

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.

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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.

776 With the Lord Begin Your Task

CW 776

- 1 With the Lord begin your task;
Jesus will direct it.
For his aid and counsel ask;
Jesus will perfect it.
Ev'ry morn with Jesus rise,
and, when day is ended,
in his name then close your eyes;
be to him commended.
- 2 Let each day begin with prayer,
praise and adoration.
On the Lord cast ev'ry care;
he is your salvation.
Morning, evening, and at night
Jesus will be near you,
save you from the tempter's might,
with his presence cheer you.
- 3 With your Savior at your side
foes need not alarm you;
in his promises confide

and no ill can harm you.
All your trust and hope repose
in the mighty Master,
who in wisdom truly knows
how to stem disaster.

Please stand for the final stanza

4 If your task is thus begun
with the Savior's blessing,
safely then your course will run,
naught your soul distressing.
Good will follow ev'rywhere
while you here must wander;
you at last the joy will share
in the mansions yonder.

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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.

God, our refuge and strength, have mercy on your
church as we come in prayer before you. Answer us not
in judgment on our sins but in peace and forgiveness;
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

Genesis 32:22–30

²²He got up that night and took his two wives, his two
maids, and his eleven sons, and crossed over the ford of
the Jabbok. ²³He took them and sent them across the
stream, and he also sent his possessions across. ²⁴Jacob

was left alone, and he wrestled with a man there until daybreak. ²⁵When the man saw that he could not defeat him, he touched the socket of his thigh, and the socket of Jacob's thigh was dislocated as he wrestled. ²⁶The man said, "Let me go. It's daybreak."

Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me."

²⁷Then he said to him, "What is your name?"

He said, "Jacob."

²⁸Then he said, "Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have fought with God and with men, and you have won."

²⁹Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name."

He said, "Why do you ask what my name is?" Then he blessed him there.

³⁰Jacob named the place Peniel, because he said, "I have seen God face-to-face, and my life has been spared."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

121 Keep Me as the Apple of Your Eye

Psalm 121

Refrain

Keep me, keep me as the apple of your eye.

Hide me, hide me in the shadow of your wings.

I lift up my eyes to the / mountains—
where does my help / come from?
My help comes / from the LORD,
the maker of heav- / en and earth.
He will not let your / foot slip—
he who watches over you will not / slumber;
indeed, he who watches over / Israel
will neither slum- / ber nor sleep. *Refrain*

The LORD watches / over you—
the LORD is your shade at / your right hand;
the sun will not harm / you by day,
nor the / moon by night.
The LORD will keep you / from all harm—
he will watch o- / ver your life;
the LORD will watch over your coming and / going
both now and for- / evermore.
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

1 John 5:13–15

¹³I have written these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.

¹⁴This is the confidence that we have before him: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.

¹⁵And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we also know that we receive the things we have asked from him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(Stand)

Gospel Acclamation

1 Peter 5:7

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

Cast all your anxiety on him
because he cares for you.

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 18:1–8

¹Jesus told them a parable about the need to always pray and not lose heart: ²“There was a judge in a certain town who did not fear God and did not care about people. ³There was a widow in that town, and she kept going to him, saying, ‘Give me justice from my adversary!’ ⁴For some time he refused, but after a while he said to himself, ‘Even though I do not fear God or care about people, ⁵yet because this widow keeps

bothering me, I will give her justice so that she will not wear me out with her endless pleading.”

⁶The Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷Will not God give justice to his chosen ones, who are crying out to him day and night? Will he put off helping them? ⁸I tell you that he will give them justice quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

(Be seated)

723 When in the Hour of Utmost Need

CW 723

- 1 When in the hour of utmost need
 we know not where to look for aid,
 when days and nights of anxious thought
 no help or counsel yet have brought,
- 2 Then is our comfort this alone
 that we may meet before your throne;
 to you, O faithful God, we cry
 for rescue in our misery.
- 3 For you have promised, Lord, to heed
 your children’s cries in time of need

through him whose name alone is great,
our Savior and our advocate.

- 4 And so we come, O God, today
and all our woes before you lay;
be with us in our anguish still,
free us at last from ev'ry ill,
- 5 So that with all our hearts we may
to you our glad thanksgiving pay,
then walk obedient to your Word
and now and ever praise you, Lord.

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Sermon

I John 5:13-15

Be Confident

I. That you have eternal life (13-14a)

II. That God will answer your prayers (14-15)

(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.

(As he dismisses the communicants, the minister says:)

The true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you to life everlasting. Go ✚ in peace.

Amen.

663 Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

CW 663

- 1 Soul, adorn yourself with gladness;
leave behind all gloom and sadness.
Come into the daylight's splendor;
there with joy your praises render
unto him whose grace unbounded

has this wondrous supper founded.

He, though reigning high and holy,
deigns to dwell with you most lowly.

2 Hasten as a bride to meet him,
and with loving rev'ence greet him,
for with words of life immortal
he is knocking at your portal.

Open wide the gates before him,
saying, as you there adore him:

Grant, Lord, that I now receive you,
that I nevermore will leave you.

3 He who craves a precious treasure
neither cost nor pain will measure,
but the priceless gifts of heaven
God to us has freely given.

Though the wealth of earth were proffered,
naught would buy the gifts here offered:

Christ's true body, for you riven,
and his blood, for you once given.

4 Now I kneel before you lowly,
filled with joy most deep and holy,
as with trembling awe and wonder
on your mighty work I ponder,
by such mystery surrounded,
depths that no one ever sounded.

None may dare to pierce unbidden
secrets that with you are hidden.

5 Human reason, though it ponders,
cannot fathom these great wonders,
that Christ's body must be boundless
since the souls it feeds are countless,
and that he his blood is giving
with the wine we are receiving.

These great mysteries unsounded
are by God alone expounded.

6 Lord, by love and mercy driven,
you have left your throne in heaven
on the cross for me to languish
and to die in bitter anguish,
to forgo all joy and gladness
and to shed your blood in sadness.

By this blood redeemed and living,
Lord, I praise you with thanksgiving.

7 Jesus, sun of life, my splendor,
Jesus, friend of friends most tender,
Jesus, joy of my desiring,
fount of life, my soul inspiring:
at your feet I cry, my maker,
let me be a fit partaker
of this blessed food from heaven
for our good, your glory, given.

8 Jesus, Lord of life in heaven,
help me when this meal is given
to receive it for my blessing
as I come, my sins confessing.
In this supper let me measure,
Lord, how deep is your love's treasure,
that, as I on earth have eaten,
I may be your guest in heaven.

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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.

835 Precious Lord, Take My Hand

CW 835

- 1 Precious Lord, take my hand,
lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
Through the storm, through the night,
lead me on to the light.
Take my hand, precious Lord; lead me home.
- 2 When my way grows drear,
precious Lord, linger near,
when my life is almost gone,
hear my cry, hear my call,
hold my hand lest I fall.
Take my hand, precious Lord; lead me home.
- 3 When the darkness appears
and the night draws near
and the day is almost gone,
at the river I stand,

guide my feet, hold my hand. Take my hand, precious Lord; lead me home.

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Upcoming Events

Sunday 10/19/2025.....9:00 AM Communion Service
Monday 10/20/2025.....7:00 PM Communion Service
Thursday 10/23/2025.....5:30 PM Women's Bible Study
Saturday 10/25/2025.....Noon **HARVEST FEST**
Sunday 10/26/2025.....9:00 AM Worship Service
Monday 10/27/2025.....7:00 PM Worship Service

Attendance

Sunday Service Attendance: 98 Monday Service: 18
Sunday School: 9 Bible Class 28

Our Time to Our Lord

October Servers

Sundays Paul & Silas Schultz, Carter Korthals, Eric
Korthals **Monday:** David Atkins

Finance: Gabe Fall, Sam Korthals, Carter Korthals

Altar Guild: Fran Emling & Theresa Atkins **Organist:**
Olivia Marker

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:

October 19: Schultz October 26: Solgat **November 2:**
MLS Concert Choir November 9: Korthals/Baldwin
November 16 **OPEN**

We offer a warm welcome to Connor McTaggart and Alicia Taylor. They have both been received into St. Luke's as new members!!! God's blessings to them.

Thank You!!! To all our members who so generously donated cereal, great job, we were able to send 48 boxes. The Vassar Food Pantry and the community benefit from the cereal now available to them! Thank you!

Our Talents to Our Lord

Harvest Festival: This Saturday!!! **Festivities begin at noon on Oct. 25th.** Fun events, pie eating contest, pickle eating contest and Christian Fellowship! Come

show support to our children and their school. They are very excited to show off their skills!

MLS Concert Choir: St. Luke's has the privilege of hosting the MLS Concert Choir! **They will be here on November 2nd.** It's an honor for St. Luke's to be hosting our next generation of Christian leaders.

Food Sign-Up for the MLS Choir: There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board near the office. The food committee is looking for Egg Bakes, French Toast Bakes, Fruit, Drinks, and Donuts, to name a few ideas.

Our **Treasures** to Our Lord



Budgetary Gifts: \$5,237.00--Sunday School: \$10.00

Christian Aid Relief: \$20.00--Parking Lot: \$125.00

School Registration: \$100.00—Non-Member: \$200.00

Reimbursement by LES for hymnal Purchase: \$341.88

These offerings reflect our worship services on October 6th and October 12th.

Michigan Lutheran Seminary News

Current Students of St. Luke's

Braylin Zieroff, Phoebe Schultz, Piper Schultz

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.

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