



# OUR SAVIOR'S

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

*"I have come  
seeking fruit  
on this fig tree ..."*

Luke 13:7, ESV



## **WELCOME TO WORSHIP!**

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. If we haven't seen you in a while, it is great to see you today! May God bless your time with us richly.

## **PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP**

"I rejoiced with those who said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'" Give me joy, dear Jesus, as I prepare to worship you today. Make me understand what my life would be like without you so that I long to hear about your grace and compassion. Help me participate in a way that honors you and builds up all who worship with me, and let their worship strengthen and encourage my faith.

## **SERVING TODAY**

- Minister – Pastor Andrew DeGier
  - Organist – Marie Kurth
  - Ushers – Mark Krohn, Kurt Schubring
- Wednesday – Heil*  
*Next Sunday – Brost, Kurth*

## **Acknowledgments**

Setting Two from Christian Worship

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# Third Sunday in Lent

March 23, 2025

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## Words of Welcome

### Opening Hymn

CW 896

*Dear Lord, to Your True Servants Give*

- 1 Dear Lord, to your true servants give  
the grace to you alone to live.  
Set free from sin to serve you, Lord,  
they go to share your living Word,  
the gospel message to proclaim  
that all may know your saving name.
  
- 2 They gladly go at your command  
to spread your Word o'er sea and land.  
Be with them, Lord, and make them strong  
to heal sin's ills, to right the wrong.  
Your rule is over wind and wave,  
and mighty is your arm to save.
  
- 3 When all their labor seems in vain,  
revive their sinking hopes again;  
and when success crowns what they do,  
O keep them humble, Lord, and true  
until before your judgment seat  
they lay their trophies at your feet.

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

## Confession

CW 173

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.**

*Silence for meditation and reflection*

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.**

## Lord, Have Mercy

CW 174


In peace let us pray to the Lord.



For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.




For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

The musical notation is on a single staff in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of seven notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, and G4. The first three notes (G, A, B) are beamed together with a slur above them. The last four notes (C, B, A, G) are also beamed together with a slur below them.


For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

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Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



A - men.

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# The Word

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Be seated*

## First Reading

*Numbers 16:1–22*

16:1 Korah son of Izhar, the son of Kohath, the son of Levi, and certain Reubenites—Dathan and Abiram, sons of Eliab, and On son of Peleth—became insolent <sup>2</sup> and rose up against Moses. With them were 250 Israelite men, well-known community leaders who had been appointed members of the council. <sup>3</sup> They came as a group to oppose Moses and Aaron and said to them, “You have gone too far! The whole community is holy, every one of them, and the LORD is with them. Why then do you set yourselves above the LORD’s assembly?”

<sup>4</sup> When Moses heard this, he fell facedown. <sup>5</sup> Then he said to Korah and all his followers: “In the morning the LORD will show who belongs to him and who is holy, and he will have that person come near him. The man he chooses he will cause to come near him. <sup>6</sup> You, Korah, and all your followers are to do this: Take censers <sup>7</sup> and tomorrow put fire and incense in them before the LORD. The man the LORD chooses will be the one who is holy. You Levites have gone too far!”

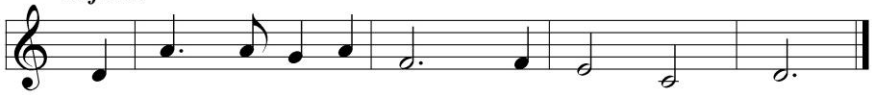
8 Moses also said to Korah, “Now listen, you Levites! 9 Isn’t it enough for you that the God of Israel has separated you from the rest of the Israelite community and brought you near himself to do the work at the LORD’s tabernacle and to stand before the community and minister to them? 10 He has brought you and all your fellow Levites near himself, but now you are trying to get the priesthood too. 11 It is against the LORD that you and all your followers have banded together. Who is Aaron that you should grumble against him?”

12 Then Moses summoned Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab. But they said, “We will not come! 13 Isn’t it enough that you have brought us up out of a land flowing with milk and honey to kill us in the desert? And now you also want to lord it over us? 14 Moreover, you haven’t brought us into a land flowing with milk and honey or given us an inheritance of fields and vineyards. Will you gouge out the eyes of these men? No, we will not come!”

15 Then Moses became very angry and said to the LORD, “Do not accept their offering. I have not taken so much as a donkey from them, nor have I wronged any of them.”

16 Moses said to Korah, “You and all your followers are to appear before the LORD tomorrow—you and they and Aaron. 17 Each man is to take his censer and put incense in it—250 censers in all—and present it before the LORD. You and Aaron are to present your censers also.” 18 So each man took his censer, put fire and incense in it, and stood with Moses and Aaron at the entrance to the Tent of Meeting. 19 When Korah had gathered all his followers in opposition to them at the entrance to the Tent of Meeting, the glory of the LORD appeared to the entire assembly. 20 The LORD said to Moses and Aaron, 21 “Separate yourselves from this assembly so I can put an end to them at once.” 22 But Moses and Aaron fell facedown and cried out, “O God, God of the spirits of all mankind, will you be angry with the entire assembly when only one man sins?” (NIV® 84)

*Refrain*



Be mer - ci - ful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

*Psalm tone*



O LORD, do not rebuke me in your anger\*  
or discipline me in your wrath.

For your arrows have pierced me,\*  
and your hand has come down upon me.

My guilt has overwhelmed me\*  
like a burden too heavy to bear.

*Refrain*

All my longings lie open before you, O LORD;\*  
my sighing is not hidden from you.

I wait for you, O LORD;\*  
you will answer, O Lord my God.

Come quickly to help me,\*  
O Lord my Savior.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son\*  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

*Refrain*



## Second Reading

Numbers 16:23-50

23 Then the LORD said to Moses, 24 “Say to the assembly, ‘Move away from the tents of Korah, Dathan and Abiram.’”

25 Moses got up and went to Dathan and Abiram, and the elders of Israel followed him. 26 He warned the assembly, “Move back from the tents of these wicked men! Do not touch anything belonging to them, or you will be swept away because of all their sins.” 27 So they moved away from the tents of Korah, Dathan and Abiram. Dathan and Abiram had come out and were standing with their wives, children and little ones at the entrances to their tents.

28 Then Moses said, “This is how you will know that the LORD has sent me to do all these things and that it was not my idea: 29 If these men die a natural death and experience only what usually happens to men, then the LORD has not sent me. 30 But if the LORD brings about something totally new, and the earth opens its mouth and swallows them, with everything that belongs to them, and they go down alive into the grave, then you will know that these men have treated the LORD with contempt.”

31 As soon as he finished saying all this, the ground under them split apart 32 and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them, with their households and all Korah’s men and all their possessions. 33 They went down alive into the grave, with everything they owned; the earth closed over them, and they perished and were gone from the community. 34 At their cries, all the Israelites around them fled, shouting, “The earth is going to swallow us too!”

35 And fire came out from the LORD and consumed the 250 men who were offering the incense.

36 The LORD said to Moses, 37 “Tell Eleazar son of Aaron, the priest, to take the censers out of the smoldering remains and scatter the coals some distance away, for the censers are holy— 38 the censers of the men who sinned at the cost of their lives. Hammer the censers into sheets to overlay the altar, for they were presented before the LORD and have become holy. Let them be a sign to the Israelites.”

39 So Eleazar the priest collected the bronze censers brought by those who had been burned up, and he had them hammered out to overlay the altar, 40 as the LORD directed him through Moses. This was to remind the Israelites that no one except a descendant of Aaron should come to burn incense before the LORD, or he would become like Korah and his followers.

41 The next day the whole Israelite community grumbled against Moses and Aaron. “You have killed the LORD’s people,” they said.

42 But when the assembly gathered in opposition to Moses and Aaron and turned toward the Tent of Meeting, suddenly the cloud covered it and the glory of the LORD appeared. 43 Then Moses and Aaron went to the front of the Tent of Meeting, 44 and the LORD said to Moses, 45 “Get away from this assembly so I can put an end to them at once.” And they fell facedown.

46 Then Moses said to Aaron, “Take your censer and put incense in it, along with fire from the altar, and hurry to the assembly to make atonement for them. Wrath has come out from the LORD; the plague has started.” 47 So Aaron did as Moses said, and ran into the midst of the assembly. The plague had already started among the people, but Aaron offered the incense and made atonement for them. 48 He stood between the living and the dead, and the plague stopped. 49 But 14,700 people died from the plague, in addition to those who had died because of Korah. 50 Then Aaron returned to Moses at the entrance to the Tent of Meeting, for the plague had stopped. (NIV® 84)

## Verse of the Day

Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.

(NIV® 84)

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## Gospel Reading

Luke 13:1-9

13:1 Now there were some present at that time who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices. 2 Jesus answered, “Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered this way? 3 I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish. 4 Or those eighteen who died when the tower in Siloam fell on them—do you think they were more guilty than all the others living in Jerusalem? 5 I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish.” 6 Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree, planted in his vineyard, and he went to look for fruit on it, but did not find any. 7 So he said to the man who took care of the vineyard, ‘For three years now I’ve been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and haven’t found any. Cut it down! Why should it use up the soil?’ 8 “ ‘Sir,’ the man replied, ‘leave it alone for one more year, and I’ll dig around it and fertilize it. 9 If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down.’” (NIV® 84)

*Be seated*

## Hymn of the Day

Old CW 548

1 O Lord, in prayer you spent the night,  
Then sent the twelve at morning’s light.  
Our hearts at your request are stirred  
To ask for heralds of your Word:  
Send preachers forth and each one bless  
With courage, zeal, and holiness.

2 Keep pastors faithful, strong, and true,  
Not working for themselves but you.  
Endow them with the grace they need,  
The lambs to serve, the sheep to feed,  
The precious flock to lead and guide—  
The Shepherd thus is glorified.

3 May all your people faithful be  
And treat your pastors rev'rently  
And with them work and for them pray,  
Rememb'ring what the Scriptures say:  
Receive the prophet of the Lord  
And gain the prophet's own reward.

4 So may we, when our work is done,  
Together meet before your throne  
And joyful hearts and voices raise  
In one united song of praise,  
With all the bright, celestial host,  
To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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## Sermon

Numbers 16

### ***To Resist and Rebel Against God-Given Authority and Order Is to Rebel Against God Himself***

## 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.**

## Prayer of the Church

Eternal Lord, give us peace as we ponder the good news that you forgive our sins in Christ. Lead us to see clearly the path you have laid out for us.

**Work in us so that we believe and live the Word we have heard today.**

Provide courage and compassion to all who preach and teach your Word. Fill them with a love like yours as they proclaim your grace to us and all people.

**Move us to love all ministers of the Word wherever they serve.**

Guard and guide the families of our congregation. Lead husbands and wives to love each other with commitment, respect, and patience. Help parents to grasp the eternal value of keeping their children close to Jesus all their lives. Grant joy to those who are single, and make them a blessing to others.

**Protect us from the temptations that surround us; give us pure hearts and minds.**

Provide wisdom and insight to those who make laws and set policies. Give us respect for those who protect us from crime. Lead us to value the rights of our fellow citizens and to defend those who cannot defend themselves.

**Bless our land with peace and prosperity so that the gospel may be proclaimed to all.**

Give us passion to share the story of your love with our family and friends. Overcome unbelief, and open the hearts of people everywhere to believe the good news that Jesus has forgiven their sins and opened the gates of heaven.

**Fill us with joy over every sinner who repents and comes to trust in you.**

Extend your healing power to those who are sick and suffering in body or mind. [Pour out your special blessing on . . .] Give patience and compassion to all who care for the sick and dying.

**Lift the eyes of the distressed to your love in Christ.**

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

*Silent prayer*

Gracious God, you govern and direct all things and you love all people. Hear our prayers, spoken and silent, and answer them in your wisdom and grace.

**In Jesus' name we pray. 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.*

# Hymn

Old CW 388

Redeemed, Restored, Forgiven



1 Re - deemed, re - stored, for - giv - en Through Je - sus'  
 2 Once on the drear - y moun - tain We wan - dered  
 3 Dear Mas - ter, yours the glo - ry Of each re -  
 4 Now keep us, ho - ly Sav - ior, In your true



pre - cious blood, Heirs of his home in heav - en -  
 far and wide, Far from the cleans - ing foun - tain,  
 cov - ered soul. Ah, who can tell the sto - ry  
 love and fear, And grant us by your fa - vor



Oh, praise our par - d'ning God! Praise him in tune - ful  
 Far from the pierc - ed side. But Je - sus sought and  
 Of love that made us whole? Not ours, not ours the  
 The grace to per - se - vere Till, in your new cre -



mea - sures Who gave his Son to die; Praise him whose  
 found us; Our man - y sins he bore. With cords of  
 mer - it; To you a - lone the praise! Give us a  
 a - tion, Our earth - ly trou - bles o'er, Heirs of your



sev'n - fold trea - sures En - rich and sanc - ti - fy.  
 love he bound us To him for - ev - er - more.  
 thank - ful spir - it To serve you all our days.  
 free sal - va - tion, We praise you ev - er - more.

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821-77, alt.

Tune: KUORTANE (76 76 D) Finnish folk tune, c. 19th century.

Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**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 931**

*Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise*

- 1 Savior, again to thy dear name we raise  
with one accord our parting hymn of praise.  
Once more we bless thee ere our worship cease,  
then, lowly bending, wait thy word of peace.
- 2 Grant us thy peace upon our homeward way;  
with thee began, with thee shall end the day.  
Guard thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,  
that in this house have called upon thy name.



- 3 Grant us thy peace, Lord, through the coming night;  
turn thou for us its darkness into light.  
From harm and danger keep thy children free,  
for dark and light are both alike to thee.
- 4 Grant us thy peace throughout our earthly life,  
our balm in sorrow and our stay in strife.  
Then, when thy voice shall bid our conflict cease,  
call us, O Lord, to thine eternal peace.

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***Thank you for worshiping with us today.  
May God richly bless your week!***

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**Divine Call News** – Our Savior’s voters called Rev. Shaun Arndt to serve as our next pastor. Pastor Arndt currently serves at Peace Lutheran Church in Sun Prairie, WI. Please keep Pastor Arndt and both congregations in your prayers as he deliberates where he can best serve our Lord. We encourage you to reach out to Pastor Arndt:

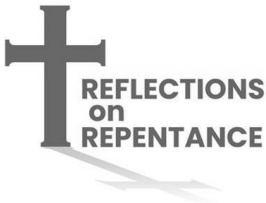
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Phone – 608-797-5592

**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).

### **Remember in Prayer**

Dennis Dahlke successfully underwent quadruple bypass surgery, and this past week he had a pacemaker implanted. Early Wednesday morning, he suffered a stroke. We pray that our gracious Lord would bless the medical means employed on Dennis’ behalf with his healing power. Please keep Dennis, Julie, and their family in your prayers.



## **Reflections on Repentance**

We have five special Lent services on Wednesdays at 1:00 pm leading up to Holy Week. “Reflections on Repentance” is the unifying theme of the messages delivered by area WELS pastors.

- Midweek Lent #4, Wednesday, March 26<sup>th</sup>:  
Presiding Minister: Pastor Andy Ewald (Immanuel, Mosinee).  
“Removing Our Guilt.”
- Midweek Lent #5, Wednesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>:  
Presiding Minister: Pastor Andrew Buschkopf (Mountain of the Lord, Rib Mountain)  
“Relying on God’s Grace.”
- Midweek Lent #6, Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>:  
Presiding Minister: Pastor Kevin Schnake (St. Peter)  
“Remembering God’s Perfect Demands.”



**Easter Lilies** – If you would like to donate an Easter lily for our Easter celebration, please sign up in the narthex. The plants will be 6-inch pots, and the cost is \$10.00. Please sign up by April 9<sup>th</sup>.

## **Cards and Visits for Our Shut-Ins**

Several of our shut-in members have expressed their thanks for cards and greetings received throughout the year. Loris Becker would also enjoy visitors, especially now that Len has gone home to heaven. Her address is: 805 Parcher St Apt 1, Wausau 54403. Please stop by if you have a couple of free minutes.

## **Designate Your Thrivent Choice Dollars**

We offer our sincere thanks to all who have designated their Choice Dollars to Our Savior’s Church or School. The deadline for designating your Choice Dollars is March 31.

## This Week at Our Savior's

<b>Today</b>	10:00 AM 10:35 AM 11:00 AM	Sunday School and Bible Class Coffee & Donuts Fellowship Worship
<b>Monday-Fri</b>		Spring Break – No School
<b>Wednesday</b>	1:00 PM	Midweek Lent Worship
<b>Sunday 3/30</b>	10:00 AM 10:35 AM 11:00 AM	Sunday School and Bible Class Coffee & Donuts Fellowship Worship with Communion

## Growing Together

*March 16, 2025*

<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Vision</u>	<u>Debt Red</u>	<u>Missions</u>	<u>Plate</u>	<u>School Fees</u>
\$2,470.00	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$20.00	\$45.00	\$2,157.33

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

**Attendance:** Sunday, March 16 – 58  
Wednesday, March 19 – 30

### **Sign Up to Help with Fellowship Before Worship**

Coffee, juice, and fresh donuts (standing order at Pick 'n Save) are served each Sunday before our worship service begins. If you're willing to help with set-up, making coffee, picking up donuts at Pick 'n Save, serving, and clean-up, please sign up on the sheet in the narthex. Tim & Ellen would appreciate your help!



**Pies!!!** Who likes to eat pie? Who likes to make pies?

NLHS Together We Shine Silent Auction & Soup Cook-Off is adding mouth-watering pies to the Silent Auction. We are looking for any variety of whole pies: fruit, pudding, meat, chicken pot pie, etc. fresh, refrigerated, or frozen. Call or email Brenda Kruncos at 715-571-4420 [brenda@mistylane.org](mailto:brenda@mistylane.org) to preregister your pie for the auction. Pies need to be delivered to NLHS prior to noon on Sunday, April 27 th .



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