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***ST. LUKE'S EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH (WELS),
Pickwick, MN***

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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 all.

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 & fellowship between everyone who communes. Therefore, we ask that only those who are already members of the WELS or 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.

7th Sunday after Pentecost

Theme: What Makes Christians Different? They Are Planted by God's Word!

Opening Hymn: #324 *Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast*, v. 1-4

The Common Service With Communion

(please stand)

(the music is found starting 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 & that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words & actions. I have done what is evil & failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now & in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, & 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.

Absolution

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 - Gloria in Excelsis

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

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: Let us pray. / Blessed Lord, since you have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we

may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; 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 – Isaiah 55:6-13 (*sermon text*)

Seek the Lord while he may be found; call on him while he is near. Let the wicked forsake their ways and the unrighteous their thoughts. Let them turn to the Lord, and he will have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will freely pardon. “For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,” declares the Lord. “As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it. You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands. Instead of the thornbush will grow the juniper, and instead of briers the myrtle will grow. This will be for the Lord’s renown, for an everlasting sign, that will endure forever.” (NIV)



Psalms of the Day - Psalm 65: *The Earth is Full of the Goodness of God* (found on page 89 at the front of our red hymnal, *Christian Worship*)

Epistle Lesson – 1 Corinthians 3:5-11

What, after all, is Apollos? And what is Paul? Only servants, through whom you came to believe—as the Lord has assigned to each his task. I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow. The one who plants and the one who waters have one purpose, and they will each be rewarded according to their own labor. For we are co-workers in God’s service; you are God’s field, God’s building. By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as a wise builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should build with care. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ. (NIV) (*please stand*)

Gospel Acclamation

M: Alleluia. My Word will not return to me empty but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it. Alleluia. / **C (♩): Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Gospel Lesson – Matthew 13:1-9,18-23 / **C (♩): “Glory be to you, O Lord!”**

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. Then he told them many things in parables, saying: “A farmer went out to sow his seed.

As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. Whoever has ears, let them hear” ... “Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown along the path. The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful. But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.” (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 & the Son, who in unity with the Father & the Son is worshiped & glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian & apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead & the life of the world to come Amen. *(please be seated)*

Hymn of the Day: #337 *Delay Not! Delay Not*, v. 1-5

SERMON by Pastor Neumann on Isaiah 55:6-13

“An Unbelievable Offer, But for a Limited Time!” – FROM GOD?

Create in Me

C (♩): Create in me a clean heart, O God, & 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.

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 and introduce yourself to those around you.**

Prayer of the Church

by pastor

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 grants blessing to 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 till 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, & 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 Hymn: #310 - *I Come, O Savior, to Your Table*

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 # 323 *Almighty Father, Bless the Word*, v. 1-2

Today’s Door Offering: Friend’s Network Missions

In Our Entryway, please help yourself to:

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

Bible Study: Join us downstairs after the service as we continue our Sunday AM Bible study on ‘*Jesus Parables*’. Coffee & goodies to get you through until lunch will be provided.

This Week at St. Luke’s

Monday July 13th: Church Council Meeting 6 PM.

Tuesday: Ladies’ Aid Meeting 6 PM.

Wednesday: Bible Study 6:30 PM; Book is “*Will the Real Jesus Please Stand Up*”

Thursday: Men’s Bible Study at Perkins, 7 AM;
Worship service with communion at 6:30 PM.

Sunday: Worship service with communion at 9 AM
Congregational Meeting at 10:15 AM (in church)

Happy Birthday: Bill Suffrins & Tom Mueller (13th). / **Happy Anniversary:** Steve & Renee Larsen (14th).

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

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

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

Looking Ahead:

You Are Invited to Ordination & Installation Services for: Pastor Austin Claflin at St. Matthew’s Winona NEXT Sunday, July 19th in a 3pm service with a dinner to follow, and Pastor Michael Friesenegger of Grace & Trinity at Grace in Ridgeway on the afternoon of Sunday, July 26th at 2pm with a dinner to follow. Join us as we welcome these new workers!

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Service Times:

Thursdays: 6:30 PM Sundays: 9 AM with Bible Study at 10:15 AM

Communion is celebrated the 1st and 3rd weeks of the month

Today is an exception

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. Luke's 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.