



GOOD NEWS
LUTHERAN CHURCH



Hope *full*

What fuels our hearts flows from God.

Service Focus:

God's revelation fills the waiting with patience.

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

Service Leaders

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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 these 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: Hope Full

Hope is the belief that things are going to get better. Very few things are more vital for us—especially when times are tough—than hope. It's no wonder God wants our hearts to be full of hope. But hope isn't something we can fill our own hearts with. Instead, the fuel that keeps our hearts full of hope flows freely from God.

November 2	All Saints	God's assessments fill the cursed with blessing.
November 9	Pentecost 22	The resurrection fills the dying with joy.
November 16	Pentecost 23	God's judgment fills the suffering with perseverance.
November 23	Last Sunday	God's revelation fills the waiting with patience.

Service Focus

This week, we see how God's revelation fills the waiting with patience. As God's people wait for Jesus to return with salvation, they are not left emptyhanded. Instead, the words of the prophets, the words of Jesus, and the words of the apostles have been written down for us. This written revelation of God's certain promises gives us something certain and firm to hold onto for ourselves and to hold out for the benefit of others.

Prayer before the Service

Eternal God, merciful Father, you have appointed your Son as judge of the living and the dead. Enable us to wait for the day of his return with our eyes fixed on the kingdom prepared for your own from the foundation of the world; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

The Service



Hymn

867 Afflicted Saint, to Christ Draw Near

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.

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.

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

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 melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: "Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth. Lord God,". The first staff ends with a double bar line, and the second staff begins with a repeat sign.

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 -
 lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
 you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ,
 with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the glo - ry of
 God the Fa - ther. A - men. A - men.
 Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his
 peo - ple on earth.

The Word

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.



Prayer of the Day

Eternal God, merciful Father, you have appointed your Son as judge of the living and the dead. Enable us to wait for the day of his return with our eyes fixed on the kingdom prepared for your own from the foundation of the world; 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

First Reading

Habakkuk 1:1–3; 2:1–4

*The righteous do
not know how long
they must wait for
the Lord's
deliverance; they
live by faith in the
certainty of his
promises.*

¹The prophecy that Habakkuk the prophet received.

²How long, LORD, must I call for help,
but you do not listen?

Or cry out to you, "Violence!"
but you do not save?

³Why do you make me look at injustice?
Why do you tolerate wrongdoing?
Destruction and violence are before me;
there is strife, and conflict abounds.

¹I will stand at my watch
and station myself on the ramparts;
I will look to see what he will say to me,
and what answer I am to give to this complaint.

²Then the LORD replied:

"Write down the revelation
and make it plain on tablets
so that a herald may run with it.

³For the revelation awaits an appointed time;
it speaks of the end
and will not prove false.

Though it linger, wait for it;
it will certainly come
and will not delay.

⁴“See, the enemy is puffed up;
his desires are not upright—
but the righteous person will live by his faithfulness—

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 130

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

Out of the depths have I cried unto thee, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice:
let thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.

If thou, Lord, shouldst mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?
But there is forgiveness with thee that thou mayest be feared.

The Church sings Psalm 130 in services that emphasize repentance and forgiveness through faith in Jesus.

I wait for the Lord, my soul doth wait, and in his word do I hope;
My soul waiteth for the Lord more than they that watch for the morning.

Let Israel hope in the Lord for with the Lord there is mercy, and with him is redemption, and he shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen, amen.

Second Reading

Revelation 22:6–13

⁶The angel said to me, “These words are trustworthy and true. The Lord, the God who inspires the prophets, sent his angel to show his servants the things that must soon take place.”

⁷“Look, I am coming soon! Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy written in this scroll.”

⁸I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. And when I had heard and seen them, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who had been showing them to me. ⁹But he said to me, “Don’t do that! I am a fellow servant with you and with your fellow prophets and with all who keep the words of this scroll. Worship God!”

Christ is coming soon. In the meantime, we hold onto and make known what God has revealed in his Word.

¹⁰Then he told me, “Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this scroll, because the time is near. ¹¹Let the one who does wrong continue to do wrong; let the vile person continue to be vile; let the one who does right continue to do right; and let the holy person continue to be holy.”

¹²“Look, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to each person according to what they have done. ¹³I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.

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 24:42

Refrain



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Therefore keep watch,
because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. *Refrain*

Gospel

Luke 12:35–40

*Though we cannot
know when Jesus
will return, we can
be certain what
will happen when
he does.*

³⁵“Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning, ³⁶like servants waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, so that when he comes and knocks they can immediately open the door for him. ³⁷It will be good for those servants whose master finds them watching when he comes. Truly I tell you, he will dress himself to serve, will have them recline at the table and will come and wait on them. ³⁸It will be good for those servants whose master finds them ready, even if he comes in the middle of the night or toward daybreak. ³⁹But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Anthem

The King Will Come at Age's End

- 1 The King will come at age's end,
the trumpets trill, the heavens rend,
unveiling new Jerusalem. Alleluia!
- 2 The Book of Life will name its names,
each bought by cross's bitter pain,
each inked in blood and sealed in flame. Alleluia!
- 3 All-glorious on his gleaming throne,
the King will claim his saints, his own,
and with them dwell and make a home. Alleluia!
- 4 And nights of tears, though late and long,
will disappear in splendid dawn,
and deeps of death will all be gone. Alleluia!
- 5 Amen, amen! Lord Jesus, come!
My Savior fair, come bear me home,
for you are King of kings alone! Alleluia!

Hymn of the Day

487 Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending

Sermon

Luke 12:35-40

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

**Give thanks to the Lord, who is good.
His love is everlasting.**

**Come, let us praise God joyfully.
Let us come to him with thanksgiving.**

For the good world; for things great and small, beautiful and awesome; for seen and unseen splendors:

We thank you, Lord God.

For human life; for talking and moving and thinking together; for common hopes and hardships shared from birth until our dying:

We thank you, Lord God.

For work to do and strength to work; for the comradeship of labor; for exchanges of good humor and encouragement:

We thank you, Lord God.

For family; for living together and eating together; for family amusements and family pleasures:

We thank you, Lord God.

For children; for their energy and curiosity; for their brave play and startling frankness; for their sudden sympathies:

We thank you, Lord God.

For growing up and growing old; for wisdom deepened by experience; for rest in leisure; for time made precious by its passing:

We thank you, Lord God.

For the Church into which we have been called; for the good news we receive by Word and Sacrament; for our life together in the Lord:

We praise you, Lord God.

Above all, O God, for your Son, Jesus Christ, who lived and died and lives again for our salvation; for our hope in him; and for the joy of serving him:

We thank and praise you, eternal God, for all your goodness to us. 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.

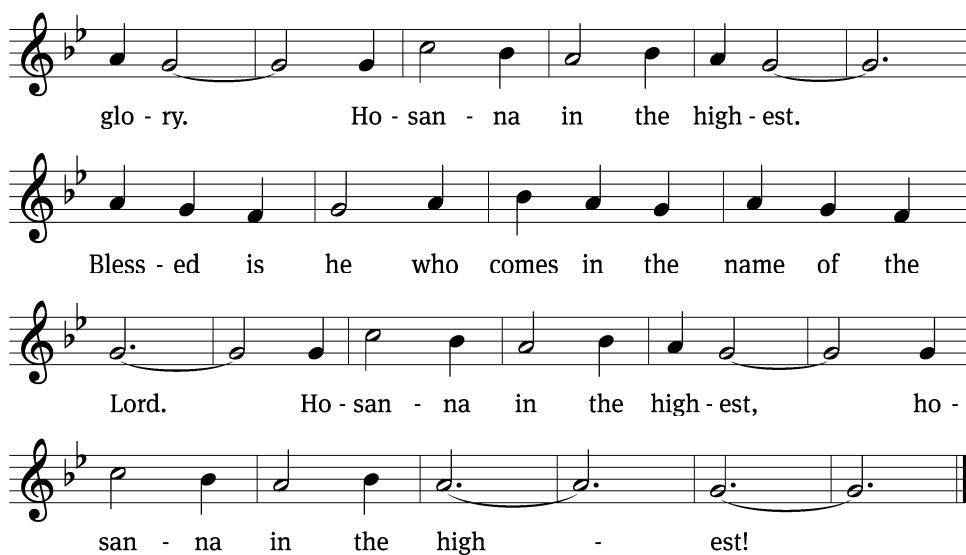
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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*





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."

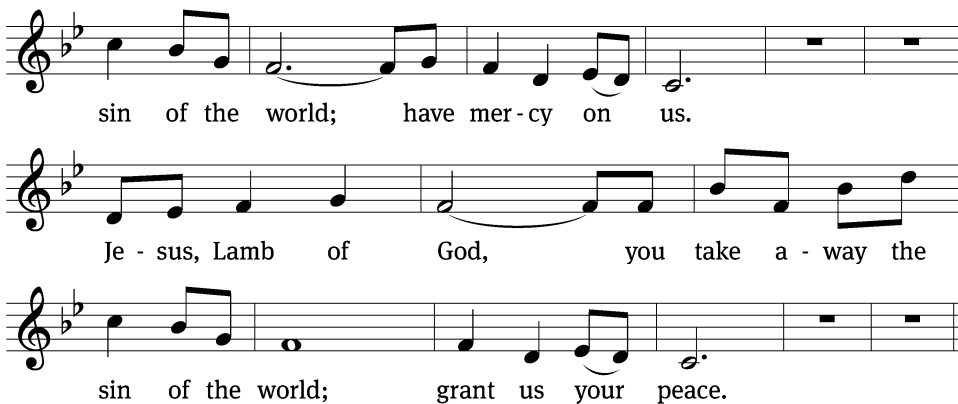
Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my + blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

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*

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



Be seated

Distribution

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

Distribution Hymn

663 Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

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 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.

*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).*

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

Hymn

832 Immovable Our Hope Remains

+ + +

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The News @ Good News

November 23, 2025

Cheers to Advent

The season of Advent marks the beginning of the new year on the Christian calendar. It is also an important season of preparation leading up to Christmas. Join us as we ring in the new year at “Cheers to Advent!” on Sunday, November 23, at 6:00 p.m. This kickoff to the holiday season will provide an opportunity to...

- Focus our minds and hearts on Jesus with a devotion and hymn singing by candlelight.
- Distribute devotional resources for individuals and families to use in their homes throughout Advent.
- Enjoy food and fellowship. You can enter our holiday recipe swap by bringing an appetizer or dessert to share. There will be voting and prizes in several categories.

The evening will include a toast to a new year of God's grace. Wine will be available for adults and punch for kids. You can sign up in the atrium or online.

Sign Up



Christmas Prospect Invitation

On Saturday, December 13, we will be visiting families on our prospect list to deliver a Christmas gift and pass out Christmas invitations. We'll meet at Good News at 9:30am, and visit prospects from approximately 10:00-11:00am. We'll need about twenty visitation teams to go out in pairs in order to make these visits. You can sign up online or in the atrium.

Sign Up



MARC Stocking Stuffers

This season, we have a wonderful opportunity to share Christ's love in a simple but meaningful way. The MARC Center in Mount Horeb is preparing for their annual Christmas party—an event that, for many of the people they serve, is their main celebration of the season. To make the day special, MARC is in need of stocking stuffers, and our church family has been invited to help. If you are interested, please check our Sign-Up Genius to see which items are requested, sign up to donate, and then drop those items off at the church by December 14th.

Sign Up





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).

