



GOOD NEWS  
LUTHERAN CHURCH



# *Profiles of* **Faith**

*Putting a face on life in God's Kingdom*

Service Focus:

## **A Repentant Son**

Good News Lutheran Church | Mount Horeb, Wisconsin  
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost | October 4, 2026



# GOOD NEWS

## LUTHERAN CHURCH

### 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.

### For Your Convenience

- » **The order of service** is printed in this folder. Large print copies are available from an usher. If a song is not printed in this service folder, it can be found in the blue hymnal located near your seat.
- » **Restrooms** are located in the hallway to the north of the atrium.
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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: Profiles of Faith

When you want someone to have a concrete grasp of what can easily seem abstract, it's helpful to put a face on it. It's helpful to give them a picture of what it looks like in the real life of a real person. Jesus was fond of doing exactly that. He didn't just explain seemingly abstract concepts like faith. He put a face to them. Through these profiles, Jesus shows us what life looks like for the citizens of God's Kingdom.

| <b>October 1/4</b> | <b>Pentecost 19</b> | <b>A Repentant Child</b> |
|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|
| October 8/11       | Pentecost 20        | Privileged Tenants       |
| October 15/18      | Pentecost 21        | Invited Guests           |
| October 22/25      | Reformation         | Clear Confessors         |

## Service Focus

This week we see a profile of faith in a repentant child. Although our disobedience of our loving Father in heaven makes us worthy of his instant and irreversible punishment, he pleads with us to turn to him in repentance and live. This repentance does not earn God's love and forgiveness in and of itself. Rather, it is on the basis of his only perfect child—our Savior Jesus—that God offers forgiveness to every repentant child.

## Prayer before the Service

Mercifully grant, O God, that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts, for without your help we are unable to please you; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you 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.*

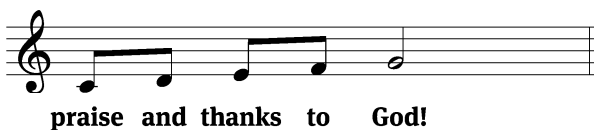
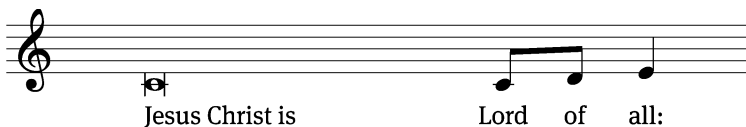
# Morning Prayer



## Hymn

633 Speak, O Lord

*Stand*



## Come, Let Us Praise the Lord *Venite*

*"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*



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

Mercifully grant, O God, that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts, for without your help we are unable to please you; 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*

## Children's Devotion

*The Lord urges  
those who are  
prone to think they  
are being  
punished unjustly  
to turn from their  
wickedness and  
live.*

### First Reading

Ezekiel 18:1–4, 25–32

<sup>1</sup>The word of the LORD came to me: <sup>2</sup>“What do you people mean by quoting this proverb about the land of Israel:

“ ‘The parents eat sour grapes,  
and the children’s teeth are set on edge’?

<sup>3</sup>“As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign LORD, you will no longer quote this proverb in Israel. <sup>4</sup>For everyone belongs to me, the parent as well as the child—both alike belong to me. The one who sins is the one who will die.

<sup>25</sup>“Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ Hear, you Israelites: Is my way unjust? Is it not your ways that are unjust? <sup>26</sup>If a righteous person turns from their righteousness and commits sin, they will die for it; because of the sin they have committed they will die. <sup>27</sup>But if a wicked person turns away from the wickedness they have committed and does what is just and right, they will save their life.

<sup>28</sup>Because they consider all the offenses they have committed and turn away from them, that person will surely live; they will not die. <sup>29</sup>Yet the Israelites say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ Are my ways unjust, people of Israel? Is it not your ways that are unjust?

<sup>30</sup>“Therefore, you Israelites, I will judge each of you according to your own ways, declares the Sovereign LORD. Repent! Turn away from all your offenses; then sin will not be your downfall. <sup>31</sup>Rid yourselves of all the offenses you have committed, and get a new heart and a new spirit. Why will you die, people of Israel? <sup>32</sup>For I take no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Sovereign LORD. Repent and live!

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

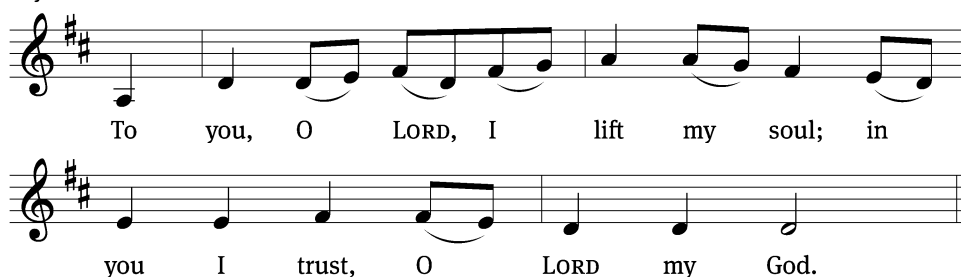
## Psalm of the Day

Psalm 25

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

*The Church sings Psalm 25 in services that encourage a Christian life of repentance and faith.*

### Refrain



### Tone



In you, LORD my God, I / put my trust.

I trust in you; do not let me be / put to shame.

**Show me your ways, LORD, teach me / your paths.**

**Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my / Savior.**

Remember, LORD, your great mer- / cy and love,  
for they are / from of old.

**Do not remember the sins of my youth and my re- / bellious ways;**

**according to your love remember me, for you, LORD, / are good. Refrain**

LORD, forgive my iniquity, though / it is great.

Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and af- / flicted.

**Look on my affliction and / my distress**

**and take away / all my sins.**

**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son**

**and to the Holy / Spirit,**

**as it was in the be- / ginning,**

**is now, and will be forever. / Amen. Refrain**

*Real repentance  
and true  
obedience are the  
result of faith in  
the perfect Son  
who willingly and  
perfectly obeyed  
his Father.*

## Second Reading

Philippians 2:1–11

<sup>1</sup>Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, <sup>2</sup>then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. <sup>3</sup>Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, <sup>4</sup>not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

<sup>5</sup>In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

<sup>6</sup>Who, being in very nature God,  
did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own  
advantage;

<sup>7</sup>rather, he made himself nothing  
by taking the very nature of a servant,  
being made in human likeness.

<sup>8</sup>And being found in appearance as a man,  
he humbled himself  
by becoming obedient to death—  
even death on a cross!

<sup>9</sup>Therefore God exalted him to the highest place  
and gave him the name that is above every name,

<sup>10</sup>that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

<sup>11</sup>and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

## Gospel

Matthew 21:23–32

*Real repentance  
requires more than  
just lip service to  
God's commands.  
Rather, it leads to  
true obedience.*

<sup>23</sup>Jesus entered the temple courts, and, while he was teaching, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him. “By what authority are you doing these things?” they asked. “And who gave you this authority?”

<sup>24</sup>Jesus replied, “I will also ask you one question. If you answer me, I will tell you by what authority I am doing these things. <sup>25</sup>John’s baptism—where did it come from? Was it from heaven, or of human origin?”

They discussed it among themselves and said, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will ask, ‘Then why didn’t you believe him?’” <sup>26</sup>But if we say, ‘Of human origin’—we are afraid of the people, for they all hold that John was a prophet.”

<sup>27</sup>So they answered Jesus, “We don’t know.”

Then he said, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

<sup>28</sup>“What do you think? There was a man who had two sons. He went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work today in the vineyard.’

<sup>29</sup>“‘I will not,’ he answered, but later he changed his mind and went.

<sup>30</sup>“Then the father went to the other son and said the same thing. He answered, ‘I will, sir,’ but he did not go.

<sup>31</sup>“Which of the two did what his father wanted?”

“The first,” they answered.

Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you. <sup>32</sup>For John came to you to show you the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes did. And even after you saw this, you did not repent and believe him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Be seated*

# Hymn of the Day

652 Lord, Have Mercy



1 For what we have done and left un-done we fall on your  
2 For what you have done, your life of love you per - fect - ly



count-less mer - cies. For sins that are known and  
lived, we praise you. Though tempt - ed and tried, you



those un - known we call on your name so ho - ly. For  
fixed your eyes; you fin - ished the work God gave you. And



en - vy and pride, for clos - ing our eyes; for scorn - ing our  
there on the tree, a King a - mong thieves, you bled for a



ver - y neigh-bor. In thought, word, and deed we've  
world's be - tray - al. You loved to the end, our



failed you, our King; how deep - ly we need a Sav - ior.  
mer - ci - ful friend; how pure and for - ev - er faith-ful.



*Refrain*  
Lord, have mer-cy, Christ, have mer-cy, Lord, have mer-cy on us.



Lord, have mer-cy, Christ, have mer-cy, Lord, have mer-cy on us.

Stand

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.

*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.*

*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).*

## Anthem

Jesus, Ever-Abiding Friend

- 1 Jesus, ever-abiding friend,  
my soul's rest and journey's end,  
blameless one who erased my sin  
for eternity;  
comfort through my deepest pain,  
love that sees beyond my shame,  
Christ, the sweetest, dearest name  
that my heart has ever known.
- 2 Jesus, Savior with crown of thorns,  
my soul's peace forevermore,  
constant, caring, redeeming Lord,  
life abundantly;  
rock of heaven, strength and shield,  
perfect holiness revealed,  
Christ, by whom my wounds were healed—  
name above all other names.

*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.**

Merciful Lord, you founded your Church upon the proclamation of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. Fill the mouths of your people with the name of Jesus – the name above all other names – that those caught in sinful ways may turn to you and live. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Merciful Lord, encourage us by your Holy Spirit, that we may not lose heart. Make us to be of one mind and will, that we may serve you with gladness, doing the work of your kingdom here and throughout the world. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Merciful Lord, all human might is nothing before you, yet you have appointed earthly realms and rulers to punish evil and honor good. Give us faithful leaders who will serve honorably and well. Bless also those who serve in the armed forces to defend us and protect our liberty. 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.

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

## 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*

## Hymn

930 Go, My Children, with My Blessing

+ + +

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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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