has served as the director of the WELS Commission on Worship since 1996 and was involved in the development of the new WELS hymnal. He will be retiring this month. He has provided steady and solid leadership in the area of worship, emphasizing the importance of worship that is Christ-centered, focused on law and gospel, and retains the principles of faithful Lutheran worship while incorporating variety and freshness in the liturgies and hymns used in our congregations. We thank God for this gift to his church, and we thank him for his faithful service.

—WELS President Mark Schroeder

After a seven-year hiatus, rather than the three-year pattern that began in 1996, it's not surprising that this year's conference unleashed a lot of musical energy and talent. One first-time attendee said, "I had heard it would be awesome, but it far exceeded my expectations." Some regular past attendees said "best ever" about the caliber of the orchestra . . . and the superb cafeteria menu choices.

The conference theme was "Sing to the Lord a New Song." While the song of the gospel is always new, this conference made extensive use of new songs from the 2021 WELS hymnal suite and beyond, accompanied by a wide variety of instruments in different styles.

Those who couldn't attend can still enjoy concerts and services at welsworshipconference.net/media. This link also includes service folders, some presentation handouts, and photos. While the impact from these videos isn't the same as being present with 1,000 people (like a photo of the Grand Canyon can't compete with standing at the rim), viewers can still enjoy these events. Here are some "not to miss" items:

- **Festival concert:** Don't miss the thrilling final movement of Saint Saens' "Organ Symphony" and excellent choral music from a 115-voice choir.
- **Plenary address:** Jonathan Bauer presented "Lutheran Worship: What Now?" In a context of rapid change, Bauer demonstrates how, as we, confessional Lutherans, are fully equipped to answer this crucial question. It's available in both video and print.

- Morning “Alive in Christ” sermons: Hear sermons by Prof. Aaron Christie (Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary), President Richard Gurgel (Martin Luther College), and President em. Paul Wendland (Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary).
- Closing concert: A rendition of “Amazing Grace” starts with a whisper from the children’s choir (50 voices singing with beautiful tone) accompanied by harp, handbells, and flute. It keeps building until the last stanza, a sonic roar from 1,200 people, full orchestra with lots of percussion, and a kilt-clad bagpiper. (The hymn begins at 1:15 in the video)

The conference wasn’t only for musicians and pastors. Non-musical laypeople from congregations of all sizes selected from many presentation topics. A first-time non-musical attendee said, “My wife twisted my arm to come, but I won’t miss another!”

View all the materials and presentations online at welsworshipconference.net.



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