



St. LUKE'S LUTHERAN
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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 also available. For a personal preparation for Holy Communion, please see pages 295-296 in your hymnal.

Please note: the Sunday service is being recorded and streamed on YouTube.

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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 a WELS or ELS church but would like to pursue that unity of faith, or if you have questions, please speak with Pastor.

Setting 2, p. 172

1 My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare to make no other claim,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name. (Refrain)

Ref On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand.

2 When darkness veils his lovely face,
I rest on his unchanging grace;
in ev'ry high and stormy gale
my anchor holds within the veil. (Refrain)

3 His oath, his covenant and blood
support me in the raging flood;
when ev'ry earthly prop gives way,
he then is all my hope and stay. (Refrain)

4 When he shall come with trumpet sound,
oh, may I then in him be found,
clothed in his righteousness alone,
faultless to stand before his throne. (Refrain)

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(Stand)

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)

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 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.

Almighty and most merciful God, the protector of all who trust in you, strengthen our faith, and give us courage to believe that in your love you will rescue us from all adversities; 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)

⁸Now when the king of Aram was waging war against Israel, he would make plans with his officials, saying, “My camp will be at such and such a place.”

⁹But the man of God would send a message to the king of Israel, saying, “Be careful when you pass this place because the Arameans are going down there.” ¹⁰So the king of Israel would send scouts to the place that the man of God had pointed out. So the man of God warned him, and he was kept safe—and not just once or twice.

¹¹The king of Aram was enraged because of this. He summoned his officials and said to them, “Won't you tell me who of us is for the king of Israel?”

¹²One of his officials said, “No, my lord the king. It is Elisha, the prophet in Israel, who tells the king of Israel the words which you speak in your bedroom.”

¹³Then he said, “Go and see where he is. Then I'll send men and capture him.”

He was told, “Dothan is where he is.”

¹⁴So he sent horses and chariots and a strong force there. They came at night and surrounded the city.

¹⁵When the man of God's servant got up early and went out, there were soldiers, horses, and chariots surrounding the city. So his attendant said to Elisha, "Oh no, my lord! What will we do?"

¹⁶He answered, "Don't be afraid, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them."

¹⁷Then Elisha prayed and said, "O LORD, open his eyes so that he can see." Then the LORD opened the servant's eyes, and he saw that the hills were full of horses and chariots of fire, all around Elisha.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

46 The LORD Almighty Is with Us

Psalm 46

Refrain

The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

God is our ref- / uge and strength,
an ever-present help in / trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the / earth give way

and the mountains fall into the heart / of the sea,
though its waters / roar and foam
and the mountains quake with their / surging.

Refrain

There is a river whose streams make glad the cit- / y of
God,

the holy place where the Most / High dwells.

God is within her, she / will not fall;

God will help her at / break of day.

“Be still, and know that / I am God;

I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted /
in the earth.”

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

2 Timothy 4:6–8, 16–18

⁶You see, I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷I have fought the good fight; I have finished the race; I have

kept the faith. ⁸From now on, there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness. The Lord, the righteous Judge, will give it to me on that day, and not only to me but also to everyone who loved his appearing.

¹⁶At my first hearing, no one came to my defense, but everyone deserted me. May it not be counted against them. ¹⁷But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message would be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles would hear it, and I was rescued from the lion's mouth. ¹⁸The Lord will rescue me from every evil work and will bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(Stand)

Gospel Acclamation

Mark 6:50

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take courage!

It is I. Don't be afraid."

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

⁴⁵Immediately Jesus made his disciples get into the boat and go ahead to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he himself dismissed the crowd. ⁴⁶After he had sent them off, he went up the mountain to pray.

⁴⁷When it was evening, the boat was in the middle of the sea, and Jesus was alone on the land. ⁴⁸He saw them straining at the oars, because the wind was against them. About the fourth watch of the night, he went to them, walking on the sea. He was ready to pass by them. ⁴⁹When they saw him walking on the sea, they thought he was a ghost, and they cried out. ⁵⁰They all saw him and were terrified. Immediately he spoke with them and said, “Take courage! It is I. Do not be afraid.” ⁵¹Then he climbed up into the boat with them, and the wind stopped. They were completely amazed, ⁵²because they had not understood about the loaves. Instead, their hearts were hardened.

⁵³When they had crossed over, they landed at Gennesaret and anchored there. ⁵⁴As soon as they stepped out of the boat, people recognized Jesus. ⁵⁵They

ran around that whole region and began to bring sick people on their stretchers to where they heard he was. ⁵⁶Wherever he entered villages, cities, or the countryside, they were laying sick people in the marketplaces and pleading with him that they might just touch the edge of his garment. And all who touched it were made well.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

(Be seated)

803 Day by Day

CW 803

1 Day by day, your mercies, Lord, attend me,
bringing comfort to my anxious soul.
Day by day, the blessings, Lord, you send me
draw me nearer to my heav'nly goal.
Love divine, beyond all mortal measure,
brings to naught the burdens of my quest;
Savior, lead me to the home I treasure,
where at last I'll find eternal rest.

2 Day by day, I know you will provide me
strength to serve and wisdom to obey;

I will seek your loving will to guide me
o'er the paths I struggle day by day.

I will fear no evil of the morrow,

I will trust in your enduring grace.

Savior, help me bear life's pain and sorrow
till in glory I behold your face.

3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me
when my burdens grow too great to bear;

oh, what joy to know that you will hear me
when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer.

Day by day, no matter what betide me,
you will hold me ever in your hand.

Savior, with your presence here to guide me,
I will reach at last the promised land.

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Sermon

(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 183

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 . . . and join their glorious
song:

Holy, Holy, Holy

CW 184

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power, God of might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.

Jesus, Lamb of God

CW 186

Jesus, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.

Jesus, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.

Jesus, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us your 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.

- 1 I walk in danger all the way;
the thought shall never leave me
that Satan, who has marked his prey,
is plotting to deceive me.
This foe with hidden snares
may seize me unawares
if e'er I fail to watch and pray;
I walk in danger all the way.
- 2 I pass through trials all the way,
with sin and ills contending;
in patience I must bear each day
the cross of God's own sending.
Oft in adversity
I know not where to flee,
when storms of woe my soul dismay;
I pass through trials all the way.
- 3 Grim death pursues me all the way,
nowhere I rest securely;
he comes by night, he comes by day,
he takes his prey most surely.

A failing breath, and I
in death's strong grasp may lie
to face eternity today;
grim death pursues me all the way.

4 I walk with angels all the way,
they shield me and befriend me;
all Satan's pow'r is held at bay
when heav'nly hosts attend me.

They are my sure defense;
all fear and sorrow, hence!

Unharm'd by foes, do what they may,
I walk with angels all the way.

5 I walk with Jesus all the way,
his guidance never fails me;
within his wounds I find a stay
when Satan's pow'r assails me;
and by his footsteps led,
my path I safely tread.

No evil leads my soul astray;
I walk with Jesus all the way.

6 My walk is heav'nward all the way;
await, my soul, the morrow,
when you at last with joy can say
farewell to sin and sorrow.
All worldly pomp, begone!
To heav'n I now press on.
For all the world I would not stay;
my walk is heav'nward all the way.

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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.

We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the
heavenly banquet you have given us in this Sacrament.
Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our
hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit, help us
to live as your holy people until that day when you will
receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the

Lamb, 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.

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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New Job Posting: We are once again in need of a **school janitor**. This job will require 1 to 1 ½ hours of work per day, Monday-Friday after the children have been excused for the day. Please consider. Contact Josh Denniston with any inquiries. Applications can be obtained from the church office.

Pill Bottles: St. Luke's will no longer be collecting pill bottles. A couple of us decided it was too expensive to mail and too much work. Please do **NOT** bring any more to the box under the mailboxes. Thank you to those who donated in the past.

Job Postings at the School: School Secretary – mornings 3-5 days a week – beginning at 8:00 AM

Full job description and applications are available at the school office. For more information, please speak to John Korthals or Josh Denniston.

School Yard Signs Available –Loud and Proud!!! Support our School!

Happening Soon

Sunday 08/04 Service	9:00 AM Communion Worship
Monday 08/05 Service	7:00 PM Communion Worship
Sunday 08/11	9:00 AM Worship Service
Monday 08/12	7:00 PM Worship Service

August Servers

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

August Monday Usher: Jim Heidenberger

August Finance: Tom Barnett, Chris Lane, Grant Barnes

August Altar Guild: Sharon Thurston, Pat Mecham

Organist: Olivia Marker

Event Attendance

Sunday Service: 92

Monday Service:

Stewardship at St. Luke's

For 2024, the planned giving needed is \$7,910.00 per week to meet our ministry goals.

Last Week's Budgetary Offerings: \$5,785.00

Special Gift to General Fund: \$125.00

Non-Member Memorial Gift for Joanne Putnam: \$25.00