

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 also available. For a personal preparation for Holy Communion, please see pages 295-296 in your hymnal.

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541 How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

CW 541

1 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds

in a believer's ear!

It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds,
and drives away all fear.

2 It makes the wounded spirit whole

and calms the heart's unrest;

'tis manna to the hungry soul
and to the weary, rest.

3 Dear name! The rock on which I build,
my shield and hiding place,
my never-failing treasury filled
with boundless stores of grace.

4 O Jesus, shepherd, guardian, friend,
my Prophet, Priest, and King,
my Lord, my life, my way, my end,
accept the praise I bring.

5 How weak the effort of my heart,
how cold my warmest thought,
but when I see you as you are,
I'll praise you as I ought!

6 Till then I would your love proclaim
with ev'ry fleeting breath;
and may the music of your name
refresh my soul in death.

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(Stand)

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

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.

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus as the heavenly bread of life. Grant us faith to feast on him in your Word and sacraments that we may be nourished unto life everlasting; 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

Exodus 16:15–31

¹⁵When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” because they did not know what it was.

Moses said to them, “This is the bread which the LORD has given to you as food to eat. ¹⁶This is what the LORD has commanded: All of them are to gather as much of it as they need to eat. You are to take an omer

per person based on the number of people each of you has in your tents.”

¹⁷The Israelites did this, and some gathered more, some less. ¹⁸When they measured it with an omer, the one who gathered more did not have too much, and the one who gathered less did not have too little. All of them gathered as much as they needed to eat. ¹⁹Moses said to them, “No one is to leave any of it until morning.” ²⁰However, they did not listen to Moses. Some of them left part of it until morning, and it became full of worms and stank. So Moses was angry with them.

²¹They gathered it each morning. All of them gathered as much as they needed to eat. When the sun grew hot, it melted away. ²²On the sixth day they gathered twice as much food, two omers for each person, and all the leaders of the community came and reported to Moses. ²³He said to them, “This is what the LORD has said: Tomorrow is a complete rest, a holy sabbath to the LORD. Bake what you want to bake, and boil what you want to boil, but set aside for yourselves

all the rest of it to be kept until morning.” ²⁴So they set it aside until morning as Moses commanded, and it did not stink, and there were no worms in it. ²⁵Moses said, “Today eat whatever is left over, for today is a sabbath to the LORD. Today you will not find any around the camp. ²⁶Six days you will gather it, but on the seventh day, the Sabbath, there will not be any.”

²⁷On the seventh day some of the people went out to gather it, but they did not find any. ²⁸The LORD said to Moses, “How long will you people refuse to keep my commandments and my instructions? ²⁹Look, the LORD has given you the Sabbath. Therefore on the sixth day he will give you two days' worth of bread. All of you are to stay where you are. None of you are to leave your places on the seventh day.” ³⁰So the people rested on the seventh day.

³¹The house of Israel called it manna. It looked like white coriander seed, and it tasted like wafers made with honey.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

34 Through All the Changing Scenes of Life

Psalm 34

- 1 Through all the changing scenes of life,
in trouble and in joy,
the praises of my God shall still
my heart and tongue employ.
Of his deliv'rance I will boast,
till all that are distressed,
from my example comfort take
and lay their griefs to rest.
- 2 O magnify the LORD with me,
exalt his holy name;
when in distress to him I called,
he to my rescue came.
The hosts of God encamp around
the dwellings of the just;
deliv'rance he affords to all
who in his promise trust.
- 3 O taste and see that he is good;
experience will decide

how blest are they and only they
who in the LORD confide.

Fear him, you saints, and you will then
have nothing else to fear;
make serving him your sole delight,
your wants shall be his care.

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Second Reading

1 Corinthians 10:1–5,11–13

¹For I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud and all passed through the sea, ²and they were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. ³They all ate the same spiritual food ⁴and all drank the same spiritual drink, for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them—and that rock was Christ! ⁵Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them. He had them die in the wilderness.

¹¹All these things that were happening to them had meaning as examples, and they were written down to warn us, to whom the end of the ages has come.

¹²So let him who thinks he stands be careful that he does not fall. ¹³No testing has overtaken you except ordinary testing. But God is faithful. He will not allow you to be tested beyond your ability, but when he tests you, he will also bring about the outcome that you are able to bear it.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(Stand)

Gospel Acclamation

John 6:35

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

Whoever comes to me will never go hungry,
and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel*John 6:24–35*

²⁴When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. ²⁵When they found him on the other side of the sea, they asked him, “Rabbi, when did you get here?”

²⁶Jesus answered them, “Amen, Amen, I tell you: You are not looking for me because you saw the miraculous signs, but because you ate the loaves and were filled.

²⁷Do not continue to work for the food that spoils, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him God the Father has placed his seal of approval.”

²⁸So they said to him, “What should we do to carry out the works of God?”

²⁹Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God: that you believe in the one he sent.”

³⁰Then they asked him, “So what miraculous sign are you going to do, that we may see it and believe you? What miraculous sign are you going to perform? ³¹Our

fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, just as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’”

³²Jesus said to them, “Amen, Amen, I tell you: Moses did not give you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the real bread from heaven. ³³For the bread of God is the one who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”

³⁴“Sir,” they said to him, “give us this bread all the time!”

³⁵“I am the Bread of Life,” Jesus told them. “The one who comes to me will never be hungry, and the one who believes in me will never be thirsty.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

(Be seated)



923 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CW 923

- 1 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy pow'rful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more,
feed me till I want no more.
- 2 Open now the crystal fountain
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fiery, cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer,
be thou still my strength and shield,
be thou still my strength and shield.
- 3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises

I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.

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Sermon

John 6:24-35

Jesus Is What You Need

I. Not anything else (24-27a)

II. Not something you work for (27b-31)

III. No one else lasts (32-34)

(Stand)

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

**The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the
Father Almighty.**

**From there he will come to judge the living and
the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

(Be seated)

Prayer of the Church

Offering

537 Word of God, Come Down on Earth

CW 537

**1 Word of God, come down on earth,
living rain from heav'n descending;**

touch our hearts and bring to birth
faith and hope and love unending.

Word almighty, we revere you;

Word made flesh, we long to hear you.

2 Word eternal, throned on high,

Word that brought to life creation,

Word that came from heav'n to die,

crucified for our salvation,

saving Word, the world restoring,

speak to us, your love outpouring.

3 Word that caused blind eyes to see,

speak and heal our mortal blindness;

deaf we are: our healer be;

loose our tongues to tell your kindness.

Be our Word in pity spoken,

heal the world, by sin now broken.

4 Word that speaks your Father's love,

one with him beyond all telling,

Word that sends us from above,

God the Spirit, with us dwelling,

Word of truth, to all truth lead us;
Word of life, with one bread feed us.

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(Stand)

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.**

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.

839 Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

CW 839

1 Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
 let me hide myself in thee;
 let the water and the blood,
 from thy riven side which flowed,
 be of sin the double cure:
 cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

2 Not the labors of my hands
 can fulfill thy law's demands;
 could my zeal no respite know,
 could my tears forever flow,
 all for sin could not atone;
 thou must save and thou alone.

3 Nothing in my hand I bring,
 simply to thy cross I cling;
 naked, come to thee for dress,
 helpless, look to thee for grace;
 foul, I to the fountain fly;
 wash me, Savior, or I die.

4 While I draw this fleeting breath,
 when mine eyelids close in death,
 when I soar to worlds unknown,
 see thee on thy judgment throne,
 Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
 let me hide myself in thee.

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Setting Three from Christian Worship

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MESSAGE BOARD

Please join as we Welcome Our New Principal/Teacher: On Sunday August 18th a brunch is being planned for the entire congregation, to welcome and meet our newest called worker.

Mr. Mike Chappell and his lovely mother, Judy, will be the guests of honor. There is a sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall if you would like to contribute to the brunch. You can speak to Theresa Atkins with any questions.

Pill Bottles: St. Luke's will no longer be collecting pill bottles. A couple of us decided it was too expensive to mail and too much work. Please do **NOT** bring any more to the box under the mailboxes. Thank you to those who donated in the past.

New Job Posting: We are once again in need of a **school janitor**. This job will require 1 to 1 ½ hours of work Monday-Friday after the children have been excused for the day. Please consider. Contact Josh Denniston with any inquiries or to fill out an application. Applications can be obtained from the church office.

Job Postings at the School: School Secretary – mornings 3-5 days a week – beginning at 8:00 AM
Full job description and applications are available at the school office. For more information, please speak to John Korthals or Josh Denniston.

School Yard Signs Available – Loud and Proud!!! Support our School!

HAPPENING SOON

Sunday 08/11	9:00 AM Worship Service
Monday 08/12	7:00 PM Worship Service
Tuesday 08/13	6:30 PM Church Council
Sunday 08/18	9:00 AM Communion Worship
Monday 08/19	7:00 PM Communion Worship

August Servers

August Sunday Ushers: John Solgat, Mike Hecht, Nate Rupprecht, Grant Barnes

August Monday Usher: Jim Heidenberger

August Finance: Tom Barnett, Chris Lane, Grant Barnes

August Altar Guild: Sharon Thurston, Pat Mecham

Organist: Olivia Marker

EVENT ATTENDANCE

Sunday Service: 90, 80 Communed

Monday Service: 17, 15 Communed

STEWARDSHIP AT ST. LUKE'S

For 2024, the planned giving needed is \$7,910.00 per week to meet our ministry goals.

Last Week's Budgetary Offerings: \$4,981.00