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TRAVEL THE ROAD
TO UNDERSTANDING

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.

Setting 2, p. 172

921 Come, Thou Almighty King

Stand

CW 921

Invocation

Confession

Silence for meditation and reflection

CW 173

Absolution

CW 173

Lord, Have Mercy

CW 174

Glory to God in the Highest

CW 176

The Word

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Gracious Father, your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread that gives life to the world. Grant that Christ, the bread of life, may live in us and we in him, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

Proverbs 9:1–6

¹Wisdom has built her house.
She has carved out her seven pillars.
²She has prepared her meat.
She has mixed her wine.
She has already set her table.
³She has sent out her servant girls.
She calls from the highest point in the city,
⁴“Whoever is naïve, let him turn in here.”
To someone who lacks sense she says,
⁵“Come, eat my food,
and drink the wine that I have mixed.
⁶Abandon your naïve ways and live.
Travel the road to understanding.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

111 LORD, I Must Praise You

Psalms 111

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 2:6–16

⁶Yet we do speak wisdom among those who are mature, but it is not a wisdom of this world or of the rulers of this world, who are being reduced to nothing. ⁷Instead we speak God's wisdom that has been hidden in mystery—before the ages, God foreordained that this wisdom would result in our glory. ⁸None of the rulers of this world knew it. (If they had known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.) ⁹But as it is written:

What no eye has seen and no ear has heard
and no human mind has conceived—
that is what God has prepared for those who love him.

¹⁰But God revealed it to us through his Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of God. ¹¹Indeed, who among men knows a man's thoughts except the man's spirit within him? So also, no one else knows God's thoughts except God's Spirit.

¹²What we received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we might know the blessings freely given to us by God. ¹³We also speak about these things, not in words taught by human wisdom, but in words taught by the Spirit, combining spiritual truths with spiritual words.

¹⁴However, an unspiritual person does not accept the truths taught by God's Spirit, because they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually evaluated. ¹⁵But the spiritual person evaluates all things, and he himself is evaluated by no one. ¹⁶Indeed, "Who has known the mind of the Lord? Who will instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

John 6:44

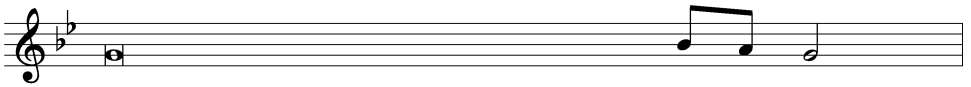


Refrain



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Tone



No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws them,



and I will raise them up at the last day.

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Gospel

John 6:35-51

³⁵"I am the Bread of Life," Jesus told them. "The one who comes to me will never be hungry, and the one who believes in me will never be thirsty. ³⁶But I said to you that you have also seen me, and you do not believe. ³⁷Everyone the Father gives me will come to me, and the one who comes to me I will never cast out. ³⁸For I have come down from heaven, not to do my will, but the will of him who sent me. ³⁹And this is the will of him who sent me: that I should lose none of those he has given me, but raise them up on the Last Day. ⁴⁰For this is the will of my Father: that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life. And I will raise him up on the Last Day."

⁴¹So the Jews started grumbling about him, because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." ⁴²They asked, "Isn't this Jesus, the son of

Joseph, whose father and mother we know? So how can he say, ‘I have come down from heaven?’”

⁴³Jesus answered them, “Stop grumbling among yourselves. ⁴⁴No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the Last Day. ⁴⁵It is written in the Prophets, ‘They will all be taught by God.’ Everyone who listens to the Father and learns from him comes to me. ⁴⁶I am not saying that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God. He is the one who has seen the Father. ⁴⁷Amen, Amen, I tell you: The one who believes in me has eternal life.

⁴⁸“I am the Bread of Life. ⁴⁹Your fathers ate manna in the wilderness, and they died. ⁵⁰This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that anyone may eat it and not die. ⁵¹I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats this bread, he will live forever. The bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

633 Speak, O Lord

CW 633

Sermon

Proverbs 9:1-6

Listen to True Wisdom

I. See what’s prepared (1-2)

II. Listen to the invitation (3-4)

III. Enjoy Wisdom’s banquet (5-6)

Stand

Nicene Creed

Be seated

Installation of Principal Michael S. Chappell (Sunday)

Prayer of the Church (Monday)

Offering

The Sacrament

Stand

Preface

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Jesus, Lamb of God

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Be seated

Distribution

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Blessing

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CW 700

Acknowledgments

Setting Two from Christian Worship

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MESSAGE BOARD

Student Registration: On Tuesday, August 20th from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM the school will be open for student registration.

Pill Bottles: St. Luke's will no longer be collecting pill bottles. A couple of us decided it was too expensive to mail and too much work. Please do **NOT** bring any more to the box under the mailboxes. Thank you to those who donated in the past.

New Job Posting: We are once again in need of a **school janitor**. This job will require 1 to 1 ½ hours of work Monday-Friday after the children have been excused for the day. Please consider. Contact Josh Denniston with any inquiries or to fill out an application. Applications can be obtained from the church office.

Job Postings at the School: School Secretary – mornings 3-5 days a week – beginning at 8:00 AM

Full job description and applications are available at the school office. For more information, please speak to John Korthals or Josh Denniston.

HAPPENING SOON

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| Sunday 08/18 | 9:00 AM Communion Worship Service |
| Monday 08/19 | 7:00 PM Communion Worship Service |
| Tuesday 08/20 | 6:00-8:00 PM Student Registration At the School |
| Sunday 08/25 | 9:00 AM Worship Service |
| Monday 08/26 | 7:00 PM Worship Service |

August Servers

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

August Monday Usher: Jim Heidenberger

August Finance: Tom Barnett, Chris Lane, Grant Barnes

August Altar Guild: Sharon Thurston, Pat Mecham

Organist: Olivia Marker

September Servers

September Sunday Ushers: Ron Nichol, Eric Kern, Justin Whitney, Jay Newcomer

September Monday Usher: Barry Mays

September Finance: Jeremy LaPratt, Nick Hubbard

September Altar Guild: Need altar guild members to split the month.

Organist: Olivia Marker

EVENT ATTENDANCE

Sunday Service: 105

Monday Service: 21

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: \$5,915.38

Memorial for Ted Proffer to Rainy Day Fund: \$100.00

Gift to School: \$35.00