

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.

Please note: the Sunday service is being recorded and streamed on YouTube.

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Setting 2: pg. 172

905 Good News of God Above

CW 905

1 Good news of God above
is ours to tell abroad,
the Father's everlasting love
in Christ the risen Lord.
For neighbors near and far
the seed of life is sown;
then spread the seed by word and deed
to make the Savior known.

2 The love of Christ proclaim,
 who left his home on high;
to live our human life he came,
 our human death to die.

The Father's only Son
 became the sinners' friend,
our lot to share, our sin to bear,
 and death's dominion end.

3 The Lord of glory lives!
 From cross and death and grave
his own abundant life he gives
 to those he died to save.
His righteousness and peace
 declare from sea to sea;
his praises sound the world around
 for Christ has made us free.

Please stand for the final stanza

4 Hear now the Master's word
 to those who bear his name:
"So send I you," till all have heard,
 "make known, declare, proclaim!"
Go forth in all the earth;
 embrace the path he trod
with Christ beside as friend and guide
 to bring good news of God.

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.

Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love; and that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; 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

Isaiah 66:18–24

¹⁸As for me, because of their works and their thoughts,
the time is coming for me to gather people from all nations and all languages.

They will come, and they will see my glory.

¹⁹Then I will set up a sign among them,
and I will send out survivors from among them to the nations,
to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, to those who are archers,
to Tubal and Javan, to the distant coastlands,
who have not heard my message and have not seen my glory.

Then they will declare my glory among the nations.

²⁰Then they will bring all your brothers from all the nations as an offering to the LORD. They will bring them on horses and chariots and wagons and mules and dromedaries to my holy mountain Jerusalem, says the LORD, in the same way that the people of Israel bring an offering in a clean vessel to the LORD's house. ²¹Even

from among these people I will take priests and Levites, says the LORD.

²²For just as the new heavens and the new earth that I am making will remain standing before me, declares the LORD, in the same way your offspring and your name will stand. ²³As often as one new moon follows another and one Sabbath follows another, all flesh will come to worship before me, says the LORD.

²⁴They will go out, and they will see the corpses of the ones who were rebelling against me, for their worm will not die, and their fire will not be quenched, and all flesh will be horrified by them.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

103 The LORD Is Kind and Merciful

Psalms 103

Refrain

The LORD is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.

Praise the LORD, / my soul;

all my inmost being, praise his / holy name—
who forgives / all your sins

and heals all your dis- / eases,
who redeems your life / from the pit

and crowns you with love and com- / passion,
who satisfies your desires / with good things
so that your youth is renewed like the / eagle's.

Refrain

The LORD is compassionate and / gracious,
slow to anger, abound- / ing in love.
He does not treat us as our / sins deserve
or repay us according to our in- / iquities.
For as high as the heavens are a- / bove the earth,
so great is his love for those who / fear him;
as far as the east is / from the west,
so far has he removed our transgressions / from us.
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

Hebrews 12:18–24

¹⁸You have not come to a mountain that can be
touched and to burning fire, to darkness, to gloom, to a
raging storm, ¹⁹to the sound of a trumpet, and to a voice
that spoke. Those who heard the voice asked that not
one more word be added, ²⁰because they could not
endure what was commanded: “If even an animal

touches the mountain, it must be stoned.” ²¹The sight was so terrifying that even Moses said, “I am trembling with fear.”

²²Instead, you have come to Mount Zion, the city of the living God; to the heavenly Jerusalem; to tens of thousands of angels in joyful assembly; ²³to the church of the firstborn whose names are written in heaven; to God, who is the judge of all; to the spirits of righteous people who have been made perfect; ²⁴to Jesus, the mediator of a new testament; and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better message than the blood of Abel.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(Stand)

Gospel Acclamation

Luke 13:29

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

People will come from east and west and north and south,

and will take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Luke 13:22–30

²²He went on his way from one town and village to another, teaching, and making his way to Jerusalem.

²³Someone said to him, “Lord, are only a few going to be saved?”

He said to them, ²⁴“Strive to enter through the narrow door, because many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able. ²⁵Once the master of the house gets up and shuts the door, you will begin to stand outside and knock on the door, saying, ‘Lord, open for us!’ He will tell you in reply, ‘I don't know you or where you come from.’ ²⁶Then you will begin to say, ‘We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.’ ²⁷And he will say, ‘I don't know where you come from. Depart from me, all you evildoers.’ ²⁸There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth when you see Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, but you yourselves thrown outside. ²⁹People will come from east and west, from north and south, and will recline at the table in the kingdom of God. ³⁰And note this: Some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

(Be seated)

- 1 Seek where you may
 to find a way
 that leads to your salvation.
My heart is stilled,
on Christ I build,
 he is the one foundation.
His Word is sure,
his works endure;
 he overthrows
 all evil foes;
through him I more than conquer.
- 2 Seek whom you may
 to be your stay,
 none can redeem another.
All helpers failed;
this man prevailed,
 the God-man, Christ our brother.
This Servant-Lord
our life restored;
 we're justified,
 for he has died,
the guiltless for the guilty.
- 3 Seek him alone
 who did atone,
 who did your souls deliver.

O seek him first,
all you who thirst
for grace that fails you never.
In ev'ry need
seek him indeed;
to ev'ry heart
he will impart
his blessings without measure.

4 My heart's delight,
my crown most bright,
O Christ, you are forever.
Not wealth or pride
or fortune's tide
our bond of love shall sever.
You are my Lord;
your precious Word
shall light my way
each daunting day.
O teach me, Lord, to trust you!

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Sermon

Luke 13:22-30

Enter through the Narrow Door

I. Strive to enter (22-24a)

II. Many won't make it (24b-28a)

III. Some will make it (28b-30)

(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

Offering

840 All Men Living Are But Mortal

CW 840

- 1 All men living are but mortal
and will surely fade as grass;
only through death's gloomy portal
to eternal life we pass.
When this body here has perished,
then will heav'nly joys be cherished
where the saints, in glorious dress,
live and reign in righteousness.
- 2 Therefore, when my God shall choose it,
willingly I'll yield my life,
nor will grieve that I should lose it,
with its sorrow, pain, and strife.
In my dear Redeemer's merit
peace has found my troubled spirit,

and in death my comfort this:
Jesus' death my source of bliss.

3 Jesus for my sake descended
my salvation to obtain:
death and hell for me are ended,
peace and hope are now my gain.
With great joy I leave earth's sadness
for the home of heav'nly gladness,
where I shall forever see
God, the Holy Trinity.

4 There is joy beyond our telling,
where so many saints have gone;
thousands, thousands, there are dwelling,
worshiping before the throne.
There the angel hosts are shining,
evermore in chorus joining:
"Holy, holy, holy, Lord!
Triune God, by all adored!"

5 Patriarchs of sacred story
and the prophets there are found;
twelve apostles, bright with glory,
on twelve seats are there enthroned.
All the saints that have ascended
age on age, through time extended,
there in blissful concert sing
hallelujahs to their King.

(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.

- 6 O Jerusalem, how glorious
are your heav'nly mansions fair!
I can hear the tones victorious
ever sweetly sounding there.
Oh, the bliss that there surprises!
Look, my soul, the sun now rises,
and the breaking day I see
that shall never end for me.
- 7 Now I see what here was told me,
see that wondrous glory shine,
feel the spotless robes enfold me,
know a golden crown is mine.
Thus before the throne so glorious
now I stand, a soul victorious,
filled with purest joy and peace
that in Christ shall never cease.

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Upcoming Events

Sunday 08/24/2025.....9:00 AM Worship Service
Monday 08/25/2025.....8:30 AM First Day of School
Monday 08/25/2025.....7:00 PM Worship Service
Tuesday 08/26/202.....7:00 PM CEO meeting in room 4
Thursday 08/28/2025.....5:30 PM Women's Bible Study
Sunday 08/31/2025.....9:00 AM Worship Service
Monday 09/01/25/2025.....7:00 PM Worship Service

**Please Note: The office will be closed Friday, August
29th.**

Attendance

Sunday Service Attendance: 70, Communed: 61
Monday Service: 29, Communed: 25

Our Time to Our Lord

August Servers

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

Monday: Jim Heidenberger

August Finance: Tom Barnett, Chris Lane, Ed Baldwin

August Altar Guild: Sharon Thurston, Judy Chappell

Organist: Olivia Marker

September Servers

Sundays Ron Nichol, Justin Whitney, Jay Newcomer

Monday: Barry Mays

Finance: Jeremy LaPratt, Nick Hubbard, Ed Newsome

Altar Guild: Need Altar Guild Help

Organist: Olivia Marker

Our Talents to Our Lord

Meeting Notice – Ushers and Financial Secretary

Teams: There will be a **mandatory (strongly encouraged)** meeting for **all ushers, the financial secretary, and assistants** immediately **after church on Sunday, September 7th.**

Opening the School 2025-2026: The CEO would like to invite all congregation members to attend our first day of school opening chapel on **Monday, August 25th at 8:30 am** at the school. All are welcome to join us for a light breakfast and a healthy serving of God's word as we kick off another year filled with His blessings on our school.

Altar Flowers: The beautiful altar flowers have been given by David and Theresa Atkins in celebration of their August birthdays. May God continue to bless and enrich their lives!"

Altar Guild: As we've discussed in the past,
there are still dates where help is needed.
Please take a moment to check the schedule in
the Fellowship Hall and sign up for any dates
that work for you.

Thank you for your continued service!

~ The Altar Guild Chairperson

**Brothers and Sisters: Prayerfully consider
joining our team!!!**



Our Treasures to Our Lord

Budgetary Gifts: \$3,956.00

Gift to General Fund: \$2,000.00

Memorial for Ted Proffer (Passed 11 years ago): \$110.00

These totals represent services 08/11 & 08/17

 **Sunday School & Bible Class Invitation** 

**Let the fellowship, the digging into Scripture, and the
fun begin!**

**Join us Sunday, September 14th, immediately following
the Sunday service, for the kickoff of our Sunday School
and Bible Class.**

All are welcome — come ready to grow, learn, and enjoy
this time together in God's Word!

Michigan Lutheran Seminary News

St. Luke's students at MLS: Phoebe Schultz-senior, Braylin Zieroff -senior, Piper Schultz-sophomore and Bentleigh Goss-freshman (former LES student from St. Paul's Mayville)

Braylin plays on the Varsity Football team

Phoebe and Piper run cross country

Their schedules are on the MLS bulletin board!

MLS Opening Service: Please join us on August 23, 2025, at 3:30 pm in the MLS Chapel as we begin the 2025-26 school year by asking for the Lord's blessing! We will also install our new faculty members, Alison Foxen & Emma Pufahl. For those who can't be there in-person we will be streaming the service live on our YouTube

channel, youtube.com/@MichiganLutheranSeminary.

MLS JR CARDINALS FLAG FOOTBALL LEAGUE:

Registration is now open for the 2025 Jr. Cardinals Flag Football League, open to students in grades 1-5 from a WELS/ELS church or school. The season runs September 10-October 18, with Wednesday evening practices and Saturday morning games, coached by members of the MLS JV and Varsity teams. Cost is \$45 before August 31 and \$50 from September 1-9. Each player receives an MLS Flag Football shirt, mouth guard, and a chance to be introduced at halftime of the varsity football game on October 24.
