

**7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
9am Worship & Live Stream  
Sunday, July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024**



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

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**In-Person Worship: 9:00am**

**Livestream: 9:00am**

**Welcome Visitors!** Please fill out the welcome card found on the pew and drop it in the offering plate. Thank you for joining us today!" \*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

Preparation / Prelude

Announcements

### THE GATHERING

Confession and Forgiveness:

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy. **Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection*

**God, our provider, help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, + the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn: ELW # 579 Lord, you give the Great Commission

**1 Lord, you give the great commission:  
"Heal the sick and preach the word."  
Lest the church neglect its mission,  
and the gospel go unheard,  
help us witness to your purpose  
with renewed integrity:**

*Refrain*

**With the Spirit's gifts empow'r us  
for the work of ministry.**

**2 Lord, you call us to your service:  
"In my name baptize and teach."  
That the world may trust your promise,  
life abundant meant for each,  
give us all new fervor, draw us  
closer in community: *Refrain***

**3 Lord, you make the common holy:  
"This my body, this my blood."  
Let us all, for earth's true glory,  
daily lift life heavenward,  
asking that the world around us  
share your children's liberty: *Refrain***

**4 Lord, you show us love's true measure:  
"Father, what they do, forgive."  
Yet we hoard as private treasure  
all that you so freely give.  
May your care and mercy lead us  
to a just society: *Refrain***

**5 Lord, you bless with words assuring:  
"I am with you to the end."  
Faith and hope and love restoring,  
may we serve as you intend  
and, amid the cares that claim us,  
hold in mind eternity: *Refrain***

\*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.**

Hymn of Praise: ELW # 881 Let All Things Now Living  
**Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving  
to God the creator triumphantly raise,  
who fashioned and made us,  
protected and stayed us,  
who still guides us on to the end of our days.  
God's banners are o'er us,  
God's light goes before us,  
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night,  
till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,  
as forward we travel from light into light.**

**God rules all the forces: the stars in their courses  
and sun in its orbit obediently shine;  
the hills and the mountains,  
the rivers and fountains,  
the deeps of the ocean proclaim God divine.  
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing;  
with glad adoration a song let us raise  
till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:  
"To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!"**

Prayer of the Day:

Let us pray, God of the covenant, **in our baptism you call us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. Give us the courage you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## THE WORD

Children's Time:

First Reading: Ezekiel 2:1-5

<sup>1</sup>A voice said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you.<sup>2</sup>And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. <sup>3</sup>He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. <sup>4</sup>The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, "Thus says the Lord GOD."<sup>5</sup>Whether they hear or refuse to hear, for they are a rebellious house, they shall know that there has been a prophet among them. This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm: 123

<sup>1</sup>To you I lift up my eyes, to you enthroned in the heavens.

<sup>2</sup>**As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to you, O LORD our God, until you show us your mercy.**

<sup>3</sup>Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy, for we have had more than enough of contempt,<sup>4</sup>**too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, and of the derision of the proud.**

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

<sup>2</sup>I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. <sup>3</sup>And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows <sup>4</sup>was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. <sup>5</sup>On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. <sup>6</sup>But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, <sup>7</sup>even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. <sup>8</sup>Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, <sup>9</sup>but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. <sup>10</sup>Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong. This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

\*Gospel Acclamation: ELW #173

**Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah.  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah.**

\*Gospel: Mark 6:1-13

The holy gospel according to St. Mark the 6<sup>th</sup> Chapter **Glory to you, O Lord!**

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus] came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. <sup>2</sup>On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, “Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! <sup>3</sup>Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. <sup>4</sup>Then Jesus said to them, “Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house.” <sup>5</sup>And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. <sup>6</sup>And he was amazed at their unbelief. Then he went about among the villages teaching. <sup>7</sup>He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. <sup>8</sup>He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; <sup>9</sup>but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. <sup>10</sup>He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. <sup>11</sup>If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” <sup>12</sup>So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. <sup>13</sup>They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them. This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ**

Sermon: “A Bit Too Familiar”

Hymn of the Day: Jesus in your hometown teaching (set to ELW # 461)

**Jesus, in your hometown teaching, so well-known yet not at all,  
Neighbors, friends, and those that knew you, doubting, would not heed your call!  
Teach us, Lord, to be more humble, heeding words of grace revealed,  
That, without our pride to weigh us, borne in you we may be healed!**

**Still, we see it over and over in your work upon the earth:  
Touching lepers, feeding thousands, stilling storms, your humble birth!  
Though we should expect surprises from your endless well of grace  
Still, the soul that recognizes gives its pride no heed nor place.**

**Lord, you have from Earth’s creation shown you will not be contained  
Doctrines, creeds, and highest dogmas—teach us you won’t be restrained!  
Open us to newer wonders, ever growing hoops of love,  
When we get too certain, save us: show us wider views above!**

**Jesus, in your Church, here, teaching, show us grace that is for all,  
Make us neighbors, friends, and children—quell our doubts to heed your call!  
We will learn to be more humble, list'ning for your living Word,  
Casting off our expectations, in surprise may we be stirred!**

Apostles' Creed: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession:

One in the communion of saints and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we join our voices in prayer.

*A brief silence.*

Glorious God, you bend down to wash the feet of your disciples and surprise us with grace. Make your church open to the new ways you are being made known in our midst. Make all your faithful people powerful in weakness and strong in grace. In your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Life-giving God, your fingers trace the heavens and your hands mold the earth. Protect all who are suffering the ravages of climate change, especially those affected by deadly heat waves and destructive floods. Sustain the well-being of every living thing. In your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, you speak and the nations listen. Open those who govern to the cries of all who journey with no food or shelter, particularly people fleeing violence, those seeking freedom, and those in search of community. In your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, your embrace brings wholeness to those who are troubled. Anoint all who suffer in any way with the oil of healing and grant them renewal. We pray especially for **Judy, Elaine, Dean, John, Eldon, Kristen**, and all those we name now before you, whether out loud or in our hearts... In your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Welcoming God, in your presence strangers become companions and enemies become neighbors. Open our doors to those we have so easily shut out, particularly people who are different from us or who are marginalized by church or society. In your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Eternal God, you gather us into your house of many dwelling places. We give you thanks for our faithful departed. Inspire us by their lives of faith until, with them, we rest forever at our journey's end. In your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Holy God, holy and merciful: into your outstretched arms we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in the one who is the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Peace and exchange:

The peace of the risen Christ be with you all. And also with you.

Let us share the peace with one another.

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 #184 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. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.**

Offering prayer: Let us pray, Jesus, bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. **Amen.**

Communion Liturgy:

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 resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection, opened to us the way of everlasting life, and so with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

\*Sanctus: ELW #192 (Holy, Holy, Holy)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord! Lord, God of power and might, heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest!**

Thanksgiving at the Table: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all. 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 in remembrance of me." And again after supper he took the cup, he gave thanks and he 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, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all glory and honor, now and forever. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer: pg. 191

(Our Father who art in Heaven....)

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

Lamb of God: ELW # 195

**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 hymns: ELW # 487 What Feast of Love

Prayer after Communion:

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

Let us pray, Jesus, bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. **Amen.**

### **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 # 538 The Lord Now Sends Us Forth

**The Lord now sends us forth  
with hands to serve and give,  
to make of all the earth  
a better place to live. Repeat**

**The angels are not sent  
into our world of pain  
to do what we were meant**



**to do in Jesus' name;  
that falls to you and me  
and all who are made free.  
Help us, O Lord, we pray,  
to do your will today. Repeat**

Dismissal:

Go in peace. Share the good news! **Thanks be to God!**

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

**Please continue to pray for the following people:**

Judy Nelson, Elaine Hines, Dean Mewes, John Paape, Eldon Schellfeffer, and Kristen Anderson.

If you know of anyone that should be on our prayer list please contact the office.  
The names will be on the prayer list for two weeks unless specified.

**Announcements:**

**Sunday July 7th 9am** Worship Service, **10am** Fellowship Hour, **7pm** OS vs St Francis

**Sunday July 14th 9am** Worship Service, **10am** Fellowship Hour,

**Church Softball Game:** Sunday July 7<sup>th</sup> OS vs St Francis, Wednesday July 17<sup>th</sup> OS vs St Mary's.

**Coffee and Conversation:** Please join us on Monday, July 15<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am.

**Happy Birthday!** July (7<sup>th</sup>) Dan Johnson (8<sup>th</sup>) Tricia Gilby (11<sup>th</sup>) Linda Steele, Trinity Wilkens (12<sup>th</sup>) Nolan Rowe (13<sup>th</sup>) Caleb Peterson

**June Budget Report:** Average weekly offering & donations: \$2,540.17  
Average weekly expenses: \$2,810.25

**Coffee Hour:** We need someone to host Coffee hour on Sunday July 14th. Reach out to the office if this works for you.

**Ellsworth Summer Fun:** On Thursday July 18th from 5-7pm. Our Savior's will be hosting the Summer fun Event in the East End Park. We are asking members that are able to donate a pan of brownies for this event. Please contact the office if you are able. We would appreciate it, if you cut the brownies before bringing them to church.

**The HAMBURGER FUND is up and running!** Donations to the HAMBURGER FUND greatly help to increase the Outreach Ministry impact from our food stand at the fair by cutting our expenses. Last year we raised over \$4000 to pay for all of our hamburger and a good share of the pop. If you would like to help out, write your check to the Our Savior's Men In Mission and indicate "hamburger fund" in the memo. Place your check in an envelope in the offering plate or give it to Clair Severson. **THANK YOU!**

**2024 FAIR:** LOOK FOR YOUR JULY NEWSLETTER TO FIND YOUR FIRST INFORMATION ON THE 2024 PIERCE COUNTY FAIR.

Last year's 2023 Worker's List will appear in the newsletter with minor changes. It will also be posted in the kitchen on a cupboard door. Make corrections and additions on this copy as it will be updated for the August newsletter.

The Fair Board said it has been about a century since admission prices increased. So, here it goes. Daily admission will now be \$7. You can still get a daily admission ticket ON-LINE for \$5 before the end of July. Senior Day is SUNDAY, not FRIDAY when the price for seniors over 62 will be \$3.

**FAIR STAND WORKER'S TICKETS:** This year the church will offer a worker's ticket for \$3.25. If interested, pay Clair Severson directly \$3.25 BY MONDAY, JULY 15th and he will purchase one for you from the fair office. These tickets will not be available after the deadline.



**Reminder:** Please join us on Thursday, July 11th, for a God's Work Our Hands planning meeting. We will have a potluck supper starting at 6pm. We would GREATLY appreciate any ideas or be made aware of ANY PROJECTS that we could do on that Sunday. The Evangelism committee will provide sloppy Joe's, bars and beverages. Please join us with ideas for outreach in our community. Darlene Halverson, Kathy Young, and Pauline Laughnan



**FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:** The Pierce County Food Pantry continues to need certain items. For the month of **JULY** we will be collecting; **Canned Peas, Baked Beans, Canned Chicken,**

**Tuna Helper, and Laundry Soap.**

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!**

**Youth Fundraising Opportunity** is coming up to help raise money for youth activities and for future Mission Trips.

**Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser:** During the Beldenville Old Car Show, we will host a pancake breakfast from the Our Savior's church stand at the fairgrounds on Sunday, July 28th from 6am to 11:30am (includes clean-up).

**If you are planning to attend a future Mission Trip, I ask that you sign-up.** This event is a great way to build credit in your individual youth account and earn volunteer hours towards graduation.

**We are in need of youth and adult volunteers for this event! The sign-up sheet is posted on the Youth Bulletin Board in the narthex. Thank you in advance for your help!**

\*If a full time slot doesn't work for you and only 2 hours works, no problem I would still like to have fun with you at this youth fundraiser. Reach out to Patricia if any shift would work for you. [youthdirector.osbeldenville@gmail.com](mailto:youthdirector.osbeldenville@gmail.com), 715-307-2739.