



You were called to freedom. . . .
Serve one another

GALATIANS 5:13

Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 29, 2025

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Our Mission

“To Know Jesus and to Make Him Known”

Our Vision

Educate, Equip and Encourage ourselves and our families through worship and study, and engage our community through discipleship, example and Acts of Kindness, using the unique gifts bestowed on each member of our congregation by the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Worship Information

Parents with Young Children: We encourage families to worship together.

Worship Bulletin: Our order of service is printed out in your worship folder.

Worship Form: There are 5 “Movements” in our Worship.

- God grants us the gift of forgiveness.
- God speaks to us from His Word.
- God receives our offerings and prayers.
- God offers us His real presence in Holy Communion.
- God blesses us and sends us out.

Communion: Please read the Statement of Communion below.

(If you are *gluten intolerant* please speak with Pastor or an elder prior to the worship service so we can accommodate you.)

STATEMENT OF COMMUNION

BECAUSE THE WORD OF GOD TEACHES THAT:

- We are all sinners in need of forgiveness.
- Jesus is our only Savior from sin through His death and resurrection.
- The True Body and Blood of Christ is present in the Sacrament of the Holy Communion



Please see Pastor if you have any questions about this or do not believe in the Lord's Supper in this way. You are welcome to come forward for a blessing if you are not communing.

- Please see Pastor if there is something going on in your life that needs the attention of Christ in private confession *and* absolution.

AS WE GATHER-- If you have ever enjoyed a homegrown tomato or plucked a ripe peach straight from the tree, you know there is no substitute for good fruit. Today, the Holy Spirit is continuing the work begun in your Baptism, bringing forth good fruit. Too often, we imagine bearing good fruit is a result of our own careful cultivation, paying special attention to getting things right. The Spirit takes another approach. Just as the flavor of fresh fruit is a delight to our senses, the Spirit delights our soul with the tantalizing tastes of joy, kindness, gentleness, and love! The Spirit teaches us to crave what is good and, in so doing, leads believers to produce the fruit the Lord always intended.

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WITNESS AND OUTREACH-- Luke 9:51-62: The disciples wanted to call down fire from heaven to destroy those who did not welcome Jesus. Jesus rebuked them because He has such great love for all people, even those who reject Him. Because of God’s undeserved love, we have been saved from our sinful condition; as a result, we can be like one beggar telling another beggar where to find food.

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WELCOME to GUESTS & VISITORS

Hymns will be from the Lutheran Service Book (LSB).

 **HYMN**

✠ PREPARATION ✠

“O Holy Spirit, Enter In”

LSB 913

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Ezekiel 17:22–24, adapt.*

Pastor: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,
People: and kindle in them the fire of Your love.
Pastor: Thus says the Lord God: “I Myself will take a sprig and plant it on a high and lofty mountain,
People: that it may bear branches and produce fruit.
Pastor: And all the trees of the field shall know that I am the Lord;
People: I bring low the high tree, and make high the low tree,
Pastor: dry up the green tree, and make the dry tree flourish.
People: I am the Lord; I have spoken, and I will do it.”

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
People: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Pastor: Almighty Father, we confess that by our inability, insolence, and inaction, we have not made Your ways our ways.

People: For our failure to walk in the ways of love, joy, and peace, forgive us, Lord.

Pastor: Lord Jesus, we admit we too often conform our desires to the world around us, adopting its compromised standards for living.

People: For our failure to value the gifts of patience, kindness, and goodness, forgive us, Lord.

Pastor: Holy Spirit, our very natures are set against You, Your Gospel proclamation, and the fruit You intend to bring.

**People: For our failure to manifest the fruits of faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control, forgive us, Lord.
For Jesus' sake, melt our sinful hearts, and mold us into the reflections of Your righteousness that You call us to be.**

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son, Jesus, to die for you, and for His sake forgives You all Your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word made flesh and by His authority, I therefore forgive You all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

✠ WORD ✠



KYRIE

LSB 152 (the congregation will sing the responses)

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

People: Amen.



HYMN OF PRAISE “This is the Feast” LSB 155

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Lord of all power and might, author and giver of all good things, graft into our hearts the love of Your name and nourish us with all goodness that we may love and serve our neighbor; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

FIRST READING *1 Kings 19:9b–21* (The Lord brings Elijah assurance that he is not alone in resisting the temptations of idolatry.)

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM *Psalm 16* (You will not abandon my soul.)

EPISTLE *Galatians 5:1, 13–25* (Rather than the desires of the flesh, the Spirit cultivates in believers the craving and the capacity for bearing good fruit.)

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

VERSE *Luke 9:51*

Pastor: Alleluia. When the days drew near for Him to be taken up,

People: **He set His face to go to Jerusalem. Alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 9:51–62* (Jesus faces the lonely task of ministry, setting His face on the saving task ahead of Him in Jerusalem.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the ninth chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

(The Gospel is read.)

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**



CHILDREN’S MESSAGE



SERMON

“The Cost of Following Jesus”

CREED

*Apostles’ Creed***I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.****And 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 and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and 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, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Gracious Holy Spirit, grow the faith of all those who believe. Bring forth the fruit of holiness and supply them with opportunities to display that fruit for the sake of their neighbor. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Abiding Holy Spirit, be a companion for all who feel lonely and isolated, and preserve them from depression and despair. Send us, Your people, to be visible and tangible witnesses that Your presence is with them always. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Ministering Holy Spirit, safeguard and support all those You have called into ministry. Encourage them amid the challenges of their Gospel work that they do not face the trials and triumphs of this mission alone. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Interceding Holy Spirit, plead for all who face sorrow, sickness, or adversity, comforting them with Your tender care, [*especially* . . .]. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Sanctifying Holy Spirit, strengthen Your church. Give all the baptized passion for Your Word, eagerness for service, and courage to reject the world’s faulty wisdom and misplaced priorities. Fan into flame hearts that might be a beacon for those in darkness. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Eternal Holy Spirit, preserve Your church until the day of the return of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Father, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OFFERTORY (in offering plate at entrance to sanctuary)



HYMN “For the Fruits of His Creation” LSB 894, vs.1, 3

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE 2 Timothy 4:22

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.



SANCTUS “Holy, Holy, Holy” LSB 161

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of power and might:

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Holy Spirit, Lord and giver of life, we praise and adore You for the gift of faith that You give and cultivate among Your people, connecting us to the redeeming work of Jesus. Receive our thanks and strengthen our hearts yet again as we partake of this Holy Meal, secure in faith and forgiveness, and emboldened to display the hallmarks of having been made righteous through the victorious sacrifice of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Father, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠

body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST *1 Cor. 11:26; Revelation 22:20*

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

People: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD’S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9–13*

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.

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: **And also with you. Amen.**



AGNUS DEI “Lamb of God” LSB 163

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

See LSB 329: Christian Questions with Their Answers prepared by Dr. Martin Luther for those who intend to go to the Sacrament.



NOTE: Pastor will come around again, offering the COMMON CUP.



DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” LSB 411

“Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus” LSB 685

“Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling” LSB 650

COMMUNION DISMISSAL

Pastor: Now this, the Body and Blood of Christ, crucified, risen and ascended, strengthen you, nourish you and keep you steadfast in the true faith to life everlasting. Depart in peace.

People: Amen.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray. Spirit of faithfulness and truth, we rejoice that by faith we have been made fit to receive the nourishment of Christ's true body and blood. Safeguard this holy people from temptation and danger, and prepare us to represent the name of our loving and living Savior, Jesus, that by our actions and interactions, more may be brought into the eternal kingdom of Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Father, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

People: Amen.



HYMN “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

LSB 643

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING

Pastor: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God.

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NEXT WEEK’S READINGS:

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 66:10-14

EPISTLE Galatians 6:1-10, 14-18

HOLY GOSPEL Luke 10:1-20

TITHE & OFFERING – our sacrifice of thanksgiving to the Lord

Our “tithes” are our first fruits returned to God in proportional, joyful, thankful and faithful response to His grace. “Offerings” are special gifts for ministries, memorials and needs over and above the tithe.

(If you are a guest, we welcome you as a guest. Please do not feel obligated to give an offering unless you feel moved to do so by the Spirit.)

May Financial Recap:

May Givings (Thank you!): \$ 9,529
Monthly Need: \$17,812.08
Shortage: - \$ 8,283.08

Scrip Profit from 6/16/25 - 6/22/25: \$10.75

Parking Lot Project:
\$71,463
Goal: \$100,000
(\$15,558.08 remains on
the \$50,000 loan.)

YTD Financial Summary (as of June 25, 2024):

Received in General Offerings: \$ 96,060.49
YTD Budget Need: \$111,325.50
YTD Spent: \$ 65,375.83

Life Quote: June 29 “As your life goes on, you will continue to see the effects of sin in the world. Your own bodies will fail with time. The world will seem to be a darker place. Loved ones will pass away. But do not be ignorant about those who have fallen asleep, the Apostle Paul encourages you. Instead, know with certainty that ‘the end for you is only the end of the hardship. Life awaits you in Christ!’ *Daily Devotion, Lutheran Hour Ministries – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

CALENDAR:

Tuesdays—9am Orphan Grain Train packing

July 12—Central WI Lutheran HS Family Fun Fair and Square Dance

July 13—WI Rapids Rafters/Wausau Woodchucks game, 3:05pm (Tickets have been ordered!)

July 26—Celebrate Plover



Friday Study: Pastor Dan’s Friday class has completed “You are Never Alone.” They will be taking a short break before the next study begins.

Celebrate Plover Outreach Opportunity: Beautiful Savior is hosting a booth at Celebrate Plover on **Saturday, July 26th**, to bring awareness of BSLC to the community. We will have giveaways and handouts. All you’ll need to do is bring your smile and be willing to chat with those who stop by. Sign-up with a family member, friend, even your child! This is a fun opportunity to share the love of Jesus as we work to make Jesus known! Please sign up for a time slot(s) on the sign-up sheet in the narthex. Contact Kristi Philhower with any questions. Thank you!

Recycling Dumpster: Due to some recent circumstances, we have replaced our Recycling dumpster with a lockable one. The key will be kept in the building in a general location for anyone needing to use it. Just a friendly reminder, recyclable items are not to be bagged, but should be put in the dumpster loose. Thank you for your cooperation!

Lawnmowers Needed: We will need volunteers to mow the lawn throughout the summer. Please sign up on the board in the narthex. We have a super nice “new-to-us” riding mower!

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Family Fun Fair and Square Dance (with lessons!):
July 12, 5-7:30pm



Join us for the first fundraiser for Central Wisconsin Lutheran High School! A family-friendly square dance with lessons included will begin at 6pm in the gym. Suggested donation for the dance is \$20/person. See the posters in the narthex for more information. Interested in helping? Teresa or JoAnn can help plug you in! Teresa could really use your help with manning some games. Thank you!

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Prayer List : 6/29/2025 – 7/5/2025

Ongoing prayers for Grief & Loss: (Named & Not Named):

Family of Art Holford; Schultz Family; Family of Sharon Hughes; Family of Lynda Helmrick

Situations:

Suicide Attempts, Cancer, Christian Parenting, Caregivers, AODA (those struggling with alcohol and other substance abuse), those struggling with mental health

Military: Devante; Emily; Nick

Pending Diagnosis & Treatment:

Ken Resch (Father of Julie Barge); Sandy Wagoner

Hospitalized/Recovering:

Circuit 17:

St Luke-Rapids (continuing the Call process for a Pastor); Bethlehem-Nekoosa (continuing the Call process for a Pastor)

Shut-ins: Mary S.; Anita C.

Birthdays:

6/30 Tom Adams
6/30 Jon Carroll
7/01 Paul Barthel
7/01 Marina Kubisiak
7/02 Sharon Koepsell
7/04 Collin Lockman
7/05 Andy Krueger
7/05 Bonnie Krueger
7/05 Pike Kubisiak

Baptism Birthdays:

6/30 Shayna Kowalski
7/03 Lee Loomis

Missions:

First Choice Resource Center
Camp Luther
Peace Campus Center & Pastor Andy Weden
St. Paul Lutheran Elementary School
Immanuel Lutheran School
Central WI Lutheran High School
Wycliffe & Lutheran Bible Translators & Linda Jordan
J.P. & Aimee Cima & Family
Orphan Grain Train Center
Christ Care / Carpenter's Crew

Anniversaries:

6/30 David & Suzanne Diekelman (35 yrs)

***Please let us know if you have any prayer requests – Thank you! ***

June 29-July 5, 2025

Week 27 “Bible in a Year” Questions:



Joshua 1-7:

1. Who succeeded Moses as leader of Israel? What command is repeated several times in chapter 1, verses 6-18 (“Be...”)?
2. How does Rahab save the spies Joshua sent into the Promised Land (2:4-15)? How do they repay her favor (2:17-20, 6:22-23)?
3. How did Achan disobey God and what was his punishment (6:18-19, 7:20-26)?

Isaiah 61-Jeremiah 1:

1. Isaiah 64:8 says, “We are the clay, You are the potter.” What does this mean? What might it look like in your life?
2. What is meant by “new heavens and a new earth” (65:17)? When can we look forward to this happening?
3. Who was Jeremiah? What was some of his background/lineage? When was he a prophet?

Psalms 120-138:

1. Psalms 120-134 say they are a “song of ascents.” What might that mean?
2. Describe Psalm 127 in your own words.
3. Psalm 136 has a refrain, “His love endures forever.” God showed His love to the Israelites repeatedly. How has He shown His love to you repeatedly?

General Questions to consider:

1. What did you learn from this week’s readings?
2. Is there something in these readings that surprised you?
3. What is one passage that encourages or challenges you? How?

Old Testament Reading: 1 Kings 19:9b-21

^{9b}Behold, the word of the LORD came to [Elijah], and he said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁰He said, "I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away." ¹¹And he said, "Go out and stand on the mount before the LORD." And behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind tore the mountains and broke in pieces the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. And after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. ¹²And after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire the sound of a low whisper. ¹³And when Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. And behold, there came a voice to him and said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁴He said, "I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away." ¹⁵And the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus. And when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael to be king over Syria. ¹⁶And Jehu the son of Nimshi you shall anoint to be king over Israel, and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah you shall anoint to be prophet in your place. ¹⁷And the one who escapes from the sword of Hazael shall Jehu put to death, and the one who escapes from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha put to death. ¹⁸Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

¹⁹So he departed from there and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen in front of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and cast his cloak upon him. ²⁰And he left the oxen and ran after Elijah and said, "Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." And he said to him, "Go back again, for what have I done to you?" ²¹And he returned from following him and took the yoke of oxen and sacrificed them and boiled their flesh with the yokes of the oxen and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he arose and went after Elijah and assisted him.

Epistle: Galatians 5:1, 13-25

¹For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm

therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. . . .

¹³For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. ¹⁴For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁵But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another.

¹⁶But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. ¹⁸But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. ¹⁹Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, ²⁰idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, ²¹envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. ²²But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. ²⁴And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

²⁵If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.

Holy Gospel: Luke 9:51-62

⁵¹When the days drew near for [Jesus] to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. ⁵²And he sent messengers ahead of him, who went and entered a village of the Samaritans, to make preparations for him. ⁵³But the people did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. ⁵⁴And when his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to tell fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" ⁵⁵But he turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶And they went on to another village.

⁵⁷As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." ⁵⁸And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." ⁵⁹To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father." ⁶⁰And Jesus said to him, "Leave the dead to bury their own dead. But as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." ⁶¹Yet another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home." ⁶²Jesus said to him, "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."



About the Cover: We are free to serve one another. We do not need to treat our neighbors as a means to an end for attaining righteousness before God. We know that, because we are forgiven in Christ, we are not held captive or forced to make ourselves worthy before God by what we do. In Christ, we are already free. So, we are free to love one another through our vocations at home, at work, and in our community.