

OT. LUCAS EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 13th & 14th, 2024

The Season

We have entered the second half of the Church Year, the half that focuses on the teachings of the Christian faith. The Christian faith contains teachings that are so wonderful that we would never even believe them unless God himself revealed their truthfulness to us. God sent his Spirit from heaven to earth to empower his children to believe the totally unbelievable.

The Sunday

When our God calls us to do ministry, he also gives us authority. In calling us to ministry, God isn't asking us to share our advice or our opinion or even our values. We are sharing God's own authoritative Word. Gospel ministry is conducted by believers but with God's own authority behind the effort.

The Service

Today we celebrate the Sacrament of the Altar in which we joyfully receive Christ's body and blood, in, with, and under bread and wine, for the forgiveness of our sins. As we celebrate the Sacrament we also give public confession of our complete unity in the Christian faith. We invite communicant members of St. Lucas Lutheran Church, or of another congregation in the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) or of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS) to commune. If you are a guest visiting with us today, please refrain from communing until you have spoken with our pastor. The congregation reads the potions in bold print.

Prayer before Worship

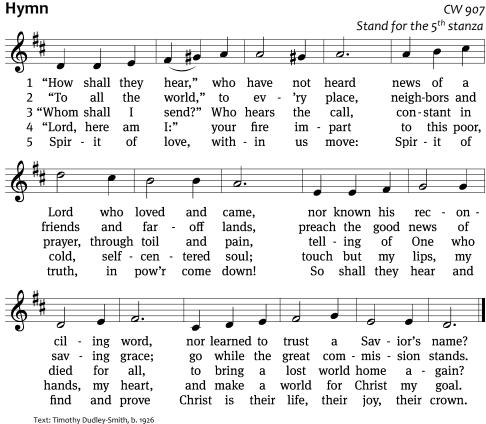
In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Thank you, loving Lord, for cleansing me of my sins and adopting me into your family through the miracle of Holy Baptism. As I worship today, help me remember what my baptism means to me. Lead me to feel genuine sorrow for my sins and empower me to put down the sinful nature that still lives in me. Lift me up as I hear your promise of forgiveness and give me strength to live a life pleasing to you.

Serving in Worship

Presiding Minister:Pastor Timothy HenningOrganist:Coralee HenningUshers:Mike Beyer (6 pm Saturday)Steve Wolter & Dan Zuehlke (9 am Sunday)Steve Sunday)

Floral: Flowers given in glory to God for Diane Schacht's retirement after 51 years



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

Confession

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

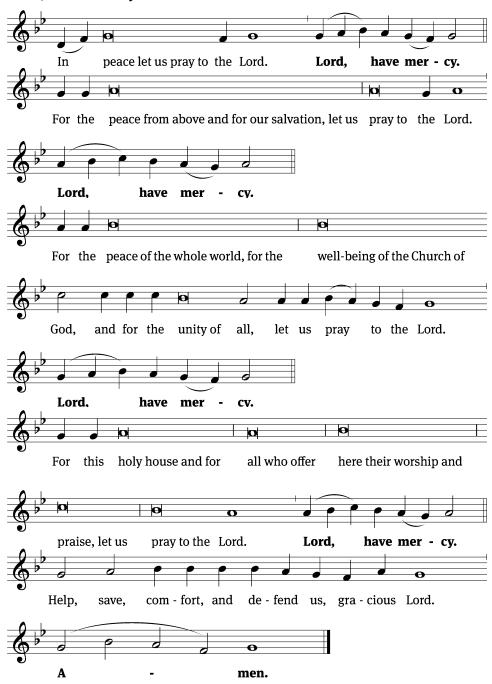
Let us confess our sins to the Lord. Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Lord, Have Mercy

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The Word

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

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O Lord, you granted your prophets strength to resist the temptations of the devil and courage to proclaim repentance. Give us pure hearts and minds to follow your Son faithfully even into suffering and death; 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

Amos 7:10–15

Amos explains that he has authority only because the LORD told him to speak on God's behalf.

¹⁰Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent a message to Jeroboam king of Israel: "Amos is raising a conspiracy against you in the very heart of Israel. The land cannot bear all his words. ¹¹For this is what Amos is saying:

" 'Jeroboam will die by the sword, and Israel will surely go into exile, away from their native land.' "

¹²Then Amaziah said to Amos, "Get out, you seer! Go back to the land of Judah. Earn your bread there and do your prophesying there. ¹³Don't prophesy anymore at Bethel, because this is the king's sanctuary and the temple of the kingdom."

¹⁴Amos answered Amaziah, "I was neither a prophet nor the son of a prophet, but I was a shepherd, and I also took care of sycamore-fig trees. ¹⁵But the LORD took me from tending the flock and said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 78C



My people, hear my / teaching;

listen to the words / of my mouth.

I will utter hidden things, things / from of old things our ancestors have / told us.

We will not hide them from their de- / scendants;

we will tell the next gener- / ation

the praiseworthy deeds / of the LORD,

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his power, and the wonders / he has done. Refrain
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He decreed statutes for / Jacob

and established the law in / Israel,

which he commanded our / ancestors

to teach their / children,

so the next generation would know them, even the children yet / to be born, and they in turn would tell their / children.

Then they would put their / trust in God and would not forget his deeds but would keep / his commands.

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*

Second Reading

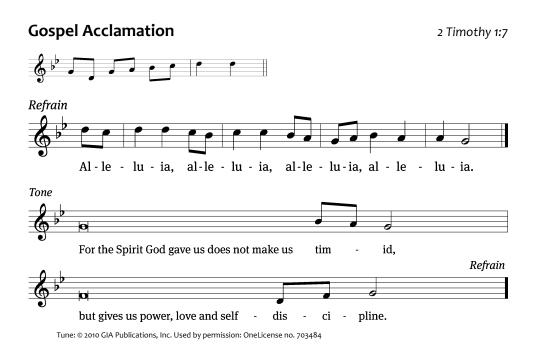
Titus 1:5–9

Paul stresses that preachers' authority comes from holding firmly to God's Word.

⁵The reason I left you in Crete was that you might put in order what was left unfinished and appoint elders in every town, as I directed you. ⁶An elder must be blameless, faithful to his wife, a man whose children believe and are not open to the charge of being wild and disobedient. ⁷Since an overseer manages God's household, he must be blameless—not overbearing, not quick-tempered, not given to drunkenness, not violent, not pursuing dishonest gain. ⁸Rather, he must be hospitable, one who loves what is good, who is selfcontrolled, upright, holy and disciplined. ⁹He must hold firmly to the trustworthy message as it has been taught, so that he can encourage others by sound doctrine and refute those who oppose it.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Stand



Gospel

Mark 6:7–13

Before Jesus sends the Twelve out to do ministry, he gives them his authority.

⁷Calling the Twelve to him, he began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over impure spirits.

⁸These were his instructions: "Take nothing for the journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in your belts. ⁹Wear sandals but not an extra shirt. ¹⁰Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you leave that town. ¹¹And if any place will not welcome you or listen to you, leave that place and shake the dust off your feet as a testimony against them."

¹²They went out and preached that people should repent. ¹³They drove out many demons and anointed many sick people with oil and healed them.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

Be seated

Children's Sermon

Children may come forward to the front pew

Send, O Lord, Your Holy Spirit

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Sermon

Titus 1:5-9 What Does God Require from Spiritual Leaders? 1. That they live his Word 2. That that teach his Word

Stand

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 in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian 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.

Be seated

Prayer of the Church

Brief intercessory prayers may be added in a fitting place.

Eternal Lord, give us peace as we ponder the good news that you forgive our sins in Christ. Lead us to see clearly the path you have laid out for us.

Work in us so that we believe and live the Word we have heard today.

Provide courage and compassion to all who preach and teach your Word. Fill them with a love like yours as they proclaim your grace to us and all people. **Move us to love all ministers of the Word wherever they serve.**

Guard and guide the families of our congregation. Lead husbands and wives to love each other with commitment, respect, and patience. Help parents to grasp the eternal value of keeping their children close to Jesus all their lives. Grant joy to those who are single, and make them a blessing to others.

Protect us from the temptations that surround us; give us pure hearts and minds.

Provide wisdom and insight to those who make laws and set policies. Give us respect for those who protect us from crime. Lead us to value the rights of our fellow citizens and to defend those who cannot defend themselves.

Bless our land with peace and prosperity so that the gospel may be proclaimed to all.

Give us passion to share the story of your love with our family and friends. Overcome unbelief, and open the hearts of people everywhere to believe the good news that Jesus has forgiven their sins and opened the gates of heaven.

Fill us with joy over every sinner who repents and comes to trust in you.

Extend your healing power to those who are sick and suffering in body or mind. [Pour out your special blessing on . . . *here name the person and the cause of the petition*.] Give patience and compassion to all who care for the sick and dying.

Lift the eyes of the distressed to your love in Christ.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

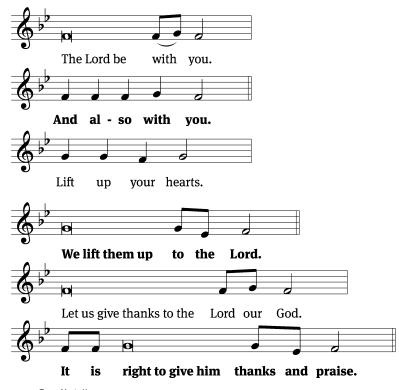
Gracious God, you govern and direct all things and you love all people. Hear our prayers, spoken and silent, and answer them in your wisdom and grace. **In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

Offering God's people offer their first and best to the Lord in response to the Lord's blessings to them. The offering is gathered in a basket in the church entrance before or after the service. If you prefer to give electronically, you may scan this graphic to access www.stlucaswels.org/donate.

The Sacrament

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Preface



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It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock until he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy CW 184 Ho - ly, God of ho - ly, ho Lord, ly pow - er, of your God of might. Heav-en and earth full are glo - ry. Ho - san na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who the of the comes in name 0 Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est, ho d 0 in the high est! san na

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord God, you are worthy to receive thanks and praise from all people. You created the world and all who live in it, and in your mercy you saved us. We give thanks to you for the grace of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Though in very nature God, he took the nature of a servant and became obedient to death, even death on a cross. He offered himself as a sacrifice for sin and redeemed us from its curse and penalty. He rescued us from the terrors of death and restored eternal life with you. He conquered our enemies and gained for us the kingdom of grace and glory.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood, and lead us to remember his suffering, death, and resurrection. Forgive our sins and fill us with the hope of new life in heaven. Hear our praise and receive our thanks as we worship you—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **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.

Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my + body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my + blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **Amen.**



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Distribution

Personal Prayer before Communing

Lord Jesus, you have invited me to come and receive your holy Sacrament. I believe that in the bread and wine you give me your true body and blood to eat and drink. Forgive my sins and nourish my faith through this precious meal. I long for the comfort that comes with your promises; I yearn for the assurance of your faithful love. Bless me now as I receive you by faith.

Personal Prayer after Communing

Thank you, dear Savior, for nourishing my faith with the Sacrament of your body and blood. Lift my heart with your forgiveness, renew my confidence in your grace, empower my love for others, and lead me to long for the eternal banquet of heaven.

Lord Jesus Christ, Our Savior-King CW 899 O Je - sus Christ, 1 Lord our Sav ior King, to vou our 2 Your Scrip-tures lead us to re _ joice, for there we 3 Your Spir - it's call faith heard to we in wa-ter's 4 With sim - ple food of bread and wine feed us vou high est praise we sing for bless - ings to the Fa - ther's hear our voice. His gra-cious prom - is wash ing with the Word. Lord, keep us in bap with feast di vine. Your blood and а _ bod - y Θ Church, your bride. with whom you a - bide. ev - er - more for - give-ness in claim vour ho - ly es pro name. and make our hearts your dwell - ing tis mal place. grace sins for - giv - en for your sake. par - take our we

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- 5 As stewards of these means of grace you send out preachers in your place your wondrous mercy to proclaim and glorify your saving name.
- 6 Lord, give us ministers who live according to the grace you give.To Scripture may they faithful be, and so preserve this ministry.
- And then, at last, Lord, hear our prayer: gather your blood-bought children there where saints and angels sing your praise, and we with them, through endless days!

Text: Johnold J. Strey, b. 1975 Tune: Henry K. Oliver, 1800–1885 Text: © 2001 Johnold J. Strey, admin. Northwestern Publishing House. Used by permission: OneLicense no. 703484 Tune: Public domain The true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you to life everlasting. Go + in peace. **Amen.**

Stand

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; **his mercy endures forever.**

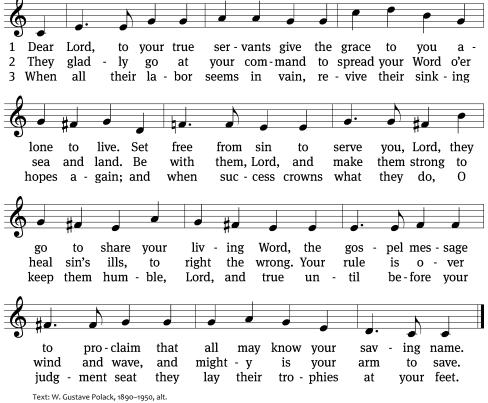
Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet you have given us in this Sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit, help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, 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 + give you peace. **Amen.**

Dear Lord, to Your True Servants Give



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Announcements

Confirmation Pictures: Confirmation pictures are now available and in the back of the church for you to pick up.

Church/School Secretary out of office: The Church/School Secretary will be out of the office on vacation from 7/13/24 – 7/28/24.

National Night Out: We will be hosting National Night Out on August 6th from 5:30 pm until 8:00 pm. The Kewaskum Big Band will provide entertainment 6:30-7:30 pm. We are looking for volunteers to help with food, games, set up and take down. If you are interested in volunteering, please visit our website, <u>www.stlucaswels.org</u>, to sign up. A link to sign up to volunteer is located on the right hand side of the home page.

Miriam's Walk: Join us at our 2nd annual Walk for Life event on Saturday 7/20/24 to benefit WELS Lutherans for Life's pregnancy medical clinic. There is no cost for the event so come on out and enjoy themed laps, dunk tank, obstacle course, live music, and more! A cooling towel will be awarded to participants who raise \$50 or more in pledges.(Paper sponsor form or digital form showing \$50 or more pledged must be submitted by July 3.) The walk will be held at the Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School Track, 3399 Division Rd, Jackson, WI 53037 from 8:00 am – 11:00 am. For details & registration visit <u>ALife2.com/Miriams-Walk</u>.

Redeemer Lutheran Church Farmers Market: Redeemer, Cedarburg will once again be hosting a Farmers Market every Saturday from 9-1pm during the month of August. Food, produce, specialty gifts, and more. Visit <u>redeemercedarburg.com</u> for more information.

Position Available at Our Savior Lutheran Church and School: Our Savior in Grafton is looking for a Preschool Teacher's Aid for the 2024-2025 school year. If you are interested in applying for the position, please contact the church office at: oslcs@oursaviorgrafton.org

Celebrating God's Blessings This Week:

BIRTHDAYS

Justin Pesch – 7/14 Chloe Koth – 7/16 Hailee Koth – 7/18 Jody Kertscher – 7/19 Edward Klumb – 7/19 Tanner Lauters – 7/19

ANNIVERSARIES

Gary & Elaine Hostettler - 7/20

CALENDAR

Readings for July 14th - July 21st 2024

