

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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Setting 2: pg. 172

797 I Know My Faith Is Founded

CW 797

- 1 I know my faith is founded
on Jesus Christ, my God and Lord;
and this my faith confessing,
unmoved I stand upon his Word.
Our reason cannot fathom
the truth of God profound;
who trusts in worldly wisdom
relies on shifting ground.
God's Word is all-sufficient,
it makes divinely sure,
and, trusting in its wisdom,
my faith shall rest secure.
- 2 Increase my faith, dear Savior,
for Satan seeks by night and day
to rob me of this treasure
and take my hope of bliss away.
But, Lord, with you beside me
I shall be undismayed;
and led by your good Spirit,
I shall be unafraid.
Abide with me, O Savior,
a firmer faith bestow;
then I shall bid defiance

to ev'ry evil foe.

Please stand for the final stanza

3 In faith, Lord, let me serve you;
 though persecution, grief, and pain
 should seek to overwhelm me,
 let me a steadfast trust retain.
 And then at my departure,
 at home with you I'll be,
 and there will I inherit
 all you have promised me.
 In life and death, Lord, keep me
 until your heav'n I gain,
 where I by your great mercy
 the end of faith attain.

Text: Erdmann Neumeister, 1671–1756; tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, alt.
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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.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and willing to give far more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of

which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask except through the merits and mediation of 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 15:1–6

¹After these events the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision. He said, “Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your very great reward.”

²Abram said, “LORD God what can you give me, since I remain childless, and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?” ³Abram also said, “Look, you have given me no offspring, so a servant born in my house will be my heir.”

⁴Just then, the word of the LORD came to him. God said, “This man will not be your heir, but instead one who will come out of your own body will be your heir.”

⁵The LORD then brought him outside and said, “Now look toward the sky and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” He said to Abram, “This is what your descendants will be like.” ⁶Abram believed in the LORD,

and the LORD credited it to him as righteousness.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

121 Keep Me as the Apple of Your Eye

Psalms 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

Hebrews 11:1–3, 8–16

¹Faith is being sure about what we hope for, being convinced about things we do not see. ²For by this faith the ancients were commended in Scripture.

³By faith we know that the universe was created by God's word, so that what is seen did not come from visible things.

⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go to a place that he was going to receive as an inheritance, and he left without knowing where he was going.

⁹By faith he lived as a stranger in the Promised Land, as if it did not belong to him, dwelling in tents along with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

¹¹By faith Abraham also received the ability to

conceive children, even though Sarah herself was barren and he was past the normal age, because he considered him faithful who made the promise. ¹²And so from one man, and he as good as dead, descendants were born as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand along the seashore.

¹³One by one, all of these died in faith, without having received the things that were promised, but they saw and welcomed them from a distance. They confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.

¹⁴Indeed, people who say things like that make it clear that they are looking for a land of their own. ¹⁵And if they were remembering the land they had come from, they would have had an opportunity to return. ¹⁶Instead, they were longing for a better land—a heavenly one. For that reason, God is not ashamed to be called their God, because he prepared a city for them.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(Stand)

Gospel Acclamation

Luke 12:32

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Do not be afraid, little flock,

for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Luke 12:22–34

²²Jesus said to his disciples, “For that reason I tell you, stop worrying about your life, about what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. ²³Certainly life is more than food, and the body is more than clothing. ²⁴Consider the ravens: They do not sow or reap; they have no warehouse or barn; and yet God feeds them. How much more valuable are you than birds! ²⁵And who of you by worrying can add a single moment to his lifespan? ²⁶Since you are not able to do this little thing, why do you worry about the rest? ²⁷Consider how the wild flowers grow. They do not labor or spin. But I tell you, not even Solomon in all his glory was dressed like one of these. ²⁸If this is how God clothes the grass in the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the furnace, how much more will he clothe you, you of little faith? ²⁹Do not constantly chase after what you will eat or what you will drink. Do not be worried about it. ³⁰To be sure, the nations of the world chase after all of these things, but your Father knows that you need

them. ³¹Instead, continue to seek the kingdom of God, and all these things will be added to you. ³²Do not be afraid, little flock, because your Father is pleased to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions and give to the needy. Provide money bags for yourselves that do not become old, a treasure in the heavens that will not fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

(Be seated)

800 How Firm a Foundation

CW 800

- 1 How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!
What more can he say than to you he has said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

- 2 “Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed,
for I am your God and will still give you aid;
I’ll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to
stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

- 3 “When through the deep waters I call you to go,
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow,
for I will be with you, your troubles to bless,
and sanctify to you your deepest distress.
- 4 “When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,
my grace all-sufficient shall be your supply;
the flames will not hurt you; I only design
your dross to consume and your gold to refine.
- 5 “The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose
I will not, I will not, desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I’ll never, no never, no never forsake!”

Text: A Selection of Hymns, London, 1787, ed. John Rippon, alt.

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Sermon

Genesis 15:1-6

Listen to the Word of the LORD

I. He makes great promises (2-5)

II. He gives great faith (1, 6)

(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

811 My Faith Looks Up to Thee*CW 811*

- 1 My faith looks up to thee,
 thou Lamb of Calvary,
 Savior divine.
 Now hear me while I pray;
 take all my guilt away;
 O let me from this day
 be wholly thine!
- 2 May thy rich grace impart
 strength to my fainting heart;
 my zeal inspire!
 As thou hast died for me,
 oh, may my love to thee
 pure, warm, and changeless be,
 a living fire!
- 3 While life's dark maze I tread
 and griefs around me spread,
 be thou my guide.
 Bid darkness turn to day,
 wipe sorrow's tears away,
 nor let me ever stray
 from thee aside.
- 4 When ends life's transient dream,

when death's cold, sullen stream
shall o'er me roll,
blest Savior, then, in love,
fear and distrust remove;
O bear me safe above,
a ransomed soul!

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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.**

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.

924 Abide, O Dearest Jesus

CW 924

- 1 Abide, O dearest Jesus,
among us with your grace
that Satan may not harm us
nor we to sin give place.
- 2 Abide, O dear Redeemer,
among us with your Word
and thus now and hereafter
true peace and joy afford.
- 3 Abide with heav'nly brightness
among us, precious Light;
your truth direct and keep us
from error's gloomy night.
- 4 Abide with richest blessings
among us, bounteous Lord;
let us in grace and wisdom

grow daily through your Word.

5 Abide with your protection
among us, Lord, our strength,
lest world and Satan fell us
and overcome at length.

6 Abide, O faithful Savior,
among us with your love;
grant steadfastness and help us
to reach our home above.

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Setting Two from Christian Worship

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Upcoming Events

Sunday 08/10/2025.....9:00 AM Worship Service

Monday 08/11/2025.....7:00 PM Worship Service

Tuesday 08/12/2025.....6:30 PM Council Meeting

Sunday 08/17/2025.....9:00 AM Communion Service

Monday 08/18/2025.....7:00 PM Communion Service

Attendance

Sunday Service Attendance: 90, Communed: 74

Monday Service: 24, Communed: 21

Our Time to Our Lord

August Servers

August Sundays John Solgat, Mike Hecht, Nate Rupprecht, Grant Barnes

Monday: Jim Heidenberger

August Finance: Tom Barnett, Chris Lane, Ed Baldwin

August Altar Guild: Sharon Thurston, Judy Chappell

Organist: Olivia Marker

Our Talents to Our Lord

Brothers and Sisters: Here is a financial update as of Aug. 1st. July offerings averaged about \$4500 per week. That left us about \$8000 short for the month. We have postponed a couple of mission payments but we are paid ahead on the parking lot. Please pray for Pastor, our leaders and our congregation for our ministry here at St. Luke's.

Meeting Reminder: There is a Council Meeting **Tuesday August 12th at 6:30 PM.**

Opening the School 2025-2026: The CEO would like to invite all congregation members to attend our first day of school opening chapel on **Monday, August 25th at 8:30 am** at the school. All are welcome to join us for a light breakfast and a healthy serving of God's word as we kick off another year filled with His blessings on our school.

Forward In Christ: *Forward in Christ* is your connection to the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod worldwide. The church receives copies quarterly for our use. They are located under the bulletin board by the secretary's office.

Please feel free to read and return. Personal subscriptions can be made by visiting Northwest Publishing House.

Lawn Is Getting Mowed!!! A BIG thank you to the family who are very generously mowing the lawn for the rest of the year. God bless your loving efforts!

Our Treasures to Our Lord



Budgetary Gifts: \$4,867.00

Memorial Gifts for Linda Hamilton-Jasmin:

\$450.00