


Service Focus:

# Invited Guests

Good News Lutheran Church | Mount Horeb, Wisconsin
Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost | October 18, 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

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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.

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| October 1/4 | Pentecost 19 | A Repentant Child |
| 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 profiles of faith in the guests who are invited to Jesus' royal wedding banquet. On the one hand, Jesus' invitation is freely offered to all. Those who are welcomed to Jesus' banquet know they have done nothing to earn their seat. On the other hand, Jesus' invitation includes an expectation: all guests must be properly dressed. The robe of Christ's perfect righteousness is the only thing that makes the guests fit to attend.

## Prayer before the Service

Almighty God, you invite us to trust in you for our salvation. Deal with us not in the severity of your judgment but by the greatness of your mercy; 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

913 Come Away from Rush and Hurry

## Devotion and Service Explanation

*Stand*

## Invocation

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

In the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
**Amen.**

## Confession

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.
**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just**
**and will forgive us our sins**
**and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

*1 John 1:8,9*

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.
**Holy God, gracious Father,**
**I am sinful by nature**
**and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.**
**I have not loved you with my whole heart;**
**I have not loved others as I should.**
**I deserve your punishment both now and forever.**
**But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins**
**with his innocent suffering and death.**
**Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

## Absolution

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
**Amen.**

*After his resurrection, Jesus promised that when Christians forgive each others' sins, their words are as valid and certain as his. (John 20:22-23)*

## 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.**

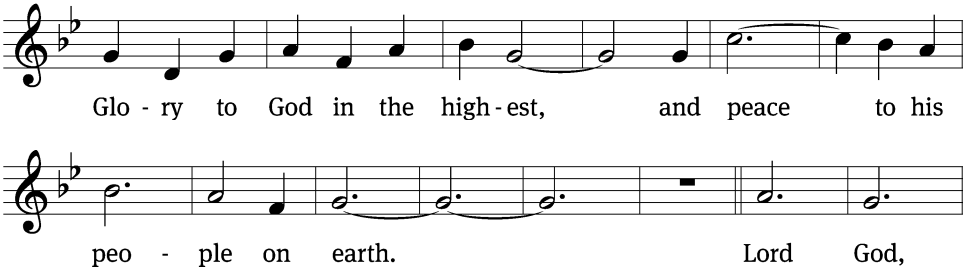
For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.
**Lord, have mercy.**

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.*

## Glory to God in the Highest *Gloria in Excelsis*




*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."*


heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we
wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your
glo - ry. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth.
Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. You are seat - ed at the
right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.
Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his




# The Word



The Lord be with you.
**And also with you.**

## Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you invite us to trust in you for our salvation. Deal with us not in the severity of your judgment but by the greatness of your mercy; 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*

## Devotion and Service Explanation

## First Reading

Isaiah 25:6–9

*The LORD will remove his people's disgrace and replace it with feasting; his people need only trust and rejoice in his salvation.*

6 On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare
a feast of rich food for all peoples,
a banquet of aged wine —
the best of meats and the finest of wines.
7 On this mountain he will destroy
the shroud that enfolds all peoples,
the sheet that covers all nations;
8 he will swallow up death forever.
The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears
from all faces;
he will remove his people's disgrace
from all the earth.
The LORD has spoken.

9 In that day they will say,

"Surely this is our God;
we trusted in him, and he saved us.
This is the LORD, we trusted in him;
let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation."

The Word of the Lord.
**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm of the Day

Psalm 84

*Refrain*




*Tone*



How lovely is your / dwelling place,
LORD Al- / mighty!
**My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts / of the LORD;**
**my heart and my flesh cry out for the / living God.**
Blessed are those who dwell / in your house;
they are ever / praising you. *Refrain*

Better is one day / in your courts
than a thousand / elsewhere;
**I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house / of my God**
**than dwell in the tents of the / wicked.**
LORD Al- / mighty,
blessed is the one who / trusts in you.
**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*

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

*The Church sings Psalm 84 in services that emphasize the joy of gathering in Christian congregations around the gospel in Word and sacrament.*

*The gospel is God's gracious and powerful invitation to all and reveals the righteousness that can only be received through faith.*

## Second Reading

Romans 1:16-17

16For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings
salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile. 17For in the
gospel the righteousness of God is revealed—a righteousness that is by faith from
first to last, just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith."

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

Isaiah 25:6

*Refrain*




On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare
a feast of rich food for all peoples. *Refrain*

*Jesus invites all to his feast; Jesus expects all to be fittingly dressed for his feast.*

## Gospel

Matthew 22:1–14

1Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying: 2"The kingdom of heaven is like a
king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. 3He sent his servants to those
who had been invited to the banquet to tell them to come, but they refused to
come.

4"Then he sent some more servants and said, 'Tell those who have been invited
that I have prepared my dinner: My oxen and fattened cattle have been butchered,
and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet.'

5"But they paid no attention and went off—one to his field, another to his
business. 6The rest seized his servants, mistreated them and killed them. 7The king
was enraged. He sent his army and destroyed those murderers and burned their
city.

8"Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding banquet is ready, but those I invited
did not deserve to come. 9So go to the street corners and invite to the banquet

anyone you find.' [10]So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, the bad as well as the good, and the wedding hall was filled with guests.

[11]"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes. [12]He asked, 'How did you get in here without wedding clothes, friend?' The man was speechless.

[13]"Then the king told the attendants, 'Tie him hand and foot, and throw him outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

[14]"For many are invited, but few are chosen."

The Gospel of the Lord.
**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Be seated*

## Hymn of the Day

573 Jesus, Your Blood and Righteousness

*Stand*

## Nicene Creed *Credo*

**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 truly 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. Amen.**

*Be seated*

## Reception of New Members

## Prayer of the Church

Heavenly King, you send out your invitation that all who believe in your Son should take their seats at his feast. By the proclamation of your Church, gather many, whoever they may be, to fill your eternal banquet hall. Lord, in your mercy,
**hear our prayer.**

Heavenly King, give us willing and repentant hearts, that we may continually hear and heed the invitation of our Lord and joyfully wear the baptismal clothing of his righteousness. Lord, in your mercy,
**hear our prayer.**

Heavenly King, grant a welcoming spirit in our congregation. Give us boldness in our invitation to those who have not found their seat at your table. Fill us with willingness to serve our neighbor in need and the stranger whose lives cross our paths. Lord, in your mercy,
**hear our prayer.**

Gracious Father, we thank you for leading more people to desire to become members of our congregation and for giving them joy to confess their faith to us. Guide us with your wisdom as we worship and work together. Mold our minds and hearts in a single Christlike will so that we may be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, and faithful in prayer; through 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).*

# The Sacrament



*Holy Communion is a gift from Jesus intended to strengthen Christians' unity with God and express their unity with each other. If you are not a member of Good News, we would love to speak with you about the process for receiving Holy Communion with us in the future.*

## Devotion and Service Explanation

*Stand*

The Lord be with you.
**And also with you.**

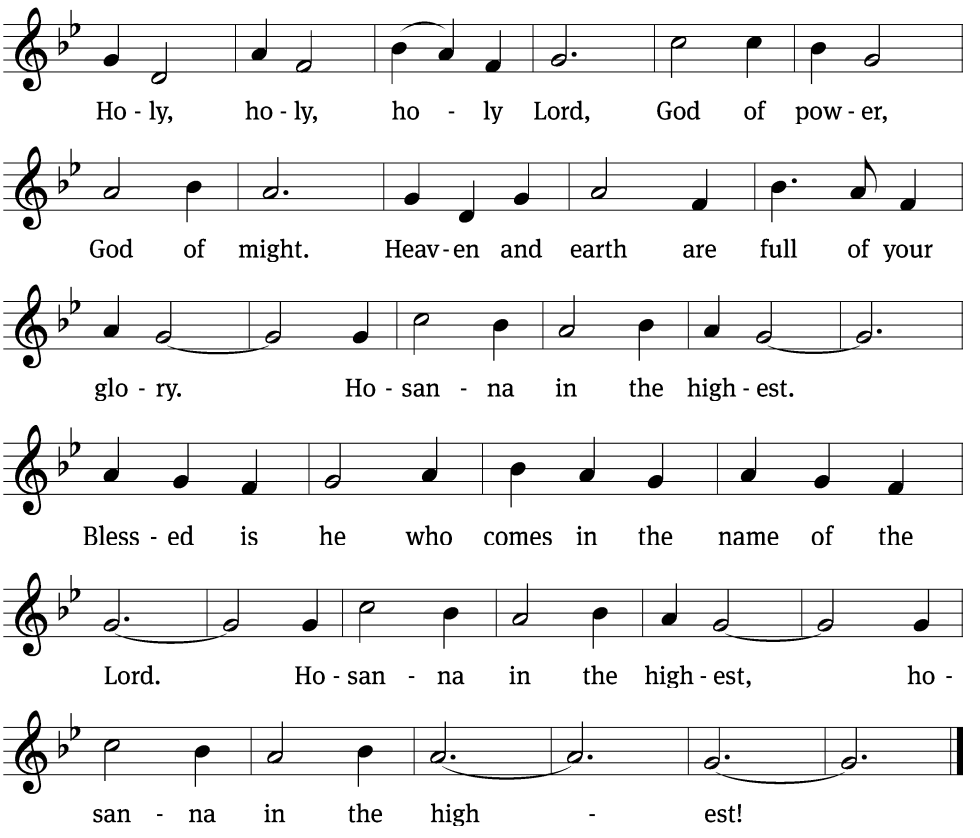
Lift up your hearts.
**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock until he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

*In the presence of the Triune God, angels sing, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty." (Isaiah 6:4). The Church sings the same song in preparation for Holy Communion, firmly confessing the Lord's presence in the Sacrament.*

## Holy, Holy, Holy *Sanctus*



## Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are you, Lord God, eternal King and gracious Father. In love you made us the crown of your creation. In mercy you planned our salvation. In grace you sent your Son to redeem us from sin.

We remember and give you thanks that your eternal Son, Jesus Christ, became flesh and made his dwelling among us, that he willingly placed himself under law to redeem those under law, that he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death on a cross, that he has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood in this Sacrament. Forgive our sins, increase our faith, strengthen our fellowship, and deepen our longing for the day when Christ will welcome us to his eternal feast. Praise and thanks and honor and glory be to you, O God our Father, and to your Son and to 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.**

## Words of Institution

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 it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
**Amen.**

*John the Baptist saw Jesus and said, "Look, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world" (John 1:29).*

## Jesus, Lamb of God *Agnus Dei*



*Be seated*

## Distribution

*Those communing may come forward at the direction of the usher.*

## Distribution Hymn

667 Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared

*Stand*

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
**his mercy endures forever.**

*Psalm 118:1*

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
**we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

*1 Corinthians 11:26*

We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet you have given us in this Sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit, help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
**Amen.**

## 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.**

*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).*

*Be seated*

## Hymn

949 In Peace and Joy I Now Depart

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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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## Our Ministry

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## Let us know you were here!

## Our Church Body

Good News Lutheran Church proclaims the truth about Jesus throughout the world as a member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS). We are united in faith and teaching with the other churches of the Wisconsin Synod as well as the churches of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS).