



CHURCH AND SCHOOL

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Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

August 30th & 31st,2025

The Season

After reliving the great events of the life of Christ, the worshipping Church spends half a year focusing on the teachings of Christ. The Church wears green during the season of Pentecost as the Spirit uses those teachings of Jesus to grow the faith of believers. The appointed lessons cover a great body of doctrine for faith and life.

The Sunday

Those who attempt to exalt themselves will eventually be humbled by God. In contrast, Jesus promises that those who leave their exaltation to God will receive honor and glory far greater than any that can be awarded in this life. Our exaltation does not need to be our responsibility, because Jesus has already made it his.

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

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

Thank you, loving Lord, for cleansing me of my sins and adopting me into your family through the miracle of Holy Baptism. As I worship today, help me remember what my baptism means to me. Lead me to feel genuine sorrow for my sins and empower me to put down the sinful nature that still lives in me. Lift me up as I hear your promise of forgiveness and give me strength to live a life pleasing to you.

Serving in Worship

Presiding Minister: Pastor Timothy Henning Organist: Laura Schulz



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

Confession

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 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.

Glory to God in the Highest





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The Word

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

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O Lord of grace and mercy, teach us by your Holy Spirit to follow the example of your Son in true humility, that we may withstand the temptations of the devil and with pure hearts and minds avoid ungodly pride; 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

Solomon provides common sense about humility and pride.

⁶Do not exalt yourself in the king's presence, and do not claim a place among his great men;

⁷it is better for him to say to you, "Come up here," than for him to humiliate you before his nobles.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Proverbs 25:6,7a

Light Dawns in the Darkness

Psalm 112A

Sung responsively between Pastor & congregation









Blessed are those who / fear the LORD,

who find great delight in / his commands.

Wealth and riches are in their / houses,

and their righteousness endures for- / ever. Refrain

Surely the righteous will never be / shaken;

they will be remembered for-/ever.

Their hearts are secure, they will / have no fear;

in the end they will look in triumph / on their foes.

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

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Second Reading

James 2:1-13

James teaches that showing favoritism shows a lack of mercy and puts us at risk of God's judgment.

¹My brothers and sisters, believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ must not show favoritism. ²Suppose a man comes into your meeting wearing a gold ring and fine clothes, and a poor man in filthy old clothes also comes in. ³If you show special attention to the man wearing fine clothes and say, "Here's a good seat for you," but say to the poor man, "You stand there" or "Sit on the floor by my feet," ⁴have you not discriminated among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts?

⁵Listen, my dear brothers and sisters: Has not God chosen those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and to inherit the kingdom he promised those who love him? ⁶But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who are exploiting you? Are they not the ones who are dragging you into court? ⁷Are they not the ones who are blaspheming the noble name of him to whom you belong?

⁸If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, "Love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing right. ⁹But if you show favoritism, you sin and are convicted by the law as lawbreakers. ¹⁰For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it. ¹¹For he who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." If you do not commit adultery but do commit murder, you have become a lawbreaker.

¹²Speak and act as those who are going to be judged by the law that gives freedom, ¹³because judgment without mercy will be shown to anyone who has not been merciful. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

Luke 14:11

Alleluia!

For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted. Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 14:1,7–14

Jesus teaches some ways to demonstrate humility and promises that those who humble themselves will be exalted.

¹One Sabbath, when Jesus went to eat in the house of a prominent Pharisee, he was being carefully watched.

⁷When he noticed how the guests picked the places of honor at the table, he told them this parable: ⁸"When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take the place of honor, for a person more distinguished than you may have been invited. ⁹If so, the host who invited both of you will come and say to you, 'Give this person your seat.' Then, humiliated, you will have to take the least important place. ¹⁰But when you are invited, take the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he will say to you, 'Friend, move up to a better place.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all the other guests. ¹¹For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

¹²Then Jesus said to his host, "When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or sisters, your relatives, or your rich neighbors; if you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid. ¹³But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, ¹⁴and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

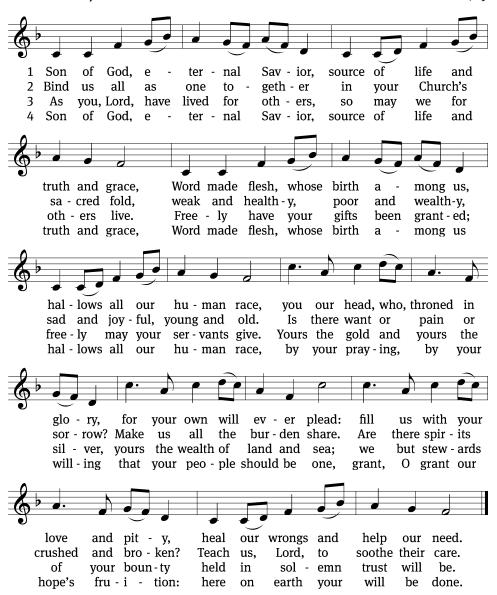
Be seated

Children's Sermon

Children may come forward to the front pew

Son of God, Eternal Savior

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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.

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 www.stlucaswels.org/donate.



The Sacrament

Stand

Preface

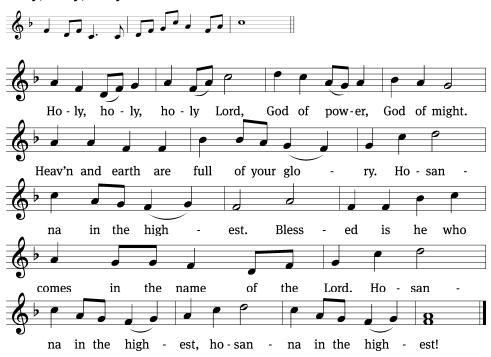
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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:

Holy, Holy, Holy



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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.**

O Christ, Lamb of God



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Be seated

Distribution

Personal Prayer before Communing

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.

Personal Prayer after Communing

Thank you, dear Savior, for nourishing my faith with the Sacrament of your body and blood. Lift my heart with your forgiveness, renew my confidence in your grace, empower my love for others, and lead me to long for the eternal banquet of heaven.



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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.

Stand

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

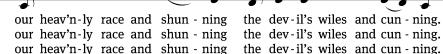
The Lord bless you and keep you.

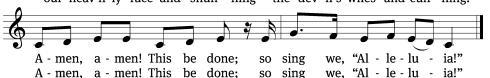
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

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

Amen.

Triune God, O Be Our Stay CW 482 sts. 1-3 Fa - ther, be 1 God the our stay and let per - ish us Je - sus Christ, O our stay and let us per-ish be nev er! Ho - lv Spir - it, be our stay and let us per-ish nev er! Cleanse us from our sins, we pray, and grant us life for - ev Cleanse us from our sins, we pray, and grant us life for - ev er. Cleanse us from our sins, we pray, and grant us life for - ev er. Keep us from the up-hold our faith most ho e - vil one; ly, up-hold our faith most ho Keep us from the e - vil one: lv. up-hold our faith most ho Keep us from the e - vil one: ly, with hum-ble hearts and low - lv. and let us trust you sole - ly and let us trust you sole - ly with hum-ble hearts and low - ly. and let us trust vou sole with hum-ble hearts and low - lv. put God's ar - mor with all true Chris - tians run - ning Let us on, put God's ar - mor on, with all true Chris - tians run - ning Let us Let put God's ar - mor on, with all true Chris - tians run - ning us





sing

so

we, "Al - le - lu - ia!"

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A - men, a - men! This be done;

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Setting Four from Christian Worship

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Church Resources

Family Devotions: Get your family into God's Word during the week! Our church body has short devotions available for the entire family. Each devotion comes with a Set of questions for different age groups, a prayer, and hymn verses that can be sung or spoken. Please visit **wels.net/family-devotions** to get your weekly devotions.

Marriage Moments: Every marriage has its "moments". That's why marriages need moments of encouragement and refreshment. *Marriage Moments* are short, weekly videos highlighting one biblical marriage thought accompanied by a discussion question. Couples may subscribe to receive the videos directly through email at **welscongregationalsevices.net/marriagemoments**.

Connecting WELS Members: Connection is more important now than ever. Our church body offers many ways for WELS members to connect through social media. Join the WELS online community at facebook.com/welslutherans, twitter.com/welstweets, Instagram.com/welslutherans, and vimeo.com/wels.

WELS Together e-Newsletter: Stay in the loop! Subscribe to the WELS Together e-Newsletter to stay connected with the people of your synod and the ministry they serve. Also, don't miss the twice-monthly videos that cover important and exciting synod news. Please visit **wels.net/together** to read and subscribe.

Baptism: If you or a loved one had not yet been baptized, and are interested in more information, please contact Pastor Henning.

Church Membership Starting Point If you're interested in becoming a member here at St. Lucas, we would love to share with you a few Bible studies to introduce you to the biblical teaching here at St. Lucas. We are willing to set up these classes in any setting most comfortable for you, and can always find time that will work for anyone and everyone. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Henning, whose contact info can be found on the final page of this bulletin, underneath the church calendar.

Announcements

LWMS Rally: Mark your calendars for this year's LWMS Rally on Saturday, October 4th at Crown of Life in Hubertus, 1292 Tally Ho Trail, Hubertus, WI 53033. Registration will begin at 8:30 AM with the rally running from 9:00 AM—12:30 PM. The guest speaker will be Pastor Nathan Schulte who will be presenting on recent missionary work in Latin America. The rally will also serve to support the Full Shelf Food Pantry in West Bend by collecting donations of non-perishable food items.

On the weekend of September 13th and 14th, we will have a donation box at the back of church to collect donations for various LWMS missions not directly supported by the WELS. Any amount given in dollars, change, or by check is greatly appreciated! Checks can be made out to LWMS.

Recording of Service: This weekend's service will not be recorded and posted online due to a combination of individuals being out of town and some minor difficulties with working our recording equipment.

Pew Removal: Pews are set to be removed following the 9:30 am service on November 9 (or the last day in the old church if it changes). If anyone is interested in a pew contact Kevin Scheunemann at kewaskumdq@gmail.com. We are asking that you be responsible for arranging your pick up that day. Anyone that would be able to help with removal call or text Curtis Koth (262)305-5591. If you are interested in anything else that will not be moving to the new church call Curtis Koth. Items will be dealt with on a first-come basis.

Regular Worship Schedule: Our regular worship schedule will resume the weekend of September $6^{th} - 7^{th}$. Services will be at 6:00 pm on Saturdays and 8:00 am and 10:30 am on Sundays.

Sunday School & Family Bible Hour: Sunday School and Bible Hour will resume on Sunday, September 7 at 9:15 am (between services). The Bible Hour will begin the year with a discussion of Christian Worship as we look forward to moving to our new church building.

Tuesday and Thursday Bible Study: will pick up where they left off in May, with a study of the Letters of John. Tuesday resumes September 9 at 6:30 pm. Thursday resumes September 11 at 10:00 am. Both groups will meet in the school meeting room.

Wednesday Catechism: will kick off the school year on September 10, 3:30-5:00 pm. This class is for young people grades 6-8 in preparation for confirmation.

Fuel for Moms: Thursday mornings when school is in session. Talk about timely topics with other mothers after drop off time, @7:30 am. Come as you are, stay when you can.

Banners & Stoles for New Church: To furnish our new church we will need some new banners and stoles. We will be able to reuse some of the banners from the old church, but we need additional new banners so that we have them for every season of the church year. Banner stands will be needed to display the banners. We would like to purchase new stoles for the various seasons of the church year as well. Total cost for these items would be around \$4-5,000. If you would like to donate, place your donation in an envelope labeled "Banners and Stoles" and deposit in the box at the back of church. Thank you.

BIRTHDAYS

Gwendolyn Dreher 8/31

Todd Scheid 8/31

Lux Krueger 9/1

Jennifer Peters 6/2

Lux Krueger 8/31

John Dreher 9/2

Carole Heberer 9/1

Kayla Edwards 9/2

Paul Lemke 9/1

Barbara Knorr 9/6

<u>ANNIVERSARIES</u>

Roger & Cordell Strack 9/4

Calendar Readings for August 31st - September 7th 2025

| Sunday 1 Kings 16:29-17:24 2 Corinthians 10:1-13:14 2 Corinthians 9:1-15 | Monday 1 Kings 18:1-19 Ephesians 1:1-23 | Tuesday I Kings 18:20-40 Ephesians 2:1-22 | Wednesday 1 Kings 19:1-21 1 Kings 20:1-22:53 Ephesians 3:1-21 |
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| Worship w/ Communion - 9:00 am | Labor Day | 1st day of Preschool | |

| Thursday SEP 04 | Friday SEP 05 | Saturday SEP 06 | Sunday SEP 07 |
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| 2 Kings 2:1-18 Ephesians 4:1-24 | 2 Kings 2:19-25; 4:1-7 Ephesians 4:25-5:14 | 2 Kings 4:8-22, 32-37 Ephesians 5:15-33 | 2 Kings 4:38-5:8 Ephesians 6:1-24 |
| Fuel for Moms - 7:45 am | | Worship - 6:00 pm | Worship - 8 am Sunday School - 9:15 am Bible Hour - 9:15 am Worship - 10:30 am |

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