



# OUR SAVIOR'S

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

my flesh & my  
HEART  
may fail, but  
God is the  
STRENGTH  
of my heart &  
my portion forever.

Psalm 73:26

## **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**

- Ministers – Pastor Andrew DeGier
- Organist – Marie Kurth
- Ushers – Rick & Karen Leopold

*Wednesday – Stelzer    Next Sunday – Burish, Gresens*

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# Fifth Sunday in Lent

April 6, 2025

## Words of Welcome

## Opening Hymn

Old CW 223

As We Begin Another Week



1 As we be - gin an - oth - er week, In Je - sus'  
2 Your gen - tle bless - ings, Lord, out - pour On all our  
3 In ev - 'ry sea - son, ev - 'ry place, May we re -  
4 And keep with an - gels in your rest The end - less



name your grace we seek. God, grant that through these  
la - bors ev - er - more. Our hearts with your good  
call your Word of grace Un - til, when life's brief  
Sab - bath of the blest. Grant this to us through



sev - en days No e - vil may be - fall our ways.  
Spir - it fill That we may glad - ly do your will.  
day is past, We reach e - ter - nal joy at last  
Christ, your Son, Who reigns with you up - on your throne.

Text: Martin Wandersleben, 1608–68, abr.; tr. W. Gustave Polack, 1890–1950, alt.  
Tune: HERR JESU CHRIST, MEINS (LM) *As hymnodus sacer*, Leipzig, 1625, alt.

The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**And also with you.**

## Confession of Sins

We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

**Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

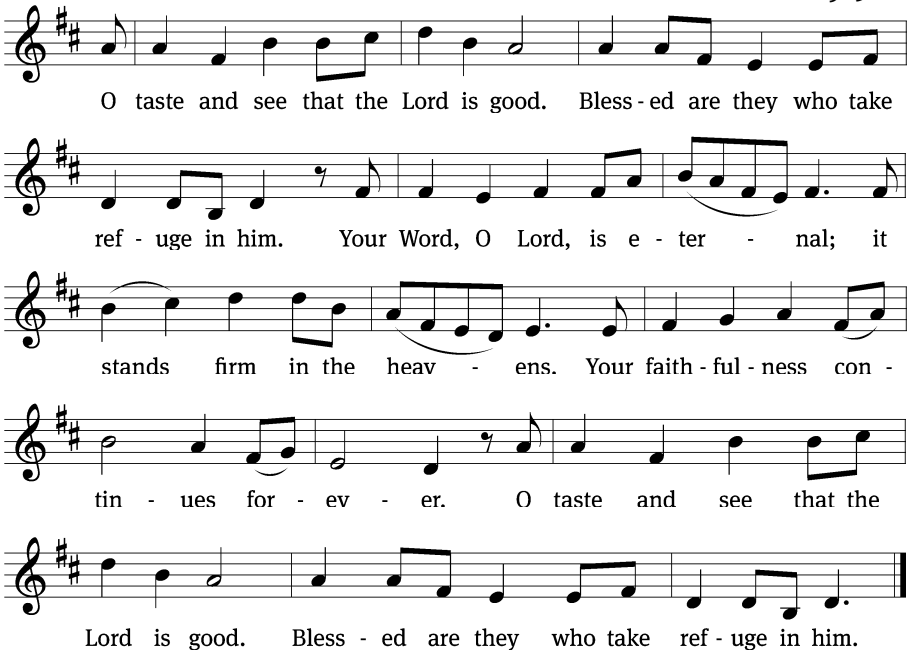
God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

**Amen.**

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

## O Taste and See

CW 965



O taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take  
ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e - ter - nal; it  
stands firm in the heav - ens. Your faith - ful - ness con -  
tin - ues for - ev - er. O taste and see that the  
Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

## Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, by your great goodness, mercifully look upon your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



## First Lesson

Isaiah 43:16–24

<sup>16</sup>This is what the LORD says— he who made a way through the sea, a path through the mighty waters, <sup>17</sup>who drew out the chariots and horses, the army and reinforcements together, and they lay there, never to rise again, extinguished, snuffed out like a wick: <sup>18</sup>“Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. <sup>19</sup>See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland. <sup>20</sup>The wild animals honor me, the jackals and the owls, because I provide water in the desert and streams in the wasteland, to give drink to my people, my chosen, <sup>21</sup>the people I formed for myself that they may proclaim my praise.

<sup>22</sup>“Yet you have not called on me, O Jacob, you have not wearied yourselves for me, O Israel. <sup>23</sup>You have not brought me sheep for burnt offerings, nor honored me with your sacrifices. I have not burdened you with grain offerings nor wearied you with demands for incense. <sup>24</sup>You have not bought any fragrant calamus for me, or lavished on me the fat of your sacrifices. But you have burdened me with your sins and wearied me with your offenses. (NIV® 84)

# Surely It Is God Who Saves Me

Psalm 73B

## Refrain

Sure-ly, it is God who saves me, I will trust in him and  
not be a - fraid, for the LORD is my strong-hold and my  
sure de-fense, and he will be my Sav - ior.

## Tone

Musical notation for the tone, consisting of a treble and bass clef staff with chords and melodic lines.

I am always / with you;  
you hold me by my / right hand.  
You guide me with your / counsel,  
and afterward you will take me into / glory.  
Whom have I in / heav'n but you?  
And earth has nothing I desire be- / sides you.  
My flesh and my / heart may fail,  
but God is the strength of my heart and my portion for- / ever.  
**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**

Text: The Draft Proposed Book of Common Prayer

Tune: Jack Noble White

Setting: Kermit G. Moldenhauer

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## Second Lesson

Romans 11:11–24

<sup>11</sup>Again I ask: Did they stumble so as to fall beyond recovery? Not at all! Rather, because of their transgression, salvation has come to the Gentiles to make Israel envious. <sup>12</sup>But if their transgression means riches for the world, and their loss means riches for the Gentiles, how much greater riches will their fullness bring!

<sup>13</sup>I am talking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch as I am the apostle to the Gentiles, I make much of my ministry <sup>14</sup>in the hope that I may somehow arouse my own people to envy and save some of them. <sup>15</sup>For if their rejection is the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead? <sup>16</sup>If the part of the dough offered as firstfruits is holy, then the whole batch is holy; if the root is holy, so are the branches.

<sup>17</sup>If some of the branches have been broken off, and you, though a wild olive shoot, have been grafted in among the others and now share in the nourishing sap from the olive root, <sup>18</sup>do not boast over those branches. If you do, consider this: You do not support the root, but the root supports you. <sup>19</sup>You will say then, “Branches were broken off so that I could be grafted in.” <sup>20</sup>Granted. But they were broken off because of unbelief, and you stand by faith. Do not be arrogant, but be afraid. <sup>21</sup>For if God did not spare the natural branches, he will not spare you either.

<sup>22</sup>Consider therefore the kindness and sternness of God: sternness to those who fell, but kindness to you, provided that you continue in his kindness. Otherwise, you also will be cut off. <sup>23</sup>And if they do not persist in unbelief, they will be grafted in, for God is able to graft them in again. <sup>24</sup>After all, if you were cut out of an olive tree that is wild by nature, and contrary to nature were grafted into a cultivated olive tree, how much more readily will these, the natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree! (*NIV*® 84)

## Verse of the Day

The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. (*NIV*® 84)

# Gospel

Luke 20:9–19

<sup>9</sup>He went on to tell the people this parable: “A man planted a vineyard, rented it to some farmers and went away for a long time. <sup>10</sup>At harvest time he sent a servant to the tenants so they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed. <sup>11</sup>He sent another servant, but that one also they beat and treated shamefully and sent away empty-handed. <sup>12</sup>He sent still a third, and they wounded him and threw him out.

<sup>13</sup>“Then the owner of the vineyard said, ‘What shall I do? I will send my son, whom I love; perhaps they will respect him.’

<sup>14</sup>“But when the tenants saw him, they talked the matter over. ‘This is the heir,’ they said. ‘Let’s kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.’ <sup>15</sup>So they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him.

“What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? <sup>16</sup>He will come and kill those tenants and give the vineyard to others.”

When the people heard this, they said, “May this never be!”

<sup>17</sup>Jesus looked directly at them and asked, “Then what is the meaning of that which is written:

“The stone the builders rejected  
has become the capstone”?

<sup>18</sup>Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces; but he on whom it falls will be crushed.”

<sup>19</sup>The teachers of the law and the chief priests looked for a way to arrest him immediately, because they knew he had spoken this parable against them. But they were afraid of the people. (NIV® 84)



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!



## Hymn of the Day

CW 873

*Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray*

- 1 Rise, my soul, to watch and pray; from your sleep awaken!  
Be not by the evil day unawares o'ertaken;  
    for the foe, well we know, is a harvest reaping  
    while the saints are sleeping.
- 2 Watch against the devil's snares lest asleep he find you;  
for indeed no pains he spares to deceive and blind you.  
    Satan's prey oft are they who secure are sleeping  
    and no watch are keeping.
- 3 Watch! Let not the wicked world with its lies defeat you  
lest with bold deceptions hurled it betray and cheat you.  
    Watch and see lest there be faithless friends to charm you  
    who but seek to harm you.
- 4 Watch against yourself, my soul, lest with grace you trifle;  
let not self your thoughts control nor God's mercy stifle.  
    Pride and sin lurk within, all your hopes to shatter;  
    heed not when they flatter.
- 5 But while watching also pray to the Lord unceasing.  
God protects you day by day, strength and faith increasing,  
    so that still mind and will shall unite to serve him  
    and forever love him.

Text: Johann B. Freystein, 1671–1718, abr.; (sts. 1, 3–5): tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.; (st. 2): tr. Evangelical Lutheran Hymn-book, 1907, alt.  
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## Sermon

*Romans 11:11–24*

### **What Does the Experience of and God's Dealing with His Chosen Earthly People Teach Us?**

## **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**

Lord God, our maker and preserver, we praise and thank you for all that you give us day after day.

**We are not worthy of all the mercies you show us.**

You have given us your precious Word to nourish our souls and to protect us from the temptations of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature.

**We thank you for those who teach and preach your saving truth at this place and everywhere. Grant them a rich measure of patience, wisdom, and love.**

Heavenly Father, we pray that you shield us from every kind of danger: sudden catastrophe, terrors of crime, and the pain of disease. Watch over those who travel by land, sea, and air. Keep our loved ones from whatever perils may threaten them.

**Heal those who are sick, cheer those who are sad, calm those who are distressed, and comfort all who are old and infirm.**

Bless our land, our people, and those who hold offices of high trust. Keep our government and schools upright and strong for the advancement of good citizenship and useful vocations, that we may enjoy your gifts of peace, security, and well-being.

**Grant your blessing to every nation on earth. Where there are wars, nay there be peace. Where there is hatred, let it be healed. Where there is poverty, danger, or disaster, come with your almighty power to help and restore.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

We bring these requests before you in the name of Jesus our Lord, an ask you to hear us. Take all that we have, our bodies and minds, our time and skills, our ministries and offerings, and use them to your glory.

**We give ourselves to you that we may serve you in whatever way is pleasing in your sight. 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.**

# Hymn

CW 570

*God Loved the World So That He Gave*

- 1 God loved the world so that he gave his only Son the lost to save  
that all who would in him believe should everlasting life receive.
- 2 Christ is the solid rock of faith,  
who was made flesh and suffered death.  
All who confide in him alone are built on this chief cornerstone.
- 3 God would not have the sinner die;  
his Son with saving grace is nigh.  
His Spirit in the Word declares that we in Christ are heaven's heirs.
- 4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son  
forgives the sins that you have done.  
You're justified by Jesus' blood; baptized, you are a child of God.
- 5 If you are sick, if death is near,  
this truth your troubled heart can cheer:  
Christ Jesus saves my soul from death; this is the anchor of my faith!
- 6 Glory to God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Three in One!  
To you, O blessèd Trinity, be praise now and eternally!

Text: Heiliges Lippen- und Hertzens- Opfer, Stettin, c. 1778; tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt.  
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O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



## Blessing

Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another.  
Serve the Lord with gladness.

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.



## Closing Hymn

Old CW 559

Lord of the Living Harvest

- 1 Lord of the living harvest That ripens o'er the plain,  
Where angels soon will gather Their sheaves of golden grain,  
Accept our hands to labor, Our hearts to trust and love,  
And be with us to hasten Your kingdom from above.
- 2 As lab'ers in your vineyard, Lord, give us work to do,  
Content to bear the burden Of weary days for you,  
To ask no other wages When you will call us home  
Than to have shared the labor That makes your kingdom come.
- 3 Be with us, God the Father; Be with us, God the Son  
And God the Holy Spirit, Most blessed Three in One.  
Make us your faithful servants You rightly to adore,  
And fill us with your blessing Both now and evermore.

Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811-75, abr., alt.

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

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## **Divine Call News**

Pastor Arndt has declined our Call. We will now submit a request for a seminary graduate. Call Day is May 22 at 10 a.m.

**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).

**Reflections on Repentance** - We have one more Wednesday Lent service leading up to Holy Week on April 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. Pastor Kevin Schnake's theme will be "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 and cost is \$10.00. Please sign up by April 9<sup>th</sup>.



**Join Us for a Holy Week Breakfast** – Please join us on Palm Sunday, April 13, at 10:00 a.m. for Holy Week breakfast and fellowship. Our Ladies' Aid is sponsoring this event, and they'd love to see you! *There will not be Bible Class that morning.*

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## **Holy Week Schedule**

**Palm Sunday, April 13 ~ 11:00 am Worship**

*10:00 am Holy Week Breakfast*

**Maundy Thursday, April 17 ~ 1:00 pm Communion Worship**

**Good Friday, April 18 ~ 1:00 pm Worship**

**Easter Sunday, April 20 ~ 11:00 am Festival Service**

*10:35 Donuts & Coffee Fellowship*

**Livestream Helpers** – We need to train a few more folks to record our services. If you’re willing to learn, please speak with Marie in the church office or Ruth Jakubowski.

**Remember in Prayer** – Rose Schreiber is hospitalized in the Aspirus ICU, and Dennis Dahlke is moving to Wausau Manor for three weeks of rehab. Please keep them both in your prayers.

**OWLS Meeting Change** – The April OWLS meeting is on Tuesday, April 8, at 11:30 am at Pizza Ranch. The SCAMS presentation has been rescheduled to May 13. All are welcome. Questions? Call Evan or Sandy at 715-693-1337.

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

If you’re willing to help with set-up, making coffee, picking up donuts at Pick ‘n Save, serving, clean-up, please sign up on the sheet in the narthex.

**Dime & Dollar Helpers** – On Saturday, April 26, volunteers will be needed for the Dime & Dollar Store. The 26<sup>th</sup> is also the LWMS Spring Rally. I am hoping to get enough volunteers for the 26<sup>th</sup> to be successful. Any questions feel free to contact Judy at 715-241-0097.

<b>This Week at Our Savior’s</b>		
<b>Today</b>	10:00 AM 10:35 AM 11:00 AM	Sunday School and Bible Class Coffee & Donuts Fellowship Worship
<b>Monday</b>	6:00 PM	Board of Education
<b>Tuesday</b>	11:30 AM	OWLS Meeting at Pizza Ranch
<b>Wednesday</b>	1:00 PM 5:30 PM	Midweek Lent Worship Council
<b>Friday</b>	5:30 PM 6:00 PM	PTO Pizza & Bingo Sisters in Christ at Immanuel, Mosinee
<b>Sunday 4/13</b> <i>Palm Sunday</i>	10:00 AM 11:00 AM	Holy Week Breakfast / <i>No Bible Class</i> Worship with Communion <i>Food Pantry Sunday</i>



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