

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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492 A Few More Years Shall Roll

CW 492

The choir sings vs 1& 2, the congregation 3-5

1. A few more years shall roll,
a few more seasons come,
and we shall be with those that rest
asleep within the tomb. (Refrain)

**Ref Then, O my Lord, prepare
my soul for that blest day;
O wash me in your precious blood,
and take my sins away.**

- 2 A few more suns shall set
o'er these dark hills of time,
and we shall be where suns are not,
a far serener clime. (Refrain)
- 3 A few more storms shall beat
on this wild rocky shore,
and we shall be where tempests cease,
and surges swell no more. (Refrain)

4 A few more struggles here,
 a few more partings o'er,
 a few more toils, a few more tears,
 and we shall weep no more. (Refrain)

Please stand for the final stanza

5 'Tis but a little while
 and he shall come again,
 who died that we might live with him,
 who lives that we might reign. (Refrain)

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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.

Lord God Almighty, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit that we may always look forward to the end of this present evil age and the day of your righteous judgment. Keep us steadfast in true and living faith, and present us at last holy and blameless before you; 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

Malachi 4:1-6

¹Look! The day is coming, burning like a blast furnace. All the arrogant and every evildoer will be stubble. The day that is coming will set them on fire, says the LORD of Armies, a day that will not leave behind a root or branch for them. ²But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness will rise, and there will be healing in its wings. You will go out and jump around

like calves from the stall. ³You will trample the wicked. They will surely be ashes under the soles of your feet on the day when I take action, says the LORD of Armies.

⁴Remember the law of my servant Moses, which I commanded to him at Horeb to serve as statutes and judgments over all Israel.

⁵Look! I am going to send Elijah the prophet to you before the great and fearful day of the LORD comes! ⁶He will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers. Otherwise, I will come and strike the land with complete destruction.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

98 All the Ends of the Earth

Psalms 98

Refrain

All the ends of the earth have seen the power of God.

All the ends of the earth have seen the power of God.

Sing to the LORD a / new song,
for he has done / marv'lous things;
his right hand and his / holy arm
have worked salvation / for him.

The LORD has made his sal- / vation known
and revealed his righteousness to the / nations.

Refrain

Shout for joy to the LORD, / all the earth,
burst into jubilant song with / music.
Let the rivers / clap their hands,
let the mountains sing together / for joy;
let them sing be- / fore the LORD,
for he comes to / judge the earth.

He will judge the world in / righteousness
and the peoples with / equity.

**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 Thessalonians 1:5–10

⁵This is evidence of God's righteous verdict that resulted in your being counted worthy of God's kingdom, for which you also suffer. ⁶Certainly, it is right for God to repay trouble to those who trouble you, ⁷and to give relief to you, who are troubled along with us. When the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his powerful angels, ⁸he will exercise vengeance in flaming fire on those who do not know God and on those who

do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. ⁹Such people will receive a just penalty: eternal destruction away from the presence of the Lord and from his glorious strength, ¹⁰on that day when he comes to be glorified among his saints, and to be marveled at among all those who have believed, because our testimony to you was believed.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(Stand)

Gospel Acclamation

Revelation 2:10

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

Be faithful, even to the point of death,
and I will give you life as your victor's crown.

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 21:5–19

⁵As some were talking about the temple, how it was decorated with beautiful stones and offerings, Jesus said, ⁶“These things that you see here—the days will come when there will not be one stone left on another—every one will be thrown down.”

⁷They asked him, “Teacher, when will these things happen? And what is the sign that these things are about to happen?”

⁸He said, “Watch out so that you are not deceived! For many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am he,’ and ‘The time is near.’ Do not follow them. ⁹Whenever you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be terrified, for these things must happen first, but the end will not be right then.”

¹⁰Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. ¹¹There will be great earthquakes, famines, and plagues in various places. There will be horrifying sights and great signs from heaven. ¹²But before all these things, they will lay their hands on you and will persecute you, handing you over to synagogues and prisons, bringing you before kings and governors for my name's sake. ¹³It will turn out to be your opportunity to testify. ¹⁴So make up your minds not to prepare beforehand how to defend yourselves, ¹⁵for I will give you words and wisdom that none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶You will be betrayed even by parents, brothers, relatives, and friends. They will put some of you to death. ¹⁷You will be hated by all people for my name's sake. ¹⁸But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹By patient endurance you will gain your lives.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

(Be seated)

488 The Day Is Surely Drawing Near

CW 488

- 1 The day is surely drawing near
when Jesus, God's anointed,
shall with great majesty appear
as judge of all appointed.
All mirth and laughter then shall cease
when flames on flames will still increase,
as Scripture truly teaches.
- 2 A trumpet loud shall then resound
and all the earth be shaken.
Then all who in their graves are found
shall from their sleep awaken
and with the living in that hour,
by God's almighty, boundless pow'r,
be changed at his commanding.
- 3 A book is opened then to all,
a record truly telling
what each has done, both great and small,
when they on earth were dwelling,
and ev'ry heart be clearly seen,
and all be known as they have been
in thoughts and words and actions.
- 4 Then woe to those who scorned the Lord
and sought but carnal pleasures,
who here despised his precious Word

and loved their earthly treasures!
With shame and trembling they will stand
and at the judge's stern command
to Satan be delivered.

5 My Savior paid the debt I owe
and for my sin was smitten;
within the Book of Life I know
my name has now been written.
I will not doubt, for I am free,
and Satan cannot threaten me;
there is no condemnation!

6 O Jesus Christ, do not delay,
but hasten our salvation;
we often tremble on our way
in fear and tribulation.
Your saints are waiting patiently;
come soon, Redeemer, make us free
from ev'ry evil. Amen.

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Sermon

Luke 21:5-19

See the Signs of the Times

I. Lying signs (5-6)

II. Real signs (10-12, 16-17)

III. Comforting signs (9a, 13-15)

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

**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.

(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.

524 Rejoice, the Lord Is King

CW 524

1 Rejoice, the Lord is King!

Your Lord and King adore!

Rejoice, give thanks and sing,
and triumph evermore:

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!

Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

2 The Lord, our Savior, reigns,

the God of truth and love;

when he had purged our stains,
he took his seat above:

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!

Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

3 His kingdom cannot fail,

he rules o'er earth and heav'n;

the keys of death and hell

are to our Jesus giv'n:

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!

Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

4 Rejoice in glorious hope!
Our Lord and judge shall come
and take his servants up
to their eternal home:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

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Upcoming Events

Sunday 11/16/2025.....9:00 AM Communion Service
Monday 11/17/202.....7:00 PM Communion Service
Sunday 11/23/ 2025.....9:00 AM Worship Service
Monday 11/24/2025.....7:00 PM Worship Service

Attendance

Sunday Attendance: 85 Communed: 73 Monday
Service: 21 Communed: 17 Sunday School: 4

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 16: Atkins/Emling

November 23 Denniston/Marker

November 30: Vincent/Mecham

Our Talents to Our Lord

Christian Funeral: It has pleased our Lord to call home the soul of our brother in Christ, Joe Torrez. Our condolences to his family as we celebrate his welcome to his heavenly home!

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.

Euchre/Games Anyone? There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board, for those who intend to attend. Your signature does not commit you to each game day. We will plan on Friday evenings again.

Musical Talents: Do you have some musical abilities that could be used to enhance our worship. Please let Pastor know and he can work with you on music choices and dates



Our **Treasures** to Our Lord

Budgetary Gifts: \$5,275.75 Special Gift: \$10.00

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.**

