

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 24: November 3 & 4, 2024

727 Where Charity and Love Prevail

CW 727

The choir will sing verses 1 & 2

The congregation will sing verses 3-6

- 1 Where charity and love prevail,
 there God is ever found;
 brought here together by Christ's love,
 by love are we thus bound.
- 2 With grateful joy and holy fear
 God's charity we learn;
let us with heart and mind and soul
 now love God in return.
- 3 Forgive we now each other's faults
 as we our faults confess;
and let us love each other well
 in Christian holiness.
- 4 Let strife among us be unknown,
 let all contention cease;
be God's the glory that we seek,
 be ours his holy peace.
- 5 Let us recall that in our midst
 dwells Christ, his only Son;
as members of his body joined,
 we are in him made one.
- 6 For love excludes no race or clan
 that names the Savior's name;

his family embraces all
whose Father is the same.

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(Stand)

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, protector of all the faithful, you alone make strong; you alone make holy. Show us your mercy and forgive our sins day by day. Guide us through our

earthly lives that we do not lose the things you have prepared for us in 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

Deuteronomy 6:1–9

¹Moses spoke as follows:

Now this is the body of commands, and these are the statutes and the ordinances that the LORD your God commanded me to teach you, so you may carry them out in the land to which you are crossing over to receive as a possession, ²so that you may fear the LORD your God by keeping all his statutes and his commandments, which I am commanding to you, as well as to your children and grandchildren, all the days of your life, and so that your days may be long.

³Listen, O Israel, and be conscientious about doing those things, so it may go well for you and so you may increase greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, just as the LORD, the God of your fathers, promised you.

⁴Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God. The LORD is one!

⁵Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. ⁶These words that I am commanding you today are to be on your heart.

⁷Teach them diligently to your children, and speak about them when you sit in your house and when you walk on the road, when you lie down and when you get up. ⁸Tie them as a sign on your wrists, and they will serve as symbols on your forehead. ⁹Write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

119A Teach Me, O LORD

Psalm 119A

Refrain

Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes.

Blessed are those whose ways are / blameless,
who walk according to the law / of the LORD.

Blessed are those who keep his / statutes
and seek him with / all their heart.

You have laid down / precepts
that are to be ful- / ly obeyed. *Refrain*

Oh, that my ways were / steadfast
in obeying / your decrees!

Then I would not be / put to shame
when I consider all / your commands.

I will praise you with an / upright heart

as I learn your / righteous laws.
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

Second Reading

Romans 13:8–14

⁸Do not owe anyone anything except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹For the commandments—do not commit adultery, do not murder, do not steal, do not covet (and if there is any other commandment)—are summed up in this statement: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰Love does no harm to a neighbor, so love is the fulfillment of the law.

¹¹And do this since you understand the present time. It is already the hour for you to wake up from sleep, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. ¹²The night is almost over, and the day is drawing near. So let us put away the deeds of darkness and put on the weapons of light. ¹³Let us walk decently as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual sin and wild living, not in strife and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not give any thought to satisfying the desires of your sinful flesh.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.
(Stand)

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 22:37

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!
Love the Lord your God with all your heart
and with all your soul and with all your mind.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 12:28–34

²⁸One of the experts in the law approached after he heard their discussion. When he saw that Jesus had answered them well, he asked Jesus, “Which commandment is the greatest of all?”

²⁹Jesus answered, “The most important is: ‘Hear, O Israel, the Lord, our God, the Lord is one. ³⁰You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.’

³¹The second is this: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.”

³²The expert in the law said to him, “Well said, teacher. You have spoken correctly on the basis of the truth that he is one, and there is no other besides him.

³³To love him with all your heart, with all your

understanding, and with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself, is more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.”

³⁴When Jesus saw that he had answered wisely, he said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” After that, no one dared to ask him any more questions.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

(Be seated)

697 May We Your Precepts, Lord, Fulfill

CW 697

1 May we your precepts, Lord, fulfill
and do on earth our Father’s will
as angels do above;
still walk in Christ, the living way,
with all your children, and obey
the law of Christian love.

2 So may we join your name to bless,
your grace adore, your pow’r confess,
to flee from sin and strife.

One is our calling, one our name,
the end of all our hopes the same:
a glorious crown of life.

3 Spirit of life, of love, and peace,
unite our hearts, our joy increase,

your gracious help supply.
To each of us the blessing give
in Christian fellowship to live,
in joyful hope to die.

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Sermon

Mark 12:28-34

True Love

I. Comes from God

II. Loves God

III. Loves our neighbor

(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

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.

675 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

CW 675

1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing
praise to our victorious King,
who has washed us in the tide
flowing from his pierced side.

Alleluia!

2 Praise we him whose love divine
gives his sacred blood for wine,
gives his body for the feast—
Christ the victim, Christ the priest.

Alleluia!

3 Where the paschal blood is poured,
death's dread angel sheathes the sword;
Israel's hosts triumphant go

thro' the wave that drowns the foe.

Alleluia!

4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed,
paschal victim, paschal bread;
with sincerity and love
eat we manna from above.

Alleluia!

5 Mighty Victim from the sky,
hell's fierce pow'rs beneath you lie.
You have conquered in the fight,
you have brought us life and light.

Alleluia!

6 Now no more can death appall,
now no more the grave enthrall;
you have opened paradise,
and your saints in you shall rise.

Alleluia!

7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!
This alone can sin destroy;
from sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,
newborn souls in you to be.

Alleluia!

8 Father, who the crown shall give,
Savior, by whose death we live,
Spirit, guide through all our days,

Three in One, your name we praise.

Alleluia!

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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.

705 Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways

CW 705

1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways
to keep his statutes still!

Oh, that my God would grant me grace
to know and do his will!

2 Order my footsteps by your Word,
and make my heart sincere;
let sin have no dominion, Lord,
but keep my conscience clear.

3 Assist my soul, too apt to stray,
a stricter watch to keep,
and should I e'er forget your way,
restore your wand'ring sheep.

4 Make me to walk in your commands—
'tis a delightful road—
nor let my head or heart or hands
offend against my God.

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Setting Three from Christian Worship

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Love God, Love Your Neighbor

MESSAGE BOARD

Operation Giving Thanks: Operation Giving Thanks kicked 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.

Happy Anniversary: David and Theresa Atkins are celebrating 39 years of wedded bliss! God's blessing on your marriage and may He see fit to give you many more.

Calling All Bakers: Cookie Exchange!!! Keep an eye on future bulletins. A date for the exchange has not yet been set but will be soon. As will more details. Start shuffling through your recipes and plan on sharing your favorite.

Kroger Community Rewards-Did you know you can financially support the school just by shopping at Kroger?

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An Evening of Music: The MLS Band and Shadows will present an evening of music on **Sunday, November 3 at 6:30 pm in the MLS chapel.** The MLS Band will play a concert of sacred music featuring familiar hymns and historical sacred music. After the MLS Band plays, Shadows will perform a pops number in preparation for the WELS Choral Festival at Illinois Lutheran High School November 8-10.

MLS Presents: A Charlie Brown Christmas: MLS Drama is pleased to present "A Charlie Brown Christmas" on November 23-24. Join Charlie Brown, Snoopy, Linus, and the gang as they discover the true meaning of Christmas. Tickets are available for purchase beginning October 15 at 10:00 am.

There will also be a COOKIE WALK at both performances. Bring a couple dozen cookies to the Commons before the show and fill a bucket with cookies to take home after the show. A freewill offering will be accepted for those.

Public Performances:

Saturday, November 23 - 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 24 3:00 p.m.

Ticket Prices:

Adults - \$10

Children (Age 3-12) - \$5

HAPPENING SOON

Sunday 11/3
Worship Service

9:00 AM Communion

10:15 AM Sunday School/Bible Class
11:15 Choir Practice

Monday 11/4
Worship Service

7:00 PM Communion

Tuesday 11/5

6:30 PM Mega Meeting

Thursday 11/7
School Teacher's Meeting

7:00 PM Sunday

Sunday 11/10

9:00 AM Worship Service

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November Servers

November Sunday Ushers: Brandon and Jared Frank, Jon Woolworth, Jacob Zieroff

November Communion Elder: Nov. 3rd: David Atkins

November Monday Usher: Jim Heidenberger

November Finance: Tom Barnett, Chris Lane, Grant Barnes

November Altar Guild: Jess Zieroff and Joanne Fall

Organist: Olivia Marker

EVENT ATTENDANCE

Sunday Service: 108

Monday Service: 28

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: \$4,043.00
Missions: \$10.00