SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST If we died with him, we will also live with him;

If we endure, we will also reign with him.

If we disown him, he will also disown us; If we are faithless, he remains faithful, for he cannot disown himself.

2 Timothy 2:11-13

ST. LUCAS EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 6th & 7th, 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 efforts to share God's Word are met not with glee and gratitude but rejection and resentment, we are in good company. The prophets, apostles, and even Jesus himself all had those who responded negatively to their message. When that happens to us, it doesn't mean our witness is no longer meaningful. For if others do not appreciate our efforts to serve them, God still appreciates our efforts to serve him.

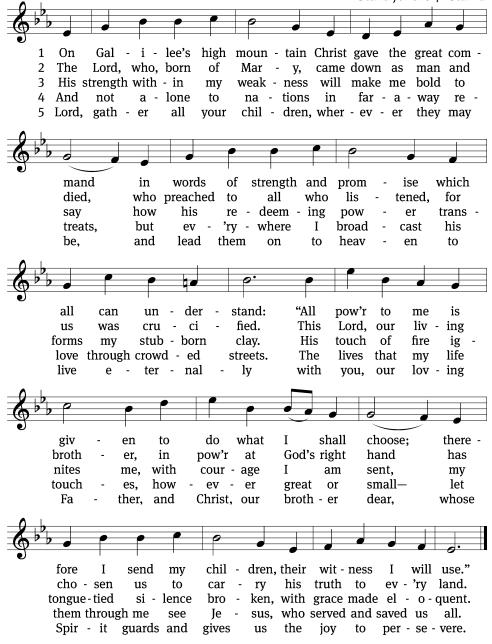
Prayer before Worship

"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 Timothy HenningOrganist:Laura SchulzUshers:Chris Peters (6 pm Saturday)Joe Herther & Henry Schacht (9 am Sunday)

On Galilee's High Mountain



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Invocation

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 (Amer) - MISSIONARY HYMN



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The Word

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

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty, eternal and righteous God, you revealed your divine Word to teach us what we should do and what we should avoid. Strengthen and lead us by your Holy Spirit that we serve you in new obedience here until we come to complete holiness before you in that life to come; 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

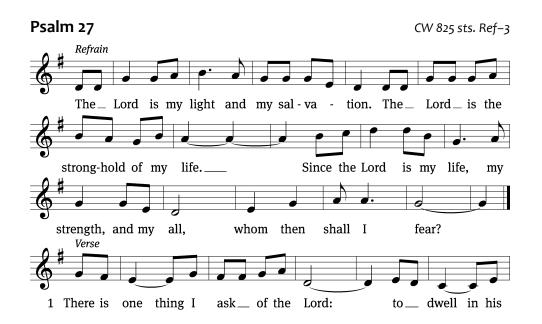
Ezekiel 2:1–7

The LORD sends Ezekiel to prophesy to the Israelites, knowing that most will not be grateful for the prophet's message but resentful.

¹He said to me, "Son of man, stand up on your feet and I will speak to you." ²As he spoke, the Spirit came into me and raised me to my feet, and I heard him speaking to me.

³He said: "Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites, to a rebellious nation that has rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me to this very day. ⁴The people to whom I am sending you are obstinate and stubborn. Say to them, 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says.' ⁵And whether they listen or fail to listen—for they are a rebellious people—they will know that a prophet has been among them. ⁶And you, son of man, do not be afraid of them or their words. Do not be afraid, though briers and thorns are all around you and you live among scorpions. Do not be afraid of what they say or be terrified by them, though they are a rebellious people. ⁷You must speak my words to them, whether they listen or fail to listen, for they are rebellious.

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





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Second Reading

2 Timothy 2:1–13

Paul's ministry resulted in him being chained like a criminal. Yet God's Word cannot be chained.

¹You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. ²And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others. ³Join with me in suffering, like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. ⁴No one serving as a soldier gets entangled in civilian affairs, but rather tries to please his commanding officer. ⁵Similarly, anyone who competes as an athlete does not receive the victor's crown except by competing according to the rules. ⁶The hardworking farmer should be the first to receive a share of the crops. ⁷Reflect on what I am saying, for the Lord will give you insight into all this.

⁸Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, descended from David. This is my gospel, ⁹for which I am suffering even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But God's word is not chained. ¹⁰Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory.

¹¹Here is a trustworthy saying:

If we died with him, we will also live with him; ¹²if we endure, we will also reign with him. If we disown him, he will also disown us; ¹³if we are faithless, he remains faithful, for he cannot disown himself.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! You must speak my words to them, whether they listen or fail to listen. Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 6:1–6

Many in Jesus' hometown rejected his ministry.

¹Jesus left there and went to his hometown, accompanied by his disciples. ²When the Sabbath came, he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were amazed.

"Where did this man get these things?" they asked. "What's this wisdom that has been given him? What are these remarkable miracles he is performing? ³Isn't this the carpenter? Isn't this Mary's son and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas and Simon? Aren't his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him.

⁴Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his own town, among his relatives and in his own home." ⁵He could not do any miracles there, except lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them. ⁶He was amazed at their lack of faith.

Then Jesus went around teaching from village to village.

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

Be seated

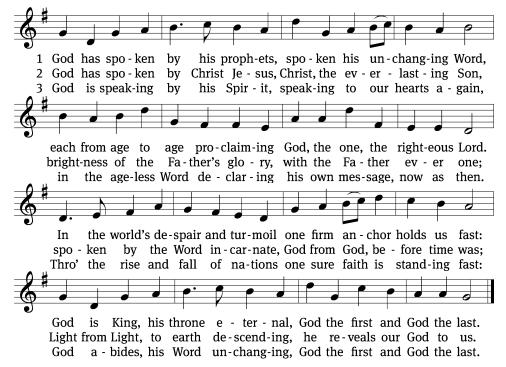
Children's Sermon

Children may come forward to the front pew

Stand

Ezekiel 2:7

God Has Spoken by His Prophets



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Sermon

2 Timothy 2:1-13 God's Word is not Chained

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.**

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Preach You the Word CW 895 Preach you the Word and plant it home those who 1 to 2 We know how hard. task 0 Lord. the vour ser - vant 3 The sow - er sows: his reck - less love scat - ters a -4 Though some be snatched and some be scorched and some be like like it not. the Word that shall or en der - take: bids to preach your Word and us un broad the lv seed. in - tent a - lone that good choked and ted flat. the his mat sow - er sows; dure and stand when flow'rs and mor - tals are for - got. nev - er ask what pride - ful prof - it it may make. there may be the whole-some loaves that ple need. peo heart cries out, "Oh. what of that, and what of that?" Of all his scattered plenteousness 6 Preach you the Word and plant it home 5 one-fourth waves ripe on hill and flat, and never faint: the Harvest Lord and bears a harvest, hundredfold: who gave the sower seed to sow

"Ah, what of that, Lord, what of that!"

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will watch and tend his planted Word.

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.** O Christians, Haste



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Announcements

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

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, <u>www.stlucaswels.org</u>, **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 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

ANNIVERSARIES

Waylon Dreher – 7/7 William Olewinski – 7/7 Carol Fabitz – 7/8 Albert Prost – 7/8 James Garvey – 7/9 Anthony Marquardt – 7/9 Hazel McCambridge – 7/10 Roger Groeschel – 7/11 Leah Koth – 7/12 Gina Raether – 7/12 Mark & Joyce Kral - 7/13

CALENDAR

Readings for July 7th - July 14th 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	
Judges 2:6-23 Acts 13:13-41	Judges 3:7-31 Acts 13:42-52	Judges 4:1-24 Judges 5:1-31 Acts 14:1-18	Judges 6:1-24 Acts 14:19-15:5	
Worship 9 am	VBS - 9am-11am	VBS - 9am-11am	VBS - 9am-11am	
Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	
Judges 6:25-40 Acts 15:6-21	Judges 7:1-23 Judges 7:24-12:15 Galatians 1:1-24	Judges 13:1-25 Ruth 1:1-4:22 Galatians 2:1-21	Judges 14:1-20 Galatians 3:1-22	
Coffee Corner Conversations 6:15 am	VBS - 9am-11am	Worship w/Communion 6:00 pm	Worship w/Communion 9 am	
VBS - 9am-11am				
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Sat. 7/13 6 pm - Beyer	Sat. 7/20 6 pm - Kempf	Contact Information		
Sun. 7/14 9 am - Wolter Zuehlke	Sun. 7/21 9 am - Stoltz Strack	Principal Mark Hesse	707-6984 - <u>thenning@stlucaswels.org</u>	
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