

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.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 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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903 We Are Called to Stand Together

CW 903

- 1 We are called to stand together
with the saints of ages past,
with the patriarchs and prophets
in the faith they once held fast;
promises and hopes they treasured
now we find fulfilled at last!
- 2 Those whom Jesus called apostles
journeyed with him side by side,
heard his teaching, felt his power,
saw the way he lived and died;
then the news of resurrection
they delivered far and wide.

- 3 Thro' the intervening ages
 round the world the gospel spread:
 faithful heralds took the message,
 guided where the Spirit led;
 so the body grew in stature,
 serving Christ, the living head.
- 4 Now in many tongues and cultures
 songs of celebration ring;
 millions who confess our Savior
 honor him as Lord and King
 and, for courage, grace, and guidance,
 ev'ry day their prayers they bring.

Please stand for the final stanza

- 5 To each coming generation
 tell the truth, persuade, explain,
 till the time when time is ended,
 till the Savior comes again—
 till the saints are all united
 under Christ's eternal reign!

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.

O God, you form the minds of your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that among the many changes of this world, our hearts may ever yearn for the lasting joys of heaven; 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

Acts 11:1–18

¹The apostles and brothers throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles had also received the word of God.

²When Peter went up to Jerusalem, those who insisted on circumcision criticized him, ³saying, “You went to visit men who were uncircumcised and ate with them!”

⁴So Peter began to explain everything to them, point by point. He said, ⁵“I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision in which an object like a large sheet was let down from heaven by its four corners. It came right to me. ⁶When I inspected it very carefully, I saw four-footed animals of the earth, wild beasts, reptiles, and birds of the air. ⁷I also heard a voice telling me, ‘Get up, Peter! Kill and eat!’

⁸“But I replied, ‘Certainly not, Lord, for nothing impure or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’

⁹“A voice spoke from heaven a second time: ‘What God has made clean, you must not continue to call unclean.’ ¹⁰This happened three times, and then everything was pulled up into heaven again.

¹¹“At that very moment, three men who had been sent to me from Caesarea arrived at the house where we were. ¹²The Spirit told me to go with them without any hesitation. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. ¹³He told us how he saw an angel standing in his house and saying, ‘Send to Joppa and call for Simon, the one called Peter. ¹⁴He will speak words to you by which you and all your household will be saved.’

¹⁵“As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit came down on them, just as he came down on us at the beginning. ¹⁶Then I remembered how the Lord had said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ ¹⁷So if God gave them the same gift as he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I to try to stand in God's way?”

¹⁸When they heard these things, they had no further objections, and they praised God, saying, “So then, God has granted repentance that results in life also to the Gentiles!”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

145 I Will Exalt My God and King

Psalm 145

- 1 I will exalt my God and King,
and I will ever praise your name.
I will extol you ev'ry day
and evermore your praise proclaim.
You, LORD, are greatly to be praised;
your greatness is beyond all thought.
From age to age your people tell
the mighty wonders you have wrought.
- 3 The LORD our God is rich in grace,
both tender and compassionate.
His anger is most slow to rise;
his love and kindness are most great.
The LORD is good in all his ways;
his creatures know his constant care.
To all his works his love extends;
all creatures in his mercies share.

4 All you have made will praise you, LORD;
 your mighty acts your saints will show,
 till all the peoples on the earth
 the splendor of your kingdom know.
 Eternal is your kingdom, LORD,
 forever strong and ever sure;
 while generations rise and die,
 your glorious reign will still endure.

Text: Psalter, 1912, alt.

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Second Reading

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

¹If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels but do not have love, I have become a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ²If I have the gift of prophecy and know all the mysteries and have all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³If I give away everything I own, and if I give up my body that I may be burned but do not have love, I gain nothing.

⁴Love is patient. Love is kind. Love does not envy. It does not brag. It is not arrogant. ⁵It does not behave

indecently. It is not selfish. It is not irritable. It does not keep a record of wrongs. ⁶It does not rejoice over unrighteousness but rejoices with the truth. ⁷It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

⁸Love never comes to an end. But if there are prophetic gifts, they will be done away with; if tongues, they will cease; if knowledge, it will be done away with. ⁹For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part, ¹⁰but when that which is complete has come, that which is partial will be done away with. ¹¹When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put away childish things. ¹²Now we see indirectly using a mirror, but then we will see face to face. Now I know in part, but then I will know fully, just as I was fully known.

¹³So now these three remain: faith, hope, and love—and the greatest of these is love.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(Stand)

Gospel Acclamation

1 John 4:16

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

We know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love.

Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them.

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel

John 13:31–35

³¹After Judas left, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man is glorified, and God is glorified in him. ³²If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify the Son in himself and will glorify him at once.”

³³“Dear children, I am going to be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come.

³⁴“A new commandment I give you: Love one another. Just as I have loved you, so also you are to love

one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

(Be seated)

469 Welcome, Happy Morning

CW 469

1 “Welcome, happy morning!”
 age to age shall say;
 “Hell today is vanquished;
 heav’n is won today!”
 Lo, the dead is living,
 God forevermore!
 Him, their true Creator,
 all his works adore. (Refrain)

Ref “Welcome, happy morning!”
 age to age shall say;
“Hell today is vanquished;
 heav’n is won today!”

- 2 Maker and Redeemer,
 life and health of all,
God from heav'n beholding
 human nature's fall,
of the Father's Godhead
 you, the only Son,
mankind to deliver
 manhood did put on. (Refrain)
- 3 Source of all things living,
 you came down to die,
plumbed the depths of hell to
 raise us up on high.
Come, then, true and faithful,
 come, fulfill your word;
this is your third morning—
 rise, O buried Lord. (Refrain)
- 4 Free the souls long prisoned,
 bound with Satan's chain;
all that now is fallen
 raise to life again.
Show your face in brightness;

shine in ev'ry land
 as in Eden's garden
 when the world began. (Refrain)

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Sermon

Acts 11:1-18

Get Ready for Change

I. Change is scary

II. Change is a blessing

(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)

Rite of Confirmation

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 by his willing sacrifice on the cross took away the sins of the world and by his glorious resurrection restored everlasting life. 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

Blessed are you, Lord God, eternal King and gracious Father. In love you made us the crown of your creation. In mercy you planned our salvation. In grace you sent your Son to redeem us from sin.

We remember and give you thanks that your eternal Son, Jesus Christ, became flesh and made his dwelling among us, that he willingly placed himself under law to redeem those under law, that he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death on a cross, that he has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood in this Sacrament. Forgive our sins, increase our faith, strengthen our fellowship, and deepen our longing for the day when Christ will welcome us to his eternal feast.

Praise and thanks and honor and glory be to you, O God our Father, and to your Son and to the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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.

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.

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!”

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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.

521 Christ the Eternal Lord

CW 521

1 Christ the eternal Lord,
 whose promise here we claim,
 whose gifts of grace are freely poured
 on all who name your name;
 with thankfulness and praise
 we stand before your throne,
 intent to serve you all our days
 and make your glory known.

- 2 Christ the unchanging Word
to ev'ry passing age,
whose timeless teachings still are heard
set forth on Scripture's page;
transform our thought and mind,
enlighten all who read,
within your Word by faith to find
the bread of life indeed.
- 3 Christ the redeeming Son
who shares our human birth,
and by his death salvation won
for ev'ry child of earth;
inspire our hearts, we pray,
to tell your love abroad,
that all may honor Christ today
and follow him as Lord.
- 4 Christ the unfading Light
of everlasting day,
our Morning Star in splendor bright,
the Life, the Truth, the Way;
that light of truth you give

to servants as to friends,
 your way to walk, your life to live,
 till earth's brief journey ends.

5 Christ the ascended King
 exalted high above,
 whose praise unending ages sing,
 whom yet unseen we love;
 when mortal life is past
 your voice from heaven's throne
 shall call your children home at last
 to know as we are known.

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Setting Three from Christian Worship

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Bentleigh's Confirmation Passage: Deuteronomy 31:6--Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid and do not be terrified before them, because the LORD your God is going with you. He will not abandon you and he will not forsake you.

Upcoming Events

Sunday 05/18/2025.....7:00 AM Communion Service
 Monday 05.....7:00 PM No Worship Service

Thursday 05/22/2025..... 5:30 PM Women's Bible Study
 Friday 05/23/2025.....6:30 PM Euchre
 Sunday 05/25/2025.....9:00 AM Worship Service
 Monday 05/26/25.....7:00 PM Worship Service

Attendance

Sunday Service Attendance: 110

Monday Service: 15

Sunday School: 8, Bible Class: 36

Our Time to Our Lord

Pastor Absent: Following the service on the 18th, God willing, Pastor Arnold will be heading to Wisconsin for some graduation celebrations. He plans to return on Memorial Day. If you are in need of pastoral assistance during this

time, **contact Pastor Patrick Ernst at St. John's in Frankenmuth at (612)845-9152.** Pastor em. Marcus Manthey will lead our worship on Sunday the 25th. Pastor em. Paul Naumann will lead our worship on Monday the 26th.

Teachers Appreciate the Appreciation! Thank you to everyone who made Teacher Appreciation Week (TAW) special. Your gifts are greatly appreciated. Serving at St.

Luke's is a great blessing to us. ~ Mr. Chappell and Mrs. Einhardt

Meditations: The new Meditations are in. Once paid for they may be picked up at the office.

Volunteer/s Needed: Our Trustees are looking for volunteers to mow and trim at the school. If one or two of you are interested, please let Josh know. Otherwise, there is a signup sheet to volunteer on a weekly basis if you are interested. Mower, gas, and trimmer will be provided. If you have any questions, please see Josh Denniston.

From Our LWMS Reporter Deb Gorseigner: Please feel free to take any of the literature from the fellowship hall table home to read. You will find many articles, and information of interest! Once you have finished, please bring them back for the next person.

Michigan Lutheran Seminary News

St. Luke's Students: Braylin Zieroff (Junior), Phoebe Schultz (Junior),
Piper Schultz (Freshman)

Michigan Lutheran Seminary is offering many Summer Camp opportunities for our children and families. Please visit the following website for further information.

<https://www.mlsem.org/future-cardinals/summer-camps/>

MLS Commencement Concert: The Music Department of Michigan Lutheran Seminary invites you to our annual Commencement Concert on **Friday, May 23, at 7:00 PM**. Join us for an evening filled with beautiful music and celebration!

This special event will also include the recognition of scholarships and grants awarded to returning students and Martin Luther College-bound graduates, as well as farewell tributes to departing faculty and staff.

Can't make it in person? Watch the livestream on the MLS YouTube

channel: <https://www.youtube.com/@MichiganLutheranSeminary>

GERMANY TRIP 2026: Ever dreamed of traveling the world? Here's your chance! Michigan Lutheran Seminary is organizing a trip to Germany in June 2026, open to all who are interested. For more details, contact Mrs. Virginia Ash (vaa@mlsem.org) or Prof. Dan Westendorf (djw@mlsem.org), or visit educationaltravel.com/ASH-1817. We'd love for you to join us!

Our **Talents** to Our Lord

APRIL SERVERS

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

May Communion Elder: May 18th Brandon Frank,
June 1st Jay Newcomer

May Finance: Tom Barnett, Chris Lane, Ed Baldwin

May Altar Guild: Christy Poulos and Jennifer Santoviz

Organist: Olivia Marker



Our **Treasures** to Our Lord

Budgetary Gifts: \$5822.00 (This total includes services 05/05 & 05/11)

Sunday School: \$11.00