

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. www.youtube.com/@stlukesvassar

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.

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Pentecost 20: October 6 & 7, 2024

763 Lord, When You Came as Welcome Guest

CW 763

1 Lord, when you came as welcome guest
to Cana's wedding feast,
the bridal pair, divinely blest,
found all their joy increased.

2 Now give your presence from above
that these, by vowing true,
may show their pledge is like the love
between the Church and you.

3 Preserve the vow these two shall make,
this circle round their life,
this golden ring that none may break
which makes them man and wife.

4 Your daily mercies let them share,
all threats of harm destroy;
by this their vow divide their care
and double all their joy.

5 On all who thus before you kneel
your joyous Spirit pour
that each may wake the other's zeal
to love you more and more.

Please stand for the final stanza

6 O grant them here in peace to live,
in faith and hope and love,

and after earthly days receive
the crown of life above.

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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)

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.

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.

Loving God and Father, the blessings of marriage and family come from your gracious pleasure and careful design. Lead all who value these gifts to follow your path of wisdom so that they may enjoy the fullness of your love; 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

Genesis 2:18–25

¹⁸The LORD God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper who is a suitable partner for him.” ¹⁹Out of the soil the LORD God had formed every wild animal and every bird of the sky, and he brought them to the man to see what he would call them. Whatever the man called every living creature, that became its name. ²⁰The man gave names to all the livestock, and to the birds of the sky, and to every wild animal, but for Adam no helper was found who was a suitable partner for him. ²¹The LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep. As the man slept, the LORD God took a rib and closed up the flesh where it had

been. ²²The LORD God built a woman from the rib that he had taken from the man and brought her to the man.

²³The man said,

Now this one is bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh.

She will be called “woman,”

because she was taken out of man.

²⁴For this reason a man will leave his father and his
mother

and will remain united with his wife,

and they will become one flesh.

²⁵They were both naked, the man and his wife, and
they were not ashamed.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

127 Unless the LORD the House Shall Build

Psalm 127

1 Unless the LORD the house shall build,
the weary builders toil in vain;
unless the LORD the city shield,
the guards a useless watch maintain.

2 In vain you rise at morning break,
in vain your latenight vigils keep,
and draining days of work partake—
those whom God loves fall fast asleep.

3 Yes, children are a great reward,
a gift from God in very truth;
as quiver full of arrows stored
are children giv'n in days of youth.

4 How blest are those whose lives are cheered
by children's growth in strength and grace.
Within their house no foes are feared,
for God keeps watch within that place.

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Second Reading

Ephesians 5:21—6:4

²¹and by submitting to one another in reverence for
Christ.

²²Wives, submit to your own husbands as to the Lord.
²³For the husband is the head of the wife, just as Christ
is the head of the church, his body, of which he himself
is the Savior. ²⁴Moreover, as the church submits to
Christ, so also wives are to submit to their husbands in
everything.

²⁵Husbands, love your wives, in the same way as
Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her ²⁶to
make her holy, by cleansing her with the washing of
water in connection with the Word. ²⁷He did this so that
he could present her to himself as a glorious church,
having no stain or wrinkle or any such thing, but so that
she would be holy and blameless. ²⁸In the same way,

husbands have an obligation to love their own wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹To be sure, no one has ever hated his own body, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, ³⁰because we are members of his body, of his flesh and of his bones. ³¹“For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will be one flesh.” ³²This is a great mystery, but I am talking about Christ and the church. ³³In any case, each one of you also is to love his wife as himself, and each wife is to respect her husband.

¹Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ²“Honor your father and mother,” which is the first commandment with a promise: ³“that it may go well with you and that you may live a long life on the earth.” ⁴Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(Stand)

Gospel Acclamation

Ephesians 5:2

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us

and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Mark 10:2–16

²Some Pharisees came to test him and asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?”

³He replied, “What did Moses command you?”

⁴They said, “Moses permitted a man to write a certificate of divorce and send her away.”

⁵But Jesus told them, “He wrote this command for you because of your hard hearts. ⁶But from the beginning of creation, God made them male and female. ⁷For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, ⁸and the two will become one flesh. So they are no longer two but one flesh.

⁹Therefore, what God has joined together, let no one separate.”

¹⁰In the house his disciples asked him about this again. ¹¹He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her. ¹²If she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”

¹³Some people began bringing little children to Jesus so that he would touch them. But the disciples rebuked them. ¹⁴When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said,

“Let the little children come to me! Do not hinder them, because the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.

¹⁵Amen I tell you: Whoever will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.” ¹⁶And he took the little children in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

(Be seated)

760 Oh, Blest the House

CW 760

1 Oh, blest the house, whate'er befall,
where Jesus Christ is all in all!

A home that is not wholly his—
how sad and poor and dark it is!

2 Oh, blest that house where faith is found
and all in hope and love abound;
they trust their God and serve him still
and do in all his holy will.

3 Oh, blest the parents who give heed
unto their children's foremost need
and weary not of care or cost.

May none to them and heav'n be lost!

4 Blest such a house, it prospers well;
in peace and joy the parents dwell,

and in their children's lives is shown
how richly God can bless his own.

5 Then here will I and mine today
a solemn promise make and say:
though all the world forsake his Word,
I and my house will serve the Lord!

Text: Christoph C. L. von Pfeil, 1712–1784, abr.; (sts. 1–2, 4–5): tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.; (st. 3): tr. Evangelical
Lutheran Hymnal, 1880, alt.

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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 God, you are worthy to receive thanks and praise from all people. You created the world and all who live in it, and in your mercy you saved us. We give thanks to you for the grace of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Though in very nature God, he took the nature of a servant and became obedient to death, even death on a cross. He offered himself as a sacrifice for sin and redeemed us from its curse and penalty. He rescued us from the terrors of death and restored eternal life with you. He conquered our enemies and gained for us the kingdom of grace and glory.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood, and lead us to remember his suffering, death, and resurrection. Forgive our sins and fill us with the hope of new life in heaven. Hear our praise and receive our thanks as we worship you—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

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.

671 Your Body, Given for Me, O Savior

CW 671

1 Your body, giv'n for me, O Savior,
your blood, which you for me have shed—
these are my life and strength forever;
by them my hungry soul is fed. (Refrain)

Ref O Jesus, may your body and your blood
be for my soul the highest good.

2 With you, Lord, I am now united;
I live in you and you in me.

In you my soul will be delighted,
as joys increase and sorrows flee. (Refrain)

3 Who can condemn me now? For surely
the Lord is near, who justifies.

No hell I fear, and thus securely
with Jesus I to heaven rise. (Refrain)

4 Tho' death may threaten with disaster,
it cannot rob me of my cheer,
for he who is of death the master
with help and strength is always near. (Refrain)

5 Thus ev'ry pain is disappearing;
one taste my heart has come to know—

of Jesus and his love endearing,
the taste that sweetens ev'ry woe. (Refrain)

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672 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

CW 672

- 1 Let all mortal flesh keep silence
and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly-minded,
for with blessing in his hand
Christ, our God, to earth descending,
comes our homage to command.
- 2 King of kings, yet born of Mary,
as of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords in human likeness,
in the body and the blood
he will give to all the faithful
his own self for heav'nly food.
- 3 Rank on rank the host of heaven
spreads its vanguard on the way
as the Light from Light, descending
from the realms of endless day,
comes the pow'rs of hell to vanquish
as the darkness clears away.
- 4 At his feet the six-winged seraph,
cherubim with sleepless eye,

veil their faces to the presence
as with ceaseless voice they cry:
“Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, Lord Most High!”

Text: tr. Gerard Moultrie, 1829–1885, alt.; Liturgy of St. James, 5th cent.

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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.

762 Lord, Bless Your Word to All the Young

CW 762

- 1 Lord, bless your Word to all the young;
let them, your truth possessing,
declare your praise with heart and tongue,
their faith in Christ confessing.
From birth your firm embrace
has held them in your grace.
Baptized into your name,
redeemed and free from blame,
as your dear children keep them.
- 2 When faced with pressure, grief, or pain,
when Satan comes alluring,
may their baptismal grace remain
a refuge reassuring.
God's promises are sure;
his mercy will endure.
They shall not be undone
who trust in Christ alone;
God is their mighty Father!

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MESSAGE BOARD

Free Advent Meditations, Last Sunday to Order: There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board by the church office. Twenty-five Advent meditations will be given to those who would like these meditations. Martin Luther College has made this offer available to our synod churches. Please sign now if you are interested, the office must order no later than Oct. 8th.

Check this out! St. Luke's updated website is new and ready for viewing at www.vassarlutherans.org! It's a great resource to share with your family, friends, and potential new members and school families. You'll find lots of information about our church and St. Luke's Lutheran School, with bulletins and sermons uploaded weekly. Don't forget to check out the monthly church and school calendar!

Operation Giving Thanks: Operation Giving Thanks will kick off Saturday, October 12th during Harvest Fest at school. It will run through Tuesday, November 26th with drop off locations at Church and at School during normal hours of operation. Our donations this year will be given to local food pantries. Donations of food, cleaning products, personal hygiene products, pet food and money are welcome.

HAPPENING SOON

Sunday 10/06

9:00 AM Communion
Worship Service

Monday 10/07

7:00 PM Communion
Worship Service

Tuesday 10/08

6:30 PM Mega Meeting

Saturday 10/12

3:00 PM HARVEST FEST AT

SCHOOL

Sunday 10/13

9:00 AM Worship Service

Monday 10/14

7:00 PM Worship Service

October Servers

October Sunday Ushers: Paul and Silas Schultz, Carter Korthals, Eric Korthals

October Communion Elder: Oct. 7th Phill Pellar, 20th Jay Newcomer

October Monday Usher: David Atkins

October Finance: Gabe Fall, Ed Baldwin, Sam Korthals

October Altar Guild: Fran Emling and Theresa Atkins

Organist: Olivia Marker

EVENT ATTENDANCE

Sunday Service: 110

Sunday School: 12

Bible Class: 35

No 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: \$3,813.00

Sunday School: \$22.00

Christian Relief Fund: \$40.00

Parking Lot Fund: \$300.00



ST. LUKE'S SCHOOL HARVEST FEST

October 12, 2024 @ 3pm

St. Luke's School • 1056 Wels Ln. Vassar



**PICKLE
EATING
CONTEST**



**HAY
RIDES**



**HOT
COCOA
STATION**



**FIRE
AND
SMORES**

Join us for an afternoon of fun and fellowship at the **St. Luke's 2024 Harvest Festival!** Enjoy a variety of exciting activities for all ages and take this great opportunity to tour the school. It's a perfect way to celebrate the season and see what makes our school special.

We look forward to seeing you there!



**EGG &
SPOON
RACE**

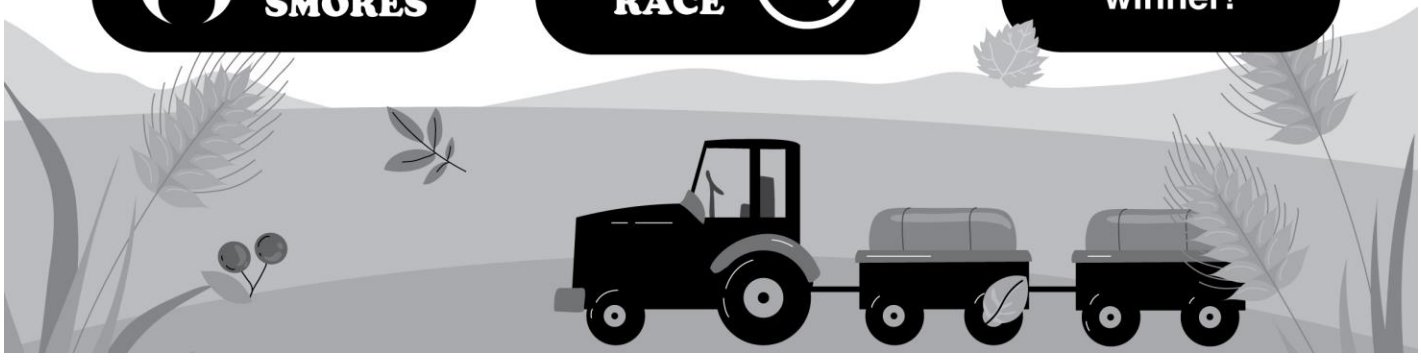


**DESSERT
BAKING
CONTEST**

**JUDGED BY
THE KIDS!**

Bring a dessert that's sure to win the votes of our kid judges.

Prize for the winner!



Harvest Fest! We look forward to everyone joining us next week, Oct 12 at 3pm for a day of fun, fellowship, and family.

Saturday, Oct 12 to do:



Bring your best dessert for the dessert contest (kids judge)



Bring your appetite: hot dogs, smores, hot chocolate, desserts, pickle eating contest



Throw on your best family flannel, we will have a fall photo

station set up with a photographer to take family pictures



Check out the book fair, and grab a new book to snuggle up with this fall



Grab you blanket and get ready to hop on the hay ride and cozy up around the bonfire



Bring non-perishable items to kick off Operation Giving Thanks food drive



Have fun! Egg and spoon race, chalk art contest, and more!

We can't wait to see you there!