

Welcome! We are happy to share God's peace with everyone. Visitors are invited to sign our guest book in the entryway. If you have any questions, the ushers are ready to help. Feel free to visit after the service.

- Aids to assist with hearing (Williams Sound System) are available from the ushers.
- Printed copies of the sermon are available on the tract desk.
- Large Print Service binders can be found on the tract desk.
- Personal prayers for use before church or during the week are printed on p. 255- 258 in the hymnal.
- For a personal preparation for Holy Communion, please see pages 295-296 in your hymnal.

Please note: the Sunday service is being recorded and streamed on

YouTube. www.youtube.com/@stlukesvassar

Our Lord teaches in his Word that in Communion we receive Jesus' true body and blood in, with, and under the bread and wine, and that participation is also a declaration that we believe what our fellow communicants believe. In obedience to God's Word, then, we ask that only those who agree on all points of teaching—those who belong to a WELS or ELS church—

and are confirmed partake in the Lord's Supper today. If you are not a member of WELS or ELS church but would like to pursue that unity of faith, or if you have questions, please speak with Pastor.

Upcoming Events

Sunday 06/08/2025.....9:00 AM Communion Service
 Monday 06/09/2025.....7:00 No Worship Service
 Mon. 06/09 – Wed. 06/11.... Michigan District Study Conference
 Sunday 06/15/2025.....9:00 AM Communion Service
 Monday 06/16/2025.....7:00 PM Communion Service

Attendance

Sunday Service Attendance: 135: Monday Service: 14

Our Time to Our Lord

Vacation Bible School: VBS will be held on July 15-17 from 6:30-8:30 PM. There will be classes for both adults and children. There are sign up sheets available in the fellowship hall. Please indicate what grade the child will be entering next school year. If you have questions, talk to Pastor Arnold.

Library: St. Luke's is blessed with a rich collection of books for your enjoyment and spiritual growth. A small

selection from our library is now available in the narthex. Please feel free to borrow, read, and return them at your convenience. The full library is in the fellowship hall.

Used Meditations: Do you know what St. Luke's does with collected used meditations? They are given to our prison ministry. What a blessing for the prisoners who get to know God's love and blessings through this opportunity. There is a small container under the mailboxes where your booklets can be placed.

Thank You!!! We extend a sincere thanks to Eric Kern for his many years of service as a church usher. Thank you, Eric!

Volunteers Needed: Thank you to those who have signed up to mow!!! There are still many opportunities for others to sign up. Mower, gas, and trimmer will be provided. If you are interested or have questions, please see Josh Denniston.

Missionary Family Support Opportunity: It is our congregation's turn to reach out to the missionary families assigned to our circuit of the **Lutheran Women's Missionary Society (LWMS)**. We are encouraged to remember these families in our prayers,

and to consider sending **cards**, and, if desired, **gifts** as a tangible expression of our support and encouragement. Information about each missionary family—including **birthdays, anniversaries, and children's names**—is provided if you would like to acknowledge these special occasions. A list of names, mailing addresses, and email addresses is available **below the bulletin board next to the church office**. Let's take this opportunity to uplift and encourage those serving the Lord in the mission field!

MLS Host Families Needed: MLS has a thriving international ministry welcoming students from China, Korea, Grenada and Germany for the 2025-26 school year. Over the past 4 decades of welcoming international students, MLS has been blessed to send more to MLC than any other high school in America and more MLS international alumni are currently serving in ministry than any other school alumni. For the 2025-26 school year we have a potential additional 10 international students coming.



Watch a video to see the importance of a host family to our international students.

Visit www.mlsem.org/hostfamilies or scan the QR code.

Our **Talents** to Our Lord

June Servers

June Sunday Ushers: Ron Nichol, Erik Kern, Justin Whitney, Jay Newcomer

June Communion Elder: June 8th Jay Newcomer

June Finance: Jeremy LaPratt, Nick Hubbard, Ed Newsome

June Altar Guild: Cori Einhardt, Katie Denniston

Organist: Olivia Marker



Our **Treasures** to Our Lord

Budgetary Gifts: \$5,208 (This total is from our 06/01 and 06/02 services)

School Fees: \$1,600.00

Scholarship Fund: \$30.00

Meditations: \$453.00

477 O Day Full of Grace

CW 477

1 O day full of grace that now we see
 appearing on earth's horizon,
 bring light from our God that we may be
 replete in his joy this season.

God, shine for us now in this dark place;
 your name on our hearts emblazon.

2 O day full of grace, O blessed time,
 our Lord on the earth arriving;
 then came to the world that light sublime,
 great joy for us all retrieving,
 for Jesus all mortals did embrace,
 all darkness and shame removing.

3 For Christ bore our sins, and not his own,
 when he on the cross was hanging,
 and then he arose to claim his throne
 that we, unto him belonging,
 might join with angelic hosts to raise
 our voices in endless singing.

4 God came to us then at Pentecost,
 his Spirit new life revealing,
 that we might no more from him be lost,
 all darkness for us dispelling.
 His flame will the mark of sin efface
 and bring to us all his healing.

Please stand for the final stanza

5 When we on that final journey go
 that Christ is for us preparing,
 we'll gather in song, our hearts aglow,
 all joy of the heavens sharing,

and walk in the light of God's own place,
with angels his name adoring.

Text: Scandinavian, c. 1450; tr. Gerald Thorson, 1921–2001

Text: © 1978 Lutheran Book of Worship, admin. Augsburg Fortress. Used by permission: OneLicense no. 716852

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

Amen.

Confession

CW 188

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

CW 190

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

CW 191

Refrain: Glory to God in the highest, glory to God,
and peace to his people on earth, and peace to his
people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we
worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your
glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God,
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have
mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the
Father; receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy
Spirit in the glory of God the Father. Amen. *Refrain*

THE WORD

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Holy Spirit, God and Lord, come to us this joyful day
with your sevenfold gift of grace. Rekindle in our hearts
the holy fire of your love that in a true and living faith

we may tell abroad the glory of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Father, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

(Be seated)

First Reading

Genesis 11:1–9

¹The whole earth had one language and a single vocabulary. ²As people traveled in the east, they found a plain in the land of Shinar, and they settled there. ³They said to one another, “Come, let's make bricks and bake them thoroughly.” They used mud brick instead of stone for building material, and they used tar for mortar.

⁴They said, “Come, let's build a city for ourselves and a tower whose top reaches to the sky, and let's make a name for ourselves, so that we will not be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth.”

⁵The LORD came down to see the city and the tower that the people were building. ⁶The LORD said, “If this is the first thing they are doing as one people, who all have one language, then nothing that they intend to do will be too difficult for them. ⁷Come, let's go down there and confuse their language, so that they cannot understand one another's speech.”

⁸So the LORD scattered them from there over the face of the whole earth, and they stopped building the city.

⁹It was named Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of the whole earth. From there the LORD scattered them over the face of the whole earth.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

104 Lord, Send Out Your Spirit

Psalm 104

Refrain

LORD, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

How many are your / works, LORD!

In wisdom you / made them all.

All creatures / look to you

to give them their food at the / proper time.

When you give it to them, they gather / it up;

when you open your hand, they are satisfied / with good things. *Refrain*

May the glory of the LORD endure for- / ever;

may the LORD rejoice / in his works—

he makes winds his / messengers,

flames of fire his / servants.

I will sing to the LORD / all my life;

I will sing praise to my God as long / as I live.

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***

Text: Arlo D. Duba

Text: © 1980 Arlo D. Duba (refrain). Used by permission: OneLicense no. 716852

Second Reading

Acts 2:1–21

¹When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ²Suddenly a sound like the rushing of a violent wind came from heaven, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³They saw divided tongues that were like fire resting on each one of them. ⁴They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, since the Spirit was giving them the ability to speak fluently.

⁵Now there were godly Jewish men from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶When this sound was heard, a crowd came together and was confused, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. ⁷They were completely baffled and said to one another, “Look, are not all these men who are speaking Galileans? ⁸Then how is it that each of us hears them speaking in his own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, and of Judea, Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt, and the parts of Libya around Cyrene; visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes; ¹¹Cretans and

Arabs—we hear them declaring in our own languages the wonderful works of God.” ¹²They were all amazed and perplexed. They kept saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³But others mocked them and said, “They are full of new wine.”

¹⁴Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and spoke loudly and clearly to them:

“Men of Judea, and all you residents of Jerusalem, understand this, and listen closely to my words.¹⁵These men are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only the third hour of the day. ¹⁶On the contrary, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

¹⁷This is what God says will happen in the last days:
I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh.

Your sons and your daughters will prophesy.

Your young men will see visions.

Your old men will dream dreams.

¹⁸Even on my servants, both men and women,
I will pour out my Spirit in those days,
and they will prophesy.

¹⁹I will show wonders in the sky above,
and signs on the earth below,
blood and fire and a rising cloud of smoke.

²⁰The sun will be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood
before the coming of the great and glorious day of

the Lord.

²¹And this will happen: Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(Stand)

Gospel Acclamation

Antiphon for Pentecost

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people, and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel

John 14:23–27

²³Jesus answered him, “If anyone loves me, he will hold on to my word. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. ²⁴The one who does not love me does not hold on to my words. The word that you are hearing is not mine, but it is from the Father who sent me.

²⁵“I have told you these things while staying with you. ²⁶But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and remind you of everything I told you.

²⁷“Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, and do not let it be afraid.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

(Be seated)

585 Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord

CW 585

- 1 Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord!
 May all your graces be outpoured
 on each believer's mind and heart;
 your fervent love to them impart.
 Lord, by the brightness of your light
 you gather and in faith unite
 your Church from ev'ry land and tongue:
 this to your praise, O Lord our God, be sung.
 Alleluia, alleluia!

- 2 Come, holy Light, guide divine,
 and cause the Word of life to shine.
 Teach us to know our God aright
 and call him Father with delight.
 From ev'ry error keep us free;
 let none but Christ our master be
 that we in living faith abide,

in him, our Lord, with all our might confide.

Alleluia, alleluia!

3 Come, holy Fire, comfort true,
grant us the will your work to do
and in your service to abide;
let trials turn us not aside.
Lord, by your pow'r prepare each heart,
and to our weakness strength impart
that bravely here we may contend,
through life and death to you, our Lord, ascend.
Alleluia, alleluia!

Text: tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, alt.; (st. 1): German, 15th cent.; (sts. 2–3): Martin Luther, 1483–1546
Text: © 1941 Concordia Publishing House. Used by permission: OneLicense no. 716852

Sermon

Acts 2:1-21

The Holy Spirit Comes in Power

I. He prepares the world (1-12)

II. He proclaims the Word (13-21)

(Stand)

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

Offering

THE SACRAMENT

(Stand)

Preface

CW 199

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 on this day kept his promise and poured out the Holy Spirit to empower his Church to proclaim the gospel in all the world. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy

CW 200

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts,
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are you, Lord God, eternal King and gracious Father. In love you made us the crown of your creation.

In mercy you planned our salvation. In grace you sent your Son to redeem us from sin.

We remember and give you thanks that your eternal Son, Jesus Christ, became flesh and made his dwelling among us, that he willingly placed himself under law to redeem those under law, that he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death on a cross, that he has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood in this Sacrament. Forgive our sins, increase our faith, strengthen our fellowship, and deepen our longing for the day when Christ will welcome us to his eternal feast. Praise and thanks and honor and glory be to you, O God our Father, and to your Son and to the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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

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.

Lamb of God

CW 202

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us, grant us peace.

(Be seated)

Distribution

(As he distributes the elements, the minister says to the communicants:)

Take and eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

Take and drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, poured out for the forgiveness of your sins.

(As he dismisses the communicants, the minister says:)

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

673 O Lord, We Praise You

CW 673

1 O Lord, we praise you, bless you, and adore you,
in thanksgiving bow before you.

Here with your body and your blood you nourish
our weak souls that they may flourish.

O Lord, have mercy!

May your body, Lord, born of Mary,
that our sins and sorrows did carry,
and your blood for us plead
in all trial, fear, and need.

O Lord, have mercy!

2 Your holy body into death was given,
life to win for us in heaven.

No greater love than this to you could bind us;
may this feast of that remind us!

O Lord, have mercy!

Lord, your love and kindness did move you;
let your supper move us to love you.
All our debt you have paid;
peace with God once more is made.

O Lord, have mercy!

3 May God bestow on us his grace and favor
that we follow Christ our Savior
and live together here in love and union,
nor despise this blest communion.

O Lord, have mercy!

Let not your good Spirit forsake us;
grant that heav'nly-minded he make us.
Give your Church, Lord, to see

days of peace and unity.

O Lord, have mercy!

Text: tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, alt.; (st. 1): German, 14th cent.; (sts. 2–3): Martin Luther, 1483–1546

Text: © 1941 Concordia Publishing House. Used by permission: OneLicense no. 716852

674 The Infant Priest Was Holy Born

CW 674

- 1 The infant Priest was holy born
for us unholy and forlorn;
from fleshly temple forth came he,
anointed from eternity.
- 2 This great High Priest in human flesh
was icon of God's righteousness.
His hallowed touch brought sanctity;
his hand removed impurity.
- 3 The holy Lamb undaunted came
to God's own altar lit with flame;
while weeping angels hid their eyes,
this Priest became a sacrifice.
- 4 But death would not the victor be
of him who hung upon the tree.
He leads us to the Holy Place
within the veil, before God's face.
- 5 The veil is torn, our Priest we see,
as at the rail on bended knee
our hungry mouths from him receive
the bread of immortality.

6 The body of God's Lamb we eat,
a priestly food and priestly meat;
on sin-parched lips the chalice pours
his quenching blood that life restores.

7 With cherubim and seraphim
our voices join the endless hymn,
and "Holy, holy, holy" sing
to Christ, God's Lamb, our Priest and King.

Text: Chad L. Bird, b. 1970

Text: © 1997, 2003 Chad L. Bird. Used by permission: OneLicense no. 716852

(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.

O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving-kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day; through 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.

593 Holy Spirit, Light Divine

CW 593

- 1 Holy Spirit, light divine,
shine upon this heart of mine;
chase the gloom of night away,
turn the darkness into day.
- 2 Holy Spirit, love divine,
cleanse this guilty heart of mine;
in your mercy pity me,
from sin's bondage set me free.
- 3 Holy Spirit, joy divine,
cheer this saddened heart of mine;
fill me with your heav'nly peace,
let it grow and still increase.
- 4 Holy Spirit, pow'r divine,
dwell within this heart of mine;
cast down ev'ry idol throne,
reign supreme and reign alone.
- 5 Holy Spirit, fill my heart,
cleanse my life in ev'ry part;

your own temple I would be
now and for eternity.

Text: Andrew Reed, 1787–1862, abr., alt.

Text: Public domain

Acknowledgments

Setting Three from Christian Worship

Unless otherwise noted, Scripture quotations are from the Holy Bible, Evangelical Heritage Version® (EHV®) © 2007 Wanzburg Project. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

Liturgical and musical settings of Scripture based on text from The Holy Bible, New International Version®, NIV®, Copyright © 1973, 1978, 1984, 2011 by Biblica, Inc.™ Used by permission of Zondervan. All rights reserved worldwide.

Software distributed in partnership with Northwestern Publishing House.

Created by Christian Worship: Service Builder © 2005 Concordia Publishing House.