



OUR SAVIOR'S

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



God's
Design
for Marriage

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 God's design for marriage and his many blessings given through marriage. 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.

SERVING TODAY

- Minister – Pastor Jeff Mahnke
- Organist – Marie Kurth
- Ushers – Dan & Carrie Stelzer

Next week – Burish, Gresens

Acknowledgments

Setting One from Christian Worship

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20th Sunday After Pentecost

October 6, 2024

Words of Welcome

Opening Hymn

CW 732

In Unity and Peace

Refrain: **How good it is and how pleasant
to live in unity and peace.**

**How good it is and how pleasant
to live together in one Lord.**

(Last time only)

to live together in one Lord.

- 1 In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,
agree in ev'rything you say.
May there be no divisions among you,
but be united in one mind.
For there is one Lord, one faith,
one God of us all. (Refrain)
- 2 Live a life that is worthy of your call,
be humble, gentle, and patient.
Bear with each other in ways that are loving,
preserve the unity of faith.
For there is one Lord, one faith,
one God of us all. (Refrain)
- 3 Share the love that has joined us as one,
unite in spirit and ideals.
Never be rivals, do not be conceited,
but look to others in their need.
For there is one Lord, one faith,
one God of us all. (Refrain)

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

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.

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

CW 953 sts. 1, 4–5

- 1 Holy God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we bow before you.
All on earth your scepter claim; all in heav'n above adore you.
Infinite your vast domain, everlasting is your reign.
- 4 You are King of glory, Christ, Son of God, yet born of Mary,
for us sinners sacrificed, on the cross our sins did carry;
first to break the bars of death, you have opened heav'n to faith.
- 5 Holy Father, holy Son, Holy Spirit, three we name you,
though in essence only one, undivided God we claim you,
and, adoring, bend the knee while we own the mystery.

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Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we commend to your care all the homes where your people live. Fill them with faith, virtue, knowledge, moderation, patience, and godliness. Bind together in enduring affection those who have become one in marriage. Let children and parents have full respect and affection for one another; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Word

First Reading

Genesis 2:18–24

¹⁸The LORD God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.”

¹⁹Now the LORD God had formed out of the ground all the wild animals and all the birds in the sky. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. ²⁰So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds in the sky and all the wild animals.

But for Adam no suitable helper was found. ²¹So the LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man’s ribs and then closed up the place with flesh. ²²Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man.

²³The man said,

“This is now bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;
she shall be called ‘woman,’
for she was taken out of man.”

²⁴That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalms of the Day

Psalms 127D



1 Un - less the LORD the house shall build, the wea - ry
 2 In vain you rise at morn - ing break, in vain your
 3 Yes, chil - dren are a great re - ward, a gift from
 4 How blest are those whose lives are cheered by chil - dren's



build - ers toil in vain; un - less the LORD the
 late - night vig - ils keep, and drain - ing days of
 God in ver - y truth; as quiv - er full of
 growth in strength and grace. With - in their house no



cit - y shield, the guards a use - less watch main - tain.
 work par - take— those whom God loves fall fast a - sleep.
 ar - rows stored are chil - dren giv'n in days of youth.
 foes are feared, for God keeps watch with - in that place.

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Second Reading

Ephesians 5:21—6:4

²¹Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

²²Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do to the Lord. ²³For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. ²⁴Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything.

²⁵Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her ²⁶to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, ²⁷and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and

blameless. ²⁸In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹After all, no one ever hated their own body, but they feed and care for their body, just as Christ does the church— ³⁰for we are members of his body. ³¹“For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.” ³²This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church. ³³However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.

¹Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ²“Honor your father and mother”—which is the first commandment with a promise— ³“so that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.”

⁴Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

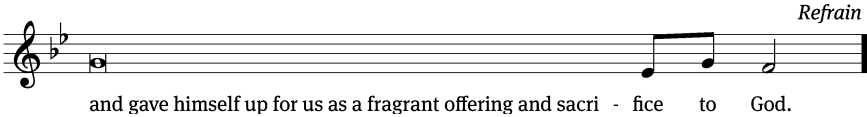
Ephesians 5:2



Refrain



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²Some Pharisees came and tested him by asking, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?”

³“What did Moses command you?” he replied.

⁴They said, “Moses permitted a man to write a certificate of divorce and send her away.”

⁵“It was because your hearts were hard that Moses wrote you this law,” Jesus replied. ⁶“But at the beginning of creation God ‘made them male and female.’ ⁷‘For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, ⁸and the two will become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. ⁹Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”

¹⁰When they were in the house again, the disciples asked Jesus about this. ¹¹He answered, “Anyone who divorces his wife and marries another woman commits adultery against her. ¹²And if she divorces her husband and marries another man, she commits adultery.”

¹³People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. ¹⁴When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.” ¹⁶And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day

CW 760

Oh, Blest the House

- 1 Oh, blest the house, whate'er befall,
where Jesus Christ is all in all!
A home that is not wholly his—
how sad and poor and dark it is!
- 2 Oh, blest that house where faith is found
and all in hope and love abound;
they trust their God and serve him still
and do in all his holy will.
- 3 Oh, blest the parents who give heed
unto their children's foremost need
and weary not of care or cost.
May none to them and heav'n be lost!
- 4 Blest such a house, it prospers well;
in peace and joy the parents dwell,
and in their children's lives is shown
how richly God can bless his own.
- 5 Then here will I and mine today
a solemn promise make and say:
though all the world forsake his Word,
I and my house will serve the Lord!

Text: Christoph C. L. von Pfeil, 1712–1784, abr.; (sts. 1–2, 4–5): tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.; (st. 3): tr. Evangelical Lutheran Hymnal, 1880, alt.
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- 1. How did God lead Adam to notice the conclusion God expressed in verse 18 (“It is not good for the man to be alone.”)?**
- 2. What does the term suitable helper tell us about the relationship between husband and wife?**
- 3. It was God who brought Adam and Eve together and instituted marriage. Marriage, then, is not a human arrangement. What implications does this have for us today?**
- 4. Verse 24 gives us a brief description of marriage as instituted by God. What is it?**
- 5. In today’s gospel, Jesus quoted Moses (2:24) and then added: So they are no longer two, but one. Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate. What was Jesus saying about God’s will for marriage?**
- 6. How does God bless marriage?**
- 7. What does this account from Genesis 2 tell us about polygamy? Homosexuality? Pre-marital or extramarital sexual relationships?**
- 8. Finally, how can single people express appreciation for God’s gift of marriage?**

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

Loving Lord, according to your wisdom and will you bring us together into families. We pray today for the special interests of our Christian homes.

In your mercy, hear us, Lord.

Make our families dwellings of joy and schools of character. Grant to those who are married true love and unbreaking loyalty for the sake of their children, to be models in their communities, and for the welfare of society.

In your mercy, hear us, Lord.

Protect us from the spiritual enemies of our household, from quick temper, cranky moods, thoughtless words, and selfish pleasures which rob marriage of love and deprive childhood of joy.

In your mercy, hear us, Lord.

Guide and guard us as we move through the changes of family life, from early joys to hectic support to aging reflection. Provide the wisdom we need to enjoy the transitions of life.

In your mercy, hear us, Lord.

For the sake of our society, whose foundations are in the family, we pray for the homes of others. Spare men and women from marriage vows lightly planned, carelessly made, and easily broken.

In your mercy, hear us, Lord.

Protect us and others from evils which deplete households, degrade children, cheapen love, and dishonor old age.

In your mercy, hear us, Lord.

Hear our prayers for our extended families and for the family of believers. Channel your strength to those who are hurting without healing and those who grieve without comfort. Calm the distraught and give guidance to the confused. [We pray especially for...] Hold those we love in the arms of your grace.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

O Lord, for the sake of your Son and with the power of your Spirit, give us strength and wisdom to build our homes in the shadow of your gracious and forgiving love.

In your mercy, hear us, Lord, and grant us your blessings. 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 731

Oh, How Good It Is

- 1 Oh, how good it is when the fam'ly of God
dwells together in spirit, in faith and unity.
Where the bonds of peace, of acceptance and love
are the fruits of his presence here among us. (Refrain)

Refrain: **So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord,
and with one heart we'll live out his word,
till the whole earth sees the Redeemer has come,
for he dwells in the presence of his people.**

- 2 Oh, how good it is on this journey we share
to rejoice with the happy and weep with those who mourn.
For the weak find strength, the afflicted find grace
when we offer the blessing of belonging. (Refrain)
- 3 Oh, how good it is to embrace his command
to prefer one another, forgive as he forgives.
When we live as one we all share in the love
of the Son with the Father and the Spirit. (Refrain)

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***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.

Voters' Meeting Today at 10:15 am

We thank all who came to the Open Forum last Sunday. There was much heartfelt conversation regarding the importance of Christian education and reasons for the recommendation to close our school at the end of this school year. We meet today as a congregation to make a decision regarding the ministry of our church and school.

LWMS Fall Rally – “Filling God's House” is the theme for the LWMS Wisconsin River Valley Circuit Fall Rally this 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. These gifts will be delivered to the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society (LWMS) on Oct. 12.

OWLS: Organization of WELS Lutheran Seniors

OWLS will meet at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Mosinee on October 15 (note date change) at 11:30. Terry and Diane Landwehr will give an interesting presentation on their cruise to Costa Rica and through the Panama Canal. Snacks will be served during fellowship. As always, guests are encouraged to come. Questions please contact Evan or Sandy Dobberfuhr at 715-693-1337.

Food Pantry Sunday – Next Sunday is our monthly food collection day for The Neighbor's Place food pantry. Please bring non-perishable food items and place them in the grocery cart located in the office entry. Thank you for showing your Christian love for those in need.

This Week at Our Savior's

Today	9:00 AM 10:15 AM	Worship Voters' Meeting Sunday School
Monday	6:00 PM	School Board
Tuesday	4:30 PM	Volleyball at OSS
Thursday	1:00 PM 4-7 PM	Ladies' Aid Volleyball Triangular at OSS
Saturday	8:30 AM	LWMS Fall Rally at St. John, Christie
Sunday 10/13	9:00 AM 10:15 AM	Worship with Communion Sunday School & Bible Class <i>Food Pantry Sunday</i>

Growing Together

September 29, 2024

<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Vision</u>	<u>Debt Red</u>	<u>Plate</u>	<u>Memorial</u>	<u>Missions</u>	<u>Bldg Maint</u>
\$5,525.00	\$540.00	\$400.00	\$24.00	\$210.00	\$35.00	\$150.00
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\$250.00	\$27.00	\$5.00	\$213.00	\$70.00		

Anticipated Weekly Offerings \$4,230

Attendance: Sunday, September 29 – 61

Memorials – We thank the following members for their gifts given in memory of Debbie Sulko: Sidney & Bonnie Elford, Bob & Janice Gresens, Travis & Marie Kurth, Ricky & Karen Leopold, Elaine Radtke, Bill & Sue Unruh.

Blessed be her memory.

Thanks be to God for the love which led to these gifts.

Pastor Appreciation – Pastor Mahnke has gone above and beyond the usual vacancy pastor duties over the past 2½ years. October is Pastor Appreciation Month. On Sunday, Oct. 20th, we'd like to say thank you to Pastor Mahnke with fellowship and refreshments following our worship service. We'll also have a box for cards if you wish to offer personal thanks.

WELS Women's Ministry Webinar: "Little Lives with Jesus"

Oct. 10, 2024 | 7:00 p.m.

Approximately one in four pregnancies end in miscarriage and that number might be even higher if the loss happens before the mother is aware of her pregnancy. Stillbirths, which occur later in a pregnancy, are far less common but still happen today despite medical advances. Regardless of the frequency of losing a preterm infant, many women report experiencing intense sadness or depression. They feel alone even though they are far from alone. Through this webinar we seek to compassionately demonstrate the value of pre-born life, to offer spiritual and practical comfort to those who have lost an infant, and to promote and encourage ideas for individuals and congregations on how they can support and show the love of Jesus to those mourning such a devastating loss. Learn more online:

<https://wels.net/serving-you/christian-life/womens-ministry/womens-ministry-webinars/>

WELS YOUTH NIGHT | SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2024 | 5:00-8:00PM

This month's Youth Night is fall themed and will be held on Sunday, October 20th. We will be starting out at Wilke's Dairy Farm (T8417 CTH-W, Wausau) at 4:30pm to do the giant corn maze and we'll then come back to the St. Peter Wausau Campus (2822 N. 6th St.) for Pizza, fellowship, pumpkin carving and painting from 5:30 - 8pm. All area WELS teens are invited to come at no cost. Teens are also encouraged to bring an unchurched friend as we'll have opportunity to share God's Word with them. It is super helpful if our teens can sign up as early as possible to make sure we have enough pizza and pumpkins. A sign-up can be found at mysaintpeter.org.



Promote the sanctity of life and share the Gospel of Jesus Christ

THROUGH WORKPLACE GIVING

The United Way has launched its 2024-2025 campaign. Christian Life Resources (CLR) is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization included in its Donor Choice program. That means you can participate in the United Way campaign and direct your support (after fees) to CLR. Other Community Chest programs may also offer a similar option.

CLR touches countless lives as a ministry of love and compassion centered around the Gospel of Jesus Christ. If you intend to participate in the United Way campaign, please consider supporting our ministry through the Donor Choice program. If you have any questions about how to participate, please check your employer's guidelines.



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Did you know?

YOU can heal and help others in need simply by supporting **Christian Family Solutions (Wisconsin Lutheran Child & Family Service)** through your workplace?

Many workplace giving programs, such as United Way, have begun to organize their 2024-2025 campaigns.

As a 501(c)(3) social service charitable agency, Christian Family Solutions (under our legal name of Wisconsin Lutheran Child & Family Service - WLCFS) is one of the donor choice program options to which employees can designate funds. Through this option, **you can support organizations and causes that closely align to your own Christian values.**

Each year, Christian Family Solutions heals and helps thousands of people through Christian counseling and services. In 2023, our providers logged over 80,000 sessions of Christian counseling! That is 80,000 opportunities for the hope of the Gospel to be shared with a hurting soul. In addition, our valuable mental health resources offer Gospel-motivated healing to anyone in their time of need.

Consider supporting our ministry through your workplace giving.

If you have questions about your participation in such a program, check your employer's guidelines. **You can also contact 888.685.9522, or e-mail info@wlcfs.org for more information.**

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