

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.

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Setting 1: pg. 154

919 Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

CW 919

1 Blessèd Jesus, at your Word
 we are gathered all to hear you.
Let our hearts and souls be stirred
 now to seek and love and fear you,
by your teachings, sweet and holy,
drawn from earth to love you solely.

- 2 All our knowledge, sense, and sight
lie in deepest darkness shrouded
till your Spirit breaks our night
with the beams of truth unclouded.
You alone to God can win us;
you must work all good within us.
- 3 Gracious Savior, good and kind,
Light from Light, from God proceeding,
open now our heart and mind;
help us by your Spirit's pleading.
Hear the cry your Church now raises;
hear and bless our prayers and praises.

Please stand for the final stanza

- 4 Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
praise to you and adoration!
Grant that we your Word may trust,
confident of our salvation,
while we here below must wander,
till we sing your praises yonder.

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(Stand)

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 Lord of grace and mercy, teach us by your Holy Spirit to follow the example of your Son in true humility, that we may withstand the temptations of the devil and with pure hearts and minds avoid ungodly pride; 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

Proverbs 25:6,7a

⁶Do not honor yourself in a king's presence.

Do not stand in a place reserved for great people,

⁷because it is better to be told, "Come up here,"

than for you to be humiliated before a ruler

whom your eyes have seen.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

112 Light Dawns in the Darkness

Psalms 112

Refrain

Light dawns in the darkness for the upright.

Blessed are those who / fear the LORD,

who find great delight in / his commands.

Wealth and riches are in their / houses,

and their righteousness endures for- / ever. *Refrain*

Surely the righteous will never be / shaken;

they will be remembered for- / ever.

Their hearts are secure, they will / have no fear;

in the end they will look in triumph / on their foes.

**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

James 2:1–13

¹My brothers, have faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ without showing favoritism. ²For example, suppose a man enters your worship assembly wearing gold rings and fine clothing, and a poor man also enters wearing filthy clothing. ³If you look with favor on the man wearing fine clothing and say, “Sit here in this good place,” but you tell the poor man, “Stand over there” or “Sit down here at my feet,” ⁴have you not made a distinction among yourselves and become judges with evil opinions? ⁵Listen, my dear brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom, which he promised to those who love him? ⁶But you dishonored the poor man. Don't the rich oppress you, and don't they drag you into court? ⁷Aren't they the ones who blaspheme the noble name that was pronounced over you? ⁸However, if you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself,” you are doing well. ⁹But if you show favoritism, you are

committing a sin, since you are convicted by this law as transgressors.

¹⁰In fact, whoever keeps the whole law but stumbles in one point has become guilty of breaking all of it. ¹¹For the one who said, “Do not commit adultery,” also said, “Do not commit murder.” Now if you do not commit adultery, but you do commit murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. ¹²So speak and act as those who are going to be judged by the law of freedom. ¹³For there will be judgment without mercy on the one who has not shown mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(Stand)

Gospel Acclamation

Luke 14:11

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled,
and those who humble themselves will be exalted.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Luke 14:1,7–14

¹One Sabbath day, when Jesus went into the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat bread, they were watching him closely.

⁷When he noticed how they were selecting the places of honor, he told the invited guests a parable. ⁸“When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not recline in the place of honor, or perhaps someone more distinguished than you may have been invited by him. ⁹The one who invited both of you may come and tell you, ‘Give this man your place.’ Then you will begin, with shame, to take the lowest place.

¹⁰“But when you are invited, go and recline in the lowest place, so that when the one who invited you comes, he will tell you, ‘Friend, move up to a higher place.’ Then you will have honor in the presence of all who are reclining at the table with you.

¹¹“Yes, everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.”

¹²He also said to the one who had invited him, “When you make a dinner or a supper, do not invite your friends, or your brothers, or your relatives, or rich neighbors, so that perhaps they may also return the favor and pay you back.

¹³“But when you make a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, ¹⁴and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. Certainly, you will be repaid in the resurrection of the righteous.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

(Be seated)

729 Son of God, Eternal Savior

CW 729

- 1 Son of God, eternal Savior,
source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us,
hallows all our human race,
you our head, who, throned in glory,
for your own will ever plead:
fill us with your love and pity,
heal our wrongs and help our need.
- 2 Bind us all as one together
in your Church's sacred fold,
weak and healthy, poor and wealthy,
sad and joyful, young and old.
Is there want or pain or sorrow?
Make us all the burden share.
Are there spirits crushed and broken?
Teach us, Lord, to soothe their care.
- 3 As you, Lord, have lived for others,
so may we for others live.
Freely have your gifts been granted;
freely may your servants give.
Yours the gold and yours the silver,

yours the wealth of land and sea;
we but stewards of your bounty
held in solemn trust will be.

4 Son of God, eternal Savior,
source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us
hallows all our human race,
by your praying, by your willing
that your people should be one,
grant, O grant our hope's fruition:
here on earth your will be done.

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Sermon

Psalm 112

The Ideal Christian

I. What they are (1-4)

II. How they live (5-10)

(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)

Offering

737 Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way

CW 737

- 1 Lord, help us walk your servant way
wherever love may lead
and, bending low, forgetting self,
each serve the other's need.
- 2 You came to earth, O Christ, as Lord,
but pow'r you laid aside.
You lived your years in servanthood,
in lowliness you died.
- 3 No golden scepter but a towel
you place within the hands
of those who seek to follow you
and live by your commands.
- 4 You bid us bend our human pride
nor count ourselves above
the lowest place, the meanest task
that waits the gift of love.
- 5 Lord, help us walk your servant way
wherever love may lead
and, bending low, forgetting self,
each serve the other's need

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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.**

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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Upcoming Events

Sunday 08/31/2025.....9:00 AM Worship Service

Monday 09/01/2025.....7:00 PM NO Service

Tuesday 09/02/2025.....7:00 PM Worship Service

Wednesday 09/03/2025.....6:30 PM Mega Meeting

Sunday 09/07/2025.....9:00 AM Communion Worship

Monday 09/08/2025.....7:00 PM Communion Service

Attendance

Sunday Service Attendance: 98 Monday Service: 23

September Servers

Sundays Ron Nichol, Justin Whitney, Jay Newcomer

Monday: Barry Mays

Finance: Jeremy LaPratt, Nick Hubbard, Ed Newsome

Altar Guild: Need Altar Guild Help

Jeanette Dudewicz-September 7 & 8

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.

Memorial Gift: A generous gift has been given in loving memory of Dr. Fred Emling, who went to be with his Lord 11 years ago today. We continue to cherish Fred's memory and give thanks for his life. Our prayers are with his beloved widow, Fran, as we honor his legacy.

Altar Guild: As we've discussed in the past, there are still dates where help is needed. Please take a moment to check the schedule in the Fellowship Hall and **sign up for any dates that work for you.** Thank you for your continued service!

The Altar Guild Chairperson-Pat Mecham

Brothers and Sisters: Prayerfully consider joining our team!!!



Our Treasures to Our Lord

Budgetary Gifts: \$7,545.00

School Fees: \$2,003.00

Memorial Donation for Linda Jasman: \$50.00

***Reminder: The office will not be open tomorrow
Monday, the 1st.
It will reopen on Tuesday, the 2nd.***

 Sunday School & Bible Class Invitation

**Bible Class Topic: We will finish the study of
Ecclesiastes**

**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

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

Braylin plays on the Varsity Football team

Phoebe and Piper run cross country

Their schedules are on the MLS bulletin board!

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.

The school wish list and supply list is out for our members (on Facebook or copies in the Narthex). The items are for the classrooms and office. You can donate the item(s) or give money for the item to be purchased. Money donations should be given to Mr. Chappell.

**Contact Mr. Chappell with any questions ~Thank
You**