

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

881 Sing with All the Saints in Glory

CW 881

- 1 Sing with all the saints in glory,
sing the resurrection song!
Death and sorrow, earth's dark story,
to the former days belong.
All around the clouds are breaking;
soon the storms of time shall cease;

in God's likeness we awaken,
knowing everlasting peace.

- 2 Oh, what glory, far exceeding
all that eye has yet perceived!
Holiest hearts for ages pleading
never that full joy conceived.
God has promised, Christ prepares it;
there on high our welcome waits.
Ev'ry humble spirit shares it,
Christ has passed th' eternal gates.
- 3 Life eternal! Heav'n rejoices:
Jesus lives who once was dead.
Shout with joy, O deathless voices!
Child of God, lift up your head!
Life eternal! Oh, what wonders
crowd on faith; what joy unknown,
when, amid earth's closing thunders,
saints shall stand before the throne!

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

Amen.

Confession

CW 173

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven,
whose sins are covered.

**Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count
against them.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Almighty and merciful Father,

we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

**We have followed what we have devised and
desired in our hearts.**

**We have offended you and sinned against your
holy law.**

**We have done those things that we should not
have done,**

**and we have not done those things that we
should have done.**

Have mercy on us, Lord!

**Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,
according to your promises in Christ Jesus.**

(Silence for meditation and reflection)

God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

Amen.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have knit your people together into one holy Church, the body of Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow the example of your blessed saints in lives of faith and willing service and with them at last inherit the inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who love you; 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)

Choir Set One

First Reading

Revelation 21:1–6

¹Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, because the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. And the sea no longer existed. ²And I saw the Holy City, the New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

³And from the throne I heard a loud voice that said, “Look! God's dwelling is with people. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people. God himself will be with them, and he will be their God. ⁴He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain, because the former things have passed away.”

⁵The one who was seated on the throne said to me, “Look, I am making everything new!” He also said,

“Write, for these words are trustworthy and true.” ⁶And he said to me:

It is done.

I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End.

To anyone who is thirsty,

I will give freely from the spring of the water of life.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Hebrews 11:32–40

³²And what more should I say? There would not be enough time for me to continue to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, David, Samuel, and the prophets. ³³By faith they conquered kingdoms, carried out justice, obtained things that were promised, shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴quenched the power of fire, escaped the edges of the sword, were made powerful after being weak, became mighty in battle, and caused

foreign armies to flee. ³⁵Women received back their dead by resurrection. And others who were tortured did not accept their release, so that they may take part in a better resurrection. ³⁶Still others experienced mocking and lashes, in addition to chains and imprisonment. ³⁷They were stoned; they were sawed in two; they were tempted; they were killed with the sword; they went around in sheepskins and goatskins, needy, afflicted, and mistreated. ³⁸The world was not worthy of them as they wandered in deserts and mountains and caves and holes in the ground.

³⁹All of these were commended in Scripture by faith, yet they did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰because God had planned something better for us, namely, that they would not reach the goal apart from us.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(Stand)

Gospel

Luke 6:20–23

²⁰He lifted up his eyes to his disciples and said:
Blessed are you who are poor,

because yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹Blessed are you who hunger now,
because you will be satisfied.

Blessed are you who weep now,
because you will laugh.

²²Blessed are you whenever people hate you,
and whenever they exclude and insult you
and reject your name as evil because of the Son of
Man.

²³Rejoice in that day and leap for joy because of this:
Your reward is great in heaven!

The fact is, their fathers constantly did the same
things to the prophets.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

(Be seated)

Sermonette

(Stand)

Prayer for All Saints Day

Lord of eternity and King of saints, all the heavens adore you. Saints and angels sing before you.

We too join them to praise your majesty.

You clothe us with garments of splendor. You bless us with grace and mercy in this life and eternal glory forever. What undeserved love you show us!

We thank you, Lord, that you have made us your saints.

Encourage us by your gracious promises. Forgive our failures to live as you desire. Strengthen the faith of all who are weak and wandering.

Give us power to live as your faithful people.

Your saints will triumph forever in new heavens and a new earth. The sound of weeping and crying will be heard no more. We anticipate with joy an eternity of perfect fellowship with you. **Be with us as we work and witness for Christ, so that many more people can join us before your throne.**

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

Lord of life, the day is coming when you will come down from heaven with the voice of the archangel and the trumpet call of God. On that glorious day, the saints triumphant will rise in bright array, clothed in your perfect righteousness.

Give us strength until that day when we will share fully in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Offering

Choir Set Two

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.**

Benediction

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.

884 Lord, When Your Glory I Shall See

CW 884

Lord, when your glory I shall see
and taste your kingdom's pleasure,
your blood my royal robe shall be,
my joy beyond all measure!

When I appear before your throne,
your righteousness shall be my crown;
with these I need not hide me.

And there, in garments richly wrought,

as your own bride I shall be brought,
to stand in joy beside you.

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Setting Two from Christian Worship

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Upcoming Events

Sunday 11/02/2025.....9:00 AM MLS Concert Choir

Monday 11/03/2025.....NO SERVICE

Tuesday 11/04/2025.....6:30 PM Mega Meeting

Wednesday 11/05/2025...7:30 PM Sunday School

Teacher's Meeting

Sunday 11/09/ 2025.....9:00 AM Communion Service

Monday 11/10/2025.....7:00 PM Communion Service

Attendance

Sunday Attendance: 130 Monday Service: 29

Voter's Meeting: 19 voters, plus a smattering of women

Sunday School: 17

Our Time to Our Lord
November Servers

Sundays Brandon Frank, Jon Woolworth, Jared Frank,
Jake Zieroff

Monday: Jim Heidenberger

Finance: Tom Barnett, Chris Lane, Ed Baldwin

Altar Guild: Jess Zieroff and Joanne Fall **Organist:**
Olivia Marker

Sunday Morning Bible Class: History of the WELS:

Snack Volunteers: November 2: MLS Concert Choir

November 9: Korthals/Baldwin

November 16: Atkins/Emling

November 23: Denniston/Marker November 30: OPEN

Our Talents to Our Lord

Door Offering for the MLS Choir: Please note that we will collect a door offering after the service. As it is a privilege to host these youth, our donations to them will help see their efforts continue.

Operation Giving Thanks Blood Drive: The CEO has scheduled a blood drive for **Wednesday November 26, 10:00 am – 2:30 pm.** Plasma is much needed, especially

during the holidays. It is our privilege to help our community and those in need. Let's make every effort to give! Further information is on the bulletin board.

Beverage Container Collection: The LES children are collecting returnable bottles and cans to raise money for items needed at their school. Please consider bringing yours in and placing them in the drop boxes in the entryway to the fellowship hall. Thank you for your donations! Further information is on the bulletin board.

Poinsettia Orders: Information for ordering poinsettias can be found in the entryway. If ordering, forms are due by November 30. You can also purchase your own and drop off to church by December 20. Please see Kerri Hubbard with any questions. Thank you!

Altar Flowers: The flowers on the altar are in honor of David and Theresa's 40th wedding anniversary! May God continue to bless and keep them for many more years!!!

Meditations: Please check your mailbox if you have not yet picked up your Meditation booklet.

Our Missionaries: Every female member of St. Luke's is a member of the Thumb Circuit of the LWMS (Lutheran

Women's Missionary Society). It is St. Luke's turn in November to contact the missionary families assigned to our LWMS circuit. We join to encourage and remember them with prayers and/or greeting cards, letters, and if desired, gifts. Anniversaries, birthdays, and children are listed if you wish to acknowledge them. A copy of the names and addresses of the missionaries is located below the bulletin board next to the church office.

Build a Fall Display: If anyone would like to build a fall display to be placed outside the fellowship doors, please do so! In fact, donations of pumpkins, corn stalks, mums and the like, may be brought to the church. The fall display committee (of which there is none yet) will gladly place the items. TIA!



Our Treasures to Our Lord

Budgetary Gifts: \$4,272.75 Sunday School: \$5.00

Missions: \$40.00

*These offerings reflect our worship services on
October 20th and October 26th*

Michigan Lutheran Seminary News

MLS Football Districts!!!

MLS Applications Are Open: Michigan Lutheran Seminary is accepting applications for the 2026-2027 school year. If you have an 8th grader about to enter high school, or a high school student interested in transferring, visit mlsem.org and click Apply! Families who apply before November 30 will be entered into a drawing for a \$500 tuition credit and those who apply before December 31 will be entered into a drawing for a \$250 tuition credit. For any questions, please reach out to admissions@mlsem.org.

Michigan Lutheran Seminary Fall Band Concert: The MLS Band and Shadows invite you to their Fall Concert! The evening will feature a wide variety of music, including Highlights from The Music Man, Carnaval in São Paulo, and Down by the Riverside. The concert will take place on **November 2 at 6:30 pm in the MLS Chapel**. We hope to see you there!

MLS Presents: The Diary of Anne Frank: MLS Drama is pleased to present *"The Diary of Anne Frank"* on **November 15-16**. An impassioned drama about the lives of eight people hiding from the Nazis in a concealed

storage attic, *"The Diary of Anne Frank"* captures the claustrophobic realities of their daily existence - their fear, their hope, their laughter, their grief. Tickets are available for purchase at www.mlsem.org starting on October 15 at 10:00 am. Showtimes are Saturday at 6:30 pm and Sunday at 3:00 pm.

MLS Christmas Concert: Michigan Lutheran Seminary invites you to attend the annual Christmas concert on **Friday, December 19 at 7 pm.** Under the theme "Christe, lux mundi," the choirs and band will perform carols such as "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear," "Silent Night," "Before the Marvel of This Night," and "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming." **Doors will open at 6:30 PM.**

THANK YOU!!!

We thank the MLS Concert Choir for enhancing our worship this morning!

The word you bring us, in song, is a delight to our ears and hearts.

God's blessings to each of you for a fulfilled and confident life in
our Lord's Word and Sacraments.

Go in Peace



ST. LUKE'S CEO INVITES
YOU TO A

Thanksgiving Luncheon

AT THE ST. LUKE'S
FELLOWSHIP HALL

NOVEMBER **25** AT NOON

Reservations are required. Please use the sign up sheet at
church, or text/call Paula at (989) 239-8445 no later than
Sunday, November 16th.

A \$5 offering is requested to aid our CEO mission.

