

Stand Fast
therefore in
liberty
wherewith

Christ
hath made us free

Galatians 5:1 - KJV

St. LUCAS EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN

CHURCH AND SCHOOL

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Fifth Sunday after Pentecost – The Nation

July 1st and 2nd, 2023

The Season

In the first half of the Church Year (Advent through Pentecost) we look at the life of Christ—his birth, ministry, death, resurrection, ascension, and the sending of the Holy Spirit. In the second half of the year, we look at the teachings of Christ.

Prayer before Worship

Lord Jesus, you have invited me to come and receive your holy Sacrament. I believe that in the bread and wine you give me your true body and blood to eat and drink. Forgive my sins and nourish my faith through this precious meal. I long for the comfort that comes with your promises; I yearn for the assurance of your faithful love. Bless me now as I receive you by faith.

Serving in Worship

Presiding Minister: Pastor Dennis Lemke

Organist: Barbara Olsen

Ushers: Chris Peters (6pm Saturday)

Matthew Stoltz (9am Saturday)

Steve Wolter (9am Saturday)



Before You, Lord, We Bow

Stand for Stanza 5



1 Be - fore you, Lord, we bow, our God who reigns a - bove and
2 The na - tion you have blessed may well your love de - clare, from
3 May ev - 'ry moun-tain height, each vale and for - est green, shine
4 Earth, hear your mak - er's voice, your great Re - deem - er own; be -
5 And when in pow'r he comes, oh, may our na - tive land from



rules the world be - low in bound-less pow'r and love. Our thanks we
foes and fears at rest, pro - tect - ed by your care. For this bright
in your Word's pure light and its rich fruits be seen! May ev - 'ry
lieve, o - bey, re - joice, and wor - ship him a - lone. Cast down your
all its rend - ing tombs send forth a glo - rious band, a count - less



bring in joy and praise, our hearts we raise to you, our King!
day, for this fair land—gifts of your hand—our thanks we pay.
tongue be tuned to praise and join to raise a grate - ful song.
pride, your sin de - plore, and bow be - fore the Cru - ci - fied.
throng, with joy to sing to heav'ns high King, sal - va - tion's song!

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In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Confession

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Almighty and merciful Father,

we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.

We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.

We have done those things that we should not have done,

and we have not done those things that we should have done.

Have mercy on us, Lord!

Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,

according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

Silence for meditation and reflection

God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.
Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

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.

Gloria - MISSIONARY HYMN

CW 1001

Tune: MISSIONARY HYMN



1 To God on high be glo - ry and peace to all the earth,
2 O Lamb of God ex - alt - ed, you take all sin a - way;



for God has shown his fa - vor in Je - sus' ho - ly birth!
ex - tend to us your mer - cy and hear us as we pray.



Al - might-y God and Fa - ther, our hum - ble thanks we bring;
With God the Ho - ly Spir - it, at God the Fa - ther's throne,



we wor-ship you, we bless you, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
you reign, O Christ, for - ev - er, for you are Lord a - lone!

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The Word

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.



Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Lord, keep this nation under your care. Bless the leaders of our land that we may be a people at peace among ourselves and a blessing to the other nations of the earth. Help us elect trustworthy leaders, contribute to wise decisions for the general welfare, and serve you faithfully in our generation to the honor of your holy name; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

Deuteronomy 6:4–7,17

⁴Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. ⁵Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. ⁶These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. ⁷Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

¹⁷Be sure to keep the commands of the LORD your God and the stipulations and decrees he has given you.

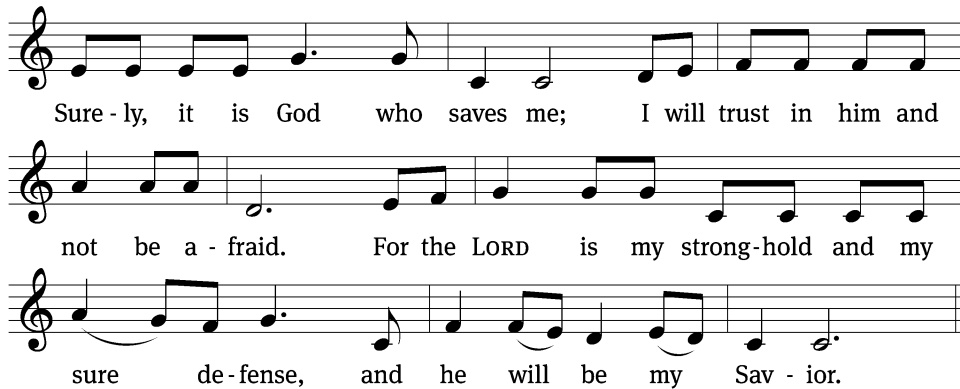
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Surely It Is God Who Saves Me


Sung responsively with the minister

Refrain



Sure - ly, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and
not be a - fraid. For the LORD is my strong-hold and my
sure de - fense, and he will be my Sav - ior.

Tone



In you, LORD, I have taken / refuge;
let me never be / put to shame.
Be my rock of / refuge,
a strong fortress to / save me.
Into your hands I commit my / spirit;
deliver me, LORD, my / faithful God. Refrain

My times are / in your hands;
save me in your un- / failing love.
How abundant are the / good things
that you have stored up for those who / fear you.
Be strong and / take heart,
all you who hope / in the LORD.

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



Second Reading

Romans 13:1–7

¹Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. ²Consequently, whoever rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves. ³For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and you will be commended. ⁴For the one in authority is God’s servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for rulers do not bear the sword for no reason. They are God’s servants, agents of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer. ⁵Therefore, it is necessary to submit to the authorities, not only because of possible punishment but also as a matter of conscience.

⁶This is also why you pay taxes, for the authorities are God’s servants, who give their full time to governing. ⁷Give to everyone what you owe them: If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

Proverbs 14:34

Alleluia!

Righteousness exalts a nation,

but sin condemns any people.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 22:15–22

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went out and laid plans to trap him in his words. ¹⁶They sent their disciples to him along with the Herodians. “Teacher,” they said, “we know that you are a man of integrity and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. You aren’t swayed by others, because you pay no attention to who they are. ¹⁷Tell us then, what is your opinion? Is it right to pay the imperial tax to Caesar or not?”

¹⁸But Jesus, knowing their evil intent, said, “You hypocrites, why are you trying to trap me? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for paying the tax.” They brought him a denarius, ²⁰and he asked them, “Whose image is this? And whose inscription?”

²¹“Caesar’s,” they replied.

Then he said to them, “So give back to Caesar what is Caesar’s, and to God what is God’s.”

²²When they heard this, they were amazed. So they left him and went away.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

I Know My Faith Is Founded

CW 797

1 I know my faith is found - ed on Je - sus Christ, my
 2 In - crease my faith, dear Sav - ior, for Sa - tan seeks by
 3 In faith, Lord, let me serve you; though per - se - cu - tion,

God and Lord; and this my faith con - fess - ing, un -
 night and day to rob me of this trea - sure and
 grief, and pain should seek to o - ver - whelm me, let

moved I stand up - on his Word. Our rea - son can - not
 take my hope of bliss a - way. But, Lord, with you be -
 me a stead - fast trust re - tain. And then at my de -

fath - om the truth of God pro - found; who trusts in world - ly
 side me I shall be un - dis - mayed; and led by your good
 par - ture, at home with you I'll be, and there will I in -

wis - dom re - lies on shift - ing ground. God's Word is
 Spir - it, I shall be un - a - fraid. A - bide with
 her - it all you have prom - ised me. In life and

all - suf - fi - cient, it makes di - vine - ly sure, and,
 me, O Sav - ior, a firm - er faith be - stow; then
 death, Lord, keep me un - til your heav'n I gain, where

trust - ing in its wis - dom, my faith shall rest se - cure.
 I shall bid de - fi - ance to ev - 'ry e - vil foe.
 I by your great mer - cy the end of faith at - tain.

Sermon

The Christian And His Country!

Reading

1 John 5:4b

⁴for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith.

Stand

The First Article (Creation)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

What does this mean?

I believe that God created me and all that exists, and that he gave me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my mind and all my abilities.

And I believe that God still preserves me by richly and daily providing clothing and shoes, food and drink, property and home, spouse and children, land, cattle, and all I own, and all I need to keep my body and life. God also preserves me by defending me against all danger, guarding and protecting me from all evil. All this God does only because he is my good and merciful Father in heaven, and not because I have earned or deserved it. For all this I ought to thank and praise, to serve and obey him.

This is most certainly true.

Be seated



Prayer of the Church

Almighty God and Father, we thank you for all your mercies, especially for the gift of your Son, through whom you have revealed your gracious will. We praise you for the Holy Spirit and his working through the means of grace.

Plant your Word in our hearts, and cause it to produce fruit in our lives.

Strengthen and defend your Church, that by your Word and sacraments faith may grow and love toward all may increase.

Support all who spread the light of your truth throughout the world.

Keep our children in the grace of their baptisms. Enable their parents to train them in lives of faith.

Raise up Christians to serve you in the ministry of the Word and in all godly walks of life.

Preserve our nation in justice and honor. Guide and bless all who make, administer, and judge our laws.

Give them wisdom that they may promote justice and hinder evil.

Let your blessing rest on planting and harvest, commerce and industry, medicine and science, the arts and culture. Protect all who travel, and care for those whose work is difficult or dangerous.

Be with all who devote themselves to any useful task.

Comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity, *[especially . . . here name the person and the cause of the petition]*. Remember those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on those for whom death draws near.

Grant them your love, and take them into your tender care.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served you, who now rest from their labors, *[especially . . . here name the person]*. Console those who are mourning or living with sadness.

Keep us in the true faith, and bring us at last to the joys of heaven.

Grant us these things, Father, for the sake of Jesus, who died and rose again.

Amen.

Offering God's people offer their first and best to the Lord in response to the Lord's blessings to them.

The offering is gathered in a basket in the church entrance before or after the service. If you prefer to give electronically, you may scan this graphic to access

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Eternal Father, Strong to Save

CW 805 sts. 1-4



1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm hath bound the
2 O Christ, the Lord of hill and plain o'er which our traf - fic
3 O Spir - it, whom the Fa - ther sent to spread a - broad the
4 O Trin - i - ty of love and pow'r, our peo - ple shield in



rest - less wave, who bidd'st the might - y o - cean deep its
runs a - main, by moun - tain pass or val - ley low, wher -
fir - ma - ment, O Wind of heav - en, by thy might save
dan - ger's hour; from rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, pro -



own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: O hear us when we
ev - er, Lord, thy peo - ple go, pro - tect them by thy
all who dare the ea - gle's flight, and keep them by thy
tect them where - so - e'er they go; thus ev - er - more shall



cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
guard - ing hand from ev - 'ry per - il on the land.
watch - ful care from ev - 'ry per - il in the air.
rise to thee glad praise from air and land and sea.

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Prayer

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 in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
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.

God Bless Our Native Land

CW 774



1 God bless our na - tive land; firm may she ev - er stand
2 For her our prayers shall rise to God a - bove the skies;



thro' storm and night! When the wild tem - pests rave, Rul - er of
on him we wait. Thou who art ev - er nigh, guard - ing with



wind and wave, do thou our coun - try save by thy great might.
watch - ful eye, to thee a - loud we cry: God save the state!

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Announcements

Pastor Henning's Phone Number: The phone number (262) 626-4496 **has been deactivated**. Please use the phone number in the contact information, (262) 707-6984.

A Big Thank You: Thank you to everyone who helped out with Party on the Pavement! We couldn't have done it without you and your help was truly a blessing.

Installation of New Pastor: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, West Bend, welcomes Pastor Peter Schlicht, his wife Rachel, and their children Solomon, Willow, Simeon, and Sparrow. Pastor Schlicht will be installed at Good Shepherd as the associate pastor Sunday, August 13, at 1:30 PM with a luncheon to follow. All are welcome!

Coffee Corner Conversations: Thursdays during the summer, 6:15-7:00 am, We will gather on the patio at the Coffee Corner in downtown Kewaskum, weather permitting. Otherwise we will gather inside. We will discuss *Idols We Didn't Know We Had*.

July 10-14 Vacation Bible School: Join us each day, 9:30 am -11:30 am to share *A Little Bit o' Talent* and learn more about your Savior Jesus. Children age 3 years old through 6th grade are welcome to join us. Adults and teens are encouraged to volunteer to make this a fun week. You may sign up both children and volunteers on our website.

David Star Lutheran Church & School SUMMER CONCERT SERIES: Grab a lawn chair and join us in the church woods for music, food, and fellowship. David Star is located in Jackson at 2740 David Star Dr.

July 9th: Crown of Life Orchestra – 3:00 pm

August 6th: UnWorthy – 6:00 pm

KML Job Openings:

PIANO INSTRUCTOR: Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School is currently looking for a Piano Instructor for private lessons. The individual in this part-time position would teach 20-30 minute lessons each week to 20-30 students. Applicants should be able to handle beginner through advanced students and also have a degree in piano pedagogy or applicable experience. For questions or to submit your resume, please contact Mr. Jon Pasbrig, Fine Arts Chairperson (jon.pasbrig@kmlhs.org).

GUITAR INSTRUCTOR: KML is currently looking for a Guitar Instructor for private lessons. The individual in this part-time position would teach 20-30 minute lessons each week to 8-10 students. Applicants should be able to handle beginner through advanced students. For questions or to submit your resume, please contact Mr. Jon Pasbrig, Fine Arts Chairperson (jon.pasbrig@kmlhs.org).

Please contact Hannah Aderman, haderman@kingdomworkers.com, with

Celebrating God's Blessings This Week:

BIRTHDAYS

Janelle Kuhfuss – 7/2

Marilyn Backhaus – 7/3

Harlan Cuffel – 7/3

Cole Seyfert – 7/3

Jesse Seyfert 7/3

The United States of America – 7/4

Morgan Belger – 7/5

Pamela Iwen – 7/6

Waylon Dreher – 7/7


William Olewinski – 7/7

Carol Fabitz – 7/8

Albert Prost – 7/8

Calendar

Readings for July 2nd – July 9th, 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
02	03	04
<i>Joshua 7:1-26</i> <i>Acts 10:34-48</i> *Worship 9am	<i>Joshua 8:1-28</i> <i>Acts 11:1-18</i> <hr/>	<i>Joshua 10:1-25</i> <i>Joshua 10:28-22:34</i> <i>Acts 11:19-30</i> <hr/> 
WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
05	06	07
<i>Joshua 33:1-16</i> <i>Acts 12:1-25</i>	<i>Joshua 24:1-31</i> <i>Judges 1:1-36</i> <i>Acts 13:1-12</i> <hr/> Coffee Corner Conversations 6:15am	<i>Judges 2:6-23</i> <i>Acts 13:13-41</i> <hr/>
SATURDAY	SUNDAY	USHERS
08	09	
<i>Judges 3:7-31</i> <i>Acts 13:42-52</i> *Worship w/Communion 6pm	<i>Judges 4:1-24</i> <i>Judges 5:1-31</i> <i>Acts 14:1-18</i> <hr/> *Worship w/Communion 9am	Saturday 7/1: Peters 6pm Sunday 7/2: Stoltz 9am Wolter Saturday 7/8: Beyer 6pm Sunday 7/9: Schacht 9am Strack

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School/Church Secretary Hours: 7 am – 12 pm, Tuesday – Friday

****Please note that during the summer, these are the general office hours for the Secretary. Summer office hours may vary depending on workload. If you wish to stop by the school, please call first to make sure the secretary is in, or make an appointment to ensure you will be able to get in.****