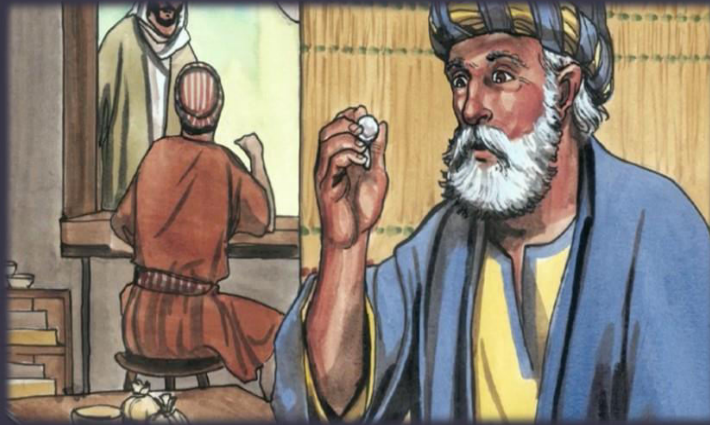


July 26, 2026

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.



PARABLES OF THE TREASURE FIELD, PEARL AND FISHING NET

Matthew 13:44-52

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9th Sunday after Pentecost

Theme: What Makes Christians Different? They Seek Spiritual Wealth!

Opening Hymn: #355, *Take the World, Give Me Jesus*, v. 1-3

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. / O God, you reveal your mighty power chiefly in showing mercy and kindness. Grant us the full measure of your grace that we may obtain your promises and become partakers of your heavenly 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.

(please be seated)

+THE WORD OF THE DAY+

Old Testament Lesson: 1 Kings 3:5-12

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon during the night in a dream, and God said, *“Ask for whatever you want me to give you.”* Solomon answered, “You have shown great kindness to your servant, my father David, because he was faithful to you and righteous and upright in heart. You have continued this great kindness to him and have given him a son to sit on his throne this very day. Now, Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David. But I am only a little child and do not know how to carry out my duties. Your servant is here among the people you have chosen, a great people, too numerous to count or number. So, give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this great people of yours?”

The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for this. So, God said to him, *“Since you have asked for this and not for long life or wealth for yourself, nor have asked for the death of your enemies but for discernment in administering justice, I will do what you have asked. I will give you a wise and discerning heart, so that there will never have been anyone like you, nor will there ever be.”* (NIV)



Psalm of the Day: Psalm 119b – *Lord, You Have the Words of Everlasting Life* - found on **page 110** of our red hymnal, Christian Worship. We join to sing it together.

Epistle Lesson – 1 Timothy 6:17-21

Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

Timothy, guard what has been entrusted to your care. Turn away from godless chatter and the opposing ideas of what is falsely called knowledge, which some have professed and in so doing have departed from the faith. Grace be with you all. (NIV)

(please stand)

Gospel Acclamation

M: Alleluia. Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. Alleluia.

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 13:44-52 (sermon text)

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.

“Once again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish. When it was full, the fishermen pulled it up on the shore. Then they sat down and collected the good fish in baskets but threw the bad away. This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

*“Have you understood all these things?” Jesus asked. “Yes,” they replied. He said to them, “Therefore every teacher of the law who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom new treasures as well as old.” (NIV) / M: The Gospel of the Lord. / C (♩): **Praise be to you, O Christ!** (please be seated)*

Hymn of the Day: #477, *What is the World to Me*, v 1-4

SERMON by Pastor Neumann on Matthew 13:44-52

Make Sure You are Chasing the RIGHT Wealth!

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 3rd 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.

Sermon Hymn: #421 v. 1-3, *All Depends on Our Possessing*,

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: #421 v. 4-5, *All Depends on Our Possessing*

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!

INSTALLATION/ORDINATION: You're invited to the *installation of Pastor Michael Friesenegger* of Grace & Trinity, at Grace Ridgeway. Today's service will be held at 2 PM with a fellowship meal to follow. Come & celebrate God's newest gift & the joy of God's people in it!

BOAT TRIP: Our annual Sullivan's Boat Trip starts at 3 PM today at Levee Park in Winona; if you're taking the boat **DON'T BE LATE!**

Happy Birthday: Marina Camp (27th), Andon Ellinguysen (29th).

Happy Anniversary: None (?)

This Week at St. Luke's

Monday: Elder's meeting 6:00 PM

Wednesday: Bible study on "*Will the Real Jesus Please Stand Up*" 6:30 PM.

Thursday: Men's AM Bible Study POSTPONED - Moved to August 6th.
Worship Service with Communion, 6:30 PM.

August Church Cleaning: Shilo Camp by 8/2; Sue McNally by 8/9; Denise (Tim) Albrecht by 8/16; Amy Woodard by 8/23; by 8/30 – TBD.

August Ushers: Tim Albrecht, Ben Wieser, Jeremy Church

August Bulletin Sponsors: Mary Stampka in memory of Bob & Lois Hass' Birthdays.

Looking Ahead:

Upcoming WELS Men's Retreats: 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 24th at Mayo Civic Center, Rochester, MN. How fantastic it is to get together with like-minded WELS Christians to be built up in faith! Why not make plans to attend these up-lifting events, brothers?

August's Monthly Activity: Join your brothers and sisters in faith at the *Moon Tunes Concert* at Riverside Park in La Crosse at 5:30pm on August 20th, coordinated by our Activities Group. Let's have some fun in the setting sun together!

New FALL Wednesday PM Bible Study: Would you like to become more familiar with the Old Testament? Join us this fall on Wednesdays at 6:30pm as we work through 'Connecting Sinai to Calvary', starting September 2nd (taking off *every other week* once Family Bible Study at Swogger's resumes). You must sign-up in the on the registration sheet back by Sunday, August 16th so a book can be ordered for you.

Since we serve you, if you EVER have a question, concern, or suggestion, please feel free to speak with any of St. Luke's Leaders:

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In our Entryway, please help yourself to:

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

St. Luke’s Lutheran Church of Pickwick, MN:

- is a gathering of Christians that exists to teach and preach the Word of God in all its truth & purity here among us and to all the people of earth.
- accepts the Bible as the inspired & inerrant Word of God.
- accepts the Unaltered Augsburg Confession as a correct confession of Biblical faith.
- believes that God created the entire universe in six natural days out of nothing by his almighty Word.
- believes that humankind fell into sin and is totally corrupt, dead in trespasses and sin, and doomed to hell.
- believes that God out of love for us humans sent his own Son who became human, lived a perfect life in our place, and suffered death and damnation for us and our sins.
- believes 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.
- has as its goal to worship & serve God in thanksgiving, and to serve our neighbor in love as Jesus calls us to.

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. This class also serves as the needed Preparation to take the Lord’s Supper at St. Luke’s & 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.

