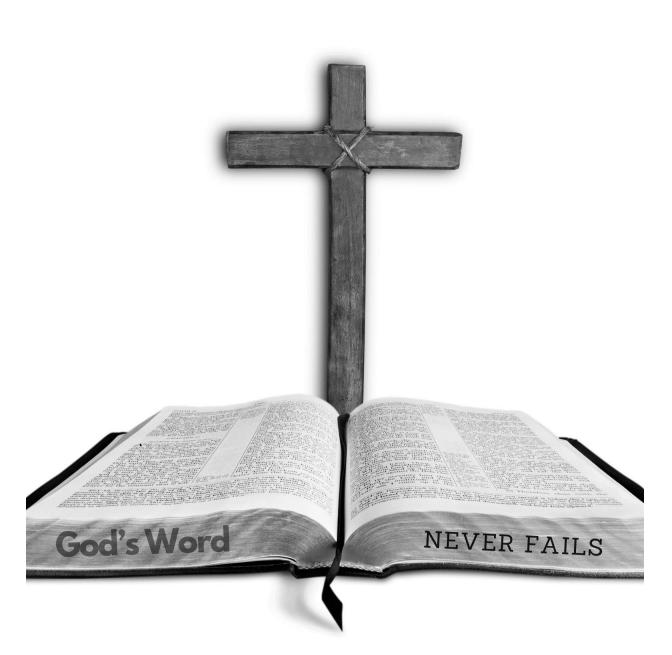
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY After Pentecost



ST. LUCAS EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN

CHURCH AND SCHOOL

1417 Parkview Drive PO Box 44 Kewaskum, Wisconsin www.stlucaswels.org

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 23rd and 24th, 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.

The Sunday

Through a simple story, Jesus teaches us a profound truth. We need to stop expecting God to be fair. God is not fair. He does not give us what we deserve, and that's called mercy. In fact, he gives us what we don't deserve, and that's called grace. No, God is not fair. He is breathtakingly generous.

The Service

Today we celebrate the Sacrament of the Altar in which we joyfully receive Christ's body and blood, in, with, and under bread and wine, for the forgiveness of our sins. As we celebrate the Sacrament we also give public confession of our complete unity in the Christian faith. We invite communicant members of St. Lucas Lutheran Church, or of another congregation in the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) or of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS) to commune. If you are a guest visiting with us today, please refrain from communing until you have spoken with our pastor. The congregation reads the potions in bold print.

Prayer before Worship

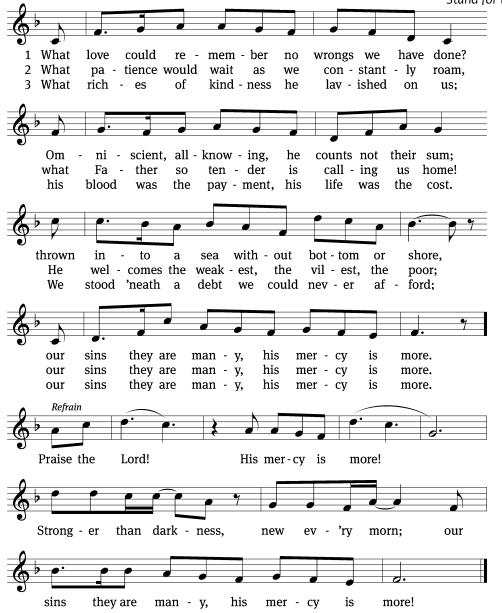
Lord Jesus, you have invited me to come and receive your holy Sacrament. I believe that in the bread and wine you give me your true body and blood to eat and drink. Forgive my sins and nourish my faith through this precious meal. I long for the comfort that comes with your promises; I yearn for the assurance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

Serving in Worship

Presiding Minister:	Pastor Timothy Henning	Organist:	Coralee Henning
Ushers:	Chris Peters (6 pm Saturday)		
	Matthew Stoltz (8 am Sunday)		
	Steve Wolter (10:30 am Sunday)		

His Mercy Is More

CW 579 Stand for the 3rd stanza



The refrain for stanza 3 is sung three times (twice, with no break between, then a final time).

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Stand

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

Confession

CW 154

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.

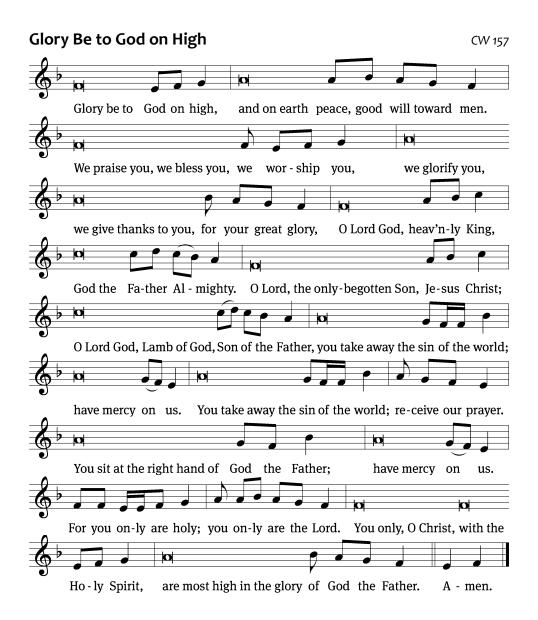
Silence for meditation and reflection

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.



Lord, Have Mercy In peace let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy. O For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy. O For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, O and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy. O O For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy. Ο Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra - cious Lord. A men.



The Word

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

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Lord God, you call us to work in your kingdom and promise to reward us according to your grace. Help us to rid our minds of worldly expectations and rejoice that you freely pour out the blessings of salvation to all people; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

Jonah 3:10-4:11

¹⁰When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he relented and did not bring on them the destruction he had threatened.

¹But to Jonah this seemed very wrong, and he became angry. ²He prayed to the LORD, "Isn't this what I said, LORD, when I was still at home? That is what I tried to forestall by fleeing to Tarshish. I knew that you are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abounding in love, a God who relents from sending calamity. ³Now, LORD, take away my life, for it is better for me to die than to live."

⁴But the LORD replied, "Is it right for you to be angry?"

⁵Jonah had gone out and sat down at a place east of the city. There he made himself a shelter, sat in its shade and waited to see what would happen to the city. ⁶Then the LORD God provided a leafy plant and made it grow up over Jonah to give shade for his head to ease his discomfort, and Jonah was very happy about the plant. ⁷But at dawn the next day God provided a worm, which chewed the plant so that it withered. ⁸When the sun rose, God provided a scorching east wind, and the sun blazed on Jonah's head so that he grew faint. He wanted to die, and said, "It would be better for me to die than to live."

⁹But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the plant?"

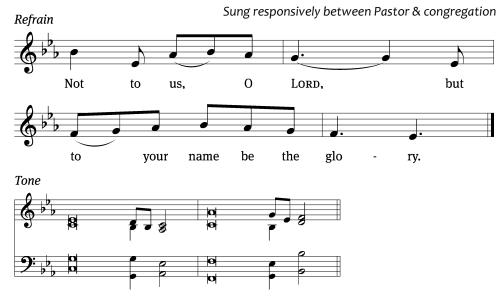
"It is," he said. "And I'm so angry I wish I were dead."

¹⁰But the LORD said, "You have been concerned about this plant, though you did not tend it or make it grow. It sprang up overnight and died overnight. "And should I not have concern for the great city of Nineveh, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who cannot tell their right hand from their left—and also many animals?"

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

A Not to Us, O LORD

Psalm 115A



Why do the nations say, "Where / is their God?"

Our God is in heaven; he does whatever / pleases him.

The LORD remembers us and will / bless us:

He will bless his people / Israel,

he will bless those who / fear the LORD—

small and / great alike. Refrain

All you Israelites, trust / in the LORD he is their / help and shield. House of Aaron, trust / in the LORD he is their / help and shield. You who fear him, trust / in the LORD he is their / help and shield.

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*

Romans 9:6-16

Second Reading

⁶It is not as though God's word had failed. For not all who are descended from Israel are Israel. ⁷Nor because they are his descendants are they all Abraham's children. On the contrary, "It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned." ⁸In other words, it is not the children by physical descent who are God's children, but it is the children of the promise who are regarded as Abraham's offspring. ⁹For this was how the promise was stated: "At the appointed time I will return, and Sarah will have a son."

¹⁰Not only that, but Rebekah's children were conceived at the same time by our father Isaac. ¹¹Yet, before the twins were born or had done anything good or bad—in order that God's purpose in election might stand: ¹²not by works but by him who calls—she was told, "The older will serve the younger." ¹³Just as it is written: "Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated."

¹⁴What then shall we say? Is God unjust? Not at all! ¹⁵For he says to Moses,

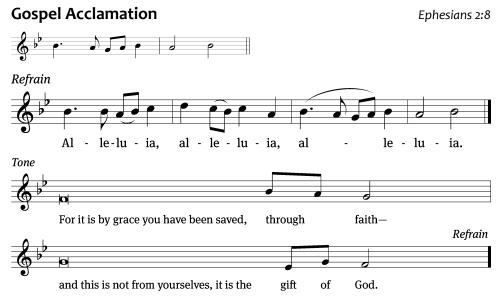
"I will have mercy on whom I have mercy,

and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion."

¹⁶It does not, therefore, depend on human desire or effort, but on God's mercy.

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

Stand



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Gospel

¹"For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. ²He agreed to pay them a denarius for the day and sent them into his vineyard.

³"About nine in the morning he went out and saw others standing in the marketplace doing nothing. ⁴He told them, 'You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' ⁵So they went.

"He went out again about noon and about three in the afternoon and did the same thing. ⁶About five in the afternoon he went out and found still others standing around. He asked them, 'Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?'

⁷" 'Because no one has hired us,' they answered.

"He said to them, 'You also go and work in my vineyard.'

⁸"When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and going on to the first.'

⁹"The workers who were hired about five in the afternoon came and each received a denarius. ¹⁰So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius. ¹¹When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner. ¹²'These who were hired last worked only one hour,' they said, 'and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.'

¹³"But he answered one of them, 'I am not being unfair to you, friend. Didn't you agree to work for a denarius? ¹⁴Take your pay and go. I want to give the one who was hired last the same as I gave you. ¹⁵Don't I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?'

¹⁶"So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

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

Be seated

Children's Sermon

Children may come forward to the front pew

Salvation unto Us Has Come



- 5 Yet as the law must be fulfilled or we must die despairing,
 Christ came and has God's anger stilled, our human nature sharing.
 He has for us the law obeyed and thus the Father's vengeance stayed which over us impended.
- 6 Since Christ has full atonement made and brought to us salvation, each Christian therefore may be glad and build on this foundation.
 Your grace alone, dear Lord, I plead, your death is now my life indeed, for you have paid my ransom.

- 7 Let me not doubt, but truly see your Word cannot be broken; your call rings out, "Come unto me!" No falsehood have you spoken.
 Baptized into your precious name, my faith cannot be put to shame, and I shall never perish.
- 8 The law reveals the guilt of sin and makes us conscience-stricken; but then the gospel enters in the sinful soul to quicken.
 Come to the cross, trust Christ, and live; the law no peace can ever give, no comfort and no blessing.

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- 9 Faith clings to Jesus' cross alone and rests in him unceasing; and by its fruits true faith is known, with love and hope increasing.
 For faith alone can justify; works serve our neighbor and supply the proof that faith is living.
- All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise to Father, Son, and Spirit, the God who saved us by his grace; all glory to his merit!
 O triune God in heav'n above, you have revealed your saving love; your blessèd name be hallowed!

Romans 9:6-16 God's Word Never Fails



Sermon

Nicene Creed

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 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.

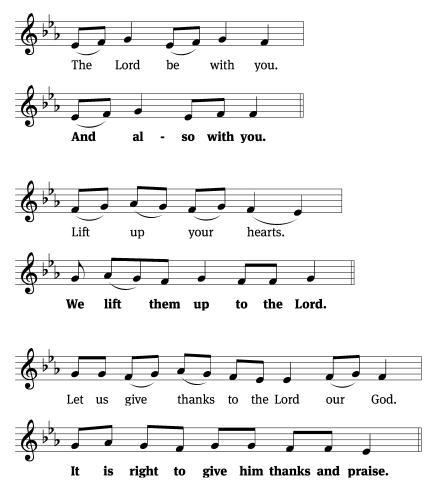
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The Sacrament

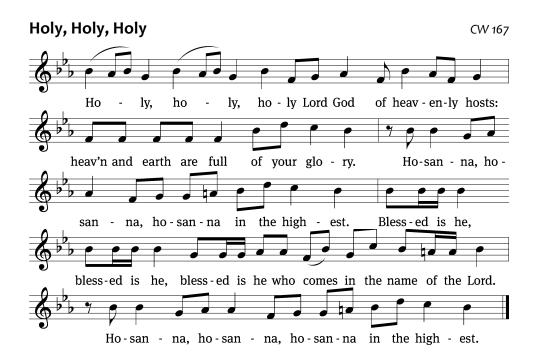
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Preface



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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:



Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with 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.



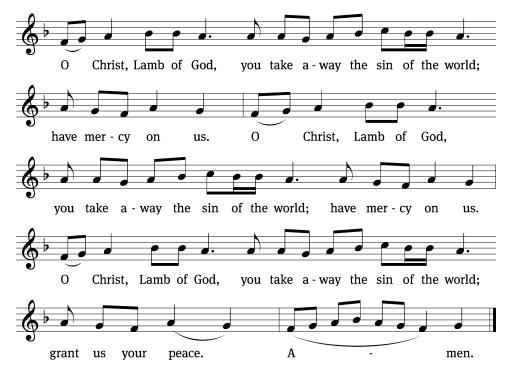
Words of Institution

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.**

O Christ, Lamb of God

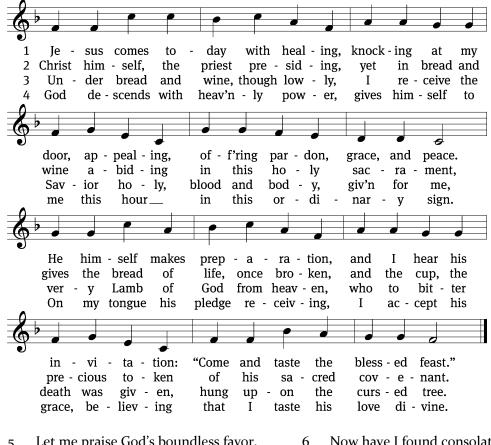


Be seated

Distribution



Jesus Comes Today with Healing



- 5 Let me praise God's boundless favor, whose own feast of love I savor, bidden by his gracious call.
 Wedding garments he provides me, with a robe of white he hides me, fits me for the royal hall.
- Now have I found consolation,
 comfort in my tribulation,
 balm to heal the troubled soul.
 God, my shield from ev'ry terror,
 cleanses me from sin and error,
 makes my wounded spirit whole.

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The true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you to life everlasting. Go + in peace. **Amen.**

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

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,

we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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.

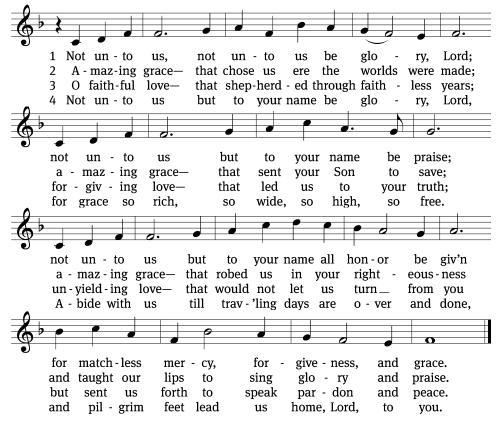
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

Amen.

Not unto Us

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Announcements

Save the Date – PTO Spring Fundraising Gala: The PTO for our Lutheran grade school is excited to announce they will hosting a Gala, "Pearl of the Sea", this spring to raise money for much needed upgrades to the school's security system. The event will take place on **March 7th, 2024**, at Foundry 45, and will be an enchanting evening full of fantastic food provided by Crave Catering, live music by Whole Yachta Love, and fellowship. In addition to the food, fun, and fellowship there will be a silent auction as well as a raffle.

The PTO would like to reach out for assistance in making this an enjoyable and successful evening. They are in need of volunteers to assist with various tasks, donations of any size, silent auction items, and gift baskets for the raffle. The PTO will provide a donation receipt for any donations made that will include the PTO's tax-exempt number for your records.

If you are interested in volunteering your time, providing a donation, or have any questions, please contact Liz Dreher at (262) 923-0241 or Jenell Enright at (608) 669-3190 or jenellenright@gmail.com.

KML Open House: Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School has been blessed to provide a Christian education to high school students for 50 years. In celebration, we are hosting a 1950s themed **open house on <u>Sunday</u>**, <u>October 15</u>, <u>from 1:00-3:00 PM</u></u>. Kids of all ages are invited to come in 50s themed costumes for a candy scavenger hunt, treats, and fun craft. Campus tours will be available. Visit with our staff along the way to find out more about KML. For more info or to register to attend, visit <u>kmlhs.org/open-house</u>.

KML Job Openings: Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School is looking to fill the following positions:

- <u>Concessions</u>: Work in KML's concession stand during home games and tournaments. This entails simple food preparation, customer service, and clean up. The schedule involves nights and weekends.
- <u>Part-Time Morning Janitor</u>: 5:00-9:00 AM on school days. Basic janitorial duties: sweeping, mopping, cleaning bathrooms. Starting wage: \$16/hour.
- <u>Part-Time Janitor</u>: Start at 3:00 PM (flexible), 4-5 hours a day, 2-5 days a week. Basic cleaning of classrooms, bathrooms, including sweeping, mopping, and picking up trash. Occasional weekend work for special events. Starting wage: \$16/hour.

Interested? Questions? Contact Mr. Jody Hansen, Director of Operations (262.677.4051 x4004; jody.hansen@kmlhs.org).

KML Grandparents' Days: KML invites the grandparents of our students to come for a visit! Select either Thursday, October 19, or Friday, October 20. For more information and to register, visit kmlhs.org/grandparents. Registration deadline: October 9, 2023. Registration is needed to ensure adequate food, seating, and materials. Questions? Contact Mrs. Melanie Schoeneck (262.677.4051 x4018; melanie.schoeneck@kmlhs.org).

Ultimate Alumni Tailgate Party: In celebration of KML's 50th anniversary, this year's alumni homecoming tailgate will be held on October 6, 2023, from 6:00-8:00 PM at KML. Alumni and their spouses/significant others and children are invited to attend! We will host a food truck, bounce house, and fun games again this year, ALL FOR FREE! Alumni, spouses, and their high school aged-children will receive a voucher/wristband for the food truck. Elementary-aged children and younger of alumni will receive a voucher for the concession stand. Register at kmlhs.org/alumnihoco23 to secure your spot at our Ultimate Alumni Tailgate Party! Registrations are required to ensure adequate food and fun. Registration Deadline: September 22, 2023

Fall Band & Choir Concert: Please join us in person or online (<u>kmlhs.org/stream</u>) as students from KML glorify God through music! This concert will take place on **Sunday**, **October 1**, **at 2:30 PM** in the KML PAC Auditorium. We hope you can join us!

Keys Run: We e are happy to support our local community by partnering with the KEYS Run, from the KEYS Scholarship organization. The 30th annual Keys Scholarship fun run/walk will be held at

Kewaskum High School on Sunday, October 8th, 2023 at 11 am. KEYS, Inc. is a non-profit organization established in 1985 to accept contributions to provide scholarships for Kewaskum High School graduates. For more information, or to register for the run/walk, please visit us at us at <u>Keys-Scholarships.org</u> or scan the QR code to register and secure your spot.



Celebrating God's Blessings This Week:

BIRTHDAYS

Micah Peck – 9/24 Gertrude Backus – 9/25 Brett Lauters – 9/26 Thomas Olewinski – 9/27 Jonathan Ramthun – 9/28 Nathan Westerman – 9/28 Kirsten Gloede – 9/29

ANNIVERSARIES

Kenneth & Carol Koth – 9/25 Dennis & Pam Jeserig – 9/29

Calendar

Readings for September 24th – October 1st, 2023

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Deuteronomy 1:37-2:15		Deuteronomy 2:16-37	Sat. 9/30:	Beyer	6pm
Matthew 6:1-15 *Worship 6pm		Matthew 6:16-34 *Worship 8am Sunday School 9:15 am Bible Hour 9:15 am	Sun. 10/01: Sat. 10/07:	Schacht Strack Butzke	8am 10:30am 6pm
		*Worship 10:30 am	Sun. 10/08:	Kempf Koch	8am 10:30am

St. Lucas Lutheran Church strives to be a congregation that is always inviting, always edifying, and always equipping. <u>www.stlucaswels.org</u>

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