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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.

12th Sunday after Pentecost

Theme: Unexpected Truth: The Church is For ALL People!

Opening Hymn: #528 *Christ is Our Cornerstone*, v. 1-4

(please stand)

Service of Word & Sacrament

(for music cf. p. 26 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: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

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.

Absolution

M: God our heavenly Father has been merciful to us & has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore as a called servant of Christ & by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father & of the Son & of the Holy Spirit. / **C: Amen.**

Prayer and Praise

M: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord. / **C (sung ♪): Lord have mercy.**

M: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C (♪): Christ, have mercy.

M: For the well-being of your holy church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord. / **C:(♪) Lord, have mercy**

M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care. / **C:(♪) Amen.**

M: The works of the Lord are great and glorious: his name is worthy of praise.

C:(♪) O Lord, our Lord, how glorious is your name in all the earth. Almighty God, merciful Father, you crown our life with your love. You take away our sin; you comfort our spirit; you make us pure and holy in your sight. You did not spare your only Son but

gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord, how glorious is your name in all the earth. O Son of God, eternal Word of the Father, you came to live with us; you made your Father known; you washed us from our sins in your own blood. You are the King of glory; You are the Lord! O Lord, our Lord, how glorious is your name in all the earth.

Prayer of the Day

M: Let us pray. / Gracious God, in Christ you bring people from near and far into the fellowship of your church. Open our eyes to your saving plan, and move us to embrace all who seek your salvation so that we may rejoice together at the banquet of your love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C (J): Amen. *(please be seated)*

+THE WORD OF THE DAY+

Old Testament Lesson – Isaiah 56:1,6-8

This is what the Lord says: *“Maintain justice and do what is right, for my salvation is close at hand and my righteousness will soon be revealed. And foreigners who bind themselves to the Lord to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, all who keep the Sabbath without desecrating it and who hold fast to my covenant, these I will bring to my holy mountain and give them joy in my house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house will be called a house of prayer for all nations.” The Sovereign Lord declares— he who gathers the exiles of Israel: “I will gather still others to them besides those already gathered.”* (NIV)



Psalms of the Day – Psalm 67 *Let the people praise you, O God* (on p. 91 of the Red Hymnal)

Epistle Lesson – Ephesians 2:13-22

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.

Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit. (NIV)

(please stand)

Gospel Acclamation

M: Alleluia. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ. 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 15:21-28 *(Sermon Text)*

Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, “Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is demon-possessed and suffering terribly.” Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to him and urged him, “Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us.” He answered, “*I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel.*” The woman came and knelt before him. “Lord, help me!” she said. He replied, “*It is not right to take the children’s bread and toss it to the dogs.*” “Yes it is, Lord,” she said. “Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master’s table.” Then Jesus said to her, “*Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted.*” And her daughter was healed at that moment. (NIV) M: The Gospel of the Lord.

C (♩): Praise be to you, O Christ! *(please be seated)*

Hymn of the Day - #538 The Church’s One Foundation, v. 1-4

SERMON by Pastor Neumann on Matthew 15:21-28

Imitate the Faith of a Gentile Woman

Nicene Creed

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.

Offering

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 around you.

Prayer of the Church

We pray the prayer responsively as it is found on page 32 of Red Hymnal or on the Slides

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 with a closing blessing for our on-line worshippers)

The Sacrament

M: The Lord be with you.

C (♪): And also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.

C (♪): We lift them up to the Lord.

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

C (♪): It is right to give him thanks and praise.



M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. / *He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak.* / Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever

Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy)

C (♪): Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is full of your glory!
You are my God & I will exalt you. I will give you thanks for you have become my salvation
Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is full of your glory.

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 of 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: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us your peace. Amen.

Distribution Hymn #313 Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior, v. 1-8

(please stand)

Thank the Lord

C (♩): Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell everyone what he has done.

Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name. He renews his promises and leads his people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Closing Prayer

M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C (♩): Amen.

Closing Blessings

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in Harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness. 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 #538 The Church's One Foundation, v. 5

Today's Door Offering Basket: Luther High Association

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!

This Week at St. Luke's

Thursday: Men's Bible Study at Perkins, 7 AM;

Moon Tunes Concert at Riverside Park in La Crosse, 5:30 PM.

Worship Service, 6:30 PM.

Happy Birthday: Laurie Church, Jenna Kelso (19th); Pam Larson (22nd).

Happy Anniversary: None (?)

August Church Cleaning: Denise (Tim) Albrecht by 8/16; Amy Woodard by 8/23; TBD by 8/30 – Contact Rebecca Church if available.

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

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

Looking Ahead:

Sunday, August 30th: Outdoor Service in the Park, 9AM with brunch afterwards. Bring a chair and a friend!

Mission Festival: A special 9am Mission Festival 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 preacher and presenter. Make plans to join us for this very special day!

LAST CHANCE to Sign-up for 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 TODAY** on the sheet in our entryway. Once our Family Bible study at Swogger’s resumes (on Wednesday, **September 30th** – **Corrected Date** at 6 PM), this class will meet every other Wednesday at church until concluding. Join us for this informative study!

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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

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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 in undeserved 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 learning more about the Christian Faith or in joining our congregation, Pastor offers a NO COST / NO OBLIGATION Bible 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, if the person is so interested. Speak with Pastor for more information and specifics. This class is scheduled on a day and time that works best for those who are interested in taking it.

