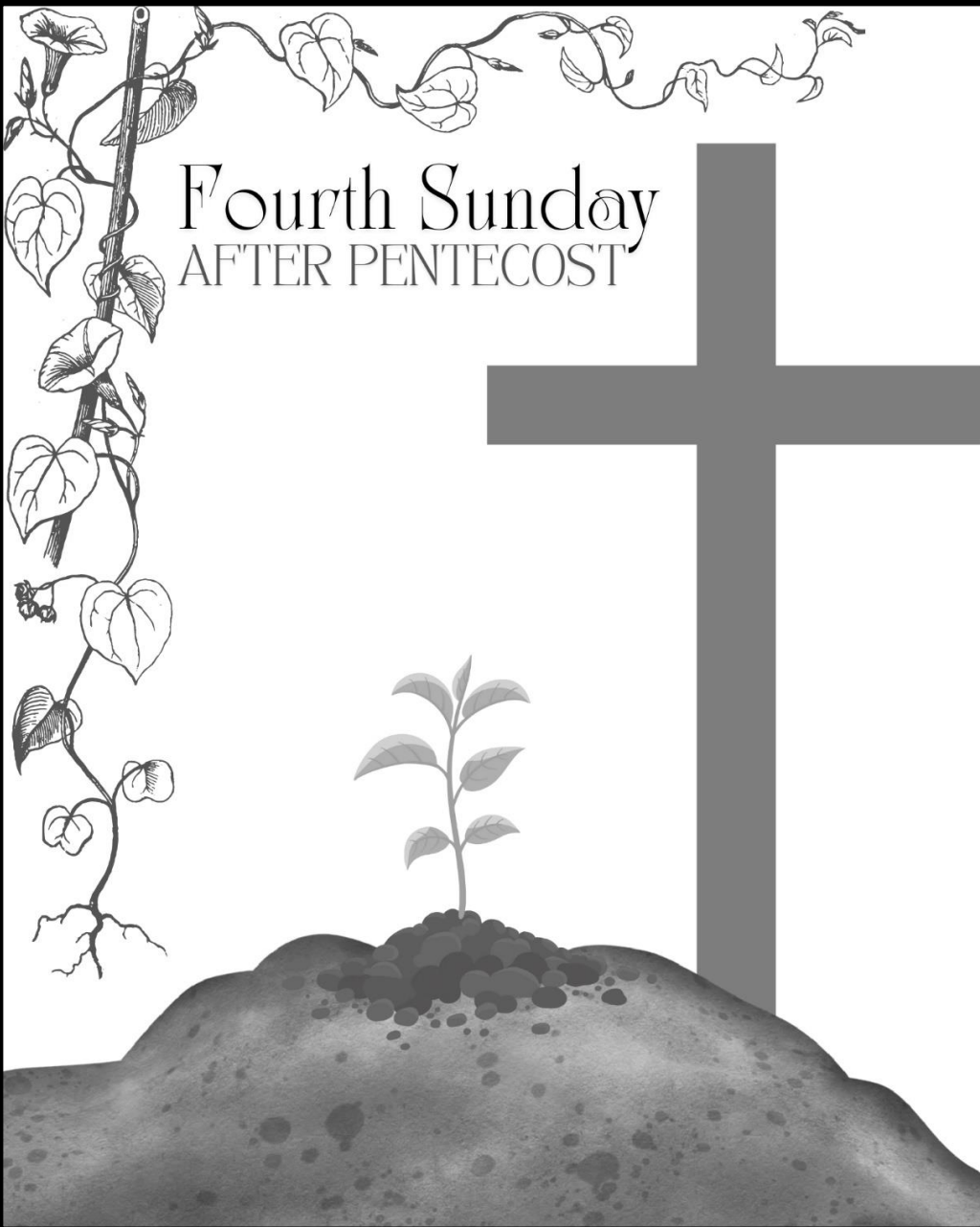


Fourth Sunday  
AFTER PENTECOST



# ST. LUCAS EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN

## Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

June 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>, 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

The Sunday: Through something that seems insignificant to most—the gospel—the King of kings establishes his reign in human hearts. Even Jesus himself taught that the gospel seems unimpressive, for he often compared the gospel to a tiny seed. Yet within a seed is hidden life. As the seed of the gospel is planted, the largest of all kingdoms grows.

### 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 Dennis Lemke

Organist: Laura Schulz

Ushers: Mike Beyer (6 pm Saturday)

Henry Schacht & Steve Wolter (9 am Sunday)

# Good News of God Above

CW 905  
Stand for the 4<sup>th</sup> stanza



1 Good news of God a - bove is ours to tell a -  
2 The love of Christ pro - claim, who left his home on  
3 The Lord of glo - ry lives! From cross and death and  
4 Hear now the Mas - ter's word to those who bear his



broad, the Fa - ther's ev - er - last - ing love in  
high; to live our hu - man life he came, our  
grave his own a - bun - dant life he gives to  
name: "So send I you," till all have heard, "make



Christ the ris - en Lord. For neigh - bors near and  
hu - man death to die. The Fa - ther's on - ly  
those he died to save. His right - eous - ness and  
known, de - clare, pro - claim!" Go forth in all the



far the seed of life is sown; then spread the  
Son be - came the sin - ners' friend, our lot to  
peace de - clare from sea to sea; his prais - es  
earth; em - brace the path he trod with Christ be -



seed by word and deed to make the Sav - ior known.  
share, our sin to bear, and death's do - min - ion end.  
sound the world a - round for Christ has made us free.  
side as friend and guide to bring good news of God.

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

**Amen.**

## **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.**

# Gloria (Brit) - AURELIA

CW 1015

Tune: AURELIA



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.

Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your Word. By your Holy Spirit, help us to receive it with joy and bring forth fruits in faith, hope, and love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## First Reading

Ezekiel 17:22-24

*The LORD promised that the kingdom of God would grow large and strong.*

<sup>22</sup>“ This is what the Sovereign LORD says: I myself will take a shoot from the very top of a cedar and plant it; I will break off a tender sprig from its topmost shoots and plant it on a high and lofty mountain. <sup>23</sup>On the mountain heights of Israel I will plant it; it will produce branches and bear fruit and become a splendid cedar. Birds of every kind will nest in it; they will find shelter in the shade of its branches. <sup>24</sup>All the trees of the forest will know that I the LORD bring down the tall tree and make the low tree grow tall. I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish.

“ I the LORD have spoken, and I will do it.’ ”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## How Truly Blest Are They

Psalms 1B



1 How tru - ly blest are they who shun the  
2 But make the law of God their stud - y  
3 They like a tree shall thrive with wa - ters  
4 The wick - ed are not so! They no such



sin - ners' ways, a - mong their coun - sels  
and de - light a - mid the la - bors  
near the root. Fresh as the leaf their  
bless - ing find. Their hopes shall flee like



nev - er stand, nor take the scorn - ers' place,  
of the day and watch - es of the night.  
name shall live; their works are heav'n - ly fruit.  
emp - ty chaff be - fore the driv - ing wind.

5 How will they bear to stand  
before that judgment seat  
where all the saints at Christ's right hand  
in full assembly meet?

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6 God knows and he approves  
the way the righteous go,  
but sinners and their works shall meet  
a dreadful overthrow.

## Second Reading

*Colossians 1:3–8*

*We thank God that the seed of the gospel is producing fruit throughout the whole world.*

<sup>3</sup>We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, <sup>4</sup>because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all God's people— <sup>5</sup>the faith and love that spring from the hope stored up for you in heaven and about which you have already heard in the true message of the gospel <sup>6</sup>that has come to you. In the same way, the gospel is bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world—just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and truly understood God's grace. <sup>7</sup>You learned it from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, <sup>8</sup>and who also told us of your love in the Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

## Gospel Acclamation

*2 Peter 3:18*

Alleluia!

Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

**To him be glory both now and forever! Amen.**

Alleluia!

## Gospel

Mark 4:26–34

*The kingdom grows when the seed is sown.*

<sup>26</sup>He also said, “This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. <sup>27</sup>Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. <sup>28</sup>All by itself the soil produces grain—first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. <sup>29</sup>As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come.”

<sup>30</sup>Again he said, “What shall we say the kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? <sup>31</sup>It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of all seeds on earth. <sup>32</sup>Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds can perch in its shade.”

<sup>33</sup>With many similar parables Jesus spoke the word to them, as much as they could understand. <sup>34</sup>He did not say anything to them without using a parable. But when he was alone with his own disciples, he explained everything.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Be seated*

## Your Kingdom, O God, Is My Glorious Treasure

CW 859



1 Your king-dom, O God, is my glo - ri - ous trea - sure, my  
2 Your king-dom, O God, is a - live with the pow - er your  
3 Your king-dom, O God, is a field for the grow - ing of



pearl of in - com - p'ra - ble worth. Its val - ue ex -  
Word and your Spir - it be - stow. Like yeast, they af -  
seeds that your mer - cy has sown; but still in our



ceeds ev - 'ry stand - ard of mea - sure, sur - pass - ing the  
fect the whole mea - sure of flour, — en - a - bling your  
midst is the en - e - my sow - ing the weeds that im -





wealth of the earth. Lord, give me your grace and the  
king - dom to grow. Em - pow - er me, Lord, as I  
per - il your own. Sus - tain me, O Lord, till your



pow'r of the Spir - it to val - ue this trea - sure a -  
live your com - mis - sion, though hum - ble my ser - vice may  
day of re - turn - ing and har - vest me home - ward at



right that, nev - er al - lured by the world, I in -  
be, and bring ev - 'ry plant - ing to per - fect fru -  
last, to shine in the home - land that qui - ets all



her - it your king - dom of glo - ry and light.  
i - tion, a mus - tard seed grown to a tree.  
yearn - ing, where sor - row and dan - ger are past.

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## Sermon

*Mark 4:26-34 Blessed Assurance!*

Stand

## The First Article (Creation)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

*What does this mean?*

I believe that God created me and all that exists, and that he gave me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my mind and all my abilities.

And I believe that God still preserves me by richly and daily providing clothing and shoes, food and drink, property and home, spouse and children, land, cattle, and all I own, and all I need to keep my body and life. God also preserves me by defending me against all danger, guarding and protecting me from all evil. All this God does only because he is my good and merciful Father in heaven, and not because I have earned or deserved it. For all this I ought to thank and praise, to serve and obey him.

This is most certainly true.

*Be seated*

## Prayer of the Church

Loving God and Lord, you created the universe that surrounds us and the globe on which we live. You control all things through your Son, who sits at your right hand in glory.

**Comfort us with the promise of your eternal presence.**

Give your Word power as it works in our hearts and minds. Clear away our confusion, and demolish our doubts. Send your Spirit to strengthen both our confidence in your promises and our desire to live according to your will.

**Take away our love of sinning, and restore us each day by your grace.**

The signs of the times warn us that the end of time is near. Protect us from scoffers who sneer at your truth. Spare us and Christians around the world from all forms of hate and persecution.

**Give us courage to carry the cross with patience and joy.**

Instill in the hearts of our children a desire to follow you as they prepare for future days. Help them distinguish between what is passing and what is eternal, between instant thrills and lasting joy. Encourage more young people to prepare for service in the public ministry of the gospel.

Heavenly Father, bless all earthly fathers as they seek to fulfill the calling you have entrusted to them. Give them loving hearts and sound judgment to exercise godly family leadership. Help them to bring up their children in the training and instruction of the Lord. In loving Christian fathers, may children see reflections of you, the Father whose love for us is perfect and complete; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Mold us and move us to be good examples for our youth.**

Hold in your care, Lord, those who are experiencing physical or emotional pain and all who are afflicted by disease or facing death. [Especially bless . . . *here name the person and the cause of the petition.*] Pour out your compassion on the grieving, and comfort the mourners who miss someone they loved.

**Move us to pray for these brothers and sisters and to help when we can.**

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

*Silent prayer*

Whether we pray together or alone, you have promised to hear and answer us. Give us patience to accept your blessings in whatever way you send them. In your love and wisdom, prepare us for the day when you will take us to be with you forever.

**Hear us for Jesus' sake. 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](http://www.stlucaswels.org/donate).*



# We Walk by Faith

CW 830



1 We walk by faith and not by sight, no  
2 We may not touch his hands and side, nor  
3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and  
4 For you, O res - ur - rect - ed Lord, are  
5 Lord, when our life of faith is done, in



gra - cious words we hear from him who spoke as  
fol - low where he trod; but in his prom - ise  
may our faith a - bound to call on you when  
found in means di - vine: be - neath the wa - ter  
realms of clear - er light we may be - hold you



none e'er spoke, but we be - lieve him near.  
we re - joice and cry "My Lord and God!"  
you are near and seek where you are found.  
and the Word, be - neath the bread and wine.  
as you are with full and end - less sight.

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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.**

# It Is Well with My Soul

CW 850



1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when  
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let  
3 My sin - oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought - my  
4 And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight, the



sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll - what - ev - er my lot, thou hast  
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my  
sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to the cross, and I  
clouds be rolled back as a scroll; the trump shall re - sound, and the



taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.  
help - less es - tate and hath shed his own blood for my soul.  
bear it no more: praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  
Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so, it is well with my soul.



*Refrain*  
It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

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## Announcements

**Congregational Meeting:** Sunday June 30, following the worship service. Three items to be discussed: 1. Church Building Coordinating Task Force report. 2. Amend the congregation's bylaws as follows: "ARTICLE VI THE OFFICE OF TEACHER AND PRINCIPAL *Saint Lucas Lutheran School operates as the educational arm of Saint Lucas Evangelical Lutheran Church. It consists of a Lutheran Elementary School (LES - grades K-8) and Early Childhood Ministry (grades 3K & 4K).*"

The office of the called teacher is the authority conferred upon a teacher by God, through a call of the congregation to perform the duties of his or her office in all its parts according to the Word of God and the needs of the congregation." The section in *italics* is the addition. This statement is required by our school's accrediting agency. 3. The St. Lucas Lutheran Church and School financial plan for ministry fiscal year 2024-2025.

**Coffee Corner Conversations:** Thursdays during the summer, 6:15-7:00 am, We will gather on the patio at the Coffee Corner in downtown Kewaskum, weather permitting. Otherwise we will gather inside. We will discuss "Important Chapters of the Bible."

**NOTE: No Coffee Corner Conversations on June 20<sup>th</sup>.**

**Church/School Secretary Summer Hours:** During the summer, the Church/School Secretary is guaranteed to be in the office Tuesdays - Fridays from 8 am - 11 am. During the summer, hours may vary depending on the amount of work. The secretary may be in before or after the guaranteed hours, so please feel free to call to see if she is in. If you know you will need to get into the school, or borrow the church key, after 11 am please call ahead, or email her at [church@stlucaswels.org](mailto:church@stlucaswels.org), to let the secretary know what time you will need to get into the school/church so she can make sure she or someone else is there to let you in.

**Vacation Bible School (VBS):** Join us each day, July 8th-12th from 9:00 am -11:00 am, for VBS with the theme "Gone Fishin". Children age 3 years old through 6th grade are welcome to join us. Adults and teens are encouraged to volunteer to make this a fun week. We are looking for volunteers to help with Bible stories, snacks, games, crafts or music. Registration for both children and volunteers is now available. Please visit our website, [www.stlucaswels.org](http://www.stlucaswels.org), to register children for VBS and to sign up to volunteer. Links for both registration and volunteer signup are located on the right hand side of the home page.

**National Night Out:** We will be hosting National Night Out on August 5th 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, [www.stlucaswels.org](http://www.stlucaswels.org), to sign up. A link to sign up to volunteer is located on the right hand side of the home page.

**Bethlehem Groundbreaking:** Bethlehem Lutheran Church is thrilled to announce that we will begin construction on our new Germantown worship facility this June rather than next spring! In celebration of this historic event, we will be having a **groundbreaking ceremony on June 23**. This ceremony will take place at Germantown, immediately following the 9:15 am service. To allow all members to attend, there will be *no Bible class or 10:30 service* on that date. Join us in thanksgiving for this ceremony and stay for refreshments to follow.

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**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 [ALife2.com/Miriams-Walk](https://ALife2.com/Miriams-Walk).

**MLC Open Positions:** Martin Luther College is accepting applications for a full-time **Early Childhood Assistant Teacher**, a full-time **Accountant**, a full-time **Resource Development Counselor**, a full-time **Administrative Assistant for Mission Advancement**, a regular part-time **Administrative Assistant for Academic Deans**, a part-time **Athletics Equipment Manager**, a part-time **Men's Basketball Assistant Coach**, and a part-time **Women's Basketball Assistant Coach**.

Interested individuals should apply online at [mlc-wels.edu/hr/](https://mlc-wels.edu/hr/).

**Taste of Missions:** Taste of Missions is back! Join us in person at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in Mequon, Wis., OR online on Sat., June 15, 2024, to get a "taste of missions" no matter where you might be around the world. We're looking forward to a fun day of commissioning new missionaries in worship, trying ethnic bites, and family-friendly fellowship with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Find all the details at [tasteofmissions.com](https://tasteofmissions.com).

## **Celebrating God's Blessings This Week:**

### BIRTHDAYS

Carter Tibbs – 6/18

Rj Raether – 6/19

Cole Tibbs – 6/21



# CALENDAR

Readings for June 16th - June 23rd 2024



JUN 16

Sunday

Proverbs 16:1-24  
John 16:1-16

**Worship 9 am**

JUN 17

Monday

Proverbs 17:1-28  
Proverbs 18:1-20:24  
John 16:17-33

JUN 18

Tuesday

Proverbs 20:5-25  
Proverbs 21:1-31  
John 17:1-26

JUN 19

Wednesday

Proverbs 22:1-21  
John 18:1-14

JUN 20

Thursday

Proverbs 22:22-23:12  
John 18:15-40

Ladies Guild 6:30 pm

JUN 21

Friday

Proverbs 24:1-22  
John 19:1-22

JUN 22

Saturday

Proverbs 25:1-22  
Proverbs 26:1-28  
John 19:23-42

**Worship w/Communion  
6:00 pm**

JUN 23

Sunday

Proverbs 27:1-24  
Proverbs 28:-29:27  
John 20:1-18

**Worship w/Communion  
9 am**

**Ushers for  
6/22 & 6/23**

Sat. 6/22 6 pm - Kempf  
Sun. 6/23 9 am - Strack  
Zuehlke

**Ushers for  
6/29 & 6/30**

Sat. 6/29 6 pm - Butzke  
Sun. 6/30 9 am - Koch  
Stoltz

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