

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**

Thank You!!!

We extend our heartfelt thanks to Pastor emeritus Marcus Manthey for leading our Sunday morning worship, and to Pastor emeritus Paul Naumann for guiding our Monday evening service. We are grateful for the uplifting messages they shared from God's Word.

880 For All the Saints

CW 880

1 For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their
might;
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

3 Oh, may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold
fight as the saints who nobly fought of old
and win with them the victor's crown of gold.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

4 Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

5 And when the fight is fierce, the warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph-song,

and hearts are brave again and arms are strong.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

6 The golden evening brightens in the west;
soon, soon, to faithful warriors cometh rest;
sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

7 But, lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day:
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;
the King of glory passes on his way.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Please stand for the final stanza

8 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest
coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless
host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

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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

CW 174

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 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.

O God, you are the giver of everything good. Inspire us,
your humble servants, to long for what is right and,
through your gracious guidance, accomplish it to your
glory; 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

Acts 14:8–22

⁸In Lystra there was a man who was sitting down because he had no strength in his feet. He had never walked because he was lame from birth. ⁹When he was listening to Paul as he was speaking, Paul looked at him closely and saw that he had faith to be healed. ¹⁰Paul said in a loud voice, “Stand up on your feet!” And the man jumped up and began to walk.

¹¹When the crowds saw what Paul had done, they raised their voices, saying in the Lycaonian language, “The gods have come down to us in human form.”

¹²Barnabas they called Zeus, and Paul they called Hermes, because he was the main speaker. ¹³The priest of Zeus, whose temple was just outside the city, brought bulls and garlands to the city gates, because he wanted to offer sacrifices, along with the crowds.

¹⁴But when the apostles Paul and Barnabas heard about this, they tore their clothes and rushed into the crowd, shouting, ¹⁵“Men, why are you doing these things? We too are men with the same nature as you. We are preaching the good news to you so that you turn

from these worthless things to the living God, who made the heaven, the earth, the sea, and everything in them. ¹⁶In past generations he allowed all the nations to go their own ways. ¹⁷Yet he did not leave himself without testimony of the good he does. He gives you rain from heaven and crops in their seasons. He fills you with food and fills your hearts with gladness.” ¹⁸Even though they said these things, they had a hard time stopping the crowds from sacrificing to them.

¹⁹Then some Jews came from Antioch and Iconium and persuaded the crowds to stone Paul. When they thought he was dead, they dragged him out of the city. ²⁰But after the disciples had gathered around him, he stood up and went into the city. The next day, he left with Barnabas for Derbe.

²¹After they preached the good news in that city and had gathered many disciples, they returned to Lystra, Iconium, and Antioch, ²²strengthening the souls of the disciples and encouraging them to continue in the faith. They told them, “We must go through many troubles on our way to the kingdom of God.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

65 The Seed That Falls

Psalm 65

Refrain

**The seed that falls, that falls on good ground will
bring forth food for all.**

Praise awaits / you, our God;

you call forth / songs of joy.

You care for the land and / water it;

you soften it with showers and / bless its crops.

The streams of God are filled with / water

to provide the peo- / ple with grain. *Refrain*

You crown the year with your / bounty,

and your carts overflow with a- / bundance.

The whole earth is / filled with awe

at your / wonders.

The meadows are covered with flocks and the valleys are
man- / tled with grain;

they shout for / joy and sing.
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

Revelation 21:21–27

²¹The twelve gates are twelve pearls. Each of the gates is made out of one pearl. And the street of the city is pure gold, like transparent glass.

²²I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. ²³The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, because the glory of God has given it light, and the Lamb is its lamp. ²⁴The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it.

²⁵There is no day when its gates will be shut, for there will be no night in that place. ²⁶They will bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it. ²⁷Nothing that is

unclean and no one who does what is detestable or who tells lies will ever enter it, but only those who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(Stand)

Gospel Acclamation

Psalm 30:5

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Weeping may stay for the night,
but rejoicing comes in the morning.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

John 16:16–24

¹⁶“In a little while you are not going to see me anymore, and again in a little while you will see me, because I am going away to the Father.”

¹⁷Therefore some of his disciples asked one another, “What does he mean when he tells us, ‘In a little while you are not going to see me, and again in a little while

you will see me,’ and ‘Because I am going away to the Father’?” ¹⁸So they kept asking, “What does he mean by ‘a little while’? We don't understand what he's saying.”

¹⁹Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him about this, so he said to them, “Are you trying to determine with one another what I meant by saying, ‘In a little while you are not going to see me, and again in a little while you will see me’?” ²⁰Amen, Amen, I tell you: You will weep and wail, but the world will rejoice. You will become sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn to joy. ²¹A woman giving birth has pain, because her time has come. But when she has delivered the child, she no longer remembers the anguish, because of her joy that a person has been born into the world.

²²“So you also have sorrow now. But I will see you again. Your heart will rejoice, and no one will take your joy away from you. ²³In that day you will not ask me anything. Amen, Amen, I tell you: Whatever you ask the Father in my name, he will give you. ²⁴Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask, and you will receive, so that your joy may be made complete.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

(Be seated)

557 Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice

CW 557

- 1 Dear Christians, one and all, rejoice,
 with exultation springing,
 and, with united heart and voice
 and holy rapture singing,
 proclaim the wonders God has done,
 how his right arm the vict'ry won.
 How dearly it has cost him!
- 2 Fast bound in Satan's chains I lay;
 death brooded darkly o'er me.
 Sin was my torment night and day;
 in sin my mother bore me.
 Yet deep and deeper still I fell;
 life had become a living hell,
 so firmly sin possessed me.
- 3 My own good works availed me naught,
 no merit they attaining;

my will against God's judgment fought,
no hope for me remaining.

My fears increased till sheer despair
left only death to be my share
and hell to be my sentence.

4 But God beheld my wretched state
before the world's foundation,
and, mindful of his mercies great,
he planned for my salvation.

A father's heart he turned to me,
sought my redemption fervently;
he gave his dearest treasure.

5 He spoke to his beloved Son:
"It's time to have compassion.
Then go, bright jewel of my crown,
and bring to all salvation.

From sin and sorrow set them free;
slay bitter death for them that they
may live with you forever."

6 The Son obeyed his Father's will,
was born of virgin mother,

and, God's good pleasure to fulfill,
 he came to be my brother.

No garb of pomp or pow'r he wore;
 a servant's form like mine he bore
 to lead the devil captive.

7 To me he spoke, "Hold fast to me,
 I am your rock and castle.

Your ransom I myself will be;
 for you I strive and wrestle.

For I am yours, your friend divine,
 and evermore you shall be mine;
 the foe shall not divide us.

8 "The foe will shed my precious blood,
 me of my life bereaving;

all this I suffer for your good;
 be steadfast and believing.

Life will from death the vict'ry win;
 my innocence shall bear your sin,
 and you are blest forever.

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Sermon

(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.**

Prayer of the Church

Offering

889 Jerusalem the Golden

CW 889

- 1 Jerusalem the golden,
with milk and honey blest—
the sight of it refreshes
the weary and oppressed.
I know not, oh, I know not
what joys await us there,
what radiancy of glory,
what bliss beyond compare:
to sing the hymn unending
with all the martyr throng,
amidst the halls of Zion
resounding full with song.
- 2 O sweet and blessed country,
the home of God's elect!

O sweet and blessed country
that eager hearts expect,
where they who with their leader
have conquered in the fight
forever and forever
are clad in robes of white:
in mercy, Jesus, bring us
to that dear land of rest
where sings the host of heaven
your glorious name to bless.

3 The Christ is ever with them,
the daylight is serene;
the pastures of the blessed
are ever rich and green.
There is the throne of David,
and there, from care released,
the shout of them that triumph,
the song of them that feast.
To God enthroned in glory
the Church's voices blend,

the Lamb forever blessèd,
 the Light that knows no end.

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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.**

(Stand)

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.

557 Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice

CW 557

- 9 “Now to my Father I depart,
 the Holy Spirit sending
 and, heav’nly wisdom to impart,
 my help to you extending.
 He will a source of comfort be,
 teach you to know and follow me,
 and in all truth will guide you.
- 10 “What I on earth have lived and taught
 be all your life and teaching;
 so shall my kingdom’s work be wrought
 and honored in your preaching.
 Take care that no one’s man-made laws

should e'er destroy the gospel's cause;
this final word I leave you."

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Upcoming Events

Sunday 05/25/2025.....9:00 AM Worship Service

Monday 05/26/2025.....7:00 PM Worship Service

Sunday 06/01/202.....9:00 AM Communion Service

Monday 06/02/2025.....7:00 PM Communion Service

Attendance

Sunday Service Attendance: 104: No Monday Service

Sunday School: 11, Bible Class: 36

Our **Time** to Our Lord

Meditations: If you ordered Meditations, they are now available in the office.

*** The secretary will be out of the office until Tuesday, May 26th.**

Volunteer/s Needed: The STL Trustees are looking for volunteers to mow and trim at the school. If one or two of you are interested, please let Josh know. Otherwise, there is a signup sheet to volunteer on a weekly basis if you are interested. Mower, gas, and trimmer will be

provided. If you have any questions, please see Josh Denniston.

From Our LWMS Reporter Deb Gorsegrner: Please feel free to take any of the literature from the fellowship hall table home to read. You will find many articles, and information of interest! Once you have finished, please bring them back for the next person.

Michigan Lutheran Seminary News

St. Luke's Students: Braylin Zieroff (Junior), Phoebe Schultz (Junior),
Piper Schultz (Freshman)

Michigan Lutheran Seminary is offering many Summer Camp opportunities for our children and families. Please visit the following website for further information.
<https://www.mlsem.org/future-cardinals/summer-camps/>

GERMANY TRIP 2026: Ever dreamed of traveling the world? Here's your chance! Michigan Lutheran Seminary is organizing a trip to Germany in June 2026, open to all who are interested. For more details, contact Mrs. Virginia Ash (vaa@mlsem.org) or Prof. Dan Westendorf

(djw@mlsem.org), or visit educationaltravel.com/ASH-1817. We'd love for you to join us!

Our **Talents** to Our Lord

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May Sunday Ushers: John Solgat, Mike Hecht, Nate Rupprecht, Grant Barnes

May Communion Elder: June 1st Jay Newcomer

May Finance: Tom Barnett, Chris Lane, Ed Baldwin

May Altar Guild: Christy Poulos and Jennifer Santoviz

Organist: Olivia Marker

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Organist: Olivia Marker

Our **Treasures** to Our Lord



Budgetary Gifts: \$5,170.00 (This total includes services 05/05 & 05/11)

Scholarship Fund: \$50.00

Meditations: \$18.75

Sunday School: \$8.00