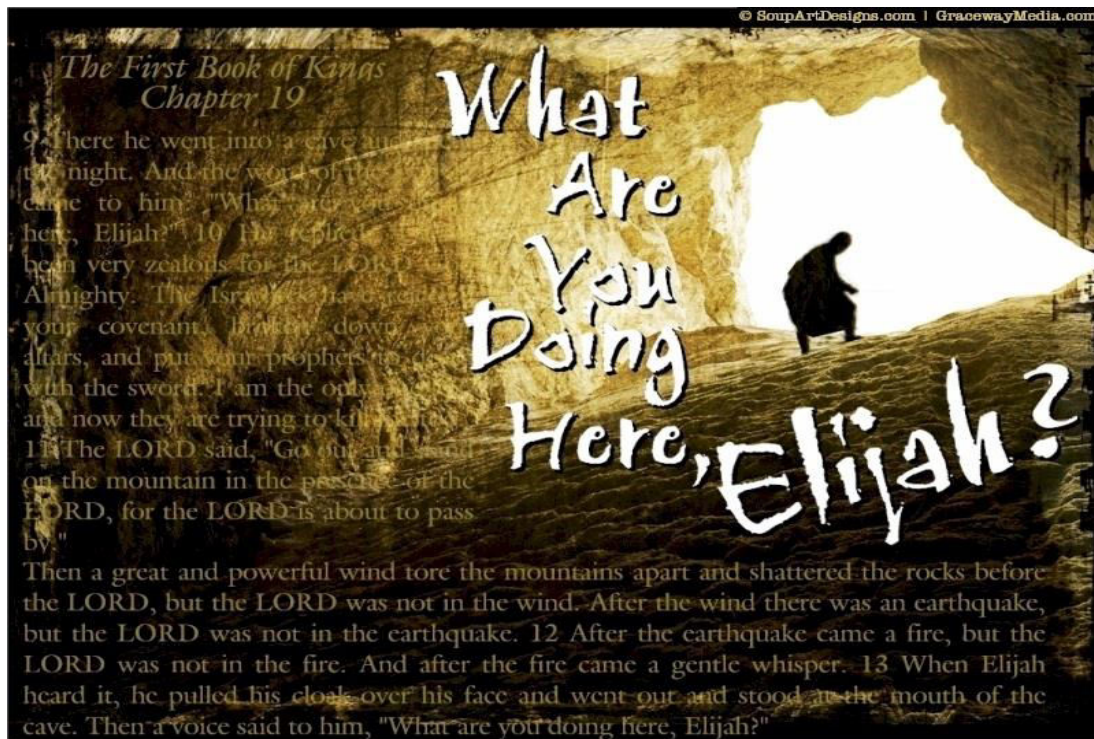


August 9, 2026

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

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

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11th Sunday after Pentecost

Theme: What Makes Christians Different? We Answer Doubt with Faith!

Women's Choir Anthem: *Before You I Kneel* by Getty & Townsend, #735 in New WELS Hymnal

Opening Hymn: #415, *Be Still, My Soul* v. 1-4

(please stand)

Morning Praise

(the music can be found on p. 45 of the red hymnal)

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: Praise be to God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; 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 Old Testament Lesson – 1 Kings 19:9-18 *(Sermon Text)*

Elijah went into a cave and spent the night. And the word of the Lord came to him: “*What are you doing here, Elijah?*” He replied, “I have been very zealous for the Lord God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, torn down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too. The Lord said, “*Go*



out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.” Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper. When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave.

Then a voice said to him, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” He replied, “I have been very zealous for the LORD God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, torn down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too.” The LORD said to him, “Go back the way you came, and go to the Desert of Damascus. When you get there, anoint Hazael king over Aram. Also, anoint Jehu son of Nimshi king over Israel, and anoint Elisha son of Shaphat from Abel Meholah to succeed you as prophet. Jehu will put to death any who escape the sword of Hazael, and Elisha will put to death any who escape the sword of Jehu. Yet I reserve seven thousand in Israel—all whose knees have not bowed down to Baal and whose mouths have not kissed him.” (NIV)

Confession/Absolution

Psalm of the Day – Psalm 6 *Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us* - found on page 66 at the front of the red hymnal

Epistle Lesson – Romans 8:28-39 And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? As it is written: “For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.” No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. (NIV) / *(please stand)*

Gospel Acclamation

ALL: Alleluia. Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. Alleluia.

Gospel Lesson – **Matthew 14:22-33** Immediately, Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone, and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it. Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. “It’s a ghost,” they said, and cried out in fear. But Jesus immediately said to them: “*Take courage! It is I. Don’t be afraid.*” “Lord, if it’s you,” Peter replied, “tell me to come to you on the water.” “*Come,*” he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, “Lord, save me!” Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. “*You of little faith,*” he said, “*why did you doubt?*” And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.” (NIV)

Seasonal Response

All: - Give thanks to the Lord. Call on his name. Make known among the nations what he has done! Alleluia! / *(please be seated)*

Hymn of the Day: #542 *Dear Lord, to Your True Servants Give, v. 1-3*

Sermon by Pastor Neumann on 1Kings 19:9-18

God Encourages His Weary Workers!

(please stand)

Te Deum

**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 are very glad you are worshiping with us today. Please don't feel obligated to give an offering. **ALL:** Please greet & introduce yourself to those worshiping near 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: Almighty and most merciful God, preserve us from all harm and danger that we, being ready in both body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish what you want done; 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: #451, *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*, v.1-3

Today's Door Offering: Friend's Network

Join us Downstairs After Worship – as we continue our study on “*The Parables of Jesus*,” join us as we see priorities that are all out of whack as we look at Jesus’ Parable of the Rich Fool. Coffee & goodies, to get you through until lunch, will be provided.

This Week at St. Luke's

Monday: Church Council Meeting, 6 PM.

Tuesday: Ladies' Aid Meeting, 6 PM.

Thursday: Noon O.W.L.S. Meeting at 400 W Ave La Crosse; WI
Worship Service *with communion*, 6:30 PM.

Happy Birthday: *Rita Wheeler (11th)*

Happy Anniversary: Chris & Amy Woodard (Today!), BJ & Jess Allen (14th).

August Church Cleaning: Sue McNally by 8/9; Denise (Tim) Albrecht by 8/16; Amy Woodard by 8/23; TBD by 8/30 (If available, contact Rebecca Church).

August Ushers: Tim Albrecht, Ben Wieser, and Jeremy Church.

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

Looking Ahead

Monthly Activity: Moon Tunes Concert at Riverside Park in La Crosse on Thursday, 8/20/2026, 5:30pm.

Sunday, August 30th: Outdoor Service in the Park, 9AM with brunch afterwards.

Mission Festival: This special 9am service will be held on Sunday, September 27th with lunch afterwards. Pastor Mark Wegner of WELS 316NOW (work in SE Asia) will be our guest presenter.

St. Luke's T-shirts: We have 2 XL and 9 2XL sizes left. If you are interested in them, speak with Jess McCann.

NEW FALL Wednesday PM Bible Study: Starting September 2nd at 6:30pm, join us for a study of the book '*Connecting Sinai to Calvary*.' This book provides a better understanding of the Old Testament culture. Sign-up (so that books are ordered for you) by Sunday August 16th, on the sheet in our entryway. Once our Family Bible study at Swogger's resumes (on Wednesday, September 23rd at 6 PM), this class will meet every other Wednesday at church until concluding. Join us for this informative study!

Men's Retreats: a) Guys, join the 18th annual Men's Retreat, organized by the Twin Cities WELS churches that takes place at Camp Croix (Danbury, WI) on September 18-20, 2026. This year's theme is: "*Lutherans Find Their Voice in Apologetics*" to be led by MLC Professor Mark Paustian. Cost: \$125 until 8/19 (+\$25 after that). Sign up now, while there's still room, at mensretreat.org. b) The 2026 '*Men of His Word*' Conference (WELS) is in Rochester, MN on Saturday, October 24, 2026 at the Mayo Civic Center. The event runs from 8AM-3:30PM, featuring dynamic speakers, break-out sessions, and fellowship aimed at equipping Christian men to be leaders in their home & community. Check with Tom Mueller for more information or to carpool.

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 but 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 sent his own Son, Jesus, who took on humanity, lived a perfect life in our place, and suffered death and damnation for us and all our sins.
- believes that God the Holy Spirit uses this Gospel message in Word and Sacraments to create faith in us thereby making 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.

