

WELCOME

Welcome to worship, especially our guests! We are delighted to have you with us. If you are looking for a church home, we are happy to share ours with you. May God bless your time with us richly.

SAINTS TRIUMPHANT!

Death would be overwhelming were it not for the fact that, for the believer, Christ has completely transformed death. Death is not the end. For those who are part of Christ's family, death is the beginning of a new and better life, a triumph over sin and all its consequences.

We thank God for this beautiful gospel truth—that Christians have an everlasting family. When Christian loved ones die, they are not "lost." Something is lost when: a) you don't know where it is, and therefore b) you will not see it again. We know exactly where our deceased Christian loved ones are. We look forward to being reunited with them soon.

Today, we celebrate the Saints Triumphant—those believers who have died and been welcomed into their true home with Jesus.

SERVING TODAY

- Minister Pastor Em. Walter Davidson
- Organist Marie Kurth
- Ushers Rick & Karen Leopold
 Next week Stelzer Family

Acknowledgments

Setting One from Christian Worship

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Words of Welcome / WELS Connection

Opening Hymn

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For All the Saints

- 1 For all the saints who from their labors rest, who thee by faith before the world confessed, thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.

 Alleluia! Alleluia!
- Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might; thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight; thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.

 Alleluia! Alleluia!
- Oh, may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold fight as the saints who nobly fought of old and win with them the victor's crown of gold.

 Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

I heard a voice from heaven say,

"Write: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

"Yes," says the Spirit, "they will rest from their labor, for their deeds will follow them."

For the saints of the Most High will receive the kingdom and will possess it forever —

yes, for ever and ever!

Confession of Sins

Beloved in the Lord, we desire to one day join the saints triumphant in heaven. Yet we have disobeyed God and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. 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 ② and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen!

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

- 4 Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine! We feebly struggle, they in glory shine; yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. Alleluia! Alleluia!
- And when the fight is fierce, the warfare long, steals on the ear the distant triumph-song, and hearts are brave again and arms are strong.

 Alleluia! Alleluia!

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God and Savior, you have set the final day and hour when we shall be delivered from this world of sin and death. Keep us ever watchful for the coming of your Son that we may sit with him and all your holy ones at the marriage feast in heaven; prepared for us by Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

6 The golden evening brightens in the west; soon, soon, to faithful warriors cometh rest; sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Be seated

Remembrance of Saints Triumphant

Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed—in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet.

For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. (1 Corinthians 15:51-52)

LaVina Mae Sleeter February 25, 1925 – December 6, 2023 98 years, 9 months, 12 days of grace

Be faithful, even to the point of death.

And I will give you the crown of life. (Revelation 2:10)

Reinhardt Sodke December 12, 1943 – January 22, 2024 80 years, 1 month, 10 days of grace

In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you.

I am going there to prepare a place for you. (John 14:2)

Thomas Tress May 19, 1954 – February 1, 2024 69 years, 8 months, 12 days of grace

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.

Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. (Col. 3:1-2)

Pauline Froehlich August 15, 1934 – April 18, 2024 89 years, 8 months, 3 days of grace

I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand upon the earth.

And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God. (Job 19:25-26)

Myrtle Clara Alma Woelfle October 29, 1939 – April 20, 2024 84 years, 5 months, 21 days of grace

The LORD gave and the LORD has taken away;

may the name of the LORD be praised." (Job 1:21)

Robert Walter Ruether August 11, 1938 – July 5, 2024 85 years, 10 months, 24 days of grace

The LORD is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him;

it is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD.

(Lamentations 3:25-26)

Debra Ann Sulko November 1, 1953 – September 19, 2024 70 years, 10 months, 18 days of grace

I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies;

And whoever lives and believes in me will never die. (John 11:25-26)

- 7 But, lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day: the saints triumphant rise in bright array; the King of glory passes on his way. Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 8 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through gates of pearl streams in the countless host, singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

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The Word

First Reading

Isaiah 65:17-23

¹⁷ See, I will create new heavens and a new earth.

The former things will not be remembered, nor will they come to mind.

¹⁸But be glad and rejoice forever in what I will create,

for I will create Jerusalem to be a delight and its people a joy.

¹⁹I will rejoice over Jerusalem and take delight in my people; the sound of weeping and of crying will be heard in it no more.

20"Never again will there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not live out his years;
the one who dies at a hundred will be thought a mere child;
the one who fails to reach a hundred will be considered accursed.
21 They will build houses and dwell in them;

they will plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

²²No longer will they build houses and others live in them, or plant and others eat.

For as the days of a tree, so will be the days of my people; my chosen ones will long enjoy the work of their hands. ²³They will not labor in vain,

nor will they bear children doomed to misfortune; for they will be a people blessed by the LORD, they and their descendants with them.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Praise to You, Eternal Father

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- Praise to you, eternal Father!
 All the earth proclaims your honor;
 great, O God, is your acclaim!
 Ev'ry angel voice is ringing,
 "Holy, holy, holy!" singing
 to the glory of your name.
- 4 Praise to you, exalted Savior, soon to judge with wrath or favor; help your servants, Lord, we pray: by your blood they stand forgiven; make them shine as saints in heaven, with a glory bright as day.

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Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:24–28

²⁴The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it.

²⁵Brothers and sisters, pray for us. ²⁶Greet all God's people with a holy kiss. ²⁷I charge you before the Lord to have this letter read to all the brothers and sisters.

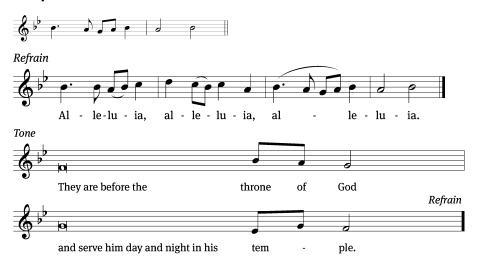
²⁸The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

Revelation 7:15



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Gospel John 5:24–29

²⁴"Very truly I tell you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be judged but has crossed over from death to life. ²⁵Very truly I tell you, a time is coming and has now come when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God and those who hear will live. ²⁶For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself. ²⁷And he has given him authority to judge because he is the Son of Man.

²⁸"Do not be amazed at this, for a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice ²⁹and come out—those who have done what is good will rise to live, and those who have done what is evil will rise to be condemned.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Hymn of the Day

I Know of a Sleep in Jesus' Name

- I know of a sleep in Jesus' name,
 a rest from all toil and sorrow;
 earth folds in her arms my weary frame
 and shelters it till the morrow.
 My soul is at home with God in heav'n;
 my sorrows are past and over.
- I know of a morning, bright and fair when tidings of joy shall wake us, when songs from on high shall fill the air and God to his glory take us, when Jesus shall bid us rise from sleep; how joyous that hour of waking!
- God's Son to our graves then makes his way;
 his voice hear all tribes and nations.
 The trumpet of God will sound the day and shake all the earth's foundations.
 He calls out aloud, "O dead, come forth!"
 In glory we rise to meet him.
- O Jesus, draw near my dying bed and take me into your keeping and say when my spirit hence is fled, "This child is not dead, but sleeping." And leave me not, Savior, till I rise to praise you in life eternal.

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Sermon John 5:24-25

"Saints Safely Through the Crossing!"

- 1. The Gospel is the guard
- 2. Heaven is on the other side

Stand

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.

Be seated

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.

Stand

Prayer of the Church

With grateful hearts, Lord,

We remember before you this day...

That great cloud of witnesses whose living trust in you, recorded in your Word, becomes an example for us to imitate and follow.

Inspire us as we remember them and grant us your blessing.

With grateful hearts, Lord,

We remember before you this day...

The reformers and confessors who faced the terror of church and empire but stood firm in your truth because they were moved by grace, empowered by faith, and guided by Scripture.

Inspire us as we remember them and grant us their courage.

With grateful hearts, Lord,

We remember before you this day...

Your faithful followers of every age—among them our parents and grandparents and our mentors and models—whom your Spirit called, gathered, enlightened, and sanctified to be your holy Church and by whose faithful words and deeds the gospel of your grace arrived also to us.

Inspire us as we remember them and grant us their resolve.

With grateful hearts, Lord,

We remember before you this day...

Those we have known who endured uncommon handicaps, chronic illnesses, and severe hardships yet followed you in simple faith and lived their lives with patience and persistence.

Inspire us as we remember them and grant us their joy.

With grateful hearts, Lord,

We remember before you this day...

Our own loved ones whose memories still burn within our hearts, whom you have called in your good time from their labors in life to that life which knows no end.

Inspire us as we remember them and grant us their reward.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

Empower us, Lord, to carry on the work you gave to your people of the past, trusting your Son, holding to your Word, confessing your truth, loving the lost, reaching out with your love, until you call us, too, by your great grace in Jesus Christ, to join them where memories are swallowed up in everlasting joy.

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.

Lord, When Your Glory I Shall See



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

Sincere Thanks

Thank you to retired Pastor Walter Davidson for leading our worship and Bible class this morning.

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.

Pastoral Calls

Pastor Caleb Free has returned our Divine Call. Please watch the bulletin for the next call meeting date.

Pastor Mahnke has received a Divine Call from Christ Lutheran Church in Pewaukee, WI to serve as the outreach pastor. May the Lord bless his deliberations and the ministries of the congregations.

Deer Hunters' Worship

Before heading to camp we encourage our hunters to worship on Thursday, November 21st, at 7 pm, at the St. Peter Schofield campus. We will certainly pray for a safe and successful hunt!



Thanksgiving Worship

We have changes to our holiday worship schedule again this year due to the pastoral vacancy. We encourage you to attend any of the following Thanksgiving worship services:

- Wednesday, Nov. 27 at 1:00 pm at Our Savior's
- Wednesday at 7:00 pm at St. Peter in Schofield
- Thanksgiving Day at 9:00 am at St. Peter Wausau Campus (formerly Salem)

Snow Removal

We need to make plans for getting our sidewalks and parking areas cleared when the **SNOW** starts to fall. If you are willing to help, there is a sheet on the table in the narthex to sign up. The more that sign up makes it easier for everyone. Questions? Please see or call Bill Unruh.

This Week at Our Savior's		
Today	9:00 AM 10:15 AM	Worship: Saints Triumphant Sunday Sunday School & Bible Class WELS Connection
Wednesday		NLHS Fruit Orders Due
Thursday	7:00 PM	Deer Hunter's Worship at St. Peter
Saturday	9-3 PM	OS Day at Dime & Dollar Craft & Home Business Expo at St. Peter School
Sunday 11/24	9:00 AM 10:15 AM	Worship with Holy Communion Sunday School & Bible Class

Growing Together

November 10, 2024

 Weekly
 Vision
 Debt Red
 Plate
 Memorials
 Missions
 Thanksgvg

 \$2,025.00
 \$4000
 \$110.00
 \$55.00
 \$550.00
 \$50.00
 \$25.00

<u>NLHS Op</u> <u>NLHS Tuition</u> <u>Time of Grace</u> <u>School Fees</u> <u>Books</u> \$40.00 \$20.00 \$45.00 \$716.00 \$56.00

Anticipated Weekly Offerings \$4,230

Attendance: Sunday, November 10 - 67

Gifts and Memorials

We thank the following members and family and friends of Donald Krohn, father of Mark (Beth) Krohn, for their gifts given in his memory:

Mark & Beth Krohn, Keith & Laura Brandt, Joann Raasch, George & Sandy Raasch, Manny & Michelle Braun, Jen Davidson, Tom & Gail Schmidt, Gary & Kathy Bielen, and Chris & Bill Potter.

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



News About Advent by Candlelight

It is time to sign up for the Women's Advent by Candlelight! The event will be held on Sunday, December 1st, 6:00-7:30pm at the Cedar Creek Expo Center. The evening will consist of coffee and dessert coupled with music and Christmas devotion. You can participate in this free event in one of two ways, as a

hostess or as a guest. Hostesses will be responsible for decorating a table (or two!) and providing a dessert for 6-8 people. Hostesses may also invite guests to sit at their table. A step-by-step guide is available to answer any questions about hosting as there are several important changes this year. If you would just like to attend this evening as a guest, you will be placed at a table (we would love to have you!). Please be sure to extend an invitation to your relatives, friends, co-workers, and/or neighbors. Reservations are needed so please sign up by contacting Ann Peterson at

314-761-5489 or RN2020@yahoo.com.

NLHS Fruit Sale

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**. Order pick-up will be December 12, 9 AM - 3 PM and December 13, 9 AM - 12 PM.



Sign up now to <u>volunteer</u> for the live outdoor nativity event: *The Christmas Journey* Saturday, December 21, 2024 at Northland Lutheran High School

We have over 150 volunteer opportunities for you to choose from. Do you want to recite a few lines, sing a Christmas Hymn or a Christmas Carol, stroll the *roads of Israel* as a townsperson, bake some cookies, serve hot cocoa or be a greeter for outreach opportunities for the unchurched guests? We need you! You can volunteer for the entire event, or for just an hour or two. Scan the QR Code with your smart phone to sign up today. This event is being organized by The Kronenwetter Mission Core Group to share the message of Jesus, our Savior, in the Wausau area.

The rehearsals will take place Friday, December 13th and Friday, December 20th from 6pm – 8pm.

The event will be held on Saturday, Dec. 21, 4-9 pm at Northland Lutheran High School. Questions? Contact: Brenda Kruncos 715.571.4420 or brenda@mistylane.org.





Sign up now to <u>attend</u> The Christmas Journey

Attend the Live Outdoor Nativity Event at Northland Lutheran High School, 2107 Tower Road Kronenwetter, on Sat., Dec. 21, 2024, 4:00

 $pm-8{:}30\ pm.$ Scan the QR Code and choose the time slot for your group - up to 20 people per time slot!

The event will consist of a guided 30-minute walk around the NLHS Campus as the Christmas Story is told through Scripture, dialogue, hymns and carols.

Campfires throughout the path will warm you as you travel the *roads of Israel*. "Because of the live animals in this event, we ask that you please leave your pets at home. Thank you."

Questions? Contact: Brenda Kruncos 715.571.4420 or brenda@mistylane.org.





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