

April 12, 2026

Welcome to our Guests!

Thank you for joining us! We are gathered here to be strengthened in faith through the Word of Jesus, the Son of God, who came to save us all.

If there is anything we can do to better *serve* you, please let us know.



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In our Entryway, please help yourself to:

Keurig coffee, hot chocolate & cider

Meditations (a free devotional booklet), "Forward in Christ" (WELS official magazine),
"In Focus" (the magazine of our college MLC), & Church Calendars for this month

2nd Sunday of Easter

Theme: Jesus Lives to Give Me Proof & Peace!

Opening Solo

Opening Hymn #165 *O Sons and Daughters of the King, v. 1-5*

(please stand)

Morning Praise (p. 45)

M: Oh Lord, Open my Lips.

C: (♪ **sung**) **And my mouth shall declare your praise.**

M: Hasten to save me, O God.

C: (♪) **O Lord, come quickly to help me.**

M: The Lord is risen! Let us worship him.

Venite

C:(♪) Oh, come, let us sing to the Lord,

Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving,

Let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise.

For the Lord is a great God, and a great king above all gods.

The deep places of the earth are in his hand;

The heights of the hills are also his.

The sea is his, for he made it; & his hand formed the dry land.

Oh, come, let us worship and bow down,

Let us kneel before the Lord our maker. For he is our God,

And we are the people of his pasture & the sheep of his hand.

(please be seated)

+ THE WORD +

The First Lesson – Acts 10:34a,36,39-43

Then Peter began to speak: “I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism. You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. “We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a cross, but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen - by us who ate and drank with him after he rose



from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living & the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.” (NIV)

Confession/Absolution

Psalm of the Day: Penitential Psalm 32 - *Remember Your Mercy, O Lord* (found on page 78 at the front of our red hymnal)

Epistle Lesson – 1 Peter 1:3-9

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil, or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God’s power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls. (NIV)

(please stand)

Gospel Acclamation

All: Alleluia. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed. Alleluia.

Gospel Lesson – John 20:19-31 (Sermon Text verses 19-23)

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “*Peace be with you!*” After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. Again Jesus said, “*Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.*” And with that he breathed on them and said, “*Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone’s sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.*”

Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord!” But he said to them, “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.”

A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.” Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!” Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name. (NIV)

Seasonal Response

ALL: The Lord is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Death has been swallowed up in victory. Alleluia!

(please be seated)

Hymn of the Day #165 *O Sons and Daughters of the King*, v. 6-9

Sermon on John 20:19-23

Jesus Showers Gifts of Undeserved Love on his *Faithless* People!

(please stand)

+ **THANKSGIVING** +

Te Deum (p. 48)

**C:(♫) We praise, you O God, we acclaim you as Lord;
All creation worships you, Father everlasting.
To you all angels, all the pow’rs of heav’n,
Cherubim and seraphim, sing in endless praise:
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of heav’nly hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
The glorious company of apostles praise you.
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.
Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you:
Father of majesty unbounded, your glorious true & only Son
And the Holy Spirit, Advocate and Guide.
You Christ are the King of glory, the eternal Son of the Father.
When you became man to set us free,
You humbled yourself to be born of a virgin.**



**You overcame the sting of death,
And opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
You sit at the right hand of God, in the glory of the Father.
We believe that you will come, to be our judge.
Come then, Lord, and help your people,
Bought with the price of your own blood,
And bring us with your saints, to glory everlasting.**

(please be seated)

Offering

Visitors: We are very glad you are worshipping with us today. Please don't feel obligated to give an offering. **ALL:** Please greet & introduce yourself to those worshipping around you.

Kyrie

M: In the morning, O Lord, I call to you; be merciful to me and hear my prayer.

C:(♫) Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

The Lord's Prayer

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Prayer of the Day

M: O risen Lord, you came to your disciples and took away their fears with your word of peace. Come to us also by Word and sacrament, and banish our fears with the comforting assurance of your abiding presence; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Prayer for Grace

M: O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger; and in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

C: Amen.

Closing Liturgy & Blessing

M: Let us praise the Lord.

C:(♫) Thanks be to God.

M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ (+), and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C:(♪) Amen.

Closing Hymn #406 *This is the Threefold Truth*, v. 1-5

Today's Door Offering: Friend's Network

Bible Study - We conclude our Sunday AM Bible study today on '*Life's BIG Questions – God's TRUE Answers!*' downstairs after the service concludes; today we move into Lesson 8: *Where Am I Going?* Coffee & goodies, to get you through until lunch, will be provided. Come and join us!

Every Member Visits – Pastor and Niki would love the opportunity to sit down with you if they haven't had the chance to do so yet. Please check your schedule and see if there is a day this week or next that could work for you. Just call, text, or email them to set up an appointment.

St. Luke's Supplement – is the weekly email that comes out of pastor's office early in the week. It includes the statistics from the Thursday and Sunday services, prayer requests, more information on the readings from that week in church, church announcements, and more. It's also the main way we update members on what is going on between services (including if we cancel services for weather, have a midweek prayer request, etc.). ***This email has been going out weekly.*** If you are not receiving it, please share your email address with pastor and he will add you to the list. IF you did share your email address with pastor and you still are not receiving it, it's probably because your carrier is **BLOCKING** the Supplement as possible SPAM. **HBCI** is doing that right now; and we just found out that **CHARTER** may be doing it also! If that is the case, you can check your spam/junk folder and see if you find the Supplement there; if you do, you must mark it as SAFE to allow it to come through to you. If that doesn't work, you may have to get a different email address and share that new address with pastor to receive the Supplement. G-mail addresses are FREE and go through with no difficulty. Sorry for any inconvenience! But the problem is on the end of the carriers, not ours; so there isn't much we can do to resolve it.

New Bible Study to Begin – Next Sunday after worship, we begin a new Bible study in our fellowship hall called: '*The Parables of Our Lord Jesus.*' Jesus loved to teach in parables; come and join us as we discuss how to understand a parable and as we look at some of Jesus' most popular parables over the next few weeks. 'Oh Taste & see that the Lord is good!'

O.W.L.S. – which is the Organization of WELS Lutheran Seniors is having their 1st meeting in this area THIS Thursday, April 9th with a noon potluck luncheon at 1st Lutheran Church, 400 West Ave. South, La Crosse. Bring a dish to pass & your own table service. Coffee is provided. After lunch Lydia Schultz will talk about WELS mission work in Thailand. Church members – men & women age 55 or older - are welcome. Come & see that OWLS is about fun, friendship, mission support, & a place to belong & serve Jesus. Bring a friend!

Looking for a New Devotional Opportunity in the Word? Join your fellow church members in the St. Luke's Church group on the *YouVersion* Bible App as we *read through the Gospels* together starting TOMORROW, April 13th. This FREE plan will allow you to walk through the life of our Savior again, and provide daily applications to your own life of service to Jesus! If you are need help getting started, please speak with our church's coordinator: Beckah Ellinghuysen.

This Week at St. Luke's

Monday, April 13th Church Council Meeting, 6 PM.
Women's Bible Study at 6:30 PM.

Tuesday *Pastor's Conference, 9am in La Crosse, WI.*
Ladies' Aid Meeting, 6 PM.

Thursday Men's Bible Study at Perkins, 7 AM.
Worship Service with Communion, at 6:30 PM.

Saturday LWMS Spring Rally at St. Paul's Church in Onalaska WI. 8:30 AM
Registration & refreshments. Lunch after about Noon. All welcome!

Happy Birthday: Jim Albrecht on April 6th (belated);

Happy Anniversary: Kendal & Cheryl Harvey's 50th on April 10th (belated).

April Church Cleaning: Michelle Felten by 4/12; Bonnie Husman by 4/19; Amy Woodard by 4/26.

April Ushers: Joel Meyerhoff, Al Siok, & Mark Wieser.

April Bulletin Sponsors: Kendal & Cheryl Harvey in celebration of their 50th Wedding Anniversary; Mary Stampka & Donna Groth in memory of Robert & Lois Hass and Robert & Donna Groth's Anniversary's.

Looking Ahead:

NEXT Wednesday, 4/22: Family Bible Study at Swogger's 6 PM. Join us for a meal, fellowship, and fun, in addition to a short bible study.

NEXT Saturday, 4/25: WELS Women's Retreat at Luther High School, 8AM-3PM.

June 25-28: LWMS 63rd National Convention in Madison, WI. Ladies, there is a group from our church who are registered to attend; they have room for you to join them! Register online at 63.lwms.org. Paper registration forms and info are available in our church entryway. Natalie Siok is our point of contact (POC) for any LWMS questions (natalie.siok@gmail.com, 612.968.2528).

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Service Times: Thursdays: 6:30PM; Sunday's: 9AM w/Bible Study at 10:15 AM

Communion is celebrated on the 1st & 3rd weeks of the month.

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Feel free to contact any of our leaders with questions, concerns, or ideas you have!

St. Lukes of Pickwick accepts the Bible as the inspired inerrant Word of God. We believe that God created the entire universe in six natural days out of nothing by his almighty Word. We believe that humankind fell into sin and is totally corrupt, dead in trespasses and sin, and doomed to hell. We believe that God out of love for us humans sent his own Son who became human, lived a perfect life for us, and suffered eternal death for us. We believe that God the Holy Spirit uses this Gospel message in Word and Sacraments to create faith in us and thus save us. St. Lukes Evangelical Lutheran Church is a gathering of Christians and exists to teach and preach the Word of God in all its Truth, here among us and to all the people of earth. We would love to have you join us! Speak with Pastor Neumann for more information. He offers a membership class which also reviews the main teachings of the Christian faith for anyone interested at no obligation or cost!