



# OUR SAVIOR'S

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Grace

for it is by grace you  
HAVE BEEN SAVED, THROUGH  
faith, and this is not  
FROM YOURSELVES, IT IS  
the gift of god.

EPHESIANS 2:8

## **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 the God's GRACE: God's Riches At Christ's Expense. May the Lord bless us as we give him our heartfelt worship and praise!

## **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.

## **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 – Rick & Karen Leopold
- Next week – Stelzer Family*

## **Acknowledgments**

Setting One from Christian Worship

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# 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

September 29, 2024

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## Words of Welcome

### Opening Hymn

**CW 576**

*Amazing Grace*

- 1    Amazing grace—how sweet the sound—  
      that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost but now am found,  
      was blind but now I see.
  
- 2    The Lord has promised good to me,  
      his Word my hope secures;  
he will my shield and portion be  
      as long as life endures.
  
- 3    Through many dangers, toils, and snares  
      I have already come;  
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,  
      and grace will lead me home.
  
- 4    When we've been there ten thousand years,  
      bright shining as the sun,  
we've no less days to sing God's praise  
      than when we'd first begun.

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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 forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

## **Gloria**

CW 1064

- 1 Glory be to God in heaven, peace to those he loves so well.  
On the earth let all his people speak his grace, his wonders tell:  
Lord, we praise you for your glory, mighty Father, heaven's King;  
hear our joyful adoration and accept the thanks we bring.
- 2 Only Son of God the Father, Lamb who takes our sin away,  
now with him in triumph seated— for your mercy, Lord, we pray:  
Jesus Christ, most high and holy, Savior, you are God alone  
in the glory of the Father with the Spirit, Three in One!

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## Prayer of the Day

Lord God, you call us to work in your kingdom and promise to reward us according to your grace. Help us to rid our minds of worldly expectations and rejoice that you freely pour out the blessings of salvation to all people; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## The Word

### First Reading

**Exodus 19:1–6**

<sup>1</sup>On the first day of the third month after the Israelites left Egypt—on that very day—they came to the Desert of Sinai. <sup>2</sup>After they set out from Rephidim, they entered the Desert of Sinai, and Israel camped there in the desert in front of the mountain.

<sup>3</sup>Then Moses went up to God, and the LORD called to him from the mountain and said, “This is what you are to say to the descendants of Jacob and what you are to tell the people of Israel: <sup>4</sup>‘You yourselves have seen what I did to Egypt, and how I carried you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. <sup>5</sup>Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, <sup>6</sup>you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’ These are the words you are to speak to the Israelites.”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

# Psalm of the Day

# Psalm 118A

## Refrain



This is the day the LORD has made, let us re-joice and be glad!



This is the day the LORD has made, let us re-joice and be glad!

## Tone



The LORD is my strength and / my defense;  
he has become my sal- / vation.  
The LORD's right hand is / lifted high;  
the LORD's right hand has done / mighty things!  
I will not / die but live,  
and will proclaim what the / LORD has done. *Refrain*

I will give you thanks, for you / answered me;  
you have become my sal- / vation.  
The stone the builders re- / jected  
has become the / cornerstone;  
the LORD has / done this,  
and it is marvelous / in our eyes.

**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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**Second Reading**

**Ephesians 2:4-10**

<sup>4</sup>But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, <sup>5</sup>made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. <sup>6</sup>And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup>in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup>For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— <sup>9</sup>not by works, so that no one can boast. <sup>10</sup>For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation**

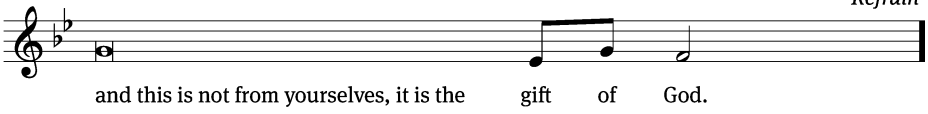
**Ephesians 2:8**



*Refrain*



*Tone*



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## Gospel

Matthew 9:9–13

<sup>9</sup>As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector’s booth. “Follow me,” he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him.

<sup>10</sup>While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew’s house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with him and his disciples. <sup>11</sup>When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?”

<sup>12</sup>On hearing this, Jesus said, “It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. <sup>13</sup>But go and learn what this means: ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Children's Message

### Hymn of the Day

**CW 582**

*Not Unto Us*

- 1 Not unto us, not unto us be glory, Lord;  
not unto us but to your name be praise;  
not unto us but to your name all honor be giv’n  
for matchless mercy, forgiveness, and grace.
- 2 Amazing grace—that chose us ere the worlds were made;  
amazing grace—that sent your Son to save;  
amazing grace—that robed us in your righteousness  
and taught our lips to sing glory and praise.
- 3 O faithful love—that shepherded through faithless years;  
forgiving love—that led us to your truth;  
unyielding love—that would not let us turn from you  
but sent us forth to speak pardon and peace.



4 Not unto us but to your name be glory, Lord,  
for grace so rich, so wide, so high, so free.  
Abide with us till trav'ling days are over and done,  
and pilgrim feet lead us home, Lord, to you.

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## Sermon

### *“Saved by Grace”*

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## Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. 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**

Almighty God and Father, we thank you for all your mercies, especially for the gift of your Son, through whom you have revealed your gracious will. We praise you for the Holy Spirit and his working through the means of grace.

**Plant your Word in our hearts, and cause it to produce fruit in our lives.**

Strengthen and defend your Church, that by your Word and sacraments faith may grow and love toward all may increase.

**Support all who spread the light of your truth throughout the world.**

Keep our children in the grace of their baptisms. Enable their parents to train them in lives of faith.

**Raise up Christians to serve you in the ministry of the Word and in all godly walks of life.**

Comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity. Remember those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on those for whom death draws near.

**Grant them your love, and take them into your tender care.**

*Special prayers*

We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served you, who now rest from their labors. Console all who are mourning or living with sadness.

**Keep us in the true faith, and bring us at last to the joys of heaven.**

Grant us these things, Father, for the sake of Jesus, who died and rose again.

**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.**

# O Lamb of God

Tune: ST. CRISPIN



1 O Lamb of God, once lift - ed high up - on a  
2 O Lamb of God, your sac - ri - fice has can-celled



cross to bleed and die, in per - fect love you  
sin, has paid its price; your per - fect love will



took our place— be - stow on us your sav - ing grace.  
nev - er cease— have mer - cy, Lord, and grant us peace.

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## Distribution & Hymns

### Chief of Sinners Though I Be

CW 578

- 1 Chief of sinners though I be,  
Jesus shed his blood for me,  
died that I might live on high,  
lives that I might never die.  
As the branch is to the vine,  
I am his and he is mine!
- 2 Oh, the height of Jesus' love,  
higher than the heav'ns above,  
deeper than the depths of sea,  
lasting as eternity,  
love that found me—wondrous thought—  
found me when I sought him not.

- 3 Only Jesus can impart  
comfort to a wounded heart,  
peace that flows from sin forgiv'n,  
joy that lifts the soul to heav'n,  
faith and hope to walk with God  
in the way that Enoch trod.
- 4 Chief of sinners though I be,  
Christ is all in all to me;  
all my wants to him are known,  
all my sorrows are his own.  
Safe with him in earthly strife,  
I await the heav'nly life.
- 5 Strengthen me, O gracious Lord,  
by your Spirit and your Word.  
When my wayward heart would stray,  
keep me in the narrow way;  
grace in time of need supply  
while I live and when I die.

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## 575 By Grace I'm Saved

CW 575

- 1 By grace I'm saved, grace free and boundless;  
my soul, believe and doubt it not.  
Why waver at this word of promise?  
Has Scripture ever falsehood taught?  
So then this word must true remain:  
by grace you, too, shall heav'n obtain.
- 2 By grace God's Son, our only Savior,  
came down to earth to bear our sin.  
Was it because of your own merit  
that Jesus died, your soul to win?  
No, it was grace, and grace alone,  
that brought him from his heav'nly throne.

- 3 By grace! O mark this word of promise  
when you are by your sins oppressed,  
when Satan plagues your troubled conscience,  
and when your heart is seeking rest.  
What reason cannot comprehend  
God by his grace to you did send.
- 4 By grace to timid hearts that tremble,  
in tribulation's furnace tried,  
by grace, despite all fear and trouble,  
the Father's heart is open wide.  
Where could I help and strength secure  
if grace were not my anchor sure?
- 5 By grace! On this I'll rest when dying;  
in Jesus' promise I rejoice,  
for though I know my heart's condition,  
I also know my Savior's voice.  
My heart is glad, all grief has flown  
since I am saved by grace alone.

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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 thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, 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 584**

*Jesus Loves Me*

- 1 Jesus loves me! This I know,  
for the Bible tells me so.  
Little ones to him belong;  
they are weak, but he is strong.  
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.
  
- 2 Jesus loves me! He who died  
heaven's gates to open wide.  
He will wash away my sin,  
let his little child come in.  
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

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

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**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 TODAY at 10:15 am**

**Voters' Meeting next 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 next 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.

**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 Fred 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.

**Plate Offering Today** - We will collect an offering for WELS world and home missions today and next Sunday. These gifts will be delivered to the Lutheran Women’s Missionary Society (LWMS) on Oct. 12.

**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.

A special preorder sale for this pictorial history is going on through the end of September.

***Today is the last day to sign up for the group order! Sign up in the narthex.***



## This Week at Our Savior's

<b>Today</b>	9:00 AM 10:15 AM	Worship with Communion Congregation Open Forum Sunday School
<b>Tuesday</b>	4:30 PM	Volleyball at OSS
<b>Wednesday</b>	6:00 PM	Coordinating Council
<b>Saturday</b>	11 AM - 2 PM	Holy Smoke BBQ at Redeemer, Weston
<b>Sunday 10/6</b>	9:00 AM 10:15 AM	Worship Voters' Meeting Sunday School

## Growing Together

September 22, 2024

<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Vision</u>	<u>Debt Red</u>	<u>Plate</u>	<u>Memorial</u>	<u>Missions</u>
\$5,075.00	\$65.00	\$165.00	\$17.00	\$50.00	\$20.00

<u>School Fees</u>	<u>Elephant Ear Stand</u>	<u>Pop Can Recycling</u>
\$3,728.00	\$2,200.00	\$29.00

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

**Attendance:** Sunday, September 22 – 79

**Asleep in Jesus** – A Christian funeral was held on Saturday, Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> for Debbie Sulko. Our gracious Lord called her home to heaven on September 19<sup>th</sup>. May the gospel comfort Tony, their family, and all who mourn with the promise of eternal life through Christ.

**Memorial** – We thank Mark & Beth Krohn for their gift given in memory of Debbie Sulko. *Blessed be her memory. Thanks be to God for the love which led to this gift.*



*Growing in Jesus, Sharing His Love*

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