

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.
- Large Print Hymnal Binders are available on the tract desk for those with vision difficulties.
- Personal prayers for use before church or during the week are printed on p. 255-258 in the hymnal.

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512 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

CW 512

1 All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name!

Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem
and crown him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem
and crown him Lord of all.

2 Crown him, ye martyrs of our God
who from his altar call;
extol the stem of Jesse's rod
and crown him Lord of all.

Extol the stem of Jesse's rod
and crown him Lord of all.

3 Ye seed of Israel's chosen race,
ye ransomed from the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace
and crown him Lord of all.
Hail him who saves you by his grace
and crown him Lord of all.

4 Ye Gentile sinners, ne'er forget
the wormwood and the gall;
go spread your trophies at his feet
and crown him Lord of all.
Go spread your trophies at his feet
and crown him Lord of all.

5 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe
on this terrestrial ball
to him all majesty ascribe
and crown him Lord of all.
To him all majesty ascribe
and crown him Lord of all.

Please stand for the final stanza

6 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng
we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song
and crown him Lord of all.
We'll join the everlasting song
and crown him Lord of all.

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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.

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.

Eternal God, merciful Father, you have appointed your Son as judge of the living and the dead. Enable us to wait for the day of his return with our eyes fixed on the kingdom prepared for your own from the foundation of the world; 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

Habakkuk 1:1–3; 2:1-4

¹The threatening oracle which the prophet Habakkuk saw.

²How long, LORD, must I cry for help, but you do not listen?

I call out to you, “Violence!” but you do not save!

³Why do you cause me to see injustice?

Why do you overlook misery?

Devastation and violence confront me.

There is strife, and tensions rise.

¹I will stand at my watch post and station myself on the city wall. I will look to see what he will say to me, and what answer he will give to my complaint.

²Then the LORD answered me. He said:

Record the vision and write it plainly on tablets so that a herald may run with it.

³Indeed, the vision is waiting for the appointed time. It longs for fulfillment and will not prove false. If it seems slow in coming, wait for it, because it will certainly come and will not be delayed.

⁴Look, his soul is puffed up and is not righteous within him

—but the righteous one will live by his faith.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Refrain

Remember your mercy, O LORD; remember your mercy and love.

Out of the depths I cry to / you, LORD;

Lord, / hear my voice.

Let your ears be at- / tentive

to my cry for / mercy.

If you, LORD, kept a record of sins, Lord, / who could stand?

But with you there is forgiveness, so that we can, with reverence, / serve you. *Refrain*

I wait for the LORD, my whole / being waits,

and in his word I / put my hope.

I wait for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the / morning,

more than watchmen wait for the / morning.

Israel, put your hope / in the LORD,

for with the LORD is unfailing love and with him is full re- / demption.

He himself will redeem / Israel

from / all their sins.

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

Revelation 22:6–13

⁶The angel said to me, “These words are faithful and true. The Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, sent his angel to show his servants what must soon take place.”

⁷“And look: I am coming soon! Blessed is the one who holds on to the words of the prophecy of this book.”

⁸I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. When I heard and saw them, I bowed down to worship at the feet of the angel who showed me these things.

⁹But he said to me, “Do not do it! I am a fellow servant with you and your brothers the prophets, and also with those who hold on to the words of this book. Worship God!”

¹⁰The angel also said to me:
Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book,
because the time is near.

¹¹Let the one who is unjust continue to be unjust.
Let the one who is filthy continue to be filthy.
Let the one who is just continue to do what is just.
Let the one who is holy continue to be holy.

¹²Look, I am coming soon and my reward is with me, to repay each one according to what he has done. ¹³I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(Stand)

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 24:42

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Therefore keep watch,

because you do not know on what day your Lord will come.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Luke 12:35–40

³⁵“Be dressed, ready for service, and keep your lamps burning. ³⁶Be like people waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, so that when he comes and knocks they can immediately open the door for him. ³⁷Blessed are those servants, whom the master will find watching when he comes. Amen I tell you: He will dress himself and have them recline at the table, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸Even if he comes in the second or third watch, they will be blessed if he finds

them alert. ³⁹But know this: If the master of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into. ⁴⁰You also be ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour when you are not expecting him.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

(Be seated)

487 Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending

CW 487

- 1 Lo! He comes with clouds descending,
once for ev’ry sinner slain;
thousand thousand saints attending
swell the triumph of his train:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Christ reveals his endless reign.
- 2 Ev’ry eye shall now behold him
robed in glorious majesty;
those who set at naught and sold him,
pierced and nailed him to the tree,
deeply wailing, deeply wailing, deeply wailing,
shall their true Messiah see.
- 3 Those dear tokens of his passion
still his dazzling body bears,
cause of endless exultation

to his ransomed worshipers.
With what rapture, with what rapture, with what
rapture,

gaze we on those glorious scars!

4 Yea, amen, let all adore thee
high on thine eternal throne;
Savior, take the pow'r and glory,
claim the kingdom as thine own.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou shalt reign, and thou alone!

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Sermon

Habakkuk 1:1-3, 2:1-4

The Eternal Question: Why?

I. People ask it (1:1-3)

II. God has the answer (2:2-3)

III. Faith doesn't ask it (2:1,4)

(Stand)

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

**and is seated at the right hand of God the
Father Almighty.**

**From there he will come to judge the living and
the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

(Be seated)

Prayer of the Church

**To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be
praise and honor and glory and power for ever and ever!
Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory.**

You are worthy, O Christ our King, to receive honor and glory and praise, for you created all things and by your will they were created and have their being.

Alleluia! For our Lord God Almighty reigns!

You are worthy, O Christ our King, to receive honor and glory and praise because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased us for God. From every tribe and language and people and nation, you have called us into your kingdom and have made us priests to serve you, our God and Father.

Help us live as royal priests.

We give thanks to you, O Christ our Shepherd-King, because you have searched for us and found us. Lead us to the green pastures and quiet waters of your saving love, so that we may enjoy peace and comfort for our souls.

Heal our hearts when they are broken with sin and guilt. Strengthen us when we are weak.

We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, because you have taken your great power and have begun to reign. Come with your mighty power to break and defeat every evil plan and purpose of the devil, of the ungodly influences and ideas of the world, and of our own sinful nature. Use your power to calm the unrest among nations and peoples so that your kingdom may spread and grow.

Strengthen our confidence in knowing that your kingdom will never be destroyed.

O Christ our King, you have supremacy over all. You will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples with equity. You have destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. Reign in our hearts that we may serve you more faithfully and speak more boldly to others of your saving love.

Praise be to the Lord God, who alone does marvelous deeds. May the whole earth be filled with his glory.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

Look, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him. The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he will reign for ever and ever, King of kings and Lord of lords.

The Lord God Almighty reigns! Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! Amen.

Offering

- 1 “Wake, awake, for night is flying,”
the watchmen on the heights are crying;
 “awake, Jerusalem, arise!”
Midnight hears the welcome voices
and at the thrilling cry rejoices:
 “Oh, where are all you virgins wise?
The Bridegroom comes, awake!
Your lamps with gladness take!
Alleluia!
With bridal care
yourselves prepare
to meet the Bridegroom, who is near.”
- 2 Zion hears the watchmen singing,
and all her heart with joy is springing;
 she wakes, she rises from her gloom.
For her Lord comes down all-glorious,
the strong in grace, in truth victorious;
 her star is ris’n, her light is come.
Now come, O Blessèd One,
Christ Jesus, God’s own Son.
Hail! Hosanna!
We enter all
the marriage hall
to eat the Supper at your call.

3 Now let all the heav'ns adore you,
let saints and angels sing before you
with harp and cymbal's clearest tone.
Of one pearl each shining portal,
where, dwelling with the choir immortal,
we gather round your radiant throne.
No vision ever brought,
no ear has ever caught
such great glory;
therefore will we
in victory
sing hymns of praise eternally.

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(Stand)

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.**

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.

513 In You Is Gladness

CW 513

1 In you is gladness
amid all sadness,
Jesus, sunshine of my heart.
By you are given
the gifts of heaven,
you the true Redeemer are.
Our souls are waking,
our bonds are breaking;
who trusts you surely
has built securely
and stands forever. Alleluia!
Our hearts are pining
to see your shining,

dying or living
to you are clinging
now and forever. Alleluia!

2 If he is ours,
we fear no powers,
not of earth or sin or death.
He sees and blesses
in worst distresses;
he can change them with a breath.
Wherefore the story
tell of his glory
with hearts and voices;
all heav'n rejoices
in him forever. Alleluia!
We shout for gladness,
win over sadness,
love him and praise him
and still shall raise him
glad hymns forever. Alleluia!

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Upcoming Events

Sunday 11/23/2025.....9:00 AM Worship Service
Monday 11/24/2025.....7:00 PM Worship Service
Tuesday 11/25/2025..... Noon Thanksgiving
Luncheon in the Fellowship Hall
Wednesday 11/26/202.....10:00-2:30 PM Blood Drive
At the school
Thursday 11/27/2020....9:00 AM Thanksgiving Day Service
Sunday 11/30/ 2025.....9:00 AM Worship Service
Christmas Decorating following Sunday School
Monday 12/01/2025.....7:00 PM Worship Service

Attendance

Sunday Attendance: 95 Communed: 80 Monday
Service: 25 Communed:22 Sunday School: 4

Our **Time** to Our Lord

December Servers

Sundays John Solgat, Nate Rupprecht, Mike Hecht,
Grant Barnes

Monday: Barry Mays

Finance: Jeremy LaPratt, Nick Hubbard, Ed Newsome

Altar Guild: Marian Whitney, Teenia Rose, Pat
Mecham

Organist: Olivia Marker

Sunday Morning Bible Class: History of the WELS Snack Volunteers

November 23: Denniston/Marker

Time to update our Sunday Snack Calendar!

Our Talents to Our Lord

Christmas Caroling: What a delight. Christmas Caroling has returned to St. Luke's!!! Following the Cookie Crunch on December 21st we will leave from the church. The members we will visit will have been contacted and times of visit arranged. Music sheets will be prepared and available. Share your joy!

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**. 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. 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 to show love to our missionaries in November. 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: \$4,525.00 Rainy Day Fund:
\$10.00
Sunday School: \$3.00

EVENTS AND DATES TO REMEMBER

Thanksgiving Luncheon November 25th
Noon Fellowship Hall

Church Decorating November 30th-Following the Service

Soup and Bread Supper-December 10th 5:15 PM

Midweek Advent Service: December 10th 6:30 PM

Children's Christmas Service Practice-December 20th
10:00 AM – 12:30 PM

Children's Christmas Service-9:00 AM December 21

Cookie Crunch/Christmas Caroling-December 21st
(Following the Children's Service)

Christmas Eve Song Service-6:30 PM

Christmas Day Communion Service-9:00 AM

