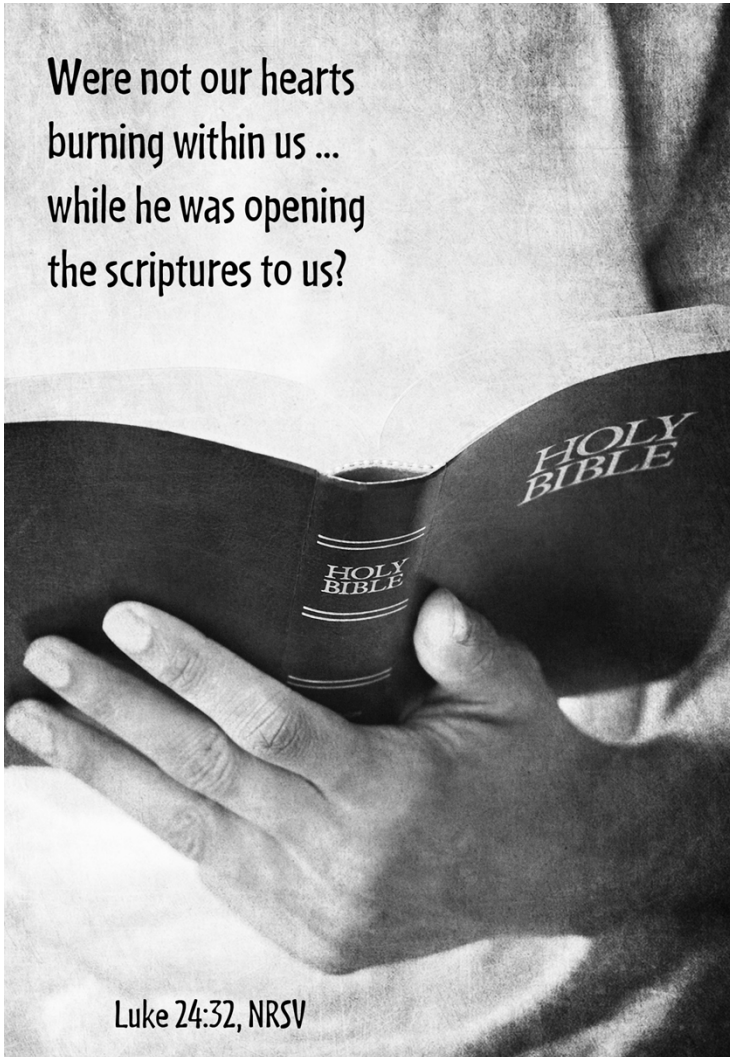


# WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

Were not our hearts  
burning within us ...  
while he was opening  
the scriptures to us?



Luke 24:32, NRSV

HE LIVES TO RESTORE MY HOPE

*The Third Sunday of Easter*

April 23, 2023

## Welcome To Worship

If you are a visitor to our church, we extend you a warm welcome. We are happy you are here. Please fill out a Connect Card to let us know how we might continue to serve you.

It's encouraging to see parents bring their families to worship the Lord. If your child becomes restless, you can use the Family Room to calm them. Quiet bags and children's bulletins are also available to keep little ones busy. Restrooms are located in the hallways along either side of the worship space. For those with special needs, large print copies of the service folder and listening devices are available from the ushers. One of our ushers can help you find the restrooms or family room and answer any other questions.

## Service Notes For This Sunday



Imagine someone you love is near death. Their only hope of survival is a risky brain surgery, one so complicated only one surgeon in the state will attempt it. The surgery is scheduled. But as that doctor drives to the hospital, he is killed in a car accident. Any hope you had for your loved one's salvation died along with that surgeon.

That is how Jesus' disciples felt after his death. "We hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel," they said (Luke 24:19). Their hope for a better life died along with Jesus. They had let their personal wants and expectations cloud their view of Scripture which said that the Messiah's death and resurrection were actually the source of all hope! So, the living Lord appeared to his disciples. He explained. He opened their minds to the truth of God's Word. And in doing so, he restored their hope.

There is little worse than a feeling of hopelessness. Christ's disciples have victory over that feeling. He died, but he is dead no longer. The one who can heal us and give us life to the full lives! He lives to restore our hope

## Those Serving in Worship

Staff Minister Randy Pahl; Guest Preacher Rev. Jon Kehren; Organist Kristi Perry

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# The Service: Setting Six

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## Welcome

## Hymn

549 *Across the Lands*

*Stand*

In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{T}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

## Confession

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

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

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

**Lord, have mercy.**

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 mercy.**

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

**Lord, have mercy.**

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

**Amen.**

## **Glory to God in the Highest**

*Tune: Webb*

**To God on high be glory and peace to all the earth,  
For God has shown his favor in Jesus' holy birth!  
Almighty God and Father, our humble thanks we bring;  
We worship you, we bless you, Lord God, our heav'nly King.**

**O Lamb of God exalted, you take all sin away;  
Extend to us your mercy and hear us as we pray.  
With God the Holy Spirit, at God the Father's throne,  
You reign, O Christ, forever, for you are Lord alone!**

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## **The Word**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

## **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.

**Amen.**

*Be seated*

## **First Reading**

*Acts 13:38-48*

*The hope that Jesus brings is meant for all: Jew, Gentile, and all the ends of the earth.*

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

# Psalm of the Day

116C I Will Walk in the Presence of God

*Cantor(s)*

1 For the love of the One who has heard my cry:  
2 In the cords of my death, I was tan - gled round:  
3 God is mer - cy and grace and the sim - ple are blest:  
4 God has raised up my soul from the gates of death:  
5 What re - turn can I give for the gifts I claim?

*All*

I will walk in the pres - ence of God.

*Cantor(s)*

1 God has heard my dis - tress, and I shall not die:  
2 Those who seek you in an - guish shall not be bound:  
3 Raised me up in my pain, God my safe - ty and rest:  
4 God has dried all my tears and re - newed my breath:  
5 Lift the cup of sal - va - tion and praise your name:

*All*

I will walk in the pres - ence of God.

## Refrain

I will walk in the pres - ence of God

in the land, in the land of the liv - ing.

For the love of the One who has heard my cry:

I will walk in the pres - ence of God.

## Second Reading

1 Peter 1:17–21

*Our certain hope is to join our Savior in heaven one day; until that day, we live as strangers in this world who are focused on our true home.*

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

## Gospel Acclamation

Luke 24:32

Alleluia! Were not our hearts burning within us

**while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us? Alleluia!**

## Gospel

Luke 24:13–35

*Jesus explains that everything that happened to him fulfilled the Scriptures, thus restoring the hope of two disciples and the Church of all time.*

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Be seated*

## Children's Message

## Hymn of the Day

459 Christ the Lord Is Risen Again

## Sermon

**Bring Salvation to the Ends of the Earth**

*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

## Connect Card

Please take a moment now to fill out a Connect Card.

### Prayer of the Church

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

**May the peoples praise you, O God. May all the peoples praise you.**

Loving Lord, your Son has given gifts to the Church in the apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers. According to your will, raise up more workers and send them into harvest fields in our land and around the world. By the power of your gospel, strengthen them so that they do not become discouraged but continue in the course you have set before them.

**May the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you rule the peoples justly and guide the nations of the earth.**

Pour out your wisdom, O Lord, on all who train and prepare those who proclaim the gospel in their own communities and cultures. Through the power of the Spirit lead them to rely on the authority of your Word and to look for success in the witness of your love. Let them find support in their partners in ministry as we work together around the world.

**May the peoples praise you, O God. May all the peoples praise you.**

Spare those who serve your people far away from infections and injury. Provide medical facilities to diagnose and treat disease. Give help and comfort to all the sick in every land. Bring healing and health according to your will.

**May the nations be glad and sing for joy.**

King of the universe, direct the governments of the world so that your people may live quiet and peaceful lives. Protect us from crime and war. Let freedom of religion flourish that the gospel may be freely preached in all the world. Cast down rulers who oppress their people; remove governments that oppose the gospel. Bring relief to Christians who are persecuted.

**For you rule the peoples with equity and guide the nations of the earth.**

*Special prayers and intercessions*

### Special Prayers This Week

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Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

*Silent prayer*

Wherever we go, near or far, move us to share the gospel with eagerness and joy. Give us grace to be models to all so that our brothers and sisters might see our good works and glorify you. Plant in the hearts of your people a deeper desire to share the gospel with their lips and their gifts so that many more may come to know and believe the love of your Son.

**The land yields its harvest, and God, our God, blesses us. May God bless us, so that all the ends of the earth will revere him. Amen.**

## Offering

*Moved by God's love in Christ, we offer him our first and best gifts, purely out of thanks to him. If the gospel message has moved you to give and you would like an electronic option, you can scan this QR code with your mobile phone. It will connect you with our website's giving page.*



## WELS Connection

*Inter-Church Relations - Africa*

## Hymn

*901 O Christians, Haste*

*Stand*

Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, 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  $\Upsilon$  give you peace.

**Amen.**

## Hymn

*746 I Love to Tell the Story sts. 1, 6, 7, 3*

# News & Announcements

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## About our Guest Preacher

Pastor Jon Kehren serves WELS members and congregations as a Christian Giving Counselor for the Western Wisconsin District. He helps WELS members with Christian estate planning and current giving. He can share options in order to reduce taxes and increase support for your family, church, and favorite WELS ministries. He provides information regarding charitable gift annuities and remainder trusts, which provide lifetime payments with the remainder going to your favorite ministries, as well as other giving vehicles including retirement plans, appreciated assets, donor advised funds, and endowments. He can also share updates on WELS ministry opportunities. He lives in Johnson Creek, WI. If you are interested in his help, you can contact him at 312-315-5958 or [jon.kehren@wels.net](mailto:jon.kehren@wels.net).

## Meeting to Request an Assignment

*April 23 | 9:15 AM*

The Leadership Council is recommending that our congregation request the WELS Assignment Committee assign a graduate from Martin Luther College to fill our 1st-2nd grade teaching position. This position has been vacant for two year and has been filled by our principal during that time. A voters' meeting to approve this action will be held immediately following the first service this Sunday, at about 9:15 am in the cafeteria.

## A Walk through the WELS

*April 23 | 9:30 AM*

This Sunday, our guest preacher, Pastor Jon Kehren will share an overview of the work of our synod in 2022 during a presentation. His presentation will begin immediately following the voters' meeting in the cafeteria and will replace our usual Bible study.

## Share Your Ideas for Art Camp

*April 27 | 6:30 PM*



This year, in place of a traditional Vacation Bible School, St. Paul's will hold an Art Camp. The camp will include activities in the areas of movement/drama, musical instruments, and visual arts, all with a biblical emphasis. We are looking for your ideas on specific activities. You can share your thoughts at the planning meeting this Thursday, April 27 at 6:30 pm in the cafeteria.

## NLHS Baseball & Softball at Port Edwards

*April 28 | 4:30 pm*

The Northland Lutheran High School boys' baseball and girls' softball teams will be playing at Port Edwards on Friday, April 28. Both games start at 4:40 pm. The boys will play on Palen Field (951-5<sup>th</sup> St, near the elementary school) and the girls at Ripple Creek Park (at the corner of Verbunker Ave and 7<sup>th</sup> St). Here's a chance to watch the Northland Wildcats in our backyard.

## **8<sup>th</sup> graders Invited to Tonight's WELS Youth Night**

*April 23 | 5:45 pm*

Tonight, the third area "WELS Youth Night" will be held at Northland Lutheran High School from 5:45-8:30 pm. A new feature this time is that the gathering is also open to graduating 8th graders. Youth who attend will experience an inspiring evening of games, music, prayer, Bible message, small group discussion, and fun with high school youth in our area. Pizza will be provided! The goal is that our youth see they are not alone, and to be encouraged to enjoy the faith they share with others. This event is free; teens are encouraged to invite a friend.

## **MLC Day**

*May 3*

With the shortage of pastors and teachers in our synod, it is more important than ever to encourage our young people to consider the ministry and to support ministerial training college, Martin Luther College (MLC). The college is asking you to set aside May 3 to pray for MLC, share encouragement on social media, and support MLC with a financial contribution. More information can be found at [MLCDay.com](http://MLCDay.com).

## **WELS Night at the Brewers**

*July 7*

Join thousands of WELS members for another exciting WELS Night at American Family Field on Friday, July 7. The Brewers will take on the Cincinnati Reds at 7:10 pm. There are three seating categories ranging in price from \$10-\$21. Seating will be together with other WELS members in all three seating categories. Order tickets at [Brewers.com/WELS](http://Brewers.com/WELS).



## **Help with Before School Care**

Before School Care provides an important service to parents who need to be to work early in the day. With Mrs. Proeber going on maternity leave, we are short-handed. Help is needed 7:00-8:30 am on school days. You can volunteer or be paid. An experienced childcare worker would also be present. Please contact Mrs. Carole Melso at [cmelso@stpaulswr.org](mailto:cmelso@stpaulswr.org) or 715-421-3634 ext. 119, if you are able to help.

## **Worship Techs Needed**

Volunteers are needed to fill out our schedule of worship techs. The area most short-handed is advancing slides on the PowerPoint. Help is especially needed in the second service. Training will be provided. If you are able to serve, please stop in the balcony on Sunday, or either contact Larry Klish (715-570-2156) or Chris Williams (507-279-0167). This is a great way for teens to get volunteer service hours!

**Sunday**      8:00 AM    Worship  
                   9:15 AM    **Voters' Meeting in the cafeteria**  
                   9:30 AM    **A Walk through the WELS Presentation in the cafeteria**  
                   9:15 AM    Catechism Class in the Bible Study Room  
                   9:15 AM    Sunday School for 3K thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade  
                   10:30 AM    Worship  
                   2:00 PM    Coed Volleyball in the gym  
                   5:45 PM    **WELS Youth Night at NLHS**

**Tuesday**      6:45 AM    Men's Bible Study at From the Ground Up Coffee Shop  
                   9:45 AM    Women Walking in the Word in the Resource Center  
                   6:30 PM    Stephen Ministers Peer Group in the Resource Center

**Wednesday**    8:55 AM    School Chapel Service  
                   6:30 PM    Bible Book Group in the Resource Center

**Thursday**      7:00 AM    Men's Small Group at From the Ground Up Coffee Shop  
                   6:30 PM    **Art Camp Planning Meeting**

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## Attendance & Offering Report

Last Week's Attendance: 201

Anticipated offerings YTD: \$ 746,114

Actual offerings YTD:      \$ 651,343

Mortgage Balance \$1,025,821

## Upcoming Events

May 3 ~ MLC Day

May 14 ~ Mother's Day

May 18 ~ Ascension Day Service

May 21 ~ Confirmation Sunday

For this is what the Lord  
 has instructed us:  
 "I have made you a light  
 for the Gentiles,  
 that you may bring salvation  
 to the end of the earth."  
 - Acts 13:47





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