

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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387 Arise, Your Light Is Come

CW 387

- 1 Arise, your light is come!
The Spirit's call obey;
show forth the glory of your God,
which shines on you today.
- 2 Arise, your light is come!
Fling wide the prison door;

proclaim the captive's liberty,
good tidings to the poor.

3 Arise, your light is come!
All you in sorrow born,
bind up the brokenhearted ones
and comfort those who mourn.

Please stand for the final stanza

4 Arise, your light is come!
The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing;
God's pow'r will make us strong.

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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.

Lord, Have Mercy
In peace let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

CW 174

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 176

Refrain: Glory to God in the highest, 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. *Refrain*

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. *Refrain*

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. Amen.
Refrain

THE WORD

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Father in heaven, at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan, you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Keep us who are baptized into Christ faithful in our calling as your children, and make us heirs with him of everlasting life; 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

Isaiah 42:1–7

¹Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
 my chosen one in whom I delight.
 I am placing my Spirit on him.
 He will announce a just verdict for the nations.

²He will not cry out.

He will not raise his voice.

He will not make his voice heard in the street.

³A bent reed he will not break,

and a dimly burning wick he will not snuff out.

He will faithfully bring forth a just verdict.

⁴He will not burn out, and he will not be broken,
until he establishes justice on the earth.

The coastlands will wait for his law.

⁵This is what the true God says,

the LORD who creates the heavens and stretches
them out,

who spreads out the earth

and everything that it produces,

who gives breath to the people on it

and life to those who walk on it.

⁶I am the LORD.

I have called you in righteousness.

I will hold on to your hand,

and I will guard you.

I will appoint you to be a covenant for the people,
to be a light for the nations,

⁷to open the eyes of the blind,

to bring the prisoners out from the dungeon,

and to bring those who sit in darkness out of

prison.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

45 Great Are the Works of the LORD

Psalm 45

Refrain

Great are the works of the LORD. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Great are the works of the LORD.

My heart is stirred by a / noble theme
 as I recite my verses / for the king.

You are the most excel- / lent of men
 and your lips have been anoint- / ed with grace.

Gird your sword on your side, you / mighty one;
 clothe yourself with splendor and / majesty. *Refrain*

Your throne, O God, will last for ever and / ever;
 a scepter of justice will be the scepter of your /
 kingdom.

You love righteousness and hate / wickedness;
 therefore God, your God, has set you above your com-
 / panions.

I will perpetuate your memory through all gener- /
 ations;

therefore the nations will praise you for ever and /
 ever.

**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

Acts 10:34-38

³⁴Then Peter began to speak: “Now I really am beginning to understand that God does not show favoritism, ³⁵but in every nation, anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶He sent his word to the people of Israel, proclaiming the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all.

³⁷“You know what happened throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached. ³⁸God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went around doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the Devil, because God was with him.

**The Word of the Lord.
 Thanks be to God.
 (Stand)**

Gospel Acclamation**Mark 1:11**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

You are my Son, whom I love;
with you I am well pleased.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel**Matthew 3:13–17**

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to be baptized by John at the Jordan. ¹⁴But John tried to stop him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and yet you come to me?”

¹⁵But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, because it is proper for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then John let him. ¹⁶After Jesus was baptized, he immediately went up out of the water. Suddenly, the heavens were opened for him! He saw the Spirit of God, descending like a dove and landing on him, ¹⁷and a voice out of the heavens said, “This is my Son, whom I love. I am well pleased with him.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

(Be seated)

377 To Jordan's River Came Our Lord

CW 377

- 1 To Jordan's river came our Lord,
the Christ, whom heav'nly hosts adored,
the God from God, the Light from Light,
the Lord of glory, pow'r, and might.
- 2 The Savior came to be baptized—
the Son of God in flesh disguised—
to stand beneath the Father's will
and all his promises fulfill.
- 3 As Jesus in the Jordan stood
and John baptized the Lamb of God,
the Holy Spirit, heav'nly dove,
descended on him from above.
- 4 Then from God's throne with thund'rous sound
came God's own voice with words profound:
“This is my Son,” was his decree,
“the one I love, who pleases me.”
- 5 The Father's word, the Spirit's flight
anointed Christ in glorious sight
as God's own choice, from Adam's fall
to save the world and free us all.
- 6 Now rise, faint hearts: be resolute!
This man is Christ, our substitute!
He was baptized in Jordan's stream,
proclaimed Redeemer, Lord supreme.

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Sermon

Isaiah 42:1-7

Here He Is: the Servant of the LORD!

I. The LORD describes him (1-4)

II. The LORD commissions him (5-7)

(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

384 Hail to the Lord's Anointed

CW 384

- 1 Hail to the Lord's anointed,
great David's greater Son!
Hail, in the time appointed,
his reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression,
to set the captive free,
to take away transgression,
and rule in equity.
- 2 He comes with rescue speedy
to those who suffer wrong,
to help the poor and needy
and bid the weak be strong,
to give them songs for sighing,
their darkness turn to light

whose souls, condemned and dying,
are precious in his sight.

3 Kings shall bow down before him
and gold and incense bring;
all nations shall adore him,
his praise all people sing.

To him shall prayer unceasing
and daily vows ascend,
his kingdom still increasing,
a kingdom without end.

4 O'er ev'ry foe victorious,
he on his throne shall rest,
from age to age more glorious,
all blessing and all-blest.

The tide of time shall never
his covenant remove;
his name shall stand forever—
that name to us is Love.

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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.

692 All Who Believe and Are Baptized

CW 692

1 All who believe and are baptized
 shall see the Lord's salvation;
 baptized into the death of Christ,
 they are a new creation;
 through Christ's redemption they shall stand
 among the glorious, heav'nly band
 of ev'ry tribe and nation.

2 With one accord, O God, we pray:
 grant us your Holy Spirit;
 help us in our infirmity
 through Jesus' blood and merit;
 grant us to grow in grace each day
 that by this sacrament we may
 eternal life inherit.

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Sunday 01/11/2026.....	9:00 AM Worship Service
.....	Take Down Decorations
Monday 01/12/2026.....	7:00 PM Worship Service
Tuesday 01/13/2026.....	5:30 PM Women's Bible Study
.....	6:30 PM Council Meeting
Sunday 01/18/2026.....	9:00 AM Communion Service
Monday 01/19/2026.....	7:00 PM Communion Service

Our Time to Our Lord

January Servers

Sundays Paul and Silas Schultz, Eric Korthals

Monday: David Atkins

Communion Elders: Jan. 18-Brandon Frank, Feb. 01 & 15-Jay Newcomer

Finance: Gabe Fall and John Korthals

Altar Guild: Beth Solgat and Beth Arnold

Organist: Olivia Marker

Sunday Morning Bible Class: History of the WELS Snack Volunteers:

January 11th Gorsegner/Rupprecht, January 18th Solgat

Our Treasures to Our Lord

December 28th, 29th, January 4th

Budgetary Gifts: \$5,186.00

Initial Offering: \$131.00



Attendance

Sunday December 28th: 53 Monday December 29th: 15

Sunday January 4th: 94 Communed: 82

Monday January 5th: 23 Communed: 20

Sunday School: 5 Bible Class: 28

Our Talents to Our Lord

Beverage Container Collection: Officially the LES can collection has concluded. However, the school will welcome any cans or bottles you may want to continue to donate!

Women's Bible Study will resume on **Tuesday, the 13th at 5:30 PM**. As we gather again, it is our hope to spend time in **brainstorming and sharing ideas** about how we, as the women of faith at St. Luke's, can further our

reach—both **within our church family and throughout the wider community**. This will be a meaningful opportunity to reflect, pray, and dream together about:

- Ways to support and encourage one another in faith
- Opportunities for outreach and service
- How we can strengthen our presence and impact as women of St. Luke's

All women are warmly invited, and every idea and voice is valued. We look forward to reconnecting and seeing how God is calling us to serve together.

Blessings, Women's Bible Study – St. Luke's

Calendar Change Please Note: On January 25th there will be a Voter's Meeting Following the Sunday morning service. There will be no Choir Practice or Bible Class, **Sunday School Classes Will Meet**

Undecorating the church: Following the service today we will take down this year's Christmas decorations. More hands make light work. Join the fun!

Michigan Lutheran Seminary News

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Current MLS Students of St. Luke's Braylin Zieroff, Phoebe Schultz, Piper Schultz

MLS Jr. CARDINAL POMS CLINIC: The MLS Poms team invites girls in grades K-5 from WELS/ELS churches or schools to join the Jr. Cardinal Poms Clinic on January 25, 2026! Participants will learn a fun routine to perform at halftime of the MLS varsity basketball game on Friday night, January 30. Cost is \$20 (includes shirt and snack; optional poms and hair bows available). Registration closes January 13 at midnight. For more details or to register, visit www.mlsem.org. Questions? Contact Michael Priebe at mdp@mlsem.org

Library/Study Hall Supervisor (Part-Time) Michigan Lutheran Seminary is seeking a part-time **Library/Study Hall Supervisor** to oversee daily library operations, manage circulation, and monitor student study hall attendance and conduct.

Janitor (Nights - Part-Time) Michigan Lutheran Seminary is seeking a part-time **Janitor**

(Nights) to work approximately 20 hours per week during winter sports events.

Visit the MLS Website for further information.

Help Support Safety Upgrade Projects at Our School!

Join us for a fantastic opportunity to support St. Luke's School safety improvements while having a chance to win delicious prizes! Our CEO Meat Raffle is happening NOW, and the lucky winners will be announced at the Winter Carnival, February 14 (more details coming soon)!

Raffle Prizes

Purchase your tickets anytime from now until February 14 (or until tickets run out) for a chance to win mouth-watering prizes, responsibly raised at Eight Plates Farm and processed at Coon Creek Packing in Caro (processing fees included)!

- ◆ **Ticket Price:** \$50 per ticket
- 🏆 **Grand Prize:** ¼ Beef
- 🏅 **Second Prize:** ½ Hog
- 🎁 **Third Prize:** CEO Gift Basket

How You Can Make a Difference

Every ticket you purchase helps fund essential safety improvements at **our** school. Investing in these projects ensures a secure environment for our students to learn and grow. Plus, you have the chance to fill your freezer with premium meat products!

👉 **Buy your tickets today** and join us in making St. Luke's a safer place for our children. Thank you for your support!