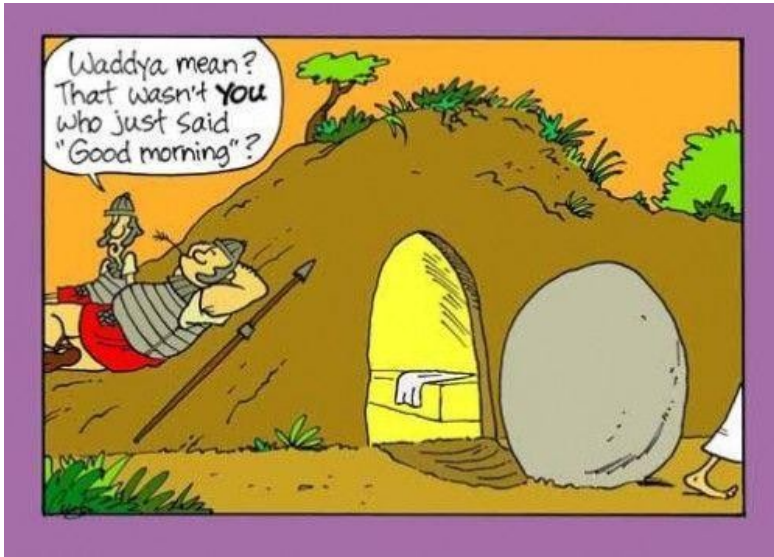


Holy Humor Sunday  
9am Worship & Live Stream  
Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025



**HEAR IT, FEEL IT, LIVE IT, SHARE IT – GOD’S LOVE**  
**OUR SAVIOR’S LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)**

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In-Person Worship & Livestream: 10:00am

**Welcome Visitors!** Please sign our guest book located in the narthex. \*Indicates that those who are able please stand. We use the cranberry colored hymnals that are located in the pews. The page numbers for the liturgy are in the front of the book. The # sign in the bulletin refers to the hymn number in the back of the book. The Sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated every Sunday and is open to all. We believe that Jesus is present in the bread and the wine. Communion is offered with wafer or bread and small cup of wine or grape juice. Gluten free wafers are available. Children are welcome to commune or receive a blessing whichever they do in their home Church.

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### *THE GATHERING*

Preparation / Prelude

Announcements

Thanksgiving for Baptism

In baptism we are washed in the waters of salvation and are joined to Christ in his death and in his resurrection. By its waters, we can take ourselves less seriously, and bathe in the humor and delight of God's redemption. Let's remember the gift of baptism.

*Silence for reflection.*

God of pools and streams, God of water balloons and super soakers, God of hose water and slip-n-slides, reminders of your salvation are all around us. Over the waters of creation you brought joy into existence as you invited the universe into being. It was with water that you saved Israel from the power of Egypt, turning the sea from a trap to a pathway to freedom. With the waters of the Jordan your Son was baptized with the Holy Spirit. With water you connect us to all the baptized of every time and place, and this water is found in the silliest of places: in splash pads and community pools where children's laughter echoes; with water balloons and super soakers that remind us of the lightness of joy; in warm relaxing hot tubs and curling surfing waves by the shore that point us to relaxation and wholeness. Let all the water we encounter remind us of your salvation: the salvation won through that most excellent trick you played on Satan, pulling your Son from the grasp of death and defeating its powers forever. To you we give all honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn: Take time to be funny to the tune

(# 834 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise)

**Take time to be funny, rejoice in the Lord**

**Let laughter explode and have fun with God's Word**

**For laughter is healing, gives strength to the weak**

**God loves to see smiles, they lift up the meek.**

**Take time to be silly, it's good for the soul**

**Too many are somber, all grabbing control.**

**Let go and let God's love wash over your soul**

**For Jesus is risen; God's joke makes you whole!**

**God's humor is hope to those bound by the Fall**

**God's joke is salvation poured freely on all**

**Though Satan thought victory was in his grasp**

**Christ rose and his joke undid death's pow'r at last!**

**For humor is holy, it sanctifies life,**

**Replenishes hope; brings deep healing to strife**

**It undercuts sorrow, deflates haughty pride  
So smile and hang on, God brings us new life!**

*Adapted from lyrics found at <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2012/03/holy-humor-sunday-resource-index.html>*

\*Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

\*Kyrie: ELW # 157

In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.**

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the reign of God, and for peace throughout the world,  
for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.**

**Lord, have mercy.**

For your people here who have come to give you praise,  
for the strength to live your word, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.**

**Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, and defend us, O God. **Amen.**

Hymn of Praise: (to the tune of “Hark the herald angels sing”)

**Hark the herald angel said,**

**“Why seek Jesus with the dead?**

**He's not here, as you can see,**

**Grave clothes lie where he would be.**

**On your way now, tell the others,**

**Jesus will be with his brothers.**

**Sisters, too, he wants to see**

**on the hills of Galilee.”**

**Hark the herald angel said,**

**“He is risen from the dead!”**

Credit: <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2012/03/holy-humor-sunday-resource-index.html>

**Prayer of the day**

Let us pray, Lord of laughter, **open our eyes to see through the absurdities of this world and to confront them with good humor rather than faithless despair. When we take ourselves too seriously, laugh at us until we come to our senses. For your love's sake; Amen!**

*Credit: Bruce Prewer, <http://www.bruceprewer.com/>*

## ***THE WORD***

### Children's Time

First Reading: Acts 5:27-32

<sup>27</sup>When they had brought [the apostles,] they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, <sup>28</sup>saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." <sup>29</sup>But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. <sup>30</sup>The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. <sup>31</sup>God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. <sup>32</sup>And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him." This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 150

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Praise God in the holy temple; praise God in the mighty firmament.

<sup>2</sup>**Praise God for mighty acts; praise God for exceeding greatness.**

<sup>3</sup>Praise God with trumpet sound; praise God with lyre and harp.

<sup>4</sup>**Praise God with tambourine and dance; praise God with strings and pipe.**

<sup>5</sup>Praise God with resounding cymbals; praise God with loud clanging cymbals.

<sup>6</sup>**Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Hallelujah!**

Second Reading: Revelation 1:4-8

<sup>4</sup>John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, <sup>5</sup>and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, <sup>6</sup>and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. <sup>7</sup>Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. <sup>8</sup>"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty. This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

\*Gospel Acclamation: Pg. 151

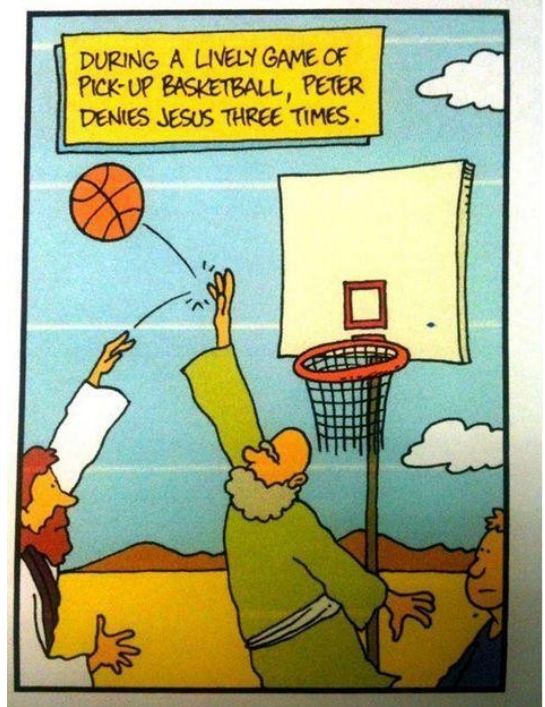
**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.**

**Alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.**

\*Gospel: John 20:19-31

The Holy Gospel According to John 20<sup>th</sup>, **Glory to you, O Lord**

<sup>19</sup>When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.” <sup>24</sup>But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.” <sup>26</sup>A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” <sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.” <sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup>But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name. This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ**



Sermon “The Joke that Saves”

Hymn of the Day: Sing a Happy Alleluia to the tune of  
(# 545 Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing)

**Sing a happy alleluia,  
sing it out with heart and style  
we’re the echo of God’s laughter,  
we’re the image of God’s smile.  
Alleluia, all creation, alleluia, everyone!**

**We’re the proof of God’s good humor,  
we’re the twinkle in God’s eye,**

made to shine, reflect the glory,  
given light and space to fly.  
Alleluia, all creation, alleluia, everyone!

Sarah laughed at God's good timing,  
Mary sang and David danced,  
Jesus smiled and hugged the children  
so is life for us enhanced.  
Alleluia, all creation, alleluia, everyone!

Every day sing alleluia!  
We are loved, though so absurd,  
human, foolish, chosen people,  
God still takes us at our word!  
Alleluia, all creation, alleluia, everyone!

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**Nicene Creed: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession:

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

Inspire the church with the joy of your Holy Spirit, that we sing the good news of the resurrection. Inspire deacons and pastors, lay leaders and bishops to boldly proclaim your love for all people. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Preserve the earth as a safe home for all creatures. Share your joy with us in the work of creation, and lead us to restore the places our neglect or carelessness has harmed. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Kindle in the nations a spirit of cooperation and mutual care. Raise up creative and courageous leaders committed to shaping just solutions to complex challenges in our local and global communities. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Embrace all who find it hard to find laughter this day, that they might know your compassion. Draw near to those with chronic pain or anxiety, and all for whom death is near. Comfort individuals and communities suffering in any way. We pray especially for **Mabel, Mackenze, Chris, Sue, Tony, Carol, Alan, Bob, Terry, Dean, John, Kristen**, and all those we name now before you, whether out loud or in our hearts...Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care those from our community who are deployed; **Iain, Brady, Matthew, Reuben, Kohl, Wyatt, Ryan, Ella**, as well as all who serve. Protect and guide them by your gracious love. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Transform our fear into curiosity and love, especially across differences in race, religion, sexuality, gender identity, and economic situation. Unravel stereotypes that lead to discrimination, and destroy oppressive systems that marginalize vulnerable communities. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We remember the faithful departed from all times and places. Confident that you are the Alpha and Omega, we pray for your wisdom and guidance until our earthly pilgrimage is complete. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **Amen.**

### ***THE MEAL***

Peace and exchange:

Knock knock. **Who's there?**

Peas. **Peas who?**

"Peas" be with you! **And also with you!**

Let us share a sign of peace.

Offering: The ministry of Our Savior's continues and thanks to your generosity, and God's work continues through all of us! Offering can be received either by mailing it to the church at N6450 530<sup>th</sup> St. Beldenville, WI 54003, dropping it off, online at [oursaviorschurch.info](http://oursaviorschurch.info) under the "give" tab, or simply text your donation amount to 833-506-0632 and follow the instructions on your phone to complete your donation.



\*Offertory Hymn: ELW # 182 Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful **Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.**

Offering prayer: Let us pray, God of joy, you put laughter in our hearts by bringing hope to our lives. Accept these gifts of thanks that you have first given us, ever reminding us to take the world less seriously because you have redeemed it. We pray in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

Communion Liturgy: Pg. 152

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

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus: Pg. 153 Holy, Holy, Holy

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,**

**Lord God of pow'r and might,**

**heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest, Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy God of all joy and laughter: you never cease to love irony and pull a good joke that brings more life and light into the world. In spite of their age, you gave Abraham and Sarah a son who was named "laughter." Although they faced nothing but open water, you saved your people from the hand of Pharaoh. When Deborah led the victorious army; when David was faced with Goliath; when Nebuchadnezzar thought no one could save the three; when death thought it had claimed Jesus your anointed Son; you laughed and saved. For on the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying, "Take and eat, this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." And again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink,



saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me.” Remembering this setup to the great punchline of the resurrection, we await the final great joke that redeems when he will come again in glory. Pour out the spirit of your love, O Lord, uniting us in this feast and giving us the joy of your endless victory won in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Lord’s Prayer: Pg. 154 (Our Father who art in Heaven....)

Invitation to Communion: Gifts of God, for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Lamb of God: Pg. 154

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.**

Communion video:

Prayer after Communion:

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

Let us pray, Foolish, silly God, your belly laugh echoes through the world, We have responded to your invitation to join in the Banquet. Here we have eaten, we have drunk, we have tasted your goodness. May the joy we find in this meal together lift up our hearts, may we carry your laughter to the world around us, may we live out that foolishness called love wherever we go. **Amen.**

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## **THE SENDING**

\*Blessing/Benediction:

May the peace of Christ go with you, wherever he may send you.

May he guide you through the wilderness and protect you through the storm.

May he bring you home rejoicing at the wonders he has shown you.

May he bring you home rejoicing once again into God’s doors,

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

Sending hymn: ELW # 763 My Life Flows On in Endless Song

**1 My life flows on in endless song;  
above earth's lamentation,  
I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn  
that hails a new creation.**



*Refrain*

No storm can shake my inmost calm  
while to that Rock I'm clinging.  
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,  
how can I keep from singing?

2 Through all the tumult and the strife,  
I hear that music ringing.  
It finds an echo in my soul.  
How can I keep from singing? *Refrain*

3 What though my joys and comforts die?  
The Lord my Savior liveth.  
What though the darkness gather round?  
Songs in the night he giveth. *Refrain*

4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,  
a fountain ever springing!  
All things are mine since I am his!  
How can I keep from singing? *Refrain*

Dismissal:

The Laughing One called us together  
**so we could share in the laughter of life.**

The Laughing One sends us out,  
**to carry the joy of life and love to the world.**

Go out to laugh, to live, to love. And when you hear a good joke...  
**remember that sharing is a great thing!**

**“OUR WORSHIP HAS ENDED, NOW OUR SERVICE BEGINS”**

Please continue to pray for the following people;

Mabel & Mackenze Rohl, Chris Nelson, Sue Palmquist, Tony Murphy, Carol (Raehsler) Gregg, Alan Winberg, Bob Dahm, Terry Florcek, Dean Mewes, John Paape, and Kristen Anderson. The men and women that are deployed; Iain Gilby, Brady Sharon, Mathew Normand, Reuben Huppert, Kohl Flock, Wyatt Roed, Ryan Orpen, Ella Wynveen. If you know of anyone that should be on our prayer list please contact the office.

**Announcements:**

**Sunday April 27<sup>th</sup> 9am** Worship Service, **10am** Fellowship Hour (Pancake Breakfast)

**Monday April 28<sup>th</sup> 10am** Coffee and Conversation

**Wednesday April 30<sup>th</sup> 8:30am** Quilting, **6pm** Confirmation Banquet

**Sunday May 4<sup>th</sup> 9am** Worship Service (Confirmation) **10am** Fellowship Hour (Sunshine Crew)

**Happy Birthday!** April (27<sup>th</sup>) Jerry Johnson (28<sup>th</sup>) Jerry Halls (29<sup>th</sup>) Paul Beissler, Bridget Peterson (30<sup>th</sup>) Luke Knight **May** (1<sup>st</sup>) Vincent Winger (2<sup>nd</sup>) Wes Raleigh (3<sup>rd</sup>) Ruby Feuerhelm, Greg Peterson

**Coffee and Conversation:** Please join us on Monday April 28<sup>th</sup> at 10am. We hope to see you there!



**MIM Annual Pancake Breakfast** April 27<sup>th</sup>. We will serve immediately after church until all are fed. The BEST pancake breakfast EVER! Pancakes and local maple syrup, Sausage links from Pierce County Meats, Scrambled eggs with ham, fruit, milk, juice and coffee. Thrivent Financial has paid for our expenses. All proceeds go to the Pierce County Food Pantry! Make checks to “The Pierce County Food Pantry”. Come one, come all, and bring your friends.

**Knot Alone:** next meeting is scheduled for Saturday May 10th at 10am at El Paso Bar and Grill. Let’s meet for breakfast or brunch. All who have lost a partner are invited to join in the fun. If you have any questions please call Donna at 715-307-0451

**O’Connell’s Funeral Home:** will be hosting a seminar on the advantages of pre-planning and funding? The seminars will be held at our Ellsworth chapel on Thursday, May 1st, at 10:00AM and 2:00PM. Those interested can call O’Connell’s to sign up.



**Basics for Local Kids:** The Evangelism Committee: we will be collecting Winter outerwear for Basics for local Kids again this year. We will continue collecting items through the month of April. We are asking for sizes for all ages from toddler to XXXXL. New or gently used and clean items are accepted. Zippers must be in working condition. They collect all sizes from infant to adult. Look for a box in the narthex to leave your donations in. We look forward to sharing warmth in our community. Thank you, Your Evangelism Committee.



**FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:** The Pierce County Food Pantry continues to need certain items. For the month of **APRIL**, we will be collecting; **Ramen Noodles, Baked Beans, Grape Jelly, Dry soup mix, Rice side dish, and Feminine products.**

Please put the items in the grocery cart in the back of the church. Thank you for showing your concern. Money donations accepted as well. Did you know that every dollar donated can purchase \$7 worth of food? Online donations @hungerpreventioncouncil.net, call 715-273-2070 or to arrange a food drive sponsored by your family or organization. Let's help end hunger in Pierce County.

### Youth News:

**The 2025 Confirmation Banquet will be Wednesday April 30<sup>th</sup>.** We will Honor the 2025 Confirmands. Confirmation Youth and Parents of 6th - 8th grade are asked to help prepare and serve the food that evening.

**Please keep the 2025 Confirmands in your prayers as they begin their own faith journey.** 2025 Confirmands are; Martha Allyn, Nora Christopherson, Maddi Constant, Dusty Raleigh, Chase Unser.

**Register for Ellsworth Vacation Bible School:** We will be joining with English Lutheran and Eidsvold-Svea Churches for a Free VBS at English Lutheran Church Monday June 16<sup>th</sup> -19<sup>th</sup> from 12pm-3:30pm. The bus will transport the kids from Summer School to English Lutheran. Come and be part of the God Family as God's Word Comes Near! Lunch and snacks will be provided. Register

Now <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdqtr8RmjgEBoeiYpa3kSGGE41kcKyWvuZOTZLTRzDS31YdYA/viewform>



**REGISTER NOW FOR SUMMER CAMP AT LUTHER POINT.**

<https://www.lutherpointbiblecamp.com/summer-camps> The full price of the weeklong camp is \$445. The Men in Mission will pay half of the registration fee for all campers and any friends they bring from outside Our Savior's. **WHEN REGISTERING, PAY ONLY THE DOWN PAYMENT.** Completed payment will take place on arrival at camp.

**Note:** Friends of our Savior's campers must register as an Our Savior's Camper on the registration form to receive the Men in Mission discount. If you have questions, see Clair Severson. **NOTE:** Our Savior's, English Lutheran, and Eidsvold-Svea Churches will be encouraging all their youth to attend Luther Point the week of July 13<sup>th</sup>—18<sup>th</sup>. This would be a great opportunity for all youth to participate in camp with other youth they attend School with. This would also be a great opportunity for Confirmation Youth that might not want to attend a Mission Trip to fulfill their Confirmation requirement.