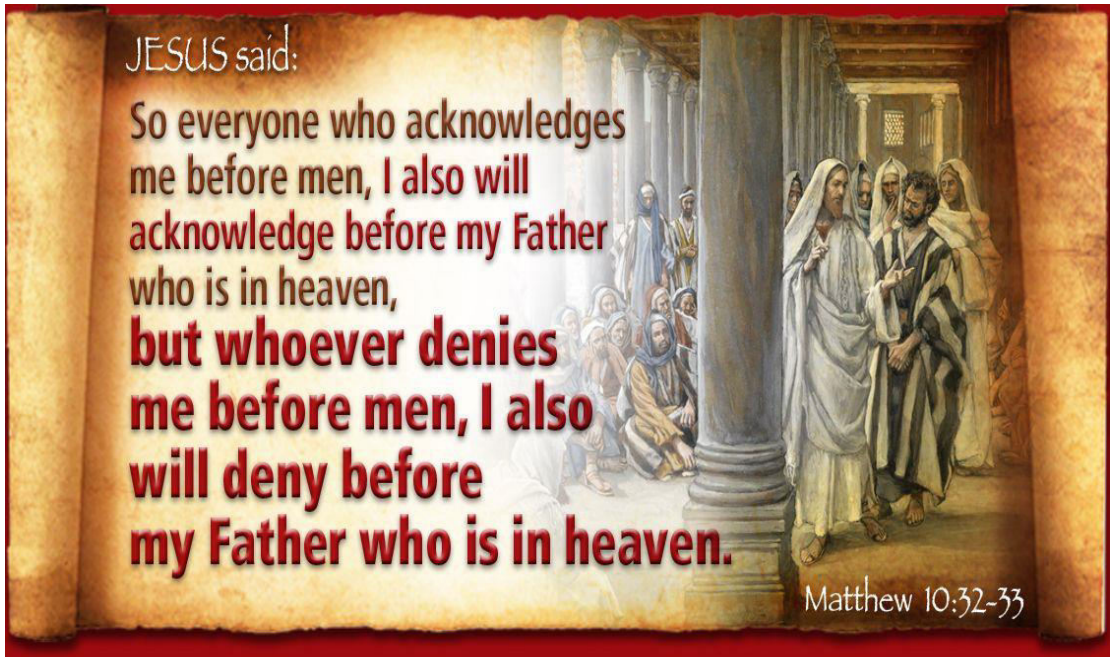


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***WELCOME to our Guests!***

Thanks for joining us! We are gathered here to be strengthened in the faith through the Word of Jesus, the Son of God, who has come to forgive and save us.

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

**Note:** We will be celebrating the Lord's Supper today. As Scripture teaches, our church body believes that communion is an expression of common faith and fellowship between everyone at the communion rail. Therefore, we ask that only those who are members of the WELS and ELS come forward for communion today. If you would like to know more about becoming a member of the WELS, please speak with Pastor Neumann before or after the service. Thank you.

# 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Pentecost

*Theme: Say It Out-Loud: Keep the Faith!*

**Opening Hymn:** #289 Preserve Your Word, O Savior; v. 1-2

## **The Common Service**

*(the music can be found on p. 15 of our Red Hymnal)*

### **Invocation**

**Minister:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation (sung ♪):** Amen.

### **Confession of Sins**

**M:** Beloved in the Lord: Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**C:** Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

### **Kyrie**

**C (♪):** Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us.

**M:** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. 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.

**C (♪):** Amen.

### **Prayer and Praise**

**M:** In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

### **Gloria in Excelsis**

**C (♪):** Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men. We praise you, we bless you, we worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father almighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ: O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the sin of the world; receive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of God the Father: have mercy on us. For you only are holy: you only are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

### **Prayer of the Day**

**M:** The Lord be with you.

**C (♪):** And also with you.

**M:** Let us pray. /O God, because your abiding presence always goes with us, keep us aware of your daily mercies that we may live secure and content in your eternal love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.. / **C (♪): Amen.** (*please be seated*)

### +THE WORD OF THE DAY+

#### Old Testament Lesson - Jeremiah 20:7-13

You deceived me, Lord, and I was deceived; you overpowered me and prevailed. I am ridiculed all day long; everyone mocks me. Whenever I speak, I cry out proclaiming violence and destruction. So the word of the Lord has brought me insult and reproach all day long. But if I say, “I will not mention his word or speak anymore in his name,” his word is in my heart like a fire, a fire shut up in my bones. I am weary of holding it in; indeed, I cannot. I hear many whispering, “Terror on every side! Denounce him! Let’s denounce him!” All my friends are waiting for me to slip, saying, “Perhaps he will be deceived; then we will prevail over him and take our revenge on him.” But the Lord is with me like a mighty warrior; so my persecutors will stumble and not prevail. They will fail and be thoroughly disgraced; their dishonor will never be forgotten. Lord Almighty, you who examine the righteous and probe the heart and mind, let me see your vengeance on them, for to you I have committed my cause. Sing to the Lord! Give praise to the Lord! He rescues the life of the needy from the hands of the wicked. (NIV)



**Psalm of the Day** – Psalm 91b from the NEW WELS Psalter, *My Dwelling Place*, sung by our duet of Beckah Ellinghuysen & Rachel Fabian

#### Epistle Lesson - 2 Timothy 4:1-8

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction. For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry. For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time for my departure is near. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing. (NIV) (*please stand*)

#### Gospel Acclamation

**M:** Alleluia. My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness. Alleluia. / **C (♪): Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Gospel Lesson** – Matthew 10:5a, 21-33 / C (♩): **“Glory be to you, O Lord!”**

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: ... *“Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child; children will rebel against their parents and have them put to death. You will be hated by everyone because of me, but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved. When you are persecuted in one place, flee to another. Truly I tell you, you will not finish going through the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes. “The student is not above the teacher, nor a servant above his master. It is enough for students to be like their teachers, and servants like their masters. If the head of the house has been called Beelzebul, how much more the members of his household!*

*“So do not be afraid of them, for there is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known. What I tell you in the dark, speak in the daylight; what is whispered in your ear, proclaim from the roofs. Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside your Father’s care. And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. So don’t be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows. “Whoever acknowledges me before others, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven. But whoever disowns me before others, I will disown before my Father in heaven. (NIV) M: The Gospel of the Lord. / C (♩): **Praise be to you, O Christ!***

**Nicene Creed**

**ALL: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, True God from True God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father, through him all things were made,**

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from Heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures. He ascended into Heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen. *(please be seated)***

**Hymn of the Day: #435 The Will of God is Always Best; v. 1-4**

**SERMON by Pastor Neumann on Matthew 10:24-33**

*Comfort for our Fears!*

*(please stand)*



**Create in Me**

**C (♩): Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of your salvation & uphold me with your free spirit. Amen. *(please be seated)***

**Offering of Thanksgiving**

***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.

**Prayer of the Church for the Mission of the Church**

We pray it responsively as it is found on p. 129 at the front of the RED Hymnal

**The Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

*[Video Service Ends – Minister proclaims the blessing to our online viewers.]*

**+THE SACRAMENT+**

**M:** The Lord be with you.

**C (♩):** And also with you.

**M:** Lift up your hearts.

**C (♩):** We lift them up unto the Lord.

**M:** Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**C (♩):** It is good and right so to do.

**M:** It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, / *who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to*



*shepherd his flock until he comes again in glory.* / Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

**Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy)**

**C (♩): Holy, holy, holy Lord God of heavenly hosts: heav'n and Earth are full of your glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he, blessed is he, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**M:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, *“Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”*

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, *“Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”*

**M:** The peace of the Lord be with you always. / **C (♩): Amen.**

**Agnus Dei (O Christ, Lamb of God)**

**C (♩): Oh Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Oh Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Oh Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us your peace. Amen.**

**Distribution**

**Communion Hymns:** #309 Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord; v. 1-3 **and**  
#444 If You But Trust in God to Guide You; v. 1-4

**Song of Simeon**

**C (♩): Lord now you let your servant depart in peace according to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of the people Israel.**

**Closing Prayer**

**M:** O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. / **C (♩): And his mercy endures forever.**

**M:** We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. / **C (♩): Amen.**

**Blessing**

**M:** 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. / **C (♩): Amen, Amen, Amen.**

**Closing Hymn** #419 If God Himself Be for Me; v. 1 & 6

**Today's Door Offering:** Luther High Association

**Bible Study:** Join us downstairs after the service as we continue our Bible Study of “*The Parables of Jesus*” looking at Jesus’ **TOUGHEST** Parable. Goodies will be provided.

**This Week at St. Luke's**

**Wednesday: June 24<sup>th</sup>:** Evening Bible Study in Church Fellowship Hall, 6:30 PM.

**Thursday:** Worship service at 6:30 PM.

**Saturday:** La Crosse Logger's Baseball game 6:35 PM w/ pre-game picnic 5:30 PM.

**Happy Birthday:** Andy Harvey (22<sup>nd</sup>) / **Happy Anniversary:** None (?)

**June Church Cleaning:** Dawn Suffrins by 6/21; Amy Woodard by 6/28/2026.

**June Ushers:** Bill Suffrins, Bob Malenke, & Jim Albrecht

**June Bulletin Sponsors:** Gene, Rob, & Rick Betsinger in memory of Lorna Betsinger for her and Gene's wedding anniversary.

**Looking Ahead:**

**To Celebrate America's 250th Anniversary:** We will have a special service on Sunday, July 5th at 9am; after service we will have a special fellowship time with special goodies (apple pie included, of course). A sign-up sheet will be available for pies (especially apple pies) for fellowship after the service. Since this will be a “*Bring a Friend*” Sunday, communion will be postponed until the following Sunday (July 12th); so start thinking of who you want to invite!

**Opportunity to Serve:** WELS Camp Whitewater desperately needs volunteers (weeks of July 12th -17th and July 19th-24th). They need teen & adult helpers both weeks. Talk with Nick Wieser who is on the camp board for more specifics.

**New Pastor Ordination & Installations:** Pastor Austin Claflin at St. Matthew's Winona on the afternoon of Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup>, and Pastor Michael Friesenegger of Grace & Trinity at Grace in Ridgeway on the afternoon of July 26<sup>th</sup>. More specifics to follow.

**Upcoming WELS Retreats for Women & Men:** How fantastic it is to get together with like-minded WELS Christians to be built up in faith! We have some wonderful opportunities to do just that over the course of the next few months.

**Ladies**, you are invited to the *Equipped Women's Conference* July 17-18 in North Mankato, and to the *Eau Claire Women's Retreat* July 24-25 at Cornerstone Lutheran High School in Eau Claire, WI.

**Gentlemen**, you are invited to Camp Croix in Danbury WI September 18-20 for the annual *Men's Retreat* (with MLC Prof. Mark Paustian presenting on Apologetics) hosted by the Twin Cities Churches of WELS, as well as the 1-day *Men of His Word Conference* on October 24<sup>th</sup> at Mayo Civic Center in Rochester, MN.

**In Our Entryway, Please Help Yourself to:**

Keurig Coffee, Cider, and Hot Chocolate, as well as Church Calendars for the month, *Meditations (a devotion book)*, & “*Forward in Christ*” & MLC’s “*In Focus*” Magazines.

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**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 serves as Preparation to take the Lord’s Supper & as a New Member Class, if the person is so interested. Speak with Pastor for specifics.**

**St. Luke’s Lutheran Church 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 in our place, 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 make Jesus’ saving work ours. St. Lukes Evangelical Lutheran Church is a gathering of Christians that exists to teach and preach the Word of God in all its Truth here among us and to all the people of earth, and to worship God and serve our neighbor in love as Jesus calls us to.**