



# OUR SAVIOR'S

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

MISSION FESTIVAL

September 22, 2024

Our Savior's Lutheran Church—Wausau, WI



"I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields!  
They are ripe for harvest."

*- Jesus*

## **WELCOME TO GOD'S HOUSE**

Today's hymns, Scripture readings, and prayers focus on the mission that Jesus has given to his followers: to share the good news of God's love for sinners with all people. One special way that we, as a part of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS), carry out this calling is through the work we do together on the Board for Home Missions (BHM). The BHM consists of one layman and one pastor from each of our 14 mission districts. This group makes the decision of when and where to start new home missions (more information about this process will be shared during the Bible Class hour). In 2023, the BHM decided to fund a new mission that will meet at Northland Lutheran High School in Kronenwetter, WI (the target area is south of I 29 and east of Hwy 51). Pastor Fred Berger accepted this Call in the summer of 2024 to work with a core group from local WELS congregations to reach out to this area and share the best message in the world: we have a Savior named Jesus!

## **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 Fred Berger
  - Organist – Marie Kurth
  - Ushers – Tony Sulko, Bill Unruh
- Next week – Rick & Karen Leopold*

## **Acknowledgments**

Setting One from Christian Worship

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## Words of Welcome

### Opening Hymn

**CW 549**

*Across the Lands*

- 1 You're the Word of God the Father from before the world began.  
Ev'ry star and ev'ry planet has been fashioned by your hand.  
All creation holds together by the power of your voice.  
Let the skies declare your glory, let the land and seas rejoice!  
(Refrain)
- Ref **You're the author of creation,  
you're the Lord of ev'ry man,  
and your cry of love rings out across the lands.**
- 2 Yet you left the gaze of angels, came to seek and save the lost,  
and exchanged the joy of heaven for the anguish of a cross.  
With a prayer you fed the hungry, with a word you calmed the sea,  
yet how silently you suffered that the guilty may go free! (Refrain)
- 3 With a shout you rose victorious, wresting vict'ry from the grave,  
and ascended into heaven, leading captives in your way.  
Now you stand before the Father, interceding for your own;  
from each tribe and tongue and nation you are leading sinners home!  
(Refrain)

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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 this forgiveness, let us praise the Lord!

**Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty****CW 483 sts. 1-3**

- 1        Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
          Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.  
          Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
          God in three persons, blessèd Trinity!
- 2        Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,  
          casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
          cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
          which wert and art and evermore shalt be.
- 3        Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,  
          though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,  
          only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,  
          perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

## Prayer of the Day

Lord God of our salvation, you have called us to be witnesses of the good news that in Christ, you have reconciled the world to yourself. Be with us as we go into our communities, our state, our country, and the world as your witnesses, proclaiming the messages of Law and Gospel, that all may know the power of your forgiveness; 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 6:1–8**

<sup>1</sup>In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup>Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. <sup>3</sup>And they were calling to one another:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty;  
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

<sup>4</sup>At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke.

<sup>5</sup>“Woe to me!” I cried. “I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty.”

<sup>6</sup>Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. <sup>7</sup>With it he touched my mouth and said, “See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for.”

<sup>8</sup>Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?”

And I said, “Here am I. Send me!”

# Let the Heavens Rejoice

## Psalm 96A

### Refrain



Let the heav-ens re-joice, let the earth be glad, let all that is  
in them sing to the LORD. Let the heav-ens re-joice, let the  
earth be glad, let all that is in them sing to the LORD.

### Tone



Sing to the LORD a / new song;  
sing to the LORD, / all the earth.  
Sing to the LORD, / praise his name;  
proclaim his salvation day / after day.  
Declare his glory among the / nations,  
his marvelous deeds among all / peoples.  
Ascribe to the LORD the glory / due his name;  
bring an offering and come in- / to his courts. *Refrain*

Let all creation rejoice before the LORD, / for he comes,  
he comes to / judge the earth.

He will judge the world in / righteousness  
and the peoples in his / faithfulness.

**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***

## Second Reading

**Romans 10:12–15**

*Feet often aren't the first thing we think of when we think of the word "beautiful." But your feet are indeed just that when they are carrying the good news – everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.*

<sup>12</sup>For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, <sup>13</sup>for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

<sup>14</sup>How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? <sup>15</sup>And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

## Verse of the Day

**Matthew 28:18–20**

<sup>18</sup>Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

## Gospel

**John 1:35–49**

*“Come and see!” What a simple and straightforward way that Philip reaches out to Nathanael. As we think about our friends, neighbors, relatives, and acquaintances who are not in regular contact with Jesus through Word and Sacrament, our message can be the same. Come and see!*

<sup>35</sup>The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. <sup>36</sup>When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, “Look, the Lamb of God!”

<sup>37</sup>When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus.

<sup>38</sup>Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, “What do you want?”

They said, “Rabbi” (which means “Teacher”), “where are you staying?”

<sup>39</sup>“Come,” he replied, “and you will see.”

So they went and saw where he was staying, and they spent that day with him. It was about four in the afternoon.

<sup>40</sup>Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. <sup>41</sup>The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, “We have found the Messiah” (that is, the Christ). <sup>42</sup>And he brought him to Jesus.

Jesus looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas” (which, when translated, is Peter).

<sup>43</sup>The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, “Follow me.”

<sup>44</sup>Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida.

<sup>45</sup>Philip found Nathanael and told him, “We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote— Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.”

<sup>46</sup>“Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?” Nathanael asked.

“Come and see,” said Philip.

<sup>47</sup>When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, “Here truly is an Israelite in whom there is no deceit.”

<sup>48</sup>“How do you know me?” Nathanael asked.

Jesus answered, “I saw you while you were still under the fig tree before Philip called you.”

<sup>49</sup>Then Nathanael declared, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the king of Israel.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Be seated*



## Hymn of the Day

CW 745

*Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying*

Hark, the voice of Jesus crying, “Who will go and work today?  
Fields are ripe and harvests waiting; who will bear the sheaves away?”  
Loud and long the Master calleth; rich reward he offers thee.  
Who will answer, gladly saying, “Here am I, send me, send me?”

If you cannot speak like angels, if you cannot preach like Paul,  
you can tell the love of Jesus, you can say he died for all.  
If you cannot rouse the wicked with the judgment’s dread alarms,  
you can lead the little children to the Savior’s waiting arms.

If you cannot be a watchman, standing high on Zion’s wall,  
pointing out the path to heaven, off’ring life and peace to all,  
with your prayers and with your off’rings you can do what God demands;  
you can be like faithful Aaron, holding up the prophet’s hands.

Let none hear you idly saying, “There is nothing I can do,”  
while the multitudes are dying, and the Master calls for you.  
Take the task he gives you gladly, let his work your pleasure be;  
answer quickly when he calleth, “Here am I, send me, send me!”

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**Sermon**

**Isaiah 6:1-8**

**“Here Am I. Send Me!”**

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- 1 I hear the Savior calling! The gospel comes to me;  
my eyes, once closed in blindness, are opened now to see  
that I myself was helpless to live eternally,  
but, dying, Christ did save me, and now he calls for me!
- 2 I hear the Savior calling! He leads a soul to me,  
a soul in bitter anguish, one needing to be free.  
The gift I have to offer is Christ, my Lord's decree  
that all have been forgiven; my Savior calls for me!
- 3 I hear the Savior calling! He gives this charge to me:  
to serve the best I'm able, whate'er the call may be.  
Thus hand in hand with others who share the gospel key  
we spread the gospel tidings; my Savior calls for me!
- 4 I hear the Savior calling! He changes hearts for me;  
from door to door I witness to share my Savior's plea.  
Yet nothing can be added, no word on bended knee,  
beyond the simple gospel; my Savior calls for me!
- 5 I hear the Savior calling! His call has urgency;  
each moment souls are dying, soon comes eternity.  
And so, my precious Savior, this is my humble plea:  
prepare me for my mission, for you are calling me!

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## **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**

Dear Lord,

You came to Isaiah in 740BC and you continue to come to us today through your Word, convicting us of our sin. Woe to me, I am ruined, for I am a man of unclean mind - thoughts, lips - words, hands - actions. We are sinners from conception, who display privately and publicly that sin on a daily basis.

And so we ask that you also send your Spirit through Word and Sacrament to share forgiveness, so that each of us might know that our guilt is taken away and our sin atoned for. What a blessing, in the truest sense of the word, it is to know with certainty that because of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection on our behalf, that we are now saints, holy ones, in your sight. Give us the confidence to stand in front of your throne one day as justified, declared not guilty.

By the life, death, and resurrection of our Savior Jesus, you have lifted the guilt of our many failures off our shoulders. You have thrown our iniquities into the depths of the sea. You have flung wide open the gates of heaven. Continue to come to us through Word and Sacrament to assure us of this wonderful gospel.

Having heard this truth that you have taken our sins away, given us your perfect record, and promised us an eternity in the bliss of heaven, make us your willing servants to now go. Go and live not for ourselves, but for you. Go and care not about our earthly stuff but your spiritual riches. Go and share the lifesaving message of forgiveness with others.

### *Special prayers*

We bring these prayers before your throne in humble reverence as the seraphim showed before you, and in confidence, praising and thanking you as the Holy, Holy, Holy One who loves us through our Savior Jesus. In His name we pray and join in praying...

### **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.**

# Hymn

# Old CW 566

## We All Are One in Mission



1 We all are one in mis - sion; We all are one in  
2 We all are called to ser - vice, To wit - ness in God's  
3 Now let us be u - nit - ed, And let our song be



call, Our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed By Christ, the  
name. Our min - is - tries are dif - f'rent; Our pur - pose  
heard; Now let us be a ves - sel For God's re -



Lord of all. A sin - gle great com - mis - sion  
is the same: To touch the lives of oth - ers  
deem - ing Word. We all are one in mis - sion;



Com - pels us from a - bove To plan and work  
With God's sur - pris - ing grace, So ev - 'ry folk gifts  
We all are one in call, Our var - ied gifts



to - geth - er That all may know Christ's love.  
and na - tion May feel God's warm em - brace.  
u - nit - ed By Christ, the Lord of all.

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

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**Sincere Thanks** to Pastor Fred Berger for leading our special Mission Festival worship and Bible class today. (*Please see page two in this bulletin to learn more about his current Call.*) We're grateful for his willingness to serve us.

**Join us** following our service for fellowship and refreshments. Thank you to our Ladies' Aid for once again being our wonderful hostesses.

**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](mailto:pastorm@mysaintpeter.org).

### **~ Important Congregational Meetings ~**

**Open Forum next 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 on Sept. 8 that our leaders recommend closing our school at the end of this school year.*

A Voters' Meeting will follow on Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Memorial** – We thank Vi Schmidt for her gift given in memory of LuAnn (Krohn) Ruhbush, who gained eternal life on Sept. 7. We offer our sympathy to her sisters, Lois Fasse, Geneva Weith, and Lorraine Melanson, and nephew Mark & Beth Krohn.

*Blessed be her memory.*

*Thanks be to God for the love which led to this gift.*

**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.

## This Week at Our Savior's

<b>Today</b>	9:00 AM 10:15 AM	<b>Mission Festival Worship</b> Refreshments & Fellowship Sunday School & Special Bible Class
<b>Tuesday</b>	4:30 PM	PTO Picnic at 3M Park
<b>Saturday</b>		Our Savior's Day at Dime & Dollar
<b>Sunday 9/29</b>	9:00 AM 10:15 AM	Worship with Communion Congregation Open Forum Sunday School

## Growing Together

September 15, 2024

<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Vision</u>	<u>Debt Red</u>	<u>Plate</u>	<u>Memorial</u>	<u>Sunday School</u>
\$7,521.00	\$90.00	\$75.00	\$27.00	\$25.00	\$5.00

<u>School Fees</u>	<u>Magic Paper Box</u>
\$845.34	\$3.00

**Anticipated Weekly Offerings \$4,230**

**Attendance:** Sunday, September 15 – 62

**LWMS Fall Rally** “Filling God’s House” is the theme for the LWMS Wisconsin River Valley Circuit Fall Rally on Saturday, Oct. 12, 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. Fee for the rally is \$3 per person. Visit [www.lwms.org](http://www.lwms.org) for more information about LWMS.

**Celebrating 175 Years of God’s Grace** - Northwestern Publishing House is producing a special book entitled, *Christ Through Us: A Pictorial History of the Wisconsin Synod, 1850-2025*. Find sample pages and ordering information at [online.nph.net/175annivbook](http://online.nph.net/175annivbook). *A sign-up is in the narthex for a group order. Please sign up no later than Sunday, September 29.*

**NLHS Homecoming Events** - Homecoming is next weekend! 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!

**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 13<sup>th</sup> for a mission presentation, worship, and dinner. No RSVP is necessary. 9:00 am Mission Presentation: Ukraine and Beyond, 10:30 am Celebratory Worship, and noon Fellowship Dinner.



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