



GOOD NEWS
LUTHERAN CHURCH

THY Kingdom COME

Heavenly springs that bring new life on earth

Service Focus:

Kingdom Citizenship: Loving Confrontation

Good News Lutheran Church | Mount Horeb, Wisconsin
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost | September 6, 2026



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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 the citizens of Jesus’ kingdom carry out loving confrontation. Because the Lord wants his people to repent of their sin and live rather than live in their sin and die, he uses us to help lead others to repentance. We do this when we speak words of warning to the impenitent and words of comfort to those who repent. Because every citizen in God’s kingdom is valuable to him, he wants every citizen to be willing to lovingly confront another when needed.

Prayer before the Service

O Lord Jesus Christ, preserve the congregation of believers with your never-failing mercy. Help us avoid whatever is wicked and harmful, and guide us in the way that leads to our salvation; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*Morning Prayer is
one of the services
of the Daily Office,
a set of brief
patterns for
worship and
prayer appointed
for various times
throughout the
day.*

Morning Prayer



Hymn

916 Today Your Mercy Calls Us



1 To - day your mer - cy calls us to wash a - way our sin.
2 To - day your gate is o - pen, and all who en - ter in
3 To - day our Fa - ther calls us, his Ho - ly Spir - it waits;
4 O all - em - brac - ing Mer - cy, O ev - er - o - pen Door,



How - ev - er great our tres - pass, what - ev - er we have been,
shall find a Fa - ther's wel - come and par - don for their sin.
his bless - ed an - gels gath - er a - round the heav'n - ly gates.
what should we do with - out you when heart and eye run o'er?

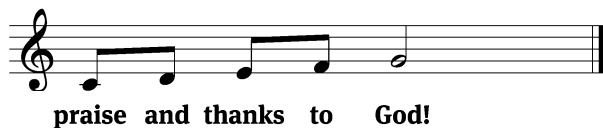
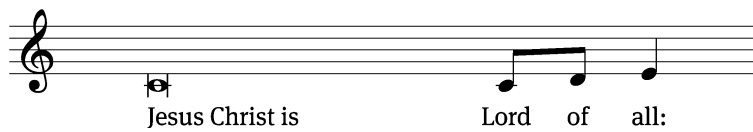


how - ev - er long from mer - cy our hearts have turned a - way,
The past shall be for - got - ten, a pres - ent joy be giv'n,
No ques - tion will be asked us how of - ten we have come;
When all things seem a - gainst us, to drive us to de - spair,



your pre - cious blood can wash us and make us clean to - day.
a fu - ture grace be prom - ised, a glo - rious crown in heav'n.
al - though we oft have wan - dered, it is our Fa - ther's home.
we know one gate is o - pen, one ear will hear our prayer.

Stand



"Venite," which means "Come!", is the title of the canticle used at the beginning of Morning Prayer. Its words are based on Psalm 95:1-7

Come, Let Us Praise the Lord *Venite*

1 Come, let us praise the LORD, with joy our God ac -
 2 Our God of match - less worth, our King be - yond com -
 3 In wor - ship bow the knee, our glo - rious God con -
 4 Come, hear his voice to - day, re - ceive what love im -

claim, his great - ness tell a - broad and bless his
 pare, the deep - est bounds of earth, the hills, are
 fess; the great Cre - a - tor, he, the LORD our
 parts; his ho - ly will o - bey and hard - en

sav - ing name. Lift high your songs be -
 in his care. He all de - crees, who
 Right - eous - ness. He reigns un - seen: his
 not your hearts. His ways are best and

fore his throne to whom a - lone all praise be - longs.
 by his hand pre - pared the land and formed the seas.
 flock he feeds and gent - ly leads in pas - tures green.
 lead at last, all trou - bles past, to per - fect rest.

Prayer of the Day

O Lord Jesus Christ, preserve the congregation of believers with your never-failing mercy. Help us avoid whatever is wicked and harmful, and guide us in the way that leads to our salvation; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

Children's Devotion

First Reading

Ezekiel 33:7–11

⁷“Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the people of Israel; so hear the word I speak and give them warning from me. ⁸When I say to the wicked, ‘You wicked person, you will surely die,’ and you do not speak out to dissuade them from their ways, that wicked person will die for their sin, and I will hold you accountable for their blood. ⁹But if you do warn the wicked person to turn from their ways and they do not do so, they will die for their sin, though you yourself will be saved.

¹⁰“Son of man, say to the Israelites, ‘This is what you are saying: “Our offenses and sins weigh us down, and we are wasting away because of them. How then can we live?” ’ ¹¹“Say to them, ‘As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign LORD, I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that they turn from their ways and live. Turn! Turn from your evil ways! Why will you die, people of Israel?’

Because the Lord wants his people to turn from their sin and live, he gives them watchmen to deliver his warning.

The Word of the Lord.

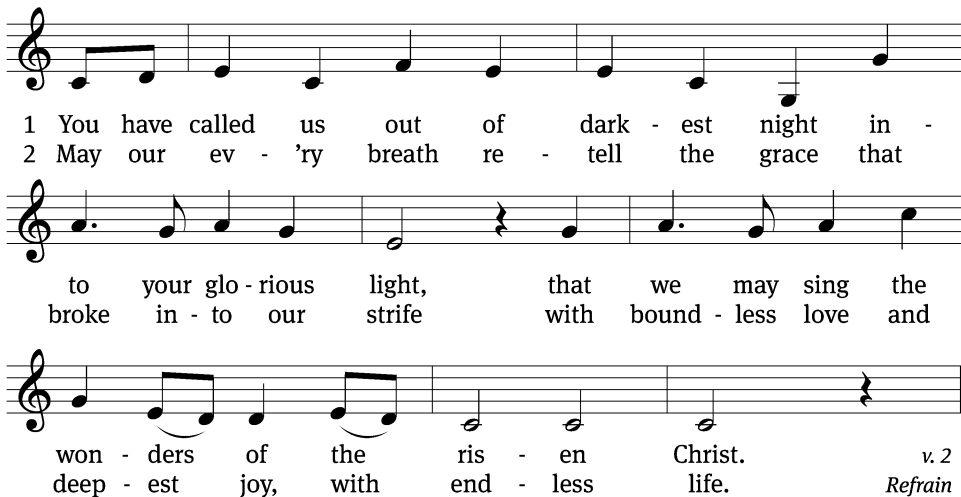
Thanks be to God.

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

*The Church sings
Psalm 32 in
services that
proclaim
forgiveness for the
penitent.*

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 32



1 You have called us out of dark - est night in -
2 May our ev - 'ry breath re - tell the grace that
to your glo - rious light, that we may sing the
broke in - to our strife with bound - less love and
won - ders of the ris - en Christ.
deep - est joy, with end - less life. v. 2
Refrain

Refrain



May the peo - ples praise you, let the na - tions be glad.
All your bless - ing comes that we may praise, may
praise the name of Je - sus.

Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven,
whose sins are covered.

Blessed is the one whose sin the LORD does not count against them
and in whose spirit is no deceit.

When I kept silent, my bones wasted away
through my groaning all day long.

For day and night your hand was heavy on me;
my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer.

Then I acknowledged my sin to you
and did not cover up my iniquity.

I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD.”
And you forgave the guilt of my sin.

You are my hiding place;
you will protect me from trouble.

Many are the woes of the wicked,
but the LORD’s unfailing love surrounds the one who trusts in him.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen. Refrain**

Second Reading

Galatians 2:11–16

*One apostle is
willing to confront
another for the
good of the
salvation of all
involved.*

¹¹When Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned. ¹²For before certain men came from James, he used to eat with the Gentiles. But when they arrived, he began to draw back and separate himself from the Gentiles because he was afraid of those who belonged to the circumcision group. ¹³The other Jews joined him in his hypocrisy, so that by their hypocrisy even Barnabas was led astray.

¹⁴When I saw that they were not acting in line with the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas in front of them all, “You are a Jew, yet you live like a Gentile and not like a Jew. How is it, then, that you force Gentiles to follow Jewish customs?”

¹⁵“We who are Jews by birth and not sinful Gentiles ¹⁶know that a person is not justified by the works of the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ. So we, too, have put our faith in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law, because by the works of the law no one will be justified.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Stand

*Jesus teaches his
followers how to
care for the
members of their
Christian family
when they fall into
sin.*

Gospel

Matthew 18:15–20

¹⁵“If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over. ¹⁶But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that ‘every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.’ ¹⁷If they still refuse to listen, tell it to the church; and if they refuse to listen even to the church, treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector.

¹⁸“Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

¹⁹“Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Hymn

654 Jesus Sinners Does Receive sts. 1–5

Sermon

Matthew 18:15–20

Stand

*Te Deum
Laudamus is an
ancient Latin hymn
whose title means
“We Praise You,
God.” Martin
Luther thought so
highly of the words
of this hymn that
he referred to it as
the fourth
Christian creed.*

Holy God, We Praise Your Name *Te Deum Laudamus*



1	Ho	-	ly	God,	we	praise	your	name;	Lord	of			
2	Hark!	The	glad	ce	-	les	-	tial	hymn	an	-	gel	
3	All	a	-	pos	-	tles	join	the	strain	as	your		
4	You	are	King	of	glo	-	ry,	Christ,	Son	of			
5	Ho	-	ly	Fa	-	ther,	ho	-	ly	Son,	Ho	-	ly

all, we bow be - fore you. All on
choirs a - bove are rais - ing; cher - u -
sa - cred name they hal - low; proph - ets
God, yet born of Mar - y, for us
Spir - it, three we name you, though in

earth your scep - ter claim; all in heav'n a -
bim and ser - a - phim, in un - ceas - ing
swell the glad re - frain, and the white - robed
sin - ners sac - ri - ficed, on the cross our
es - sence on - ly one, un - di - vid - ed

bove a - dore you. In - fi - nite your vast do -
cho - rus prais - ing, fill the heav'ns with sweet ac -
mar - tyrs fol - low, and from morn to set of
sins did car - ry; first to break the bars of
God we claim you, and, a - dor - ing, bend the

main, ev - er - last - ing is your reign.
cord: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!"
sun through the Church the song goes on.
death, you have o - pened heav'n to faith.
knee while we own the mys - ter - y.

Be seated

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).*

Stand

Lord, Have Mercy *Kyrie*

In the morning, O Lord, I call to you;
be merciful to me and hear my prayer.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord God, heavenly Father, you have sent us pastors as watchmen. Let them be ever faithful in calling sinners to repentance and joyfully announcing your forgiveness to those who heed their warning. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Gracious Father, because you have made us our brother's keeper, fill us with care for the members of our earthly families and for our brothers and sisters in Christ. Forgive our sins and strengthen us to live so that we owe no one anything except to love each other. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

On this Labor Day weekend, we praise you especially for your gift of work in our many callings. Free us from thinking of that gift as drudgery. Help us to welcome labor with joy as an opportunity to be a blessing to our neighbors. Remember especially all who desire work but can find no gainful employment, as well as those no longer able to work as they would like. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Almighty God, because you desire that none of your little ones should perish and because sin is constantly crouching at our door, we beg you to call us back to yourself when we are tempted to stray. Deliver us from temptation, and keep us in the faith. Make us humble like little children, seeing how your Son humbled himself for us and for our salvation. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

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.
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.

Let us praise the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Blessing

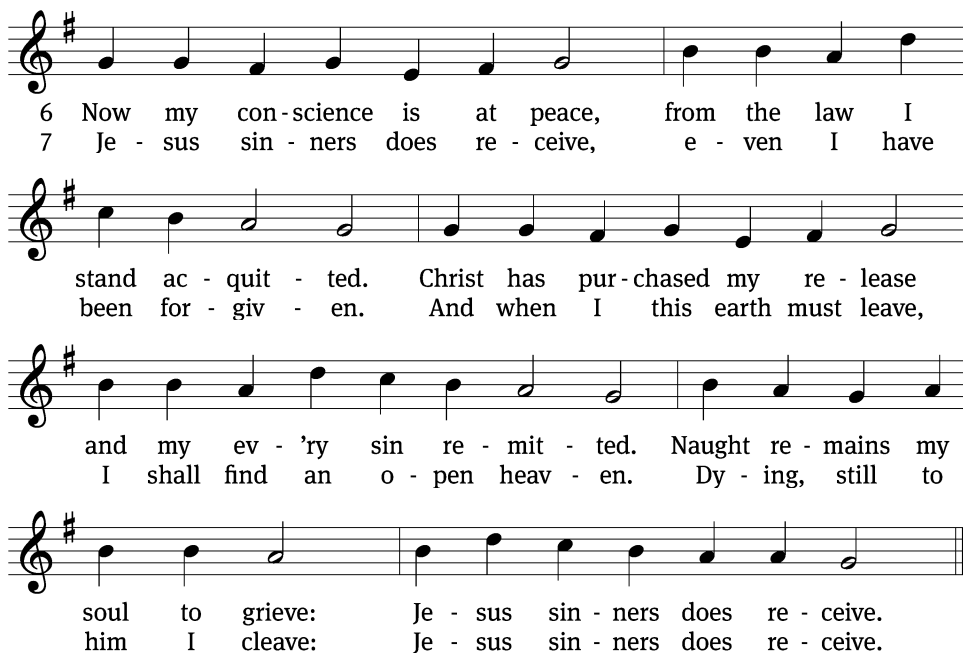
The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
Amen.

Be seated

*Known as the
Apostolic Blessing,
these words often
used as Christians
part ways are a
direct quotation of
2 Corinthians
13:14.*

Hymn

654 Jesus Sinners Does Receive sts. 6-7



6 Now my con-science is at peace, from the law I have
7 Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive, e - ven I have

stand ac - quit - ted. Christ has pur - chased my re - lease
been for - giv - en. And when I this earth must leave,

and my ev - 'ry sin re - mit - ted. Naught re - mains my
I shall find an o - pen heav - en. Dy - ing, still to

soul to grieve: Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.
him I cleave: Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.

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About Us

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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