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SEASON OF PENTECOST
5th Sunday after Pentecost
July 13, 2025 9:30am

Congregation Announcements

Sharing the Peace

Call to Worship. (Based on today's Gospel)

One: Who is my neighbor?

Many: From the beginnings of scripture it was never just the people next door.

One: It was always a bigger group.

Many: People of my clan, my tribe, my nation all were possible neighbors.

One: But there was an end point. Enemies were definitely not neighbors.

Many: This created a problem though, because the laws did require strangers and foreigners to be welcomed.

One: So there were debates. Is a friendly foreigner a neighbor or a possible enemy? If a foreigner helps me, do I have to help them?

Many: This is why the lawyer asked Jesus "Who is my neighbor?" Such a simple question. Such a hard answer!

One: But the story Jesus tells never answers the question.

Many: Jesus ducked the issue?

One: Jesus said it's the wrong question. It's never about who qualifies as a neighbor.

Many: And it IS about who chooses to BE a neighbor to someone else.

One: Thank you Jesus!

Many: Even when our questions are off-track, your answers are the best! Teach us more! Amen.

Opening Hymn **ELW #822** (vs. 1-4) "*Oh, Sing to the Lord*"

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Many: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day (based on today's First Reading)

One: God of wisdom and light,

Many: Thank you for not making us cross the seas or climb the heavens to hear your truths to us. You put your words close to us and your goodness within us. Help us rejoice in your ways by making them ours: your commands, your blessings, your joy! Amen.

First Reading: Deuteronomy 30:9-14 Bulletin Insert

As this summary book of the laws of Moses draws to a close, the author sets an almost playful tone. God's laws are many and to be obeyed, but they are not hard to find. No epic search for truth is needed, it's right there on our hearts.

Psalmody: Psalm 25:1-10 Bulletin Insert

This Psalm deeply understands God's grace and love. Like many Psalms, it also sounds a note of retribution on enemies, something Jesus will subtly take issue with in today's gospel.

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Gospel: Luke 10:25-37 Bulletin Insert

Jesus' parables drive us as listeners to the last line, for that's where the teaching point nearly always resides. In this parable, Jesus ends not with a conclusion to the story but a question for the listener. It turns out defining who qualifies as a neighbor is not the issue. Choosing to act as a neighbor? That's the issue.

Response after the announcement: Glory to you, O Lord.

Response after the conclusion: Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE “Just Do It. Just Say It. Just Be It”

Hymn of the Day **ELW #715** (vs. 1-4) “*Christ, Be Our Light*”

Prayers

Offering

Offertory Prayer

One: Creator God,

Many: in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. AMEN.

The Great Thanksgiving

P. The Lord be with you

C. And also with you

P. Lift up your hearts

C. We lift them to the Lord

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

C. It is right to give our thanks and praise

Words of Institution

The Lord’s Prayer

Any and all are welcome at Christ’s table. Please join us!

Communion Distribution

An usher will come to let you know when to come forward to receive communion. Please hold your hand out so the Pastor can drop the bread in your hand. Then the usher will hand you a cup of either wine (purple) or grape juice (white), please let them know your preference.

Baskets are available for your empty cup.

If walking is difficult for you, please tell an usher that you would like to be served where you are seated.

Communion Blessing

Post Communion Prayer

One: Nourishing God,

Many: you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus’ name. AMEN.

Benediction

Closing Hymn **ELW #716** (vs. 1-4)
“Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace”

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

***Thank you for attending our Outdoor Service.
Our next OUTDOOR SERVICE will be August 10.***

Karen Bruinooge, organist 920-457-4285 Kristin Madson, custodian 980-9012

WELCOME! Scripture urges us: “Turn to the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul” (Deuteronomy 30:10). Let us indeed turn to God, in love and worship, petition and trust.

Those serving the Lord:

	<u>Today</u>	<u>July 20, 9:30am</u>
<u>Greeters:</u>	Paul & Lavonne Schroeder	Carol Wedepohl
<u>Ushers:</u>	Randy Meyer Jack Parrish	Jeff Parrish John Kapelanski
<u>Reader:</u>	Marilyn Meyer	Kathy Nelson
<u>Communion:</u>	Marilyn Meyer	David Kohl
<u>AV Tech:</u>	Pam Bogenschuetz (if needed)	Jace Suckow
<u>Bread Baker:</u>	Ginny Kapelanski	Elliana Perma



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Members celebrating a birthday this week:
Nicole Klabecek July 15
Lavonne Schroeder July 19

Our Semi-Annual Congregational meeting

will be on Sunday July 27 after the worship service.

Please plan on attending if able.



Announcements:

Pastor FYI-John H-I will be on vacation from July 16-August 6. Pastors John Throop and Muriel Otto will be our preachers the next three weeks. John H-I remains available for emergencies within the congregation or community. If you have a pastoral need during this time, please contact Andrea in the office.

BITS & PREACHES (newsletter) will be sent out on Fri. July 25. If you have something you would like to include, please have it to the office by noon on Thursday July 17.



FOOD PANTRY ITEMS - JULY suggested donations are

spices and condiments. There is a list on the collection can for recommended ideas. Also accepting recycled PLASTIC BAGS (Walmart, Target, Piggly Wiggly, etc.). The Sheboygan Falls Food Pantry is open the 2nd Sat. of each month from 9-11am, in addition to every Thurs. from 9-11am, located at 529 Giddings Ave. in Sheb. Falls.



THE WORD IN SEASON *July-September 2025* booklets are available in the narthex. Please take or share compliments of St. Luke.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will be on Wednesday, August 20 and Thursday, August 21 from 6:00-8:00 pm in the evening! We need all of you to consider being a part of it! We need Pre-K through 6th grade kids to be here for learning and fun. We need grade 7-12 kids to help leader the younger ones in crafts and games and we need a few adults to help lead and work on food. Registration forms are in the narthex and library.

There are **MANY EVENTS** and **ACTIVITIES** happening in our community to attend and/or support. Check out the bulletin board in the narthex for things that might appeal to you. 😊



If you have a charity or worthy cause that is dear to your heart, please remember that the St. Luke **ENDOWMENT FUND** could possibly assist with funding. There are applications in the narthex and on our website:

[stlukeshebfalls.org>about us>forms library>endowment request](http://stlukeshebfalls.org/about-us/forms-library/endowment-request).

Questions can be directed to Karl Nelson, Committee Ch.

SUMMER STUDIES: NOW DAYTIME and EVENING OPTIONS

Our current study is *Family Relations in the Bible: Parenting, Siblings, Gender, Sex, Discord, and Love*. We will meet at 11am in the Library on Monday July 14 and an evening Zoom/Facebook option at 7:00pm. Zoom link came to everyone via the "Happenings at St. Luke" email.



Then, Mondays, August 11, 18, and 25 we'll have our second summer study: *People Being Their Best: Stories*

Even a Cynic Will Appreciate. This one focuses on examples of day-to-day common sense and goodness that you find in the Bible. Not the huge miracles, just people still being an inspiration all these years later. Offered at 11:00am in the library and 7:00pm Zoom/Facebook.

CHITTY CHITTY BANG BANG- One of our church members, Jill Madson, has a part in this production put on by the Dare To Dream Theatre. Performances are at the Sheboygan Lutheran High School on Friday, July 18th (6:30pm), Sat. 19th (6:30pm) and Sunday 20th (2:00pm) and Friday, July 25th (6:30pm), Sat. 26th (1:00pm & 6:30pm) and Sunday 27th (2:00pm). Tickets and information are available at www.daretodreamtheatre.org.

WHY GRANDMA GAVE

One Sunday as she was getting ready for church, a grandmother received a call from her daughter. "Can you watch the kids while we're out of town next week?" the daughter asked.

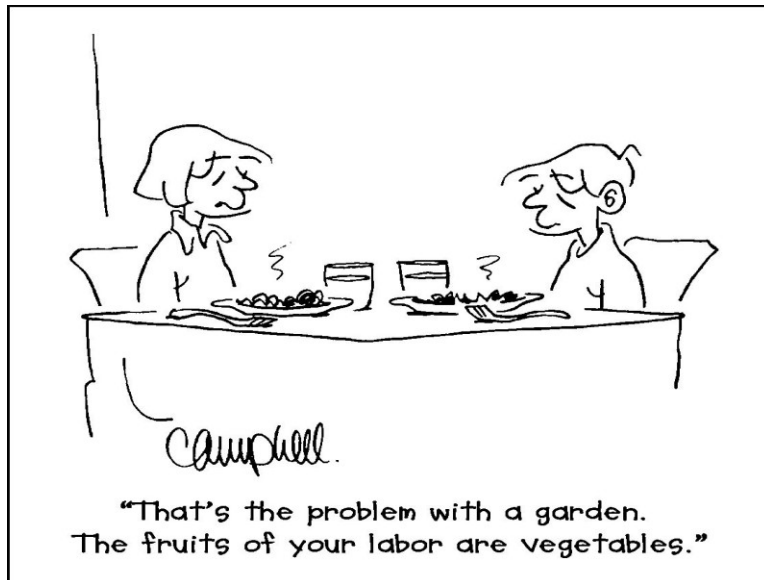
Grandma was so thrilled she put an extra \$5 into the offering plate that morning.

The next Sunday, after her three young grandchildren had returned home, she put in an extra \$20.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER SIGN-UP: We'd like to start getting people lined up to teach Sunday School for the 2025-26 school year. Sunday School starts at 8:30 and runs until shortly before worship starts at 9:30am. We offer lots of support and all the materials needed. Currently we are running a "one-room-schoolhouse" for kids ages 4 - 6th grade. That might change based on how many kids we have and how the ages break out.

Few things are more joyful and important than helping little ones experience the faith community. That's what we do each week. You need virtually no bible

knowledge...what you do need is in the materials. What you most bring is love and a little structure and then based on how you are, some mix of games, art, music, serving projects, mini-construction projects, outdoor scavenger hunts, science "experiments," you name it! We welcome our kids, engage them, and teach them how faith is about everything in life! We need four teachers signed up so that you can rotate weeks (meaning, typically teaching only once a month), have two people there on big weeks (think Christmas program), and bring different styles and gifts to our kids. Teachers have traditionally been moms, which is great. We'd like to expand that a little by having at least one man, one person over age 65 and then anyone confirmed age (say 15) and up, who wants to give it a try. Talk to John H-I if you have questions. Sign-up is in the narthex!



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July 13, 2025 9:30am

Oh, Sing to the Lord

Cantad al Señor

PRaise, THANKSGIVING

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1 Can - tad al Se - ñor un cán - ti - co nue - vo.
 1 Oh, sing to the Lord, oh, sing God a new song.
 2 For God is the Lord, and God has done won - ders.
 3 So dance for our God and blow all the trum - pets.
 4 Oh, shout to our God, who gave us the Spir - it.
 5 For Je - sus is Lord! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia!



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Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



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Christ, Be Our Light

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1 Long-ing for light, we wait in dark-ness. Long-ing for
2 Long-ing for peace, our world is trou-bled. Long-ing for
3 Long-ing for food, man-y are hun-gry. Long-ing for
4 Long-ing for shel-ter, man-y are home-less. Long-ing for
5 Man-y the gifts, man-y the peo-ple, man-y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
hope, man-y de-spair. Your word a-lone
wa-ter, man-y still thirst. Make us your bread,
warmth, man-y are cold. Make us your build-ing,
hearts that yearn to be-long. Let us be ser-vants



your ho-ly peo-ple, light for the world to see.
has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv-ing voice.
bro-ken for oth-ers, shared un-til all are fed.
shel-ter-ing oth-ers, walls made of liv-ing stone.
to one an-oth-er, signs of your king-dom come.



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark-ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath-ered to-day.

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Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace



1 Lord of all na-tions, grant me grace to love all
2 Break down the wall that would di- vide thy chil- dren,
3 For- give me, Lord, where I have erred by love- less
4 Give me thy cour- age, Lord, to speak when-ev- er
5 With thine own love may I be filled and by thy



peo-ple, ev- 'ry race; and in each per-son may I
Lord, on ev- 'ry side. My neigh-bor's good let me pur-
act and thought-less word. Make me to see the wrong I
strong op-press the weak. Should I my-self the vic-tim
Ho-ly Spir-it willed, that all I touch, wher-e'er I



see my kin- dred, loved, re-deemed by thee.
sue; let Chris- tian love bind warm and true.
do will cru- ci- fy my Lord a- new.
be, help me for- give, re- mem- b'ring thee.
be, may be di- vine- ly touched by thee.



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