



**GOOD NEWS**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

# PERFECT



# AIM

*Nothing can separate us from God's love.*

*– Romans 8:39 –*

Service Focus:

## Perfect Aim

Good News Lutheran Church | Mount Horeb, Wisconsin  
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost | July 13, 2025



# 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.
- » **Children** who are with us during the service are a source of joy and encouragement to us all. Children's activity bags are available in the atrium. If your child needs a moment, a nursery is available to the left out of the sanctuary doors. Let us know if we can offer a hand with your little ones.
- » **Hearing assistance** devices are available from an usher in the atrium.

*Should you have questions or need assistance, please ask an usher.*

### Service Leaders

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## **Time of Year: Season after Pentecost**

The Festival of Pentecost marks the transition from the first half of the Christian Church Year to the second. During this Season 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.

## **Service Focus**

This past week we had the wonderful privilege of welcoming 100 children from our congregation and community to our Good News Soccer Camp. It was an awesome week for learning about soccer, meeting new friends, having a lot of fun, and learning about our good and gracious God.

This year's camp theme was "Perfect Aim." The theme is based on what the Bible tells us in Romans 8:38: "Nothing can separate us from God's love." Just as having good aim is important in the game of soccer when making a pass or shooting for a goal, aim is important when it comes to God's love for us. Because of our sin, we deserve to be separated from God and to lose out on all his blessings. But because God has perfect aim, his love searches us out, finds us, and delivers to us the forgiveness and salvation found in Jesus.



We're glad to have campers and their families with us today to celebrate the conclusion of this wonderful week!

## **Prayer before the Service**

Almighty and most merciful God, the protector of all who trust in you, strengthen our faith, and give us courage to believe that in your love you will rescue us from all adversities; 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



*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.**

## Dialogue: Psalm 139

You have searched me, LORD, and you know me;  
**you perceive my thoughts from afar.**  
You discern my going out and my lying down;  
**you are familiar with all my ways.**

Where can I go from your Spirit?  
**Where can I flee from your presence?**  
If I go up to the heavens, you are there;  
**if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.**

If I rise on the wings of the dawn,  
**if I settle on the far side of the sea,**  
even there your hand will guide me,  
**your right hand will hold me fast.**

For you created my inmost being;  
**you knit me together in my mother's womb.**  
I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;  
**your works are wonderful, I know that full well.**

My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place.  
**Your eyes saw my unformed body;**  
all the days ordained for me  
**were written in your book before one of them came to be.**

## Song of Praise

Psalm 139: In You, O Lord, I Am Found

*This setting of Psalm 139 was our camp theme song this year. Campers learned the words and sang it each day throughout the week.*



1 O LORD, you know me and search me out:  
4 Be - fore my birth, you com - posed my frame.  
5 Where can I run from your love so deep,



my hab - its and thoughts, my se - cret doubts,  
You gazed in my eyes and knew my name.  
so bound - less and strong, so rich, so free?



my dreams at night, the words of my mouth.  
You wrote with love each one of my days.  
No height, nor depth can sep - a - rate me:

### Refrain



In you, O LORD, I am found; oh, in you, O LORD, I am found.

## The Word

The Lord be with you.  
And also with you.

## Prayer of the Day

Almighty and most merciful God, the protector of all who trust in you, strengthen our faith, and give us courage to believe that in your love you will rescue us from all adversities; 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

*No matter where or  
through what we  
might go, God  
promises to be  
with us and that, in  
the end, we will be  
with him.*

### First Reading

Isaiah 43:1–7

<sup>1</sup>But now, this is what the LORD says—  
he who created you, Jacob,  
he who formed you, Israel:  
“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;  
I have summoned you by name; you are mine.  
<sup>2</sup>When you pass through the waters,  
I will be with you;  
and when you pass through the rivers,  
they will not sweep over you.  
When you walk through the fire,  
you will not be burned;  
the flames will not set you ablaze.  
<sup>3</sup>For I am the LORD your God,  
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior;  
I give Egypt for your ransom,  
Cush and Seba in your stead.  
<sup>4</sup>Since you are precious and honored in my sight,  
and because I love you,  
I will give people in exchange for you,  
nations in exchange for your life.  
<sup>5</sup>Do not be afraid, for I am with you;  
I will bring your children from the east  
and gather you from the west.  
<sup>6</sup>I will say to the north, ‘Give them up!’  
and to the south, ‘Do not hold them back.’  
Bring my sons from afar  
and my daughters from the ends of the earth—

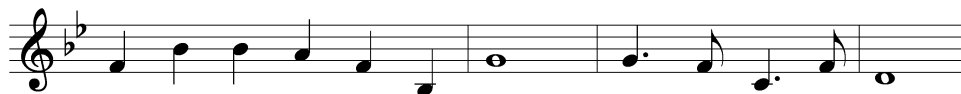
everyone who is called by my name,  
whom I created for my glory,  
whom I formed and made.”

The Word of the Lord.

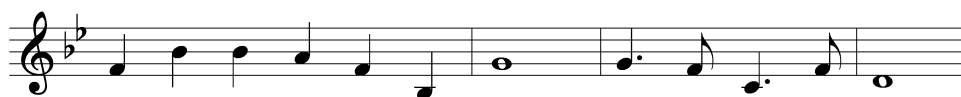
Thanks be to God.

## Hymn

813 He Will Hold Me Fast



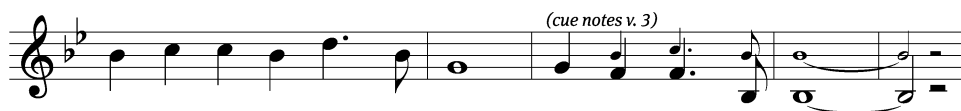
1 When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;  
2 Those he saves are his de - light; Christ will hold me fast;  
3 For my life he bled and died; Christ will hold me fast;



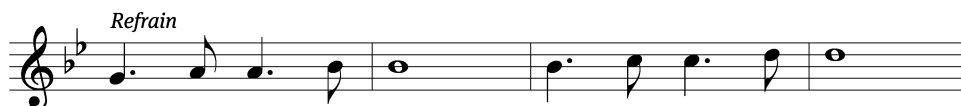
when the tempt - er would pre - vail, he will hold me fast.  
pre-cious in his ho - ly sight, he will hold me fast.  
jus - tice has been sat - is - fied; he will hold me fast.



I could nev - er keep my hold thro' life's fear - ful path,  
He'll not let my soul be lost; his prom - is - es shall last;  
Raised with him to end - less life, he will hold me fast



for my love is of - ten cold— he must hold me fast.  
bought by him at such a cost, he will hold me fast.  
till our faith is turned to sight when he comes at last! (Refrain 2X)



He will hold me fast; he will hold me fast;



for my Sav-ior loves me so, he will hold me fast.

*Though we face  
hardship and trials  
of every kind,  
nothing can  
separate us from  
the love of God  
that is in Christ  
Jesus our Lord.*

## **Second Reading**

Romans 8:28–39

<sup>28</sup>And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup>For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. <sup>30</sup>And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

<sup>31</sup>What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup>He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? <sup>33</sup>Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup>Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. <sup>35</sup>Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? <sup>36</sup>As it is written:

“For your sake we face death all day long;  
we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.”

<sup>37</sup>No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

<sup>38</sup>For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, <sup>39</sup>neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*



## Gospel Acclamation

Mark 6:50

### Refrain



Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take courage!  
It is I. Don’t be afraid.” *Refrain*

*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

Matthew 14:22–33

<sup>22</sup>Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. <sup>23</sup>After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone, <sup>24</sup>and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it.

<sup>25</sup>Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. <sup>26</sup>When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. “It’s a ghost,” they said, and cried out in fear.

<sup>27</sup>But Jesus immediately said to them: “Take courage! It is I. Don’t be afraid.”

<sup>28</sup>“Lord, if it’s you,” Peter replied, “tell me to come to you on the water.”

<sup>29</sup>“Come,” he said.

Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. <sup>30</sup>But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, “Lord, save me!”

<sup>31</sup>Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. “You of little faith,” he said, “why did you doubt?”

<sup>32</sup>And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. <sup>33</sup>Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

*With Jesus at our side in the storm, there is no need to doubt.*

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Be seated*

## Hymn of the Day

800 How Firm a Foundation



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, you saints of the Lord,  
 2 "Fear not, I am with you, O be not dis - mayed,  
 3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call you to go,  
 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way shall lie,  
 5 "The soul that on Je - sus has leaned for re - pose

is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent Word!  
 for I am your God and will still give you aid;  
 the riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow,  
 my grace all - suf - fi - cient shall be your sup - ply;  
 I will not, I will not, de - sert to its foes;

What more can he say than to you he has said,  
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
 for I will be with you, your trou - bles to bless,  
 the flames will not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign  
 that soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,

to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?  
 up - held by my right - eous, om - ni - po - tent hand.  
 and sanc - ti - fy to you your deep - est dis - tress.  
 your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine.  
 I'll nev - er, no nev - er, no nev - er for - sake!"

## Sermon

Matthew 14:22-33

*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.**

*Be seated*

## **Prayer of the Church**

Almighty God, you laid the foundations of the earth and set bounds and limits to all things. We give you thanks for your glorious creation, including our own bodies and souls. In our sin, your creation has been subjected to frustration and decay; yet in your Son, you grant us forgiveness and new life. Help us to live in righteousness through faith in Christ. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Help us to trust in you at all times, Father, that we may not doubt or fear. Grant us confidence in all that you have promised to bestow daily and richly upon your people. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Lord, you supported Peter in his doubts and fears. Keep us from sinking into despair when we suffer the trials of this mortal life. Grant us your Spirit, that our hearts may not waver, and keep us in the grasp of your grace, that we may not lose our way or be overcome by weariness and struggle. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We thank you for the opportunity to share your love with those who attended soccer camp this week. Instill in the hearts of our children a desire to follow you as they prepare for life. Help them distinguish between what is passing and eternal, between instant thrills and lasting joy. Mold us and move us to be authentic examples for our youth. Lord, in your mercy.  
**hear our prayer.**

Gracious Lord, give ear to the prayers of your people and lead us to trust in your mercy without fear, that we may be confident that you will grant to us all things needful to us and our salvation; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## **Offering**

*Thank you for joining us in worship today! Please visit [GoodNewsLC.org/connect](https://GoodNewsLC.org/connect) (or scan the QR code on the back of the service folder) to let us know you were here. To support our ministry with an offering, visit [GoodNewsLC.org/give](https://GoodNewsLC.org/give).*

*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.**

## **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*

*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).*

# Hymn

## God Is For Us



1 We won't fear the bat - tle, we won't fear the night.  
2 E - ven when I stum - ble, e - ven when I fall,



We will walk the val - ley with you by our side.  
e - ven when I turn back, still your love is sure.



You will go be - fore us, you will lead the way.  
You will not a - ban - don, you will not for - sake.



We have found a ref - uge, on - ly you can save.  
You will cheer me on - ward with nev - er - end - ing grace.

### Refrain



Sing with joy now: Our God is for us. The Fa - ther's love is a



strong and might - y for - tress. Raise your voice now, no love is great - er.



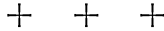
Who can stand a - gainst us if our God is for us?



Nei - ther height nor depth can sep - a - rate us. Hell and death will



not de - feat us. He who gave his Son to free us holds me in his love. *Refrain x2*



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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 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).