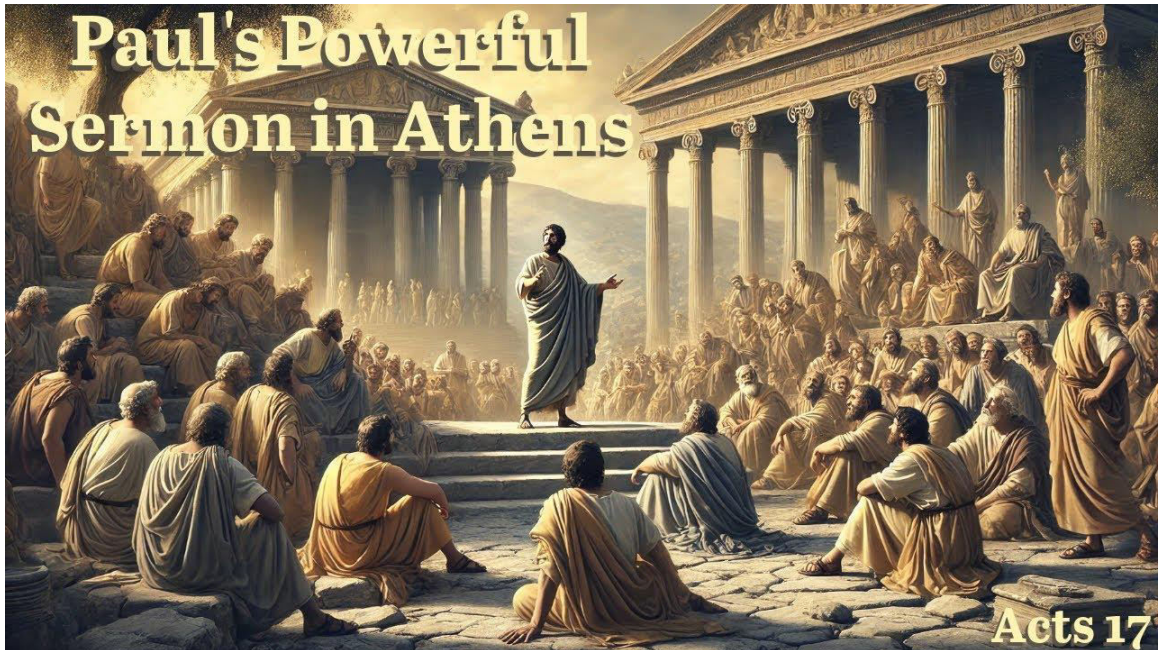


*May 10, 2026*

## **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

## 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

*Theme: Jesus Lives to Call Me To Live For Him!*

**Opening Hymn** #167 *Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense*, 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 17:16-34 (Sermon Text)

While Paul was waiting in Athens, he was greatly distressed to see that the city was full of idols. So he reasoned in the synagogue with both Jews and God-fearing Greeks, as well as in the marketplace day by day with those who happened to be there. A group of Epicurean and Stoic philosophers began to debate with him. Some of them asked, “What is this babbler trying to say?” Others remarked, “He seems to be advocating foreign gods.” They said this because Paul was preaching the good news about Jesus and the resurrection. Then they took him and brought him to a meeting of the Areopagus, where they said to him, “May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? You are bringing some strange ideas to our ears, and



we would like to know what they mean.” (All the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there spent their time doing nothing but talking about and listening to the latest ideas.)

Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said: “People of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious. For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: to an unknown god. So you are ignorant of the very thing you worship—and this is what I am going to proclaim to you. “The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands. And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything. Rather, he himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else. From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us. ‘For in him we live and move and have our being.’ As some of your own poets have said, ‘We are his offspring.’

“Therefore since we are God’s offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone—an image made by human design and skill. In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead.”

When they heard about the resurrection of the dead, some of them sneered, but others said, “We want to hear you again on this subject.” At that, Paul left the Council. Some of the people became followers of Paul and believed. Among them was Dionysius, a member of the Areopagus, also a woman named Damaris, and a number of others. (NIV)

#### Confession/Absolution

**Psalm of the Day:** Penitential Psalm 38 – *Be merciful, O Lord, for We Have Sinned.*

(found on page 81 at the front of our red hymnal)

#### Epistle Lesson – **1 Peter 3:13-22**

Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good? But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. “Do not fear their threats; do not be frightened.” But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander. For it is better, if it is God’s will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil. For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit. After being made alive, he went and made proclamation to the imprisoned spirits – to those who were disobedient long ago when God waited patiently in

the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also—not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at God’s right hand—with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him. (NIV)

*(please stand)*

**Gospel Acclamation**

**All: Alleluia. If you love me, keep my commands. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to help you. Alleluia.**

**Gospel Lesson – John 14:15-21**

Jesus said: “If you love me, keep my commands. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them.” (NIV)

**Seasonal Response**

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

*(please be seated)*

**+ Installation of our New Board of Elders +**

Our heart-felt thanks to Tim Albrecht, Alex Ellinghuysen, Scott Fabian, & Bud Krause who have agreed to use their God-given gifts to serve as Elders here at St. Luke’s. May God bless their work for Him!

**Hymn of the Day #158 *I Am Content! My Jesus Lives Again, v. 1-4***

**Sermon by Pastor Neumann on Acts 17:1-15**

**Make Known the Unknown God!**

*(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're 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 God, you are the giver of everything good. Inspire us, your humble servants, to long for what is right and, through your gracious guidance, accomplish it to your glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you 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** #155 *Christ the Lord is Risen Again, v. 1-6*

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**Today's Door Offering:** Friend's Network Mission

**Bible Study:** Today we continue our Bible study on “*Jesus' Parables*” downstairs after the service concludes; today we will be moving into Lesson 3: *Short But Sweet Parables*. Coffee & goodies, to get you through until lunch, will be provided. Come and join us!

**NEW Summer Bible Study:** Since the Family & Women's Bible studies take the summer off, & it is light out longer so people don't mind driving after supper, Pastor will offer a mid-week summer Bible study on the book ‘*Will the Real Jesus Please Stand Up*’ from CPH which discusses the various versions of Jesus that are touted & worshipped in today's Christian world. The 8-week class will meet Wednesdays at 6:30pm starting June 17<sup>th</sup> at church. Come and join us as we sit at the true Jesus' feet in his word & are fed & equipped! Sign-up in back of church by May 24<sup>th</sup> so books can be ordered (if you already own the book, please indicate that on the sign-up sheet). Join us as we rejoice in the TRUE Jesus of Scripture and his love!

**O.W.L.S.:** The Coulee Region Owls group (which is the WELS organization for seniors) will be holding their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, May 14, 2026 at First Ev. Lutheran Church, 400 West Avenue South, La Crosse at Noon with a Potluck Luncheon. Please bring a dish to pass and your own table service. Coffee will be provided. The Program this month will be the school children from First Lutheran performing their Spring Play. All church members – men and women age 55 or older – are welcome. Please come for a visit, enjoy the friends you meet, a good lunch and the young children’s play. There will be a free will offering. Bring a friend!

**Take Me Out to the Ballgame:** Join your fellow church members at the La Crosse Loggers game at Copeland Park on Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup>. The cost is \$25/person (\$17/ for 12 & under), which includes your seat and a pre-game buffet supper of ballpark fare at 5:30pm before the 6:35pm game. Sign-up in back of church so we can reserve your place!

**Sullivan’s Boat Trip:** Join us on Sunday, July 26<sup>th</sup> for a late afternoon boat trip on the river and then supper at Sullivan’s afterward. The cost is \$20/person for the boat trip (plus the cost of your supper at the restaurant) with a maximum of the 1<sup>st</sup> 45 people registered and paid setting sail. There will also be room for about 5 more people at the restaurant who don’t participate in the boat trip but join us there afterwards. Please sign-up on the sheet in back of church and pay Rachel Fabian within a week or 2 of signing up to hold your spot if you are taking the boat trip.

**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.

### **This Week at St. Luke’s**

**Monday:** Church Council Meeting, 6 PM.

Women’s Bible Study at 6:30 PM.

**Tuesday:** Ladies Aid Meeting, 6 PM.

**Thursday:** [*NOTE: Men’s Bible Study at Perkins at 7 AM is moved to NEXT Thursday*] Worship Service with Communion, at 6:30 PM.

**Saturday:** WELS Evangelism Seminar at Bethel in Galesville, 9Am-2:30PM;  
Craft Event w/Cheryl & Deb, 10AM-Noon.

**Happy Birthday:** Dave Felton (2<sup>nd</sup> – Correction) Dalton Woodard (16<sup>th</sup>).

**Happy Anniversary:** None (?)

**May Church Cleaning:** Bonnie Meyerhoff by 5/17; Jess McCann by 5/24; 5/31 TBD.

**May Ushers:** Denny Allen, Dennis Papenfuss, and (council rep) Dean Morgan.

**May Bulletin Sponsors:** Denny & Debi Allen in memory of Bryant Allen; Bill & Tara Suffrins in memory of Dean and Bev Suffrins.

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

*Communion is celebrated on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 hell itself for us and our sins in our place. 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!**

**If you or someone you know might be interested in joining our congregation, Pastor offers a NO COST / NO OBLIGATION class that goes over the main doctrines of the Christian faith which also does serve as a Preparation to Take the Lord's Supper & New Member Class, if so interested. Speak with Pastor for more specifics. He runs that class whenever there is someone interested; and he schedules it on days and times that work best for those expressing interest.**