

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.
- Large Print Hymnal Binders are available on the tract desk for those with vision difficulties.
- Personal prayers for use before church or during the week are printed on p. 255-258 in the hymnal.

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

www.youtube.com/@stlukesvassar

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Upcoming Events

Sunday 06/29/2025.....9:00 AM Communion Service
 Monday 06/30/202.....7:00 PM Communion Service
 Sunday 07/06/2025.....9:00 AM Worship Service
 Monday 07/07/2025.....7:00 PM Worship Service

Attendance

Sunday Service Attendance: 72, Monday Service: 18

Our **Time** to Our Lord

Lawn Mowers: June 29: Nick Hubbard, August 3: Josh Denniston. Mower, gas, and trimmer will be provided. If you are interested or have questions, please see Josh Denniston. There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board near the secretary's office.

VBS Handouts: Let's invite our friends, relatives, neighbors, workmates. Take what you need. Informational flyers are on the tract desk.

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 signup 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.

VBS Snack Donors Needed! The committee arranging snacks for Vacation Bible School (led by Theresa A.) is seeking food donations for the week. **Suggested items for Tuesday and Wednesday nights include Cheese,**

Crackers, Meat sticks, Veggies, Fruit, Finger Jello. **For the final evening (Thursday), we're asking for:**

Fudge bars, Popsicles, Ice cream sandwiches

Drinks will be provided.

If you're able to help, please sign up on the sheet located outside the secretary's office. Thank you for supporting our VBS!

Thank You!!! Thank you to one of our members for taking the time out of your day to spray the weeds in the rocks in front of the church. The rocks are beautiful, and your efforts will help to keep them that way!

Eggs: The refrigerator has been restocked with fresh eggs! Please feel free to take a carton or two. There is a container near the fridge to place donations.

Church Council: Heads up! After taking a break this summer, there will be a meeting on July 8th at 6:30 PM.

Office Hours: The office will be closed on Friday July 4th and Monday July 7th.

It will be open on Thursday the 3rd and Tuesday the 8th.



GOD BLESS THE USA!!!



Our **Talents** to Our Lord

July Servers

July Sunday Ushers: Brandon and Jared Frank, Jon Woolworth, Jake Zieroff

Monday: David Atkins **Communion Assistant:**

July Finance: Gabe Fall, Sam Korthals, Carter Korthals

July Altar Guild: Cori Einhardt, Beth Arnold

Organist: Olivia Marker



Our **Treasures** to Our Lord

Budgetary Gifts: \$3,110.00 *This total includes services June 22 and June 23.*

Meditations: \$20.00

Scholarship Fund: \$1,600.00

Parking Lot Fund: \$5,776.66

Rainy Day Fund: \$5,776.66

711 Jesus Calls Us o'er the Tumult

CW 711

- 1 Jesus calls us o'er the tumult
of our life's wild, restless sea;
day by day his voice invites us,
saying, "Christian, follow me!"
- 2 As the first disciples heard it
by the Galilean lake,

turned from home and toil and kindred,
leaving all for his dear sake.

3 Jesus calls us from the worship
of the vain world's golden store,
from each idol that would keep us,
saying, "Christian, love me more."

4 In our joys and in our sorrows,
days of toil and hours of ease,
still he calls, in cares and pleasures,
"Christian, love me more than these."

Please stand for the final stanza

5 Jesus calls us! In your mercy,
Savior, help us hear your call;
give our hearts to your obedience,
serve and love you best of all!

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

Amen.

Confession

CW 154

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 Be to God on High

CW 157

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

We praise you, we bless you, we worship you,
we glorify you, we give thanks to you, for your great glory,

O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

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

You take away the sin of the world; receive our prayer.
 You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy
 on us.

For you only are holy; you only are the Lord.
 You only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
 are most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE WORD

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.
 O God, you have prepared joys beyond understanding
 for those who love you. Pour into our hearts such love
 for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain
 your promises, which exceed all that we can desire;
 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

1 Kings 19:19–21

¹⁹So Elijah went from there and found Elisha son of
 Shaphat. Elisha was doing the plowing with twelve

teams of oxen in front of him, and he himself was driving the twelfth team. Elijah crossed over to him and threw his cloak over him. ²⁰Then Elisha left the oxen and ran after Elijah. He said, “Let me kiss my father and my mother good-bye! Then I will follow you.”

Then Elijah said, “Go back! For what have I done to you?”

²¹So Elisha turned back from following him. Then he took the team of oxen and slaughtered them. Using the equipment from the oxen as fuel, he cooked the meat and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he got up, followed Elijah, and served him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

62 In God Alone My Soul Can Find Rest and Peace *Psalms 62*

Refrain

**In God alone my soul can find rest and peace,
in God my peace and joy.**

**Only in God my soul can find its rest,
find its rest and peace.**

Truly my soul finds / rest in God;
my salvation / comes from him.

Truly he is my rock and my sal- / vation;
 he is my fortress, I will never be / shaken.
 Yes, my soul, find / rest in God;
 my hope / comes from him. *Refrain*

Though your rich- / es increase,
 do not set your / heart on them.
 My salvation and my honor de- / pend on God;
 he is my mighty rock, my / refuge.
 Trust in him at all times, you / people;
 pour out your hearts to him, for God is our / refuge.
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*

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 11:21b–30

However bold anyone might be (I am speaking in a foolish way), I am going to be bold too. ²²Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they Abraham's seed? So am I. ²³Are they ministers of Christ? (I am speaking in a crazy way.) I am even more. I've done more hard work, been in prisons more often, been whipped far more, and I've been close to death many times. ²⁴Five times I received from the Jews the forty lashes minus one. ²⁵Three times I was beaten with rods.

One time I was stoned. Three times I was shipwrecked. I have spent a night and a day on the open sea. ²⁶I have often been on journeys, in danger from rivers, in danger from robbers, in danger from my own people, in danger from Gentiles, in danger in the city, in danger in the wilderness, in danger on the sea, in danger among false brothers. ²⁷I have worked hard and struggled. I've spent many sleepless nights. I've been hungry and thirsty. I've gone without food many times. I've been cold and lacked clothing.

²⁸Besides those external matters, there is the daily pressure on me of my concern for all the churches.

²⁹Who is weak without my being weak? Who falls into sin without my being distressed?

³⁰If it is necessary that I boast, I will boast of the things that show my weakness.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(Stand)

Gospel Acclamation

Mark 8:34

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Luke 9:51–62

⁵¹When the days were approaching for him to be taken up, Jesus was determined to go to Jerusalem. ⁵²He sent messengers ahead of him. They went and entered a Samaritan village to make preparations for him. ⁵³But the people did not welcome him, because he was determined to go to Jerusalem. ⁵⁴When his disciples James and John saw this, they said, “Lord, do you want us to call down fire from heaven to consume them?”

⁵⁵But he turned and rebuked them. “You don't know what kind of spirit is influencing you. ⁵⁶For the Son of Man did not come to destroy people's souls, but to save them.” Then they went to another village.

⁵⁷As they went on the way, a man said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.”

⁵⁸Jesus said to him, “Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head.”

⁵⁹He said to another man, “Follow me!”

But he said, “Lord, first let me go and bury my father.”

⁶⁰Jesus told him, “Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God.”

⁶¹Another man also said, “I will follow you, Lord, but first let me say good-bye to those at my home.”

⁶²Jesus told him, “No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.”

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to you, O Christ!
(Be seated)

695 Take My Life and Let It Be

CW 695

- 1 Take my life and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.
- 2 Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee.
- 3 Take my voice and let me sing
always, only for my King;
take my lips and let them be
filled with messages from thee.
- 4 Take my silver and my gold,
not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect and use
ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.
- 5 Take my will and make it thine,
it shall be no longer mine;
take my heart, it is thine own,
it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour
 at thy feet its treasure store;
 take myself, and I will be
 ever, only, all for thee.

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Sermon

I Kings 19:19-21

Be a Faithful Christian

I. Hear God's call (19)

II. Leave your old way of life behind (20-21a)

III. Follow your Lord (21b)

(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

(Stand)

738 The Son of God, Our Christ

CW 738

- 1 The Son of God, our Christ, the Word, the way,
shared human life and toiled throughout the day;
from common folk he called his friends to be
coworkers in his sacred ministry.
- 2 In ev'ry test, in trials manifold,
these servants witnessed, by their faith made bold;

and with the gifts and talents which they brought,
the Church was founded and God's message taught.

- 3 Today, as then, Christ summons us to dare
to follow boldly and his work to share,
declaring to the world his holy name
and showing mercy to the sick and lame.
- 4 In city street, in town, or on the soil,
may each serve Christ in faithful daily toil,
and in each thought and kindly word and deed,
obey Christ's call and go where he shall lead.
- 5 Where'er we find our witness should be made,
whate'er our task, the Lord will be our aid,
and we will gladly give for him our best
and find each task divinely sent and blessed.

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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.

896 Dear Lord, to Your True Servants Give

CW 896

- 1 Dear Lord, to your true servants give
 the grace to you alone to live.
 Set free from sin to serve you, Lord,
 they go to share your living Word,
 the gospel message to proclaim
 that all may know your saving name.
- 2 They gladly go at your command
 to spread your Word o'er sea and land.
 Be with them, Lord, and make them strong
 to heal sin's ills, to right the wrong.

Your rule is over wind and wave,
and mighty is your arm to save.
3 When all their labor seems in vain,
revive their sinking hopes again;
and when success crowns what they do,
O keep them humble, Lord, and true
until before your judgment seat
they lay their trophies at your feet.

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