

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

Upcoming Events

Sunday 06/22/2025.....9:00 AM Worship Service

Monday 06/23/2025.....7:00 PM Worship Service

Thursday 06/26/2025.....5:30 PM Women's Bible Study

Sunday 06/29/2025.....9:00 AM Worship Service

Monday 06/30/2025.....7:00 PM Worship Service

Attendance

Sunday Service Attendance: 101, Communed: 83,

Monday Service: 24, Communed: 23

Our **Time** to Our Lord

Lawn Mowers: June 22: Zieroff, June 29: OPEN, August 3: Denniston. Mower, gas, and trimmer will be provided. If you are interested or have questions, please see Josh Denniston. There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board near the secretary's office.

Vacation Bible School: VBS will be held on July 15-17 from 6:30-8:30 PM. There will be classes for both adults and children. There are signup sheets available in the fellowship hall. Please indicate what grade the child will be entering next school year. If you have questions, talk to Pastor Arnold.

Eggs: The kitchen refrigerator has donated eggs available for anyone to use.

If you'd like to give back, there's a donation container nearby — your generosity supports the giver.

MLS Host Families Needed: MLS has a thriving international ministry welcoming students from China, Korea, Grenada and Germany for the 2025-26 school year. Over the past 4 decades of welcoming international students, MLS has been blessed to send

more to MLC than any other high school in America and more MLS international alumni are currently serving in ministry than any other school alumni. For the 2025-26 school year we have a potential additional 10 international students coming.



Watch a video to see the importance of a host family to our international students.

Visit www.mlsem.org/hostfamilies or scan the QR code.

Our **Talents** to Our Lord

June Servers

June Sunday Ushers: Ron Nichol, Erik Kern, Justin Whitney, Jay Newcomer

June Finance: Jeremy LaPratt, Nick Hubbard, Ed Newsome

June Altar Guild: Cori Einhardt, Katie Denniston
Organist: Olivia Marker

July Servers

July Sunday Ushers: Brandon and Jared Frank, Jon Woolworth, Jake Zieroff

Monday: David Atkins **Communion Assistant:**

July Finance: Gabe Fall, Sam Korthals, Carter Korthals

July Altar Guild: Cori Einhardt, Beth Arnold

Organist: Olivia Marker



Our **Treasures** to Our Lord

Budgetary Gifts: \$4,916.00 Includes: June 15 & 16
Services

Special Gift Missions: \$100.00

Memorial for Dorthy Martini: \$100.00

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603 All Praise to God Who Reigns Above

CW 603

- 1 All praise to God who reigns above,
the God of all creation,
the God of wonders, pow'r, and love,
the God of our salvation!
With healing balm my soul he fills,
the God who ev'ry sorrow stills:
To God all praise and glory!
- 2 What God's almighty pow'r has made,
in mercy he is keeping;
by morning dawn or evening shade
his eye is never sleeping.
Within the kingdom of his might,
all things are just and good and right:
to God all praise and glory!
- 3 I cried to him in time of need:
Lord God, O hear my calling!

For death he gave me life indeed
and kept my feet from falling.
For this my thanks shall endless be;
O thank him, thank our God with me:
to God all praise and glory!

4 The Lord will not forsake his flock,
his chosen generation;
he is their refuge and their rock,
their peace and their salvation.
As with a mother's tender hand
he leads his own, his chosen band:
to God all praise and glory!

Please stand for the final stanza

5 All who confess Christ's holy name,
to God give praise and glory!
Let all who know his pow'r proclaim
aloud the wondrous story!
All idols under foot be trod—
The Lord is God! The Lord is God!
To God all praise and glory!

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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.

Lord God, heavenly Father, you sent your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, into this world to destroy the works of the devil and protect us poor people against such an evil foe. Uphold us in all affliction by your Holy Spirit so that we may have peace from such enemies and remain forever blessed; 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 43:8–13

⁸Bring out the people who are blind, though they have eyes,
and the people who are deaf, though they have ears.

⁹Let all the nations be gathered together,
and let peoples be assembled.
Who among them has declared this?
Who has made known to us the former things?
Let them produce their witnesses to show that they were right,
so that people can hear and say, “This is truth.”

¹⁰You are my witnesses, declares the LORD.
You are my servant, whom I have chosen,
so that you may know me and believe in me,
so that you will understand that I am he.
Before me no god was formed,
and after me there will not be another.

¹¹I, yes I, am the LORD,
and apart from me there is no savior.

¹²I myself declared it.
I brought salvation, and I announced it.
It was not some strange god among you.

You are my witnesses, declares the LORD,
and I am God.

¹³Indeed, from the first day, I am he.

There is no one who can deliver anyone from my
hand.

I act, and who can reverse it?

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

66 Let All the Earth Sing Out

Psalm 66

Refrain

**Let all the earth sing out our Savior's praise, cry out
to God with joy.**

Shout for joy to God, / all the earth!

Sing the glory of his name; make his praise / glorious.

Praise our God, all / peoples,

let the sound of his / praise be heard;

he has pre- / served our lives

and kept our feet from / slipping. *Refrain*

Come and hear, all you who / fear God;

let me tell you what he has / done for me.

If I had cherished sin / in my heart,

the Lord would not have / listened;

but God has surely / listened
and has / heard my prayer.
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

2 Timothy 1:3–10

³I thank God, whom I serve with a clean conscience as my ancestors did, as I constantly remember you in my prayers night and day. ⁴When I remember your tears, I long to see you, so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵I remember your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am convinced that it also lives in you.

⁶For this reason I am reminding you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. ⁷For God did not give us a timid spirit, but a spirit of power and love and sound judgment. ⁸So do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner. Instead, join with me in suffering for the gospel while relying on the power of God. ⁹He saved us and called us with a holy calling, not because of our works, but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began, ¹⁰and it has now been revealed through the appearance

of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(Stand)

Gospel Acclamation

1 John 4:14

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

We have seen and testify

that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Luke 8:26–39

²⁶They sailed down to the region of the Gerasenes, which is across from Galilee. ²⁷When Jesus stepped ashore, a man from the town met him. He was possessed by demons and for a long time had not worn any clothes. He did not live in a house but in the tombs. ²⁸When he saw Jesus, he cried out, fell down before him, and said with a loud voice, “What do I have to do with you, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, don't torment me!” ²⁹For Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. In fact, the unclean spirit had seized him many times. He was kept under guard,

and although he was bound with chains and shackles, he would break the restraints and was driven by the demon into deserted places.

³⁰Jesus asked him, “What is your name?”

He said, “Legion,” because many demons had gone into him. ³¹They were begging Jesus that he would not order them to go into the abyss. ³²A herd of many pigs was feeding there on the mountain. The demons begged Jesus to let them go into the pigs, and he gave them permission. ³³The demons went out of the man and entered the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and drowned.

³⁴When those who were feeding the pigs saw what happened, they ran away and reported it in the town and in the countryside. ³⁵People went out to see what had happened. They came to Jesus and found the man from whom the demons had gone out, sitting at Jesus' feet. He was clothed and in his right mind, and the people were afraid. ³⁶Those who saw it told them how the demon-possessed man was saved. ³⁷The whole crowd of people from the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them, because they were gripped with great fear.

As Jesus got into the boat and started back, ³⁸the man from whom the demons had gone out begged to be with him. But Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹“Return to your

home and tell how much God has done for you.” Then he went through the whole town proclaiming what Jesus had done for him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

(Be seated)

744 Rise, Shine, You People

CW 744

- 1 Rise, shine, you people! Christ the Lord has entered
our human story; God in him is centered.
He comes to us, by death and sin surrounded,
with grace unbounded.
- 2 See how he sends the pow'rs of evil reeling;
he brings us freedom, light and life and healing.
All men and women, who by guilt are driven,
now are forgiven.
- 3 Come, celebrate, your banners high unfurling,
your songs and prayers against the darkness
hurling.
To all the world go out and tell the story
of Jesus' glory.
- 4 Tell how the Father sent his Son to save us.
Tell of the Son, who life and freedom gave us.
Tell how the Spirit calls from ev'ry nation
his new creation.

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Sermon

Luke 8:26-39

Three Responses to Jesus

I. From the demons

II. From the city

III. From the one who was saved

(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

504 We Sing the Almighty Power of God

CW 504

- 1 We sing th' almighty pow'r of God
that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad
and built the lofty skies.
We sing the wisdom that ordained
the sun to rule the day;
the moon shines full at his command,
and all the stars obey.
- 2 We sing the goodness of the Lord
that filled the earth with food;
he formed the creatures with his Word
and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how your wonders are displayed
where'er we turn our eyes,

if we survey the ground we tread
or gaze upon the skies.

3 There's not a plant or flow'r below
but makes your glories known,
and clouds arise and tempests blow
by order from your throne;
while all that borrows life from you
is ever in your care,
and ev'rywhere that we can be,
you, God, are present there.

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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.

507 Let All Things Now Living

CW 507

- 1 Let all things now living
 a song of thanksgiving
to God the Creator triumphantly raise,
 who fashioned and made us,
 protected and stayed us,
who still guides us on to the end of our days.
 God's banners are o'er us;
 his light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
 till shadows have vanished
 and darkness is banished,
as forward we travel from light into light.
- 2 His law he enforces;
 the stars in their courses
and sun in its orbit obediently shine.

The hills and the mountains,
the rivers and fountains,
the deeps of the ocean proclaim him divine.
We, too, should be voicing
our love and rejoicing.
With glad adoration a song let us raise
till all things now living
unite in thanksgiving:
“To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!”

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