

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.

Pentecost 10
Setting 3, pg. 188



827 Rejoice, My Heart, Be Glad and Sing

CW 827

- 1 Rejoice, my heart, be glad and sing,
a cheerful trust maintain;
for God, the source of ev'rything,
your treasure shall remain.
Why spend the day in blank despair,
in restless thought the night?
On your Creator cast your care;
he makes your burdens light.
- 2 Did not his love and truth and pow'r
guard ev'ry childhood day?
And did he not in threat'ning hour
turn dreaded ills away?
He always will with patience chide,
his rod falls gently down;
and all your sins he casts aside
in ocean depths to drown.

Please stand for the final stanza

3 His wisdom never plans in vain
nor falters nor mistakes;
all that his counsels may ordain
a blessed ending makes.
Upon your lips, then, lay your hand,
and trust his guiding love;
then like a rock your peace shall stand
here and in heav'n above.

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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.

Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift of grace that we come into your presence and offer true and faithful service. Grant that our worship on earth may always be pleasing to you, and in the life to come give us the fulfillment of what you have promised; 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

Jeremiah 23:23–29

²³Am I a God who is only nearby, declares the LORD, and not a God far away?

²⁴Can anyone hide in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the LORD.

Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the LORD.

²⁵I have heard what the prophets who prophesy lies in my name have said. They say, “I have had a dream! I

have had a dream!” ²⁶How long will this be in the hearts of these lying prophets? These prophets proclaim the fantasies of their own hearts. ²⁷They think they can make my people forget my name with the dreams each one tells his neighbor, the way their fathers forgot my name because of Baal. ²⁸Let the prophet who has a dream tell his dream. But let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully.

What has chaff to do with grain? declares the LORD.
²⁹Is not my word like a fire? declares the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

4 Answer Me When I Call

Psalm 4

Refrain

Answer me when I call, my God; you alone keep my life secure.

Answer me when I / call to you,
my / righteous God.

Give me relief from / my distress;

have mercy on me and / hear my prayer. *Refrain*

Tremble and / do not sin;

when you are on your beds, search your hearts and be / silent.

Offer the sacrifices of the / righteous
and trust / in the LORD. *Refrain*

Many, LORD, are asking, “Who will bring us pros- /
perity?”

Let the light of your face / shine on us.

In peace I will lie / down and sleep,
for you alone, LORD, make me dwell in / safety.

**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

Hebrews 12:1–13

¹Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us get rid of every burden and the sin that so easily ensnares us, and let us run with patient endurance the race that is laid out for us. ²Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, who is the author of our faith and the one who brings it to its goal. In view of the joy set before him, he endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of God's throne. ³Carefully consider him who endured such

hostility against himself from sinful people, so that you do not grow weary and lose heart.

⁴You have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood in your fight against sin. ⁵Have you also forgotten the encouragement that addresses you as sons?

My son, do not regard the Lord's discipline lightly, and do not become weary of his correction.

⁶For the Lord disciplines the one whom he loves, and he corrects every son he accepts.

⁷Endure suffering as discipline. God is dealing with you as sons. Is there a son whose father does not discipline him? ⁸If you are not disciplined (and all of us have received it), then you are illegitimate children and not sons. ⁹In addition, we have earthly fathers who disciplined us, and we respected them. Should we not submit even more to the Father of the spirits and live?

¹⁰They disciplined us for a little while, according to what seemed best to them, but God disciplines us for our good, so that we may have a share in his holiness. ¹¹No discipline seems pleasant when it is happening, but painful, yet later it yields a peaceful harvest of righteousness for those who have been trained by it.

¹²Therefore strengthen your weak hands and feeble knees, ¹³and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be dislocated but rather heale

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(Stand)

Gospel Acclamation

1 Corinthians 15:58

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord,
because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in
vain.

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 12:49–53

⁴⁹“I came to throw fire on the earth, and how I wish it
were already ignited. ⁵⁰But I have a baptism to undergo,
and how distressed I am until it is finished! ⁵¹Do you
think that I came to bring peace on the earth? No, I tell
you, but rather division. ⁵²Yes, from now on there will be
five divided in one household: three against two, and
two against three. ⁵³They will be divided: father against
son, and son against father; mother against daughter,
and daughter against mother; mother-in-law against her
daughter-in-law, and daughter-in-law against her
mother-in-law.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

(Be seated)

- 1 O Holy Spirit, enter in
and in our hearts your work begin,
your dwelling place now make us.
Sun of the soul, O Light divine,
around and in us brightly shine,
to joy and gladness wake us
that we may be
truly living,
to you giving
prayer unceasing
and in love be still increasing.
- 2 Give to your Word impressive pow'r
that in our hearts from this good hour
as fire it may be glowing,
that in true Christian unity
we faithful witnesses may be,
your glory ever showing.
Hear us, cheer us
by your teaching;
let our preaching
and our labor
praise you, Lord, and serve our neighbor.
- 3 O mighty Rock, O Source of life,
let your dear Word, in doubt and strife,
in us be strongly burning

that we be faithful unto death
and live in love and holy faith,
from you true wisdom learning.

Your grace and peace
on us shower;
by your power
Christ confessing,
let us see our Savior's blessing

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Sermon

Hebrews 12:1-13

Run Your Race Well

I. Keep your eyes on the prize (1-3)

II. Train hard (4-13)

(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 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

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

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.

676 Take and Eat

CW 676

Ref Take and eat, take and eat,
this is my body given up for you.
Take and drink, take and drink,
this is my blood given up for you.

- 1 I am the Word that spoke and light was made;
I am the seed that died to be reborn;
I am the bread that comes from heav'n above;
I am the vine that fills your cup with joy. (Refrain)
- 2 I am the way that leads the exile home;
I am the truth that sets the captive free;

I am the life that raises up the dead;
I am your peace, true peace my gift to you.
(Refrain)

3 I am the Lamb that takes away your sin;
I am the gate that guards you night and day;
you are my flock: you know the shepherd's voice;
you are my own: your ransom is my blood. (Refrain)

4 I am the cornerstone that God has laid;
a chosen stone and precious in his eyes;
you are God's dwelling-place, on me you rest;
like living stones, a temple for God's praise.
(Refrain)

5 I am the light that came into the world;
I am the light that darkness cannot hide;
I am the Morning Star that never sets;
lift up your face, in you my light will shine.
(Refrain)

6 I am the first and last, the Living One;
I am the Lord who died that you might live;
I am the bridegroom, this my wedding song;
you are my bride, come to the marriage feast.
(Refrain)

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(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.

876 Fight the Good Fight

CW 876

- 1 Fight the good fight with all your might;
Christ is your strength and Christ your right.
Lay hold on life, and it shall be
your joy and crown eternally.
- 2 Run the straight race through God's good grace;
lift up your eyes and seek his face.
Life with its way before us lies;
Christ is the path and Christ the prize.
- 3 Cast care aside, lean on your guide;
his boundless mercy will provide.
Lean, and the trusting soul shall prove
Christ is its life and Christ its love.
- 4 Faint not nor fear, his arms are near;
he changes not, and you are dear.
Only believe, and you will see
that Christ is Lord eternally.

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Upcoming Events

Sunday 08/17/2025.....9:00 AM Worship Service

Monday 08/18/202.....7:00 PM Worship Service

Sunday 08/24/2025...9:00 AM Communion Service

Monday 08/25/2025.....7:00 PM Communion Service

Attendance

Sunday Service Attendance: 91

Monday Service: 20

Our Time to Our Lord

August Servers

August Sundays John Solgat, Mike Hecht, Nate Rupprecht, Grant Barnes

Monday: Jim Heidenberger

August Finance: Tom Barnett, Chris Lane, Ed Baldwin

August Altar Guild: Sharon Thurston, Judy Chappell

Organist: Olivia Marker

Our Talents to Our Lord

Meeting Notice – Ushers and Financial Secretary

Teams: There will be a mandatory (strongly encouraged) meeting for all ushers, the financial secretary, and assistants immediately after church on Sunday, September 7th.

Brothers and Sisters: Here is a financial update as of Aug. 1st. July offerings averaged about \$4500 per week. That left us about \$8000 short for the month. We have postponed a couple of mission payments but we are paid ahead on the parking lot. Please pray for Pastor, our leaders and our congregation for our ministry here at St. Luke's.

Opening the School 2025-2026: The CEO would like to invite all congregation members to attend our first day of school opening chapel on **Monday, August 25th at 8:30 am** at the school. All are welcome to join us for a light breakfast and a healthy serving of God's word as we kick off another year filled with His blessings on our school.

Forward In Christ: *Forward in Christ* is your connection to the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod worldwide. The church receives copies quarterly for our use. They are located under the bulletin board by the secretary's office. Please feel free to read and return. Personal subscriptions can be made by visiting Northwest Publishing House.

Lawn Is Getting Mowed!!! A BIG thank you to the family who are very

generously mowing the lawn for the rest of the year. God
bless your
loving efforts!



Our Treasures to Our Lord

Budgetary Gifts: \$5,113.75

Sunday School & Bible Class Invitation

**Let the fellowship, the digging into Scripture,
and the fun begin!**

Join us **Sunday, September 14th, immediately
following the Sunday service**, for the kickoff of our
Sunday School and Bible Class.

All are welcome — come ready to grow, learn, and
enjoy this time together in God's Word!

Michigan Lutheran Seminary News

Our students at MLS: Phoebe Schultz-senior, Braylin Zieroff -senior, Piper Schultz-sophomore and Bentleigh Goss-freshman (former LES student from St. Paul's Mayville)

MLS Opening Service: Please join us on August 23, 2025 at 3:30 pm in the MLS Chapel as we begin the 2025-26 school year by asking for the Lord's blessing! We will also install our new faculty members, Alison Foxen & Emma Pufahl. For those who can't be there in-person we will be streaming the service live on our YouTube channel, youtube.com/@MichiganLutheranSeminary.

MLS JR CARDINALS FLAG FOOTBALL LEAGUE:

Registration is now open for the 2025 Jr. Cardinals Flag Football League, open to students in grades 1–5 from a WELS/ELS church or school. The season runs September 10–October 18, with Wednesday evening practices and Saturday morning games, coached by members of the MLS JV and Varsity teams. Cost is \$45 before August 31 and \$50 from September 1–9. Each player receives an MLS Flag Football shirt, mouth guard, and a chance to be introduced at halftime of the varsity football game on October 24. For full details and to register, visit www.mlsem.org.