



OUR SAVIOR'S

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



“Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain,
to receive power and...
honor and glory and praise!”

Revelation 5:12, NIV

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.

TODAY'S WELS CONNECTION

Learn more about how WELS is reaching out with the gospel in one of its newest world mission fields: Australia.

SERVING TODAY

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

Next Sunday – Stelzer

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Third Sunday of Easter

May 4, 2025

Words of Welcome / WELS Connection

Opening Hymn

CW 512

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name



- 1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros-trate fall;
2 Crown him, ye mar - tyrs of our God who from his al - tar call;
3 Ye seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race, ye ran-somed from the fall,
4 Ye Gen - tile sin - ners, ne'er for - get the worm-wood and the gall;



bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem and crown him Lord of all.
ex - tol the stem of Jes - se's rod and crown him Lord of all.
hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.
go spread your tro-phies at his feet and crown him Lord of all.



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Go spread your tro-phies at his feet and crown him Lord of all.

- 5 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe
on this terrestrial ball
to him all majesty ascribe
and crown him Lord of all.
To him all majesty ascribe
and crown him Lord of all.

6 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng
we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song
and crown him Lord of all.
We'll join the everlasting song
and crown him Lord of all.

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Stand

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.

Prayer and Praise

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

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.

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first line starts with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The notes are: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (half). The second line continues: D4 (half), C4 (half), B3 (quarter), A3 (quarter), G3 (quarter), F#3 (quarter), E3 (half), D3 (half). The third line: C3 (half), B2 (quarter), A2 (quarter), G2 (quarter), F#2 (quarter), E2 (half), D2 (half), C2 (half). The fourth line: B1 (half), A1 (quarter), G1 (quarter), F#1 (quarter), E1 (half), D1 (half), C1 (half), B0 (half). The fifth line: A0 (half), G0 (quarter), F#0 (quarter), E0 (quarter), D0 (quarter), C0 (half), B0 (half), A0 (half).

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Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O God, by the humiliation of your Son, you lifted up this fallen world from the despair of death. By his resurrection to life, grant your faithful people gladness of heart and the hope of eternal joys; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.

The musical score is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp). The notes are: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (half). The lyrics 'C: A - men.' are written below the notes.

First Lesson

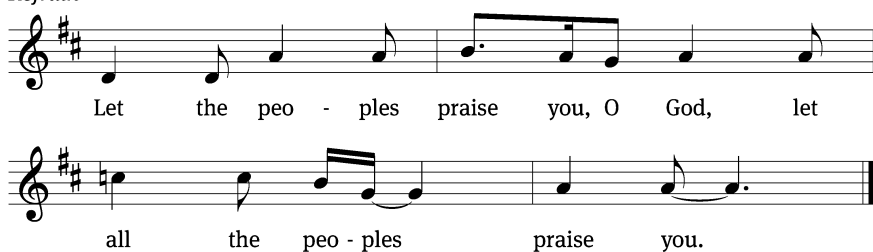
Acts 9:1-19a

Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest ² and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem. ³ As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴ He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" ⁵ "Who are you, Lord?" Saul asked. "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting," he replied. ⁶ "Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do." ⁷ The men traveling with Saul stood there speechless; they heard the sound but did not see anyone. ⁸ Saul got up from the ground, but when he opened his eyes he could see nothing. So they led him by the hand into Damascus. ⁹ For three days he was blind, and did not eat or drink anything. ¹⁰ In Damascus there was a disciple named Ananias. The Lord called to him in a vision, "Ananias!" "Yes, Lord," he answered. ¹¹ The Lord told him, "Go to the house of Judas on Straight Street and ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul, for he is praying. ¹² In a vision he has seen a man named Ananias come and place his hands on him to restore his sight." ¹³ "Lord," Ananias answered, "I have heard many reports about this man and all the harm he has done to your saints in Jerusalem. ¹⁴ And he has come here with authority from the chief priests to arrest all who call on your name." ¹⁵ But the Lord said to Ananias, "Go! This man is my chosen instrument to carry my name before the Gentiles and their kings and before the people of Israel. ¹⁶ I will show him how much he must suffer for my name." ¹⁷ Then Ananias went to the house and entered it. Placing his hands on Saul, he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord—Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here—has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit." ¹⁸ Immediately, something like scales fell from Saul's eyes, and he could see again. He got up and was baptized, ¹⁹ and after taking some food, he regained his strength. (NIV® 84)

Let the Peoples Praise You

Psalms 67A

Refrain



Let the peo - ples praise you, O God, let
all the peo - ples praise you.

Tone



May God be gracious to us and / bless us
and make his face / shine on us—
so that your ways may be / known on earth,
your salvation among all / nations.

May the peoples / praise you, God;
may all the peoples / praise you.
May the nations be glad and / sing for joy,
for you rule the peoples with equity and guide the nations / of
the earth. *Refrain*

The land yields its / harvest;
God, our God, / blesses us.
May God / bless us still,
so that all the ends of the earth will / fear him.

**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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Then I saw in the right hand of him who sat on the throne a scroll with writing on both sides and sealed with seven seals. 2 And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming in a loud voice, "Who is worthy to break the seals and open the scroll?" 3 But no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth could open the scroll or even look inside it. 4 I wept and wept because no one was found who was worthy to open the scroll or look inside. 5 Then one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep! See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed. He is able to open the scroll and its seven seals." 6 Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing in the center of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders. He had seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. 7 He came and took the scroll from the right hand of him who sat on the throne. 8 And when he had taken it, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each one had a harp and they were holding golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. 9 And they sang a new song: "You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased men for God from every tribe and language and people and nation. 10 You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth." 11 Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. 12 In a loud voice they sang: "Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!" 13 Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, singing: "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!" 14 The four living creatures said, "Amen," and the elders fell down and worshiped. (NIV® 84)

Verse of the Day

Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia.
Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us? Alleluia. (NIV® 84)

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Stand

Gospel

John 21:1-14

Afterward Jesus appeared again to his disciples, by the Sea of Tiberias. It happened this way: 2 Simon Peter, Thomas (called Didymus), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. 3 “I’m going out to fish,” Simon Peter told them, and they said, “We’ll go with you.” So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. 4 Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus. 5 He called out to them, “Friends, haven’t you any fish?” “No,” they answered. 6 He said, “Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some.” When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish. 7 Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” As soon as Simon Peter heard

him say, “It is the Lord,” he wrapped his outer garment around him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water. 8 The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred yards. 9 When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread. 10 Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish you have just caught.” 11 Simon Peter climbed aboard and dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, 153, but even with so many the net was not torn. 12 Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” None of the disciples dared ask him, “Who are you?” They knew it was the Lord. 13 Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. 14 This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead. (NIV® 84)

The Gospel of the Lord.



Be seated

Hymn of the Day

CW 511

Crown Him with Many Crowns

- 1 Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;
hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King thro' all eternity.
- 2 Crown him the Lord of love— behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends his wond'ring eye at mysteries so bright.

- 3 Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave
and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing who died and rose on high,
who died eternal life to bring and lives that death may die.
- 4 Crown him the Lord of heav'n, enthroned in worlds above;
crown him the King to whom is giv'n the wondrous name of Love.
Crown him with many crowns as thrones before him fall;
crown him, ye kings, with many crowns for he is King of all.

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Sermon

Revelation 5

Jesus Is Worthy of Our Honor and Praise

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.

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, may 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, and 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 938

This Is the Feast

Refrain **This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

- 1 Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
 whose blood set us free to be people of God. (*Refrain*)
- 2 Power, riches, wisdom, and strength,
 and honor, blessing, and glory are his. (*Refrain*)
- 3 Sing with all the people of God,
 and join in the hymn of all creation: (*continue to v. 4*)
- 4 Blessing, honor, glory, and might
 be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. (*Refrain*)
- 5 For the Lamb who was slain
 has begun his reign. Alleluia! (*Refrain*)

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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

CW 885

There Is a Higher Throne



1 There is a high - er throne than all this world has known,
2 And there we'll find our home, our life be - fore the throne;



where faith - ful ones from ev - 'ry tongue will one day come.
we'll hon - or him in per - fect song where we be - long.



Be - fore the Son we'll stand, made fault-less through the Lamb;
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hun - ger die;



be - liev - ing hearts find prom - ised grace; sal - va - tion comes.
the Lamb be - comes our Shep - herd - King; we'll reign with him.

Refrain



Hear heav-en's voic - es sing; their thun-d'rous an-them rings through



em - 'rald courts and sap-phire skies; their prais - es rise.



All glo - ry, wis - dom, pow'r, strength, thanks, and hon - or are



to God our King who reigns on high for - ev - er - more.

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



The Privilege of Feeding Jesus' Lambs:

Our Savior's School Closing Service & Potluck Dinner

We invite you to join us on Sunday, May 18th, as we praise the Lord for the privilege of carrying out Christian education through Our Savior's Lutheran Elementary School since 1944. A special worship service will begin at 11:00 a.m. Pastor Brian Roloff, an alumnus and son of our congregation, will be the guest preacher. Following the service, a potluck luncheon will be served in the church basement. All are welcome!

There is a sign-up in the narthex for the potluck. Thanks!

Divine Call News - We have submitted 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.

OWLS Organization of WELS Lutheran Seniors - The May OWLS meeting will be the rescheduled April presentation. Jeff (Marathon Sheriff Department) will be giving a presentation on SCAMS. The meeting will be May 13th at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Mosinee. It all starts at 11:30, snacks will be served. Guests are encouraged to attend. Questions contact Evan or Sandy Dobberfuhr 715-693-1337.

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.

Sign Up to Help with Fellowship Before Worship

If you're willing to help with set-up, make coffee, pick up donuts at Pick 'n Save, serve, clean-up, please sign up on the sheet in the narthex.

Thank You – to all who donated Easter lilies. You are welcome to take one home following our worship service today.

We Need Lawn Care Help - It's important to keep our property looking presentable at both our church and parsonage, and we are looking for help with lawn mowing. Most of our helpers are 80+ and this type of work is hard on their backs and hips.

Please volunteer if you are able!

Most of the mowing can be done with the rider mower, and this can be done whenever it fits your schedule. Sign up in the narthex if you're willing to help. Questions? See or call Bob Gresens. 715-845-7548.

This Week at Our Savior's

Today	10:00 AM 10:35 AM 11:00 AM	Sunday School & Bible Class Coffee & Donuts Fellowship Worship / WELS Connection
Monday	6:00 PM	Pastors' Conference in Ladysmith School Board
Tuesday		Pastors' Conference in Ladysmith
Thursday	1:00 PM	Ladies' Aid
Sunday 5/11 <i>-Mother's Day</i> <i>-Food Pantry</i>	10:00 AM 10:35 AM 11:00 AM	Sunday School & Bible Class Coffee & Donuts Fellowship Worship

Growing Together

April 27, 2025

<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Vision</u>	<u>Debt Red</u>	<u>M Thurs</u>	<u>Good Fri</u>	<u>Easter</u>	<u>Missions</u>
\$4,843.00	\$435.00	\$310.00	\$55.00	\$5.00	\$205.00	\$20.00

<u>Plate</u>	<u>School Fees</u>	<u>Bldg Maint</u>	<u>NLHS Op</u>	<u>NLHS Tuition</u>
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