



# OUR SAVIOR'S

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

*sola gratia*

SAVED BY GRACE ALONE

*sola fide*

THROUGH FAITH ALONE

*solus Christus*

IN CHRIST ALONE

*sola scriptura*

ACCORDING TO SCRIPTURE ALONE

*soli deo gloria*

FOR THE GLORY OF GOD  
ALONE

## **WELCOME**

We welcome one and all to the house of our true and living God for worship as we celebrate the blessings of the Lutheran Reformation and salvation by grace alone, faith alone, and Scripture alone. We are honored that you chose to be here, and may the Lord bless us as we give him our worship and praise!

## **THE REFORMATION**

On October 31, 1517 Martin Luther nailed 95 Theses—statements for debate—on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, beginning a spiritual and historical movement known as the Reformation. The Reformation did not just change the face of Europe; it restored the gospel to the church. It gave God’s Word to the people. As we celebrate the Reformation, we are not honoring the man for whom our church body is named. We are thanking God for his grace which he has demonstrated through the generations—preserving the church and setting us free.

## **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 – Tim & Ellen Heil

*Next week – Phil Brost, Travis Kurth*

## **Acknowledgments**

Setting One from Christian Worship

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# FESTIVAL OF THE REFORMATION

October 27, 2024

## God's Child by Faith Alone

### Words of Welcome

### Opening Hymn

**CW 558 sts. 1, 9–10**

Salvation unto Us Has Come



1 Sal - va - tion un - to us has come by God's free grace and  
9 Faith clings to Je - sus' cross a - lone and rests in him un -  
10 All bless - ing, hon - or, thanks, and praise to Fa - ther, Son, and



fa - vor; good works can - not a - vert our doom, they help and  
ceas - ing; and by its fruits true faith is known, with love and  
Spir - it, the God who saved us by his grace; all glo - ry



save us nev - er. Faith looks to Je - sus Christ a - lone, who  
hope in - creas - ing. For faith a - lone can jus - ti - fy; works  
to his mer - it! O tri - une God in heav'n a - bove, you



did for all the world a - tone; he is our one Re - deem - er.  
serve our neigh - bor and sup - ply the proof that faith is liv - ing.  
have re - vealed your sav - ing love; your bless - ed name be hal - lowed!

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

## **Confession & Absolution**

(Based on Psalms 51 and 103)

Have mercy on me, O God,  
**According to your unfailing love;**

According to your great compassion  
**Blot out all my transgressions.**

Wash away all my iniquity  
**And cleanse me from my sin.**

The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever. He does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

Because of his grace I can assure you that you are forgiven, and you are free from guilt.

**Amen, this is most certainly true.**

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

## **By Grace I'm Saved**

**CW 575 sts. 1, 5**

- 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.

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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## Prayer of the Day

Gracious Lord, our refuge and strength, pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your Word, protect and comfort them in all temptations, defend them against all their enemies, and bestow on the church your saving peace; 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

**Daniel 3:16–28**

<sup>16</sup>Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego replied to him, “King Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you in this matter. <sup>17</sup>If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to deliver us from it, and he will deliver us from Your Majesty’s hand. <sup>18</sup>But even if he does not, we want you to know, Your Majesty, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up.”

<sup>19</sup>Then Nebuchadnezzar was furious with Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, and his attitude toward them changed. He ordered the furnace heated seven times hotter than usual <sup>20</sup>and commanded some

of the strongest soldiers in his army to tie up Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego and throw them into the blazing furnace. <sup>21</sup>So these men, wearing their robes, trousers, turbans and other clothes, were bound and thrown into the blazing furnace. <sup>22</sup>The king's command was so urgent and the furnace so hot that the flames of the fire killed the soldiers who took up Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, <sup>23</sup>and these three men, firmly tied, fell into the blazing furnace.

<sup>24</sup>Then King Nebuchadnezzar leaped to his feet in amazement and asked his advisers, "Weren't there three men that we tied up and threw into the fire?"

They replied, "Certainly, Your Majesty."

<sup>25</sup>He said, "Look! I see four men walking around in the fire, unbound and unharmed, and the fourth looks like a son of the gods."

<sup>26</sup>Nebuchadnezzar then approached the opening of the blazing furnace and shouted, "Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, servants of the Most High God, come out! Come here!"

So Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego came out of the fire, <sup>27</sup>and the satraps, prefects, governors and royal advisers crowded around them. They saw that the fire had not harmed their bodies, nor was a hair of their heads singed; their robes were not scorched, and there was no smell of fire on them.

<sup>28</sup>Then Nebuchadnezzar said, "Praise be to the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, who has sent his angel and rescued his servants! They trusted in him and defied the king's command and were willing to give up their lives rather than serve or worship any god except their own God.

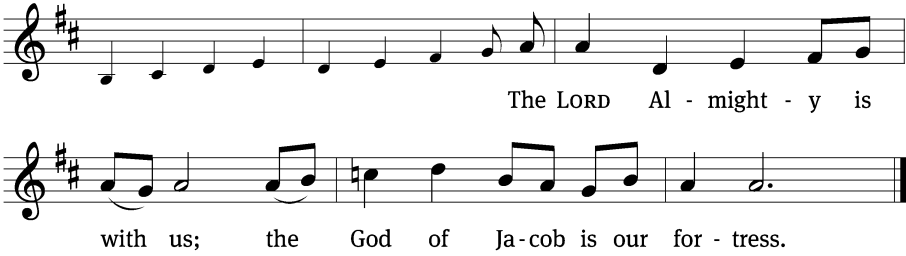
The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

# The LORD Almighty Is with Us

# Psalm 46A

### Refrain



The LORD Al - might - y is  
with us; the God of Ja - cob is our for - tress.

### Tone



God is our ref- / uge and strength,  
 an ever-present help in / trouble.  
 Therefore we will not fear, though the / earth give way  
 and the mountains fall into the heart / of the sea,  
 though its waters / roar and foam  
 and the mountains quake with their / surging. *Refrain*

There is a river whose streams make glad the cit- / y of God,  
 the holy place where the Most / High dwells.  
 God is within her, she / will not fall;  
 God will help her at / break of day.  
 "Be still, and know that / I am God;  
 I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted / in the earth."  
**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

Revelation 14:6-7

<sup>6</sup>Then I saw another angel flying in midair, and he had the eternal gospel to proclaim to those who live on the earth—to every nation, tribe, language and people. <sup>7</sup>He said in a loud voice, “Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come. Worship him who made the heavens, the earth, the sea and the springs of water.”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

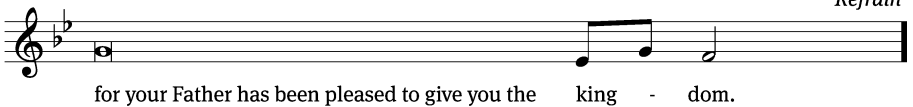
Luke 12:32



*Refrain*



*Tone*



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<sup>5</sup>Jesus said to them: “Watch out that no one deceives you. <sup>6</sup>Many will come in my name, claiming, ‘I am he,’ and will deceive many. <sup>7</sup>When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. <sup>8</sup>Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places, and famines. These are the beginning of birth pains.

<sup>9</sup>“You must be on your guard. You will be handed over to the local councils and flogged in the synagogues. On account of me you will stand before governors and kings as witnesses to them. <sup>10</sup>And the gospel must first be preached to all nations. <sup>11</sup>Whenever you are arrested and brought to trial, do not worry beforehand about what to say. Just say whatever is given you at the time, for it is not you speaking, but the Holy Spirit.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **Children's Message**

### **Hymn of the Day**

**CW 863**

- 1 A mighty fortress is our God, a trusty shield and weapon;  
he helps us free from ev'ry need that has us now o'ertaken.  
The old evil foe now means deadly woe;  
    deep guile and great might are his dread arms in fight;  
on earth is not his equal.
  
- 2 With might of ours can naught be done, soon were our loss effected;  
but for us fights the valiant one whom God himself elected.  
You ask, “Who is this?” Jesus Christ it is,  
    the almighty Lord, and there's no other God;  
he holds the field forever.

- 3 Though devils all the world should fill, all eager to devour us,  
we tremble not, we fear no ill; they shall not overpower us.  
This world's prince may still scowl fierce as he will,  
he can harm us none. He's judged; the deed is done;  
one little word can fell him.
- 4 The Word they still shall let remain nor any thanks have for it;  
he's by our side upon the plain with his good gifts and Spirit.  
And take they our life, goods, fame, child, and wife,  
though all may be gone, our victory is won;  
the kingdom's ours forever!

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## Sermon

## Philippians 3:9

... that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup>and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith.

## God's Child by Faith Alone

### Confession of Faith *Meaning of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Article of the Apostles' Creed*

**I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord. He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver but with his holy, precious blood and with his innocent suffering and death.**

**All this he did that I should be his own, and live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as he has risen from death and lives and rules eternally.**

**This is most certainly true.**

## 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

Gracious God, in mercy you sent your only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, into this world to redeem us from sin and rescue us from hell. Through your Scriptures and by your Spirit, you have brought us to faith in your Son and have assured us that Christ has fully completed the work of our salvation. Lead us to rejoice in the message of forgiveness through faith alone in Christ Jesus.

**When guilt grieves our consciences and shame squelches our confidence, use your Word to encourage and comfort our souls with the good news of your unconditional love.**

Almighty God, in the face of immense pressure to compromise their confession, you emboldened Martin Luther and the Lutheran reformers to take a firm stand on the truths of Scripture. Through their clear confession of faith, you restored the gospel to your church and have preserved this saving truth among us today. Send us your Holy Spirit that we exhibit the same zeal and faithfulness as the Lutheran confessors. Give us courage to confess our faith sincerely and boldly in the classroom, the workplace, the community, and to everyone we encounter who needs to hear the truth of your Word.

**Use our confession to bring faith in your Son to the hearts of those who do not yet believe in you.**

Eternal God, you have promised to preserve and protect your church in every age. Even when it appeared that the enemies of the gospel had silenced your truth, you kept your people faithful to you and your Word. Bless all who face hardships for their faith with an added measure of your Holy Spirit so that they do not lose heart as they bear their crosses. Comfort the sick and suffering, the depressed and lonely, those who are persecuted and ridiculed for their faith, and all others who need the encouragement of your love.

**Fix our eyes on the cross of your Son, his empty tomb, and the sure promise of eternal life in heaven's glory.**

Lord God, you know the concerns of our hearts and minds. Hear the public prayers we have spoken with our lips and the personal prayers we offer to you in our hearts, and answer them according to your gracious will. Increase our trust in your power and wisdom that we may rest secure in the plans and purposes you have for our lives; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

*Special prayers.*

## **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 Christ, Lamb of God

CW 169

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;  
have mer-cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,  
you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.  
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;  
grant us your peace. A - - - men.

## Distribution & Hymns

### I Know My Faith Is Founded

CW 797

- 1 I know my faith is founded on Jesus Christ, my God and Lord;  
and this my faith confessing, unmoved I stand upon his Word.  
Our reason cannot fathom the truth of God profound;  
who trusts in worldly wisdom relies on shifting ground.  
God's Word is all-sufficient, it makes divinely sure,  
and, trusting in its wisdom, my faith shall rest secure.
- 2 Increase my faith, dear Savior, for Satan seeks by night and day  
to rob me of this treasure and take my hope of bliss away.  
But, Lord, with you beside me I shall be undismayed;  
and led by your good Spirit, I shall be unafraid.  
Abide with me, O Savior, a firmer faith bestow;  
then I shall bid defiance to ev'ry evil foe.

- 3 In faith, Lord, let me serve you; though persecution, grief, and pain  
should seek to overwhelm me, let me a steadfast trust retain.  
And then at my departure, at home with you I'll be,  
and there will I inherit all you have promised me.  
In life and death, Lord, keep me until your heav'n I gain,  
where I by your great mercy the end of faith attain.

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## My Faith Looks Up to Thee

CW 811

- 1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine.  
Now hear me while I pray; take all my guilt away;  
O let me from this day be wholly thine!
- 2 May thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart;  
my zeal inspire!  
As thou hast died for me, oh, may my love to thee  
pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire!
- 3 While life's dark maze I tread and griefs around me spread,  
be thou my guide.  
Bid darkness turn to day, wipe sorrow's tears away,  
nor let me ever stray from thee aside.
- 4 When ends life's transient dream, when death's cold, sullen stream  
shall o'er me roll,  
blest Savior, then, in love, fear and distrust remove;  
O bear me safe above, a ransomed soul!

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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 862**

- 1 Lord, keep us steadfast in your Word;  
curb those who by deceit or sword  
would seek to overthrow your Son  
and to destroy what he has done.
- 2 Lord Jesus Christ, your pow'r make known,  
for you are Lord of lords alone;  
defend your Christendom that we  
may sing your praise eternally.
- 3 O Comforter of priceless worth,  
send peace and unity on earth;  
support us in our final strife  
and lead us out of death to life.

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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).

**Pastoral Call** – On Monday evening, our voters issued a Divine Call to Pastor Caleb Free. Pastor Free currently serves Risen Savior Lutheran Church in Lakewood Ranch, Florida. Please keep Pastor Free, his family, his current ministry and our ministry in your prayers as he contemplates where he can best serve our Lord. We will provide contact information next week, and we encourage you to reach out to him.



**Anniversary Blessings** – Dennis & Julie Dahlke celebrated their 45<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on October 20. We pray that God will continue to shower them with his rich blessings. Happy anniversary!

**Memorials** – We thank the following members and friends for gifts given in memory of Debbie Sulko: Keith & Laura Brandt, Angie Marquis, Dave & Kelly Schultz, Joel & Ellen Suckow, Tony Sulko.

We thank Sidney & Bonnie Elford and Bill & Sue Unruh for their gifts given in memory of Carol Ruether.

*Blessed be their memories.*

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

**NLHS Fruit Sale - The Fruit Sale Is Back!** We have a large variety of quality fruits available this year, perfect for the upcoming holiday season! All proceeds from the fruit sale are used to support Northland's vision of preparing students for this life and eternity through premier Christ-centered education. The fruit flyer, meat & cheese flyer, and the order form are available in the narthex.

All orders must be turned in to NLHS by **November 20, 2024**. Order pick up will be December 12, 9 AM - 3 PM and December 13, 9 AM - 12 PM.

***Please pick up your November newsletter, or send us an email requesting the electronic version.***



## This Week at Our Savior's

<b>Today</b>	9:00 AM 10:15 AM	Worship with Communion Sunday School & Bible Class
<b>Monday</b>		Quarter Break – No School
<b>Sunday 11/3</b>	9:00 AM 10:15 AM	Worship Sunday School & Bible Class

## Growing Together

October 20, 2024

<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Vision</u>	<u>Debt Red</u>	<u>Plate</u>	<u>Memorial</u>	<u>Mortgage (DSulko Mem'l)</u>
\$2,317.00	\$140.00	\$75.00	\$20.00	\$1,270.00	\$10,000.00

<u>MWoelfle Estate</u>	<u>Luth for Life</u>	<u>Jesus Cares</u>	<u>School Fees</u>	<u>Bldg Maint</u>
\$57,500.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$668.00	\$50.00

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

**Attendance:** Sunday, October 20 – 59

**November Forward in Christ** – The November issue has some great articles. *Pick up a copy today!*

- Is the upcoming election making you nervous? WELS President Mark Schroeder offers words of encouragement from God's Word.
- Need a refresher on the Sacrament of Holy Communion? David Scharf digs in, reminding you about its institution and its blessings.
- Are you or someone you know struggling with grief? John Boeder shares the comfort God gives us in his Word.
- Paul Meier describes how a moment in nature inspired gratitude for God's blessings and the realization that gratitude drives out anxiety.
- A woman shares how God carried her through her battle with mental illness.

**Your Appreciation Is Grealy Appreciated** – Pastor Mahnke wishes to say “thank you” for the cards, gifts, and reception last Sunday for “Pastor Appreciation Day”. He says it is his honor to serve as our vacancy pastor until our Divine Call for a pastor is accepted. God bless you!

**Veterans’ Night at St. Peter** – Men's Club will be hosting their annual "Vet's Night" on Monday, November 4th at 6pm. The guest speaker is Jim Klement. After serving two tours with the Army National Guard, Jim now runs Camp American Legion in Tomahawk. The camp is a place for healing for veterans and their families. The camp is free to all Wisconsin veterans through generous donations by individuals and corporations. Men's Club members, spouses, and guests are invited and asked to sign up to have a count for how much food to order from Lee's Chicken in advance of the event. Please call the St. Peter church office to sign up by October 27th.

**Advent by Candlelight** – St. Peter ladies invite area ladies to Advent by Candlelight, which will be held at the Cedar Creek Expo Center on Sunday, December 1 at 6pm. We are so excited for this opportunity to host more ladies and share the wonderful Christmas Gospel. All women are invited to participate as we look in anticipation to the coming of Jesus’ birth. For information, or to RSVP, you can contact Ann Peterson at [rn2020@yahoo.com](mailto:rn2020@yahoo.com) or 314-761-5489.

**Area Divine Call News** – Pastor Andy Ewald, pastor at Immanuel, Mosinee and the circuit pastor for our area, has declined the Divine Call to serve at Trinity Lutheran Church in Hartford, WI.



*Growing in Jesus, Sharing His Love*

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