

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 available on the tract desk.
- Large Print Service binders can be found on the tract desk.
- Personal prayers for use before church or during the week are printed on p. 255- 258 in the hymnal.
- 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 WELS or ELS church but would like to pursue that unity of faith, or if you have questions, please speak with Pastor.

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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!

Please stand for the final stanza

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!

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the
Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Confession

CW 188

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and
the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

**and have sinned against you in my thoughts,
words, and actions.**

**I have not loved you with my whole heart;
I have not loved others as I should.**

**I deserve your punishment both now and
forever.**

**But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins
with his innocent suffering and death.**

**Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a
sinner.**

(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 190

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 191

***Refrain:* Glory to God in the highest, glory to God, and peace to his people on earth, 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.

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.

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. *Refrain*

THE WORD

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Living God, your almighty power is made known chiefly in showing mercy and pity. Grant us the fullness of your grace to lay hold of your promises and live forever in your presence; 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 65:17–25

¹⁷Watch this! I am about to create new heavens and a new earth.

The former things will not be remembered.

They will not come to mind.

¹⁸Instead, rejoice and celebrate forever, because of what I am creating.

Watch this! I am about to create Jerusalem to be a source of gladness,
and her people will be a source of joy.

¹⁹I also will be glad because of Jerusalem,
and I will rejoice over my people.
The sound of weeping will not be heard in her
again,
nor will the sound of crying.

²⁰There will never again be an infant there who lives
for only a few days,
or an elderly man who does not fill out all his days,
for one who dies at a hundred will be considered a
young man,
and one who fails to attain the age of one hundred
will be regarded as cursed.

²¹Then they will build houses and live in them.
They will plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

²²They will not build a house and have another
person live in it.

They will not plant and have another person eat the
crop,

for the days of my people will be like the days of a
tree,

and my chosen ones will enjoy all the work of their
hands.

²³They will not labor only to receive nothing,
and they will not give birth to children doomed to
disaster,

for they will be offspring who are blessed by the

LORD,
and their descendants will be with them.
²⁴Then even before they call, I will answer.
While they are still speaking, I will hear.
²⁵The wolf and the lamb will graze together,
and lions will eat straw like cattle,
but the serpent will eat dust as its food.
They will not harm or destroy anywhere on my holy
mountain,
says the LORD.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

148 Let All Praise the Name of the LORD

Psalm 148

Refrain

**Let all praise the name of the LORD.
Let all praise the name of the LORD.**

Praise the LORD from the / heavens;
praise him in the / heights above.
Praise him, all his / angels;
praise him, all his / heav'nly hosts.
Praise him, / sun and moon;
praise him, all you / shining stars. *Refrain*

Praise the LORD / from the earth,
lightning and hail, / snow and clouds,
you mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all / cedars,
wild animals and all cattle, small creatures and / flying
birds,
kings of the earth and all / nations,
young men and women, old men and / children.
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 22:1–5

¹The angel showed me the river of the water of life, which was as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and the Lamb. ²In the middle of the city's street and on each side of the river was a tree of life that yielded twelve kinds of fruit. The tree yields its fruit every month, and its leaves are for the healing of the nations.

³There will no longer be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city. His servants will worship him. ⁴They will see his face. His name will be on their foreheads. ⁵There will no longer be any night or any need for lamplight or sunlight, because the Lord

God will shine on them. And they will reign forever and ever.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(Stand)

Gospel Acclamation

Luke 20:38

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

He is not the God of the dead, but of the living,
for to him all are alive.

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 20:27–38

²⁷Some of the Sadducees (who say there is no resurrection) came to him. ²⁸They asked him a question, “Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies leaving a wife but no children, his brother should take the wife and raise up children for his brother. ²⁹So there were seven brothers. The first took a wife and died childless. ³⁰The second took her as a wife, ³¹and so did the third, and in the same way the seven died and left no children. ³²Finally the woman died too. ³³So in the resurrection, whose wife will she be? For the seven had her as a wife.”

³⁴Jesus said to them, “The people of this age marry and are given in marriage. ³⁵But those who are considered worthy to experience that age and the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. ³⁶In fact, they cannot die any more, for they are like the angels. They are sons of God, because they are sons of the resurrection.

³⁷“Even Moses showed in the account about the burning bush that the dead are raised, when he called the Lord: ‘The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.’ ³⁸He is not the God of the dead, but of the living, for all are alive to him.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

(Be seated)

882 What Joy to Join the Chorus

CW 882

1 What joy to join the chorus,
 to look in Jesus’ eyes,
 whose blood and suff’ring for us
 have opened paradise,
 where patriarchs are singing
 and prophets raise the cry,
 apostles, martyrs bringing
 all praise to God Most High!

- 2 What love will then be shown us
 when we with them appear!
They will not blush to own us
 as brothers, sisters dear.
We all shall come before him
 who for us man became,
as Lord and God adore him,
 and ever bless his name.
- 3 There lovely harps are sounding,
 upraising music's voice,
and there, in bliss abounding,
 we shall in God rejoice.
The angels shall adore im,
 all saints shall bring him praise,
and sing their hymns before him
 for joyful, endless days.
- 4 There God shall from all evil
 forever make us free,
from sin and from the devil,
 from all adversity,
from sickness, pain, and sadness,
 from troubles, cares, and fears,
and grant us heav'nly gladness
 and wipe away our tears.

Sermon

Revelation 22:1-5

Get a Glimpse of Heaven

I. Eden will be restored (1-3a)

II. We will be in God's presence (3b-5)

(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 199

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 that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock until he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy

CW 200

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts,
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.

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

**The peace of the Lord be with you always.
Amen.**

Lamb of God

CW 202

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

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

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

667 Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared

CW 667

- 1 Lord Jesus Christ, you have prepared
this feast for our salvation;
it is your body and your blood,
and at your invitation
as weary souls, with sin oppressed,
we come to you for needed rest,
for comfort, and for pardon.
- 2 Although you did to heav'n ascend,
where angel hosts are dwelling,
and in your presence they behold
your glory, all excelling,
and though your people shall not see
your glory and your majesty
till dawns the judgment morning,
- 3 Yet, Savior, you are not confined
to any habitation,
but you are present ev'rywhere
and with your congregation.
Firm as a rock this truth shall stand,
unmoved by any daring hand
or subtle craft and cunning.
- 4 We eat this bread and drink this cup,
your precious Word believing
that your true body and your blood
our lips are here receiving.

This Word remains forever true,
and there is naught you cannot do,
for you, Lord, are almighty.

5 Though reason cannot understand,
yet faith this truth embraces:
your body, Lord, is even now
at once in many places.

I leave to you how this can be;
your Word alone suffices me;
I trust its truth unfailing.

6 Lord, I believe what you have said;
help me when doubts assail me.
Remember that I am but dust,
and let my faith not fail me.
Your supper in this vale of tears
refreshes me and stills my fears
and is my priceless treasure.

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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.

O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving-kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We

thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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.

880 For All the Saints

CW 880

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!

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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Upcoming Events

Sunday 11/09/2025.....9:00 AM Communion Service
Monday 11/10/2025.....7:00 PM Communion Service
Tuesday 11/11/2025.....6:30 PM Council Meeting
Sunday 11/16/ 2025.....9:00 AM Communion Service
Monday 11/17/2025.....7:00 PM Communion Service

Attendance

Sunday Attendance: 216 MLS Choir Brunch:125
NO Monday Service No Sunday School

Our **Time** to Our Lord

November Servers

Sundays Brandon Frank, Jon Woolworth, Jared Frank,
Jake Zieroff

Nov. Communion Elder: Phil Pellar **Monday:** Jim
Heidenberger

Finance: Tom Barnett, Chris Lane, Ed Baldwin

Altar Guild: Jess Zieroff and Joanne Fall **Organist:**
Olivia Marker

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

November 9: Korthals/Baldwin November 16:

Atkins/Emling

November 23: Denniston/Marker November 30: OPEN

Our Talents to Our Lord

Operation Giving Thanks Blood Drive (at our school): The CEO has scheduled a blood drive for **Wednesday November 26, 10:00 am – 2:30 pm.** Plasma is much needed, especially during the holidays. It is our privilege to help our community and those in need. Let's make every effort to give! Further information is on the bulletin board.

Beverage Container Collection: The LES children are collecting returnable bottles and cans to raise money for items needed at their school. Please consider bringing yours in and placing them in the drop boxes in the entryway to the fellowship hall. Thank you for your donations! Further information is on the bulletin board.

Poinsettia Orders: Information for ordering poinsettias can be found in the entryway. If ordering, forms are due by November 30. You can also purchase your own and drop off to church by December 20. Please see Kerri Hubbard with any questions. Thank you!

Our Missionaries: Every female member of St. Luke's is a member of the Thumb Circuit of the LWMS (Lutheran Women's Missionary Society). It is St. Luke's turn in November to contact the missionary families assigned to our LWMS circuit. We join to encourage and remember them with prayers and/or greeting cards, letters, and if desired, gifts. Anniversaries, birthdays, and children are listed if you wish to acknowledge them. A copy of the names and addresses of the missionaries is located below the bulletin board next to the church office.



Our Treasures to Our Lord

Budgetary Gifts: \$6,193.00 Sunday School:

\$12.00

Missions: \$150.00 Gift to General Fund: \$2,000.00

Door Offering for MLS Choir: \$607.00

Michigan Lutheran Seminary News

MLS Applications Are Open: Michigan Lutheran Seminary is accepting applications for the 2026-2027 school year. If you have an 8th grader about to enter high school, or a high school student interested in transferring, visit mlsem.org and click Apply! Families who apply before November 30 will be entered into a

drawing for a \$500 tuition credit and those who apply before December 31 will be entered into a drawing for a \$250 tuition credit. For any questions, please reach out to admissions@mlsem.org.

MLS Presents: The Diary of Anne Frank: MLS Drama is pleased to present "*The Diary of Anne Frank*" on **November 15-16**. An impassioned drama about the lives of eight people hiding from the Nazis in a concealed storage attic, "*The Diary of Anne Frank*" captures the claustrophobic realities of their daily existence - their fear, their hope, their laughter, their grief. Tickets are available for purchase at www.mlsem.org starting on October 15 at 10:00 am. Showtimes are Saturday at 6:30 pm and Sunday at 3:00 pm.

MLS Christmas Concert: Michigan Lutheran Seminary invites you to attend the annual Christmas concert on **Friday, December 19 at 7 pm**. Under the theme "Christe, lux mundi," the choirs and band will perform carols such as "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear," "Silent Night," "Before the Marvel of This Night," and "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming." **Doors will open at 6:30 PM.**



*Our
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Of
HEAVEN*

The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city. His servants will worship him. ⁴They will see his face. His name will be on their foreheads. ⁵There will no longer be any night or any need for lamplight or sunlight, because the Lord God will shine on them. And they will reign forever and ever.

Revelation