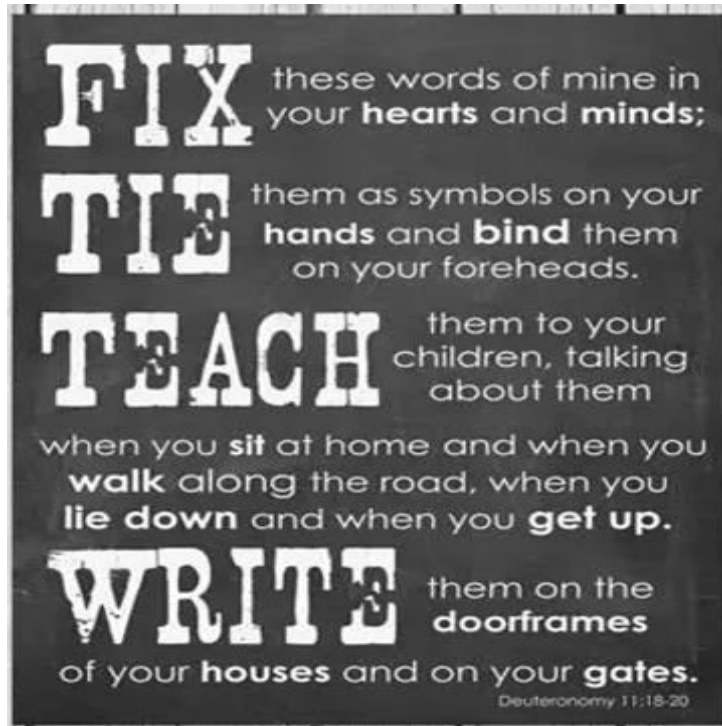


*June 28, 2026*

## ***WELCOME to our Guests!***

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

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



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## 5th Sunday after Pentecost

*Theme: Say It Out-Loud – God’s Word is Our Bedrock Foundation!*

**Opening Hymn: #221 Blessed Jesus, at Your Word, v. 1-4**

### **Service of The Word**

*(please stand)*

*(found on p. 38 of our Red Hymnal)*

#### **Invocation**

**M:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

#### **Confession of Sins**

**M:** We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

**C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

#### **Absolution**

**M:** God our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

**C: Amen.**

#### **Prayer and Praise**

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

#### **Oh, Taste and See**

**C (sung ♪): Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Blessed are they who take refuge in him. Your Word, O Lord is eternal; It stands firm in the heavens. Your faithfulness continues forever. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Blessed are they who take refuge in him.**

#### **Prayer of the Day**

**M:** Let us pray. / God of all power and might, you are the giver of all that is good. Help us love you with all our heart, strengthen us in true faith, provide us with all we need, and keep us safe in your care; 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: Deuteronomy 11:18-21,26-28 (*sermon text*)

Fix these words of mine in your hearts and minds; tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Teach them to your children, talking about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates, so that your days and the days of your children may be many in the land the Lord swore to give your ancestors, as many as the days that the heavens are above the earth ... See, I am setting before you today a blessing and a curse — the blessing if you obey the commands of the Lord your God that I am giving you today; the curse if you disobey the commands of the Lord your God and turn from the way that I command you today by following other gods, which you have not known. (NIV)



Psalm of the Day: Psalm 1 – *Blessed are They who Hope, who Hope in the Lord*, found on page 64 of our red hymnal, Christian Worship. We join to sing it together.

### Epistle Lesson – **2 Peter 1:19-2:3**

We also have the prophetic message as something completely reliable, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation of things. For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit. But there were also false prophets among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you. They will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the sovereign Lord who bought them—bringing swift destruction on themselves. Many will follow their depraved conduct and will bring the way of truth into disrepute. In their greed these teachers will exploit you with fabricated stories. Their condemnation has long been hanging over them, and their destruction has not been sleeping. (NIV)

*(please stand)*

### Gospel Acclamation

**M:** Alleluia! God's Word is a lamp for my feet and a light for my path. Alleluia!

(Psalm 119:105)

**C** (♪): Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! These words are written that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

## **Gospel Lesson – Matthew 7:15-29**

Jesus said: *“Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves. By their fruit you will recognize them. Do people pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? Likewise, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them. Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. Many will say to me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?’ Then I will tell them plainly, ‘I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!’ “Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.”* When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, because he taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law. (NIV) / **M:** The Gospel of the Lord. / **C (♫):** **Praise be to you, O Christ! (please be seated)**

**Hymn of the day** - #512 *Let the Children Hear the Mighty Deeds*, v. 1-5

## **SERMON by Pastor Neumann on Deuteronomy 11:18-21, 26-28**

*God Calls Us to TIE ONE ON!*

### **Apostles’ Creed**

**I believe in God the Father almighty, maker of heaven & 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, & was buried. He descended into hell. The 3<sup>rd</sup> day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven & is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living & 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, & the life everlasting.  
Amen.**



**+ Offering of Thanksgiving +**

*Visitors:* We are very glad you are worshiping with us today. Please don't feel obligated to give an offering.

**ALL:** Please greet and introduce yourself to those worshiping around you. *Please stand as offerings are brought forward.*

**Prayer of the Church**

**M:** Lord God, our maker and preserver, we praise and thank you for all that you give us day after day.

**C: We are not worthy of all the mercies you show us.**

**M:** You have given us your precious Word to nourish our souls and to protect us from the temptations of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature.

**C: We thank you for those who teach and preach your saving truth at this place and everywhere. Grant them a rich measure of patience, wisdom, and love.**

**M:** Heavenly Father, we pray that you shield us from every kind of danger: sudden catastrophe, terrors of crime, and the pain of disease. Watch over those who travel by land, sea, and air. Keep our loved ones from whatever perils may threaten them.

**C: Heal those who are sick, cheer those who are sad, calm those who are distressed, and comfort all who are old and infirm.**

**M:** Bless our land, our people, and those who hold offices of high trust. Keep our government and schools upright and strong for the advancement of good citizenship and useful vocations, that we might enjoy your gifts of peace, security, and well-being.

**C: Grant your blessings to every nation on earth. Where there are wars, may there be peace. Where there is hatred, let it be healed. Where there is poverty, danger, or disaster, come with your almighty power to help and restore.**

*(special prayer requests)*

**M:** We bring these requests before you in the name of Jesus our Lord and ask you to hear us. Take all that we have, our bodies and minds, our time and skills, our ministries and offerings, and use them to your glory.

**C: We give ourselves to you that we may serve you in whatever way is pleasing in your sight. Amen.**

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.**

Hymn #541 Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide, v. 1-4

Closing Prayer

**M:** O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. / C (♬): **Amen.**

Blessing

**M:** Brothers & sisters go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness. The Lord bless you & keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you & be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor & give you peace. / C (♬): **Amen, Amen, Amen.**

Closing Hymn #541, Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide, v. 5-7

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**Today's Door Offering Basket:** Native Christians

**Bible Study:** We meet downstairs after the service for Bible study and refreshments. We are continuing our study of 'The Parables of Jesus.' Join us!

**TODAY:** You're invited to the *installation of Pastor Adam Lambrecht* (formerly at Luther High School and who has preached at St. Luke's before in our Lent rotation, etc.) at Christ Lutheran Church in West Salem. The service will be held TODAY June 28th, 2026 @ 4:00 pm with a fellowship meal to follow. Christ Lutheran Church: 500 Park St., West Salem, WI.

This Week at St. Luke's

**Wednesday:** Pastor leads the nursing service at Lake Winona Manor, 2:30 PM  
Bible study on "Will the Real Jesus Please Stand Up" 6:30 PM.

**Thursday:** Men's Bible Study at Perkins, 7 AM.  
Worship Service (NO communion until next week) 6:30 PM.

**Sunday:** *250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of America Celebration Service*, 9:00 AM  
Refreshments, goodies, and fellowship downstairs afterwards (no bible study)

**Happy Birthday:** Kurt Swogger (Today!); Michelle Felton (July 2<sup>nd</sup>).

**Happy Anniversary:** Rick & Kim Rockwell (29<sup>th</sup>);  
Steve & Deb Merchlewitz (June 30<sup>th</sup>).

**July Church Cleaning:** Kim Hansen by 7/5; Deb Merchlewitz by 7/12; Denise (Jim) Albrecht by 7/19; Jess McCann by 7/26/2026.

**July Ushers:** Jim Larson, Tom Mueller, & Dean Morgan.

**July Bulletin Sponsors:** Jamie & Sue McNally in celebration of their wedding anniversary; Dave & Tracy Albrecht in memory of Wayne & Mabel Albrecht.

### **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 12<sup>th</sup>); 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:** Rev Austin Claflin at St. Matthew's Winona on the afternoon of Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup>, & Rev Michael Friesenegger of Grace & Trinity at Grace Ridgeway on the afternoon of July 26<sup>th</sup>. Specifics pending

**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. Check these out:

- **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 October 24<sup>th</sup> at Mayo Civic Center, Rochester, MN.

**Monthly Activities:** Sign-up for the Boat Trip to Sullivan's on Sunday 7/26/2026.

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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. This class is scheduled on a day and time that works best for those who are interested in taking it.**