



GOOD NEWS
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Kingdom
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Heavenly springs that bring new life on earth

Service Focus:

Kingdom Citizenship: Limitless Extension

Good News Lutheran Church | Mount Horeb, Wisconsin
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Welcome!

We are grateful to have you with us for our service today. You have joined us for the most important time we spend together. Each time we gather as a family of faith, we make the gospel (or good news) of Jesus our central focus. We do so relying on Jesus' promise that, wherever two or three come together in his name, he is present among them to deliver his gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation.

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Time of Year: Sundays after Pentecost

The Festival of Pentecost marks the transition from the first half of the Christian Church Year to the second. During the Sundays after Pentecost, our attention shifts from the life of Christ to the teachings of Christ. Jesus' words establish our faith, transform our hearts and minds, and guide our lives in him. The liturgical color is green for the spiritual growth the Holy Spirit works in our hearts through the Word.



Current Series: Thy Kingdom Come

When Christians pray “Thy Kingdom Come,” they aren’t praying about lines on a map or results in an upcoming election. Like a spring that appears out of nowhere and then carves its own path, the Kingdom of God comes wherever and whenever the gospel is heard. There the Holy Spirit pours heaven’s best gifts into the hearts of people. When God’s kingdom comes, heavenly springs bring new life on earth.

August 13/16	Pentecost 12	Kingdom Citizenship: Limitless Extension
August 20/23	Pentecost 13	Kingdom Citizenship: Clear Confession
August 27/30	Pentecost 14	Kingdom Citizenship: Delayed Expectation
September 3/6	Pentecost 15	Kingdom Citizenship: Loving Confrontation
September 10/13	Pentecost 16	Kingdom Citizenship: Debt Cancellation

Service Focus

This week we see how Jesus’ kingdom extends without limits. Because of Jesus’ perfect and complete sacrifice on the cross, forgiveness and salvation have been won for all. As a result, those who are currently within Jesus’ kingdom can freely extend its blessings to those outside it without any conditions or obligations. Through faith in Jesus, all are welcomed into God’s spiritual household.

Prayer before the Service

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. Amen.

The Service



Hymn

870 O Church, Arise

Stand

*Both the
invocation and
sign of the cross
are reminders of
our baptism.*

Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Confession

Psalm 32:1-2

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Almighty and merciful Father,

we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.

We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.

We have done those things that we should not have done,

and we have not done those things that we should have done.

Have mercy on us, Lord!

Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,

according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy *Kyrie*

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

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.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

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

Amen.

Having received the gift of the Lord's forgiveness, we now make our requests on the basis of his mercy.

Throughout the service, titles like "Kyrie" refer to the historic names for the ancient texts of the Church's liturgy.

*Jesus said that the
angels in heaven
rejoice over one
sinner who
repents. In
response to the
repentance
expressed through
confession and
absolution, the
church sings as
the angels sang on
Christmas night:
"Glory be to God
on high."*

Glory to God in the Highest *Gloria in Excelsis*

1 To God on high be glo - ry and peace to all the earth,
2 O Lamb of God ex - alt - ed, you take all sin a - way;

for God has shown his fa - vor in Je - sus' ho - ly birth!
ex - tend to us your mer - cy and hear us as we pray.

Al - might - y God and Fa - ther, our hum - ble thanks we bring;
With God the Ho - ly Spir - it, at God the Fa - ther's throne,

we wor - ship you, we bless you, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.
you reign, O Christ, for - ev - er, for you are Lord a - lone!

The Word

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.



Prayer of the Day

O God, because your abiding presence always goes with us, keep us aware of your daily mercies that we may live secure and content in your eternal love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

Isaiah 56:1–8

*The LORD intended
to use his house
and his people to
gather others from
all nations to
himself.*

¹This 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.

²Blessed is the one who does this—
the person who holds it fast,
who keeps the Sabbath without desecrating it,
and keeps their hands from doing any evil.”

³Let no foreigner who is bound to the LORD say,
“The LORD will surely exclude me from his people.”
And let no eunuch complain,
“I am only a dry tree.”

⁴For this is what the LORD says:

“To the eunuchs who keep my Sabbaths,
who choose what pleases me
and hold fast to my covenant—

⁵to them I will give within my temple and its walls
a memorial and a name
better than sons and daughters;
I will give them an everlasting name
that will endure forever.

⁶And 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—

⁷these 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.”

⁸The Sovereign LORD declares—
 he who gathers the exiles of Israel:
 “I will gather still others to them
 besides those already gathered.”

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

*Psalms have been
 used by God's
 people in worship
 since the Old
 Testament.*

*The Church sings
 Psalm 67 in
 services that
 celebrate mission
 work.*

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 67



1 You have called us out of dark - est night in -
 2 May our ev - 'ry breath re - tell the grace that
 3 All the earth is yours and all with - in, each
 4 May the seeds of mer - cy grow in us for
 5 This our ho - ly priv - 'lege to de - clare your



to your glo - rious light, that we may sing the
 broke in - to our strife with bound - less love and
 har - vest is your own, and from your hand we
 those who have not heard. May songs of praise build
 prais - es and your name to ev - 'ry na - tion,



won - ders of the ris - en Christ. v. 2
 deep - est joy, with end - less life. Refrain
 give to you, to make Christ known. v. 4
 lives of grace to spread your Word. Refrain
 tribe, and tongue, your church pro - claim. Final Refrain

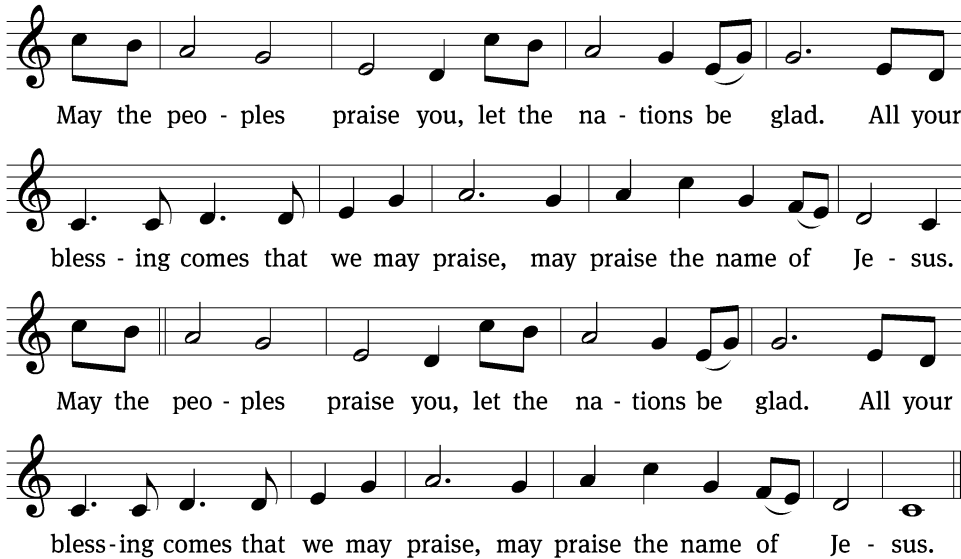
Refrain



May the peo - ples praise you, let the na - tions be glad.



Final Refrain



Second Reading

Ephesians 2:13-22

¹³But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

¹⁴For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, ¹⁵by 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, ¹⁶and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. ¹⁷He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. ¹⁸For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.

Through the blood of Christ, those who were far away have been brought near and made full members of the household of faith.

¹⁹Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God’s people and also members of his household, ²⁰built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. ²¹In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. ²²And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

By standing and singing “Alleluia” (Praise the Lord) as we prepare to hear the gospel, Christ’s people express their trust in his promise to be present among them through his word.

Gospel Acclamation

Ephesians 2:13

Refrain



But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ. *Refrain*

Jesus commends the faith of a woman who is convinced that, though she does not belong to the people of Israel, God’s blessings extend to her.

Gospel

Matthew 15:21–28

²¹Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. ²²A 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.”

²³Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to him and urged him, “Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us.”

²⁴He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel.”

²⁵The woman came and knelt before him. “Lord, help me!” she said.

²⁶He replied, “It is not right to take the children’s bread and toss it to the dogs.”

²⁷“Yes it is, Lord,” she said. “Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master’s table.”

²⁸Then Jesus said to her, “Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted.”
And her daughter was healed at that moment.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Hymn of the Day

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Sermon

Isaiah 56:1–8

Stand

Apostles’ Creed *Credo*

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and 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, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there 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.**

Installation of a Pastoral Vicar

Josiah Koelpin

Prayer of the Church

O Lord, grant that the Church may steadfastly proclaim your unconditional gifts and calling, that the lost may receive mercy and that those who hear would become part of the spiritual household you have built, in which you dwell by your Holy Spirit. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Eternal God, pour out your blessing on Vicar Josiah Koelpin, who desires to serve your people as a pastor. Deepen his love for you as he recalls your grace to him. Strengthen his confidence in your Word and sacraments. Instill in him a deep desire to help those who have been redeemed by your Son and give him joy as he honors you in his service to your people. Bless him and Sarah during their year among us. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

O Lord, bless all honest work and occupations, and grant that we may use well the fruits of our labors. Keep in your care all those students who are preparing for the public ministry of the gospel. Raise up a new generation of workers who will go into your world proclaiming the good news of your love. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

All these things and whatever else you know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Offering

*We would love for you to fill out our online Connection Card to let us know you were here or to connect further with our ministry. You can do so at **GoodNewsLC.org/connect** (or scan the QR Code on the back cover). To support our ministry with an offering, visit **GoodNewsLC.org/give** (or scan the QR Code on the back cover).*

Offering Music

Rescuer (Good News)

There is good news for the captive, good news for the shamed.

There is good news for the one who walked away.

There is good news for the doubter, the one religion failed,
for the good Lord has come to seek and save.

Refrain

He's our Rescuer. He's our Rescuer.

We are free from sin forever more.

Oh, how sweet the sound. Oh, how grace abounds!

We will praise the Lord, our Rescuer.

He is beauty for the blind man, riches for the poor.

He is friendship for the one the world ignores.

He is pasture for the weary, rest for those who strive.

For the good Lord is the way, the truth, the life.

Yes, the good Lord is the way, the truth and life. *Refrain*

So come and be chainless.

Come and be fearless.

Come to the foot of Calvary.

For there is redemption

for every affliction;

here at the foot of Calvary. *Refrain*

Stand

Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

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.**

*Known as the
Aaronic Blessing,
these words have
been spoken to
God's people for
3,500 years.
Wherever God's
name is
proclaimed, God
promises to be
present with his
blessing (Numbers
6:22–27).*

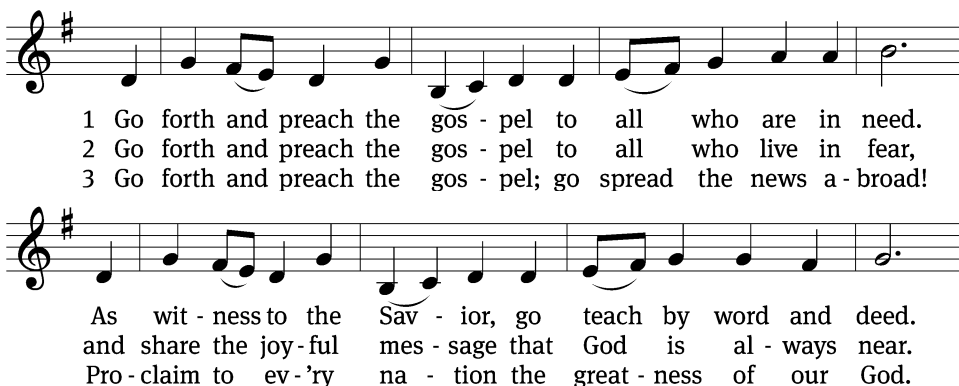
Blessing

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.
Amen.

Be seated

Hymn

908 Go Forth and Preach the Gospel



1 Go forth and preach the gos - pel to all who are in need.
2 Go forth and preach the gos - pel to all who live in fear,
3 Go forth and preach the gos - pel; go spread the news a - broad!

As wit - ness to the Sav - ior, go teach by word and deed.
and share the joy - ful mes - sage that God is al - ways near.
Pro - claim to ev - 'ry na - tion the great - ness of our God.



The Spir-it is up - on us, and sends us to de - clare
The Spir-it is up - on us, and sends us forth in peace
The Spir-it is up - on us, that all may un - der - stand
The Spir-it is up - on us, and sends us to de - clare



good news of God's for - give - ness to peo - ple ev - 'ry - where.
to bring the poor glad ti - dings, that mer - cy may in - crease.
the prom - ise of sal - va - tion re - vealed to ev - 'ry land.
good news of God's for - give - ness to peo - ple ev - 'ry - where.

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Our Mission

Good News Lutheran Church was established in 2013 as a mission effort of Resurrection Lutheran Church in Verona. Our mission is to help people find relief from life's distressing noise by preaching, teaching, and sharing the Bible's good news.

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