



GOOD NEWS
LUTHERAN CHURCH

A lighthouse on a rocky shore with a large heart overlay. The lighthouse is white with a red roof and is situated on a rocky coastline. The heart is a large, dark, semi-transparent shape that covers the central part of the image. The word "Faith" is written in a large, white, serif font inside the heart, and the word "full" is written in a smaller, white, cursive font below it.

Faith *full*

What fuels our hearts flows from God.

Service Focus:

God's law fills the proud with despair.

Good News Lutheran Church | Mount Horeb, Wisconsin
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost | October 12, 2025



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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.

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

Pastor of Good News: Jonathan Bauer

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Instrumentalists: Lois Stecklein, Jonathan Bauer

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 this 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: Faith Full

Strong faith is a blessing. It provides a shield against the devil's attacks and a shelter in the midst of life's storms. It's no wonder God wants our hearts to be full of faith. But faith isn't something we can fill our own hearts with. Instead, the fuel that keeps our hearts full of faith flows freely and abundantly from God.

October 5	Pentecost 17	God's promises fill the praying with persistence.
October 12	Pentecost 18	God's law fills the proud with despair.
October 19	Pentecost 19	God's grace fills the sinful with praise.
October 26	Reformation	God's truth fills the enslaved with freedom.

Service Focus

This week, we see how God's law fills the proud with despair. The faith God wants us to be full of is faith in Christ's work for us. By nature, however, we are helplessly prone to put our faith in our own merits and worth. As a result, God uses his law to eliminate the natural pride from our hearts. Once we despair of ourselves, we have nowhere to turn but the saving grace of God in Jesus.

Prayer before the Service

Lord, keep your household, the church, in continual godliness, and set us free from all adversities that, under your protection, we may serve you with true devotion and holy deeds; 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

558 Salvation unto Us Has Come sts. 1–6

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

1 John 1:8,9

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.**

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 $\div$ 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.

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

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

Lord, have mercy.

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

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.

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*

The musical notation is written on two staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his

peo - ple on earth. Lord God,

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

peo - ple on earth. For you a -



The Word

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Lord, keep your household, the church, in continual godliness, and set us free from all adversities that, under your protection, we may serve you with true devotion and holy deeds; 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

*True obedience to
God's law flows
from the great
things he has done
for us.*

First Reading

Deuteronomy 10:12–22

¹²And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God ask of you but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in obedience to him, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, ¹³and to observe the LORD's commands and decrees that I am giving you today for your own good?

¹⁴To the LORD your God belong the heavens, even the highest heavens, the earth and everything in it. ¹⁵Yet the LORD set his affection on your ancestors and loved them, and he chose you, their descendants, above all the nations—as it is today. ¹⁶Circumcise your hearts, therefore, and do not be stiff-necked any longer. ¹⁷For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who shows no partiality and accepts no bribes. ¹⁸He defends the cause of the fatherless and the widow, and loves the foreigner residing among you, giving them food and clothing. ¹⁹And you are to love those who are foreigners, for you yourselves were foreigners in Egypt. ²⁰Fear the LORD your God and serve him. Hold fast to him and take your oaths in his name. ²¹He is the one you praise; he is your God, who performed for you those great and awesome wonders you saw with your own eyes. ²²Your ancestors who went down into Egypt were seventy in all, and now the LORD your God has made you as numerous as the stars in the sky.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 90

The congregation sings stanza 1 before the reading of the psalm and stanza 6 after.

*The Church sings
Psalm 90 in
services where we
recognize the
perspective that
comes after the
passage of time,
especially when
joy comes after
relief from
affliction.*

1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our
6 O God, our help in a - ges past, our

hope for years to come, our shel - ter from the
hope for years to come, still be our guard while



Lord, you have been our dwelling place
throughout all generations.

Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the whole world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

You turn people back to dust,
saying, "Return to dust, you mortals."

A thousand years in your sight are like a day that has just gone by,
or like a watch in the night.

Teach us to number our days,
that we may gain a heart of wisdom.

May the favor of the Lord our God rest on us;
establish the work of our hands for us—yes, establish the work of our hands.

**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.**

*The need to love
the things of this
world in order to
prove our worth is
replaced by the
love God has for
us.*

Second Reading

1 John 2:15–17

¹⁵Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them. ¹⁶For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world. ¹⁷The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever.

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

Matthew 22:37

Refrain



Love the Lord your God with all your heart
and with all your soul and with all your mind. *Refrain*

Gospel

Luke 18:18–30

*Jesus uses law to
expose the sin of
the self-righteous
and the gospel to
comfort the
despairing.*

¹⁸A certain ruler asked him, “Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

¹⁹“Why do you call me good?” Jesus answered. “No one is good—except God alone. ²⁰You know the commandments: ‘You shall not commit adultery, you shall not murder, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, honor your father and mother.’”

²¹“All these I have kept since I was a boy,” he said.

²²When Jesus heard this, he said to him, “You still lack one thing. Sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.”

²³When he heard this, he became very sad, because he was very wealthy. ²⁴Jesus looked at him and said, “How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!

²⁵Indeed, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.”

²⁶Those who heard this asked, “Who then can be saved?”

²⁷Jesus replied, “What is impossible with man is possible with God.”

²⁸Peter said to him, “We have left all we had to follow you!”

²⁹“Truly I tell you,” Jesus said to them, “no one who has left home or wife or brothers or sisters or parents or children for the sake of the kingdom of God ³⁰will fail to receive many times as much in this age, and in the age to come eternal life.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Hymn of the Day

637 The Law of God Is Good and Wise

Sermon

Deuteronomy 10:12–22

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

Prayer of the Church

Almighty and everlasting God, look with compassion on your Church. Protect your children from an evil, unbelieving heart that would lead us away from you into the deceitfulness of sin. By your Spirit's power, enable us to hold our confidence in Christ firm to the end. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

O Lord, God of hosts, keep us from hating those you send to reprove us with your law. Do not let us resent or resist those who speak your truth to us, that we might repent and live. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Heavenly Father, your Son warns us against the danger of trusting in wealth and earthly goods. Give us hearts that are content with his promises and hands that are generous with our worldly possessions. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Almighty God, in kindness remember the president of our country, our Congress and justices, and all who bear office in this land. Protect them from the temptations of power and wealth that would lead them away from their calling. Make their service a blessing to our land and its people. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We give thanks to you, O Lord, for the faithful of every time and place who heard your Word and held their confidence firm to the end. Keep us steadfast in the faith, that we may have our share with them in the eternal inheritance that you have promised; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

Amen.

Offering

Thank you for joining us in worship today! Please visit 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.

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.



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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er,
 God of might. Heav - en and earth are full of your
 glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the
 Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho -
 san - na in the high - est!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

By his incarnation, he became one with us.
By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.
By his innocent death, he overcame hell.
By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

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*

The musical score is written for a single voice part in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of six lines of music. The lyrics are: 'Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us your peace.' The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes. The first two lines of the score are identical, as are the next two lines. The final line is unique, ending with a double bar line.

Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us your peace.

Be seated

Distribution

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

Distribution Hymn

670 I Come, O Savior, to Your Table

Stand

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

Psalms 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 thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, 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

572 Not What My Hands Have Done

+ + +

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Serving You Today

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The News @ Good News

October 12, 2025

Sunday School and Bible Study

Join us today for Sunday School and Bible study after the service. Sunday School starts at 10:15 a.m. with music in the sanctuary. Teen and adult Bible studies begin at 10:30 a.m. All classes conclude at 11:15 a.m. Join us for these weekly opportunities for people of all ages to grow in God's Word.



“What Does This Mean?” An Introduction to Good News

“What Does This Mean?” examines life's most important questions on the basis of God's Word, the Bible. This class is a great opportunity for Good News members to review the teachings of the Lutheran church; it's also a class designed for anyone interested in membership at Good News. Our next class is starting up soon. Visit GoodNewsLC.org/WDTM for more information or to register.

Upcoming Teen Events

A couple of events are being planned for our congregation's teens:

- An evening of pickle ball and ice cream on October 15 at 6:00 p.m.
(following youth confirmation class)
- A trip to Schuster's Farm on October 25 with teens from other area churches
for a bonfire and trip through their haunted corn maze.

Parents of teens can register them through the Good News app by going to the "Events" section.

New Ministry Coordinator

Recently Adena Rottinger was offered (and accepted) the new position of ministry coordinator at Good News. This position was created to assist with various administrative, communication, and operational needs at Good News. We are very grateful to have Adena joining our staff!

Congregational Meeting on October 26

On Sunday, October 26, there will be a congregational meeting after our service during our normal Bible study hour. In addition to regular quarterly reports, we will share updates on progress toward our long-range strategic goals. These include plans for an exterior church sign and potential additional services being added in the future. All are invited to attend.



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).

