

20th
Sunday
AFTER PENTECOST



T. LUCAS EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN

Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

October 5th & October 6th, 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

In Jesus we see perfect, self-sacrificial love. Jesus loves us as we are. He also loved us too much to leave us as we are. So, in love he gave his life up so that we might be holy and blameless. His love for us shapes the way we love our spouse, our children, our parents. Today we see that followers of Christ know how to love their family.

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.

Serving in Worship

Presiding Minister: Pastor Denis Lemke
Ushers:

Organist: Laura Schulz

Dearest Jesus, We Are Here

CW 648

Stand for the 5th stanza



1 Dear - est Je - sus, we are here, glad - ly your com -
2 Lord, your Word is clear and plain, and we would o -
3 There - fore we have come to you, in our arms this
4 Gra - cious Head, your mem - ber own; Shep - herd, take your
5 Now in - to your heart we pour prayers that from our



mand o - bey - ing; with this child we now draw near
bey it du - ly: "He who is not born a - gain,
in - fant bear - ing. Shine your heav'n - ly light a - new—
lamb and feed it; Prince of Peace, make here your throne;
hearts pro - ceed - ed. Our pe - ti - tions heav'n - ward soar;



in re - sponse to your own say - ing that to you it
heart and life re - new - ing tru - ly, born of wa - ter
let this child, your mer - cy shar - ing, in your arms be
Way of Life, to heav - en lead it. Pre - cious Vine, let
may our warm de - sires be heed - ed! Write the name we



shall be giv - en as a child and heir of heav - en.
and the Spir - it, can my king - dom not in - her - it."
shield - ed ev - er, yours on earth and yours for - ev - er.
noth - ing sev - er from your side this branch for - ev - er.
now have giv - en; write it in the book of heav - en!

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Tune: Johann R. Ahle, 1625–1673, alt.

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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

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.

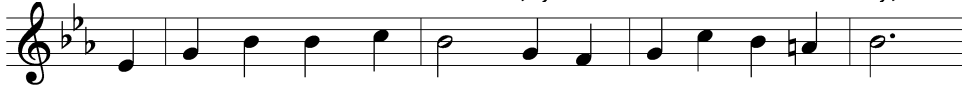
Gloria (Amer) - MISSIONARY HYMN

CW 1001

Tune: MISSIONARY HYMN



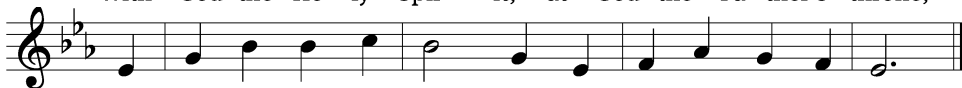
1 To God on high be glo - ry and peace to all the earth,
2 O Lamb of God ex - alt - ed, you take all sin a - way;



for God has shown his fa - vor in Je - sus' ho - ly birth!
ex - tend to us your mer - cy and hear us as we pray.



Al - might - y God and Fa - ther, our hum - ble thanks we bring;
With God the Ho - ly Spir - it, at God the Fa - ther's throne,



we wor - ship you, we bless you, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.
you reign, O Christ, for - ev - er, for you are Lord a - lone!

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The Word

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Loving God and Father, the blessings of marriage and family come from your gracious pleasure and careful design. Lead all who value these gifts to follow your path of wisdom so that they may enjoy the fullness of your love; 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

O How I Love Jesus

Sung by the Sixers Singers at Sunday's 10:30 am Service

First Reading

Genesis 2:18-24

Marriage is an institution of the Creator God.

¹⁸The LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him."

¹⁹Now the LORD God had formed out of the ground all the wild animals and all the birds in the sky. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. ²⁰So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds in the sky and all the wild animals.

But for Adam no suitable helper was found. ²¹So the LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs and then closed up the place with flesh. ²²Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man.

²³The man said,

"This is now bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;
she shall be called 'woman,'
for she was taken out of man."

²⁴That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Children Are a Heritage

Psalm 127C

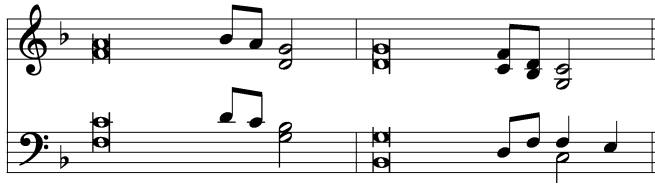
Refrain

Sung responsively between Pastor & congregation



Chil-dren are a her-i-tage from the LORD.

Tone



Unless the LORD / builds the house,
the builders la- / bor in vain.

Unless the LORD watches over the / city,
the guards stand / watch in vain.

In vain you rise early and stay up late, toiling for / food to eat—
for he grants sleep to / those he loves. Refrain

Children are a heritage / from the LORD,
offspring a re- / ward from him.

Like arrows in the hands of a / warrior
are children born / in one's youth.

Blessed is the man whose quiver is / full of them.

They will not be put to shame when they contend with their opponents / in court.

**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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Second Reading

Hebrews 2:9–11

⁹But we do see Jesus, who was made lower than the angels for a little while, now crowned with glory and honor because he suffered death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

¹⁰In bringing many sons and daughters to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through what he suffered. ¹¹Both the one who makes people holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

Ephesians 5:2

Alleluia!

Walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us

and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 10:2–16

Jesus explains that husbands and wives are to retain the bond of love, and that God craves a loving relationship with children.

²Some Pharisees came and tested him by asking, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?”

³“What did Moses command you?” he replied.

⁴They said, “Moses permitted a man to write a certificate of divorce and send her away.”

⁵“It was because your hearts were hard that Moses wrote you this law,” Jesus replied. ⁶“But at the beginning of creation God ‘made them male and female.’ ⁷For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, ⁸and the two will become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. ⁹Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”

¹⁰When they were in the house again, the disciples asked Jesus about this. ¹¹He answered, “Anyone who divorces his wife and marries another woman commits adultery against her.

¹²And if she divorces her husband and marries another man, she commits adultery.”

¹³People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. ¹⁴When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.” ¹⁶And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them.

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

Be seated

Hymn of the Day

CW 760



1 Oh, blest the house, what - e'er be - fall, where Je - sus
 2 Oh, blest that house where faith is found and all in
 3 Oh, blest the par - ents who give heed un - to their
 4 Blest such a house, it pros - pers well; in peace and
 5 Then here will I and mine to - day a sol - emn



Christ is all in all! A home that is not
 hope and love a - bound; they trust their God and
 chil - dren's fore - most need and wea - ry not of
 joy the par - ents dwell, and in their chil - dren's
 prom - ise make and say: though all the world for -



whol - ly his— how sad and poor and dark it is!
 serve him still and do in all his ho - ly will.
 care or cost. May none to them and heav'n be lost!
 lives is shown how rich - ly God can bless his own.
 sake his Word, I and my house will serve the Lord!

Text: Christoph C. L. von Pfeil, 1712–1784, abr.; (sts. 1–2, 4–5): tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.; (st. 3): tr. Evangelical Lutheran Hymnal, 1880, alt.
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Sermon

Genesis 2:18-24 *Marriage as God Intended It*

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

Prayer of the Church

Almighty God and Father, we thank you for all your mercies, especially for the gift of your Son, through whom you have revealed your gracious will. We praise you for the Holy Spirit and his working through the means of grace.

Plant your Word in our hearts, and cause it to produce fruit in our lives.

Strengthen and defend your Church, that by your Word and sacraments faith may grow and love toward all may increase.

Support all who spread the light of your truth throughout the world.

Keep our children in the grace of their baptisms. Enable their parents to train them in lives of faith.

Raise up Christians to serve you in the ministry of the Word and in all godly walks of life.

Preserve our nation in justice and honor. Guide and bless all who make, administer, and judge our laws.

Give them wisdom that they may promote justice and hinder evil.

Let your blessing rest on planting and harvest, commerce and industry, medicine and science, the arts and culture. Protect all who travel, and care for those whose work is difficult or dangerous.

Be with all who devote themselves to any useful task.

Comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity. Remember those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on those for whom death draws near.

Grant them your love, and take them into your tender care.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served you, who now rest from their labors. Console those who are mourning or living with sadness.

Keep us in the true faith, and bring us at last to the joys of heaven.

Grant us these things, Father, for the sake of Jesus, who died and rose again.

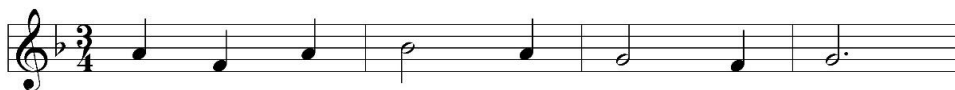
Amen.

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.

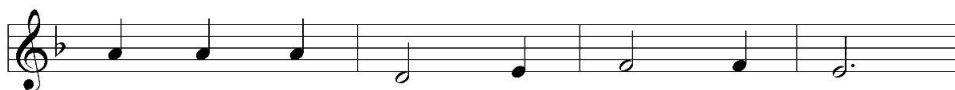


For Christian Homes, O Lord, We Pray

For Christian Homes, O Lord, We Pray



1 For Chris - tian homes, O Lord, we pray,
2 We are the chil - dren of your grace;
3 U - nit - ed in a bond of love,
4 Pro - tect us and our loved ones dear
5 And when you call us all to rest,



That you might dwell with us each day.
Our homes are now your dwell - ing - place.
We lift our eyes to you a - bove.
From pain and sor - row, want and fear;
Then will we have a home more blest,



Make ours a place where you are Lord,
In you we trust and dai - ly live;
From you we gain the strength to live,
Yet when we must our bur - dens bear,
See all our care and sor - row cease,



Where all is gov - erned by your Word.
Teach us to serve and to for - give.
The wish to share, the joy to give.
"Your will be done" shall be our prayer.
And find with Christ e - ter - nal peace.

Text: Richard S. Armstrong, b. 1924, st. 1, 3-5, abr., alt. Mark A. Jeske, b. 1952, st. 2, alt.
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Stand

Prayer

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 ✠ give you peace.

Amen.

Hymn

CW 523



1 How deep the Fa-ther's love for us, how vast be-yond all
2 Be-hold the Man up-on a cross, my sin up-on his
3 I will not boast in an-y-thing: no gifts, no pow'r, no



mea-sure, that he should give his on-ly Son to
shoul-ders. A-shamed, I hear my mock-ing voice call
wis-dom. But I will boast in Je-sus Christ: his



make a wretch his trea-sure. How great the pain of sear-ing loss.
out a-mong the scof-fers. It was my sin that held him there
death and res-ur-rec-tion. Why should I gain from his re-ward?



The Fa-ther turns his face a-way as wounds which mar the
un-til it was ac-com-plished; his dy-ing breath has
I can-not give an an-swer. But this I know with



Cho-sen One bring man-y sons to glo-ry.
brought me life. I know that it is fin-ished.
all my heart: his wounds have paid my ran-som.

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Church Resources

Family Devotions: Get your family into God's Word during the week! Our church body has short devotions available for the entire family. Each devotion comes with a Set of questions for different age groups, a prayer, and hymn verses that can be sung or spoken. Please visit wels.net/family-devotions to get your weekly devotions.

Marriage Moments: Every marriage has its "moments". That's why marriages need moments of encouragement and refreshment. *Marriage Moments* are short, weekly videos highlighting one biblical marriage thought accompanied by a discussion question. Couples may subscribe to receive the videos directly through email at welscongregationalevices.net/marriagemoments.

Connecting WELS Members: Connection is more important now than ever. Our church body offers many ways for WELS members to connect through social media. Join the WELS online community at facebook.com/welslutherans, twitter.com/welstweets, Instagram.com/welslutherans, and vimeo.com/wels.

WELS Together e-Newsletter: Stay in the loop! Subscribe to the WELS Together e-Newsletter to stay connected with the people of your synod and the ministry they serve. Also, don't miss the twice-monthly videos that cover important and exciting synod news. Please visit wels.net/together to read and subscribe.

Baptism: If you or a loved one had not yet been baptized, and are interested in more information, please contact Pastor Henning.

Church Membership Starting Point If you're interested in becoming a member here at St. Lucas, we would love to share with you a few Bible studies to introduce you to the biblical teaching here at St. Lucas. We are willing to set up these classes in any setting most comfortable for you, and can always find time that will work for anyone and everyone. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Henning, whose contact info can be found on the final page of this bulletin, underneath the church calendar.

Announcements

Congregational Meeting: A congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, October 20, at 9:00 am (between the services). The agenda includes two action items. 1. Since Mrs. Derge is retiring at the end of this school year (we thank her for her service!), we will issue a call for a new preschool teacher. 2. Approve taking out a \$1.7 million loan from Westbury Bank and proceed with constructing a new church building.

Time and Talent Forms: As an opportunity to thank God for blessing you with time and abilities, as a chance to work together with your fellow believers, and as a way to save on costs for the new church building, Time and Talent forms are available in the back of church and in the office. Please fill out the form if you are interested in volunteering and return it to the box in the back of church or to the office. The back of the form is for expressing interest in bidding for various aspects of the building. If you know anyone who is in the trades and would like to bid on the project, please take a form and pass it on to them.

Kewaskum Food Pantry Donations Needed: The Kewaskum food pantry has been helping families in need for the past 14 years. However, donations have been dwindling since the pandemic and the

economic difficulties that followed in its wake. During the summer months donations have virtually come to a halt. This coupled with an increasing number of families in need a significant stress has been placed upon the food pantry's supply. When food supplies run out, the pantry purchases the needed items to fill in the gaps left by a lack of donations, and this in turn puts an increasing financial stress on the pantry. They have reached out to us for help and would like to ask our members to please consider donating. No donation is too small, and all donations are needed and appreciated.

Food donations should be NON-EXPIRED nonperishable food items. Though all donations are accepted, specific items they are currently in need of include the following:

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| -Chunky Soups | -Spaghetti Sauce | -Bags of Instant Potatoes | -Canned Tuna |
| -Tomato Soup | -Canned Carrots | -Canned Beans (black, kidney, northern – not green beans) | -Knorr Pasta & Rice Sides |
| -Cream of Mushroom Soup | -Creamed Corn | | -Pasta/Rice-a-Roni |
| -Cream of Chicken Soup | -Peanut Butter | | -Apple Sauce |

Monetary donations can be mailed to: K.C. Pantry P.O. Box 502, Kewaskum, WI 53040

Special Presentation on the Beginning of the Wisconsin Synod in anticipation of the WELS 175th Anniversary in 2025: On Saturday, October 19 at 3 pm, the members of Nain Evangelical Lutheran Church in West Allis, WI (WELS) are hosting a talk entitled *Why Another Synod: The Beginning of the Wisconsin Synod*. The Presenter is Rev. Joel Otto, Chairman of the Wels 175th anniversary committee and professor at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. The Lecture is free and registration is not required, but will help in preparation. Visit nainlutheran.org/lectures for more information and to register. Light refreshments will be served.

LWMS Fall Rally: LWMS fall rally will be held on October 5, 2024 at Peace Lutheran Church, 1001 Center St. Hartford, WI. Speakers to be Tim, Jessica and Josh Payne presenting on their trip to Zambia and work with The Vulnerable Children's Foundation (an orphanage run by the Lutheran Church of Central Africa). Registration at 8:30 AM rally 9:00 -12:30 PM. Donations of non-perishable food items will be collected for the Trinity Community Center Food Pantry.

WELS Youth Night: Teens in high school are invited to be a part of a live WELS Youth Night from **6-8 p.m. on October 20th at Wisconsin Lutheran College**. The goal is for teens to see they are not alone and be encouraged to enjoy the faith they share with others. Join us for an inspiring evening of youth focused events, games, music, prayer, a Bible message, small group discussions, and fellowship with your peers from local WELS congregations. Pastor Clark Schultz will provide a message and young adults will lead worship, games, and small discussions. Free food will be provided to everyone.

Youth and parents can register at: <https://forms.gle/mnyc58TErtBv86ri6> or by scanning the QR code to the right.



Keys Scholarship 2024 Run/Walk: Join us for the Keys Run/Walk on Sunday, October 13th, 2024. To register for the run/walk, please log on to: Keys-Scholarships.org or use the QR code to the right. **We also need volunteers for a water stop in front of the church during the walk/run. If interested in helping out, please speak with Pastor.**



Celebrating God's Blessings This Week:

BIRTHDAYS

Steve Wolter – 10/8

Wendi Dreher - 10/10

Caden Harris – 10/11

Judith Groeschel – 10/11

ANNIVERSARIES

Paige & Joseph Ballard – 10/9

CALENDAR



Readings for October 6th - October 13th 2024

OCT 06	OCT 07	OCT 08	OCT 09
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Deuteronomy 5:22-6:9 Matthew 9:1-17	Deuteronomy 6:10-25 Matthew 9:18-38	Deuteronomy 7:1-19 Matthew 10:1-23	Deuteronomy 8:1-20 Matthew 10:24-42
Worship 8 am Sunday School 9:15 am NO BIBLE STUDY Worship 10:30 am		Bible Study 6:30 pm	Catechism Instruction 6th-8th Grade 3:30 pm
OCT 10	OCT 11	OCT 12	OCT 13
Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Deuteronomy 9:1-22 Matthew 11:1-19	Deuteronomy 9:23-10:22 Matthew 11:20-30	Deuteronomy 11:1-25 Matthew 12:1-21	Deuteronomy 11:26-12:12 Matthew 12:22-37
Fuel for Moms 7:45 am Bible Study 10 am		Worship 6:00 pm	Worship w/Communion 8 am Sunday School 9:15 am Bible Study 9:15 am Worship w/Communion 10:30 am

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