

Pentecost Sunday: May 19 and 20, 2024

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 3, p. 188

1 Come, O come, life-giving Spirit,
God from all eternity!

May your power never fail us;
dwell within us constantly.

Then shall truth and life and light
banish all the gloom of night.

2 Show us, Lord, the path of blessing;
when we trespass on our way,
cast, O Lord, our sins behind you
and be with us day by day.

Should we stray, O Lord, recall;
work repentance when we fall.

3 Spirit, guard our faith forever;
let not Satan, death, or shame
ever part us from our Savior.

Lord, our refuge is your name!
When our hearts oppose your will,
let your Word prove stronger still.

4 And when life's frail thread is breaking,
then assure us more and more,

as the heirs of life unending,
of the glory there in store,
glory never yet expressed,
glory of the saints at rest.

Text: tr. Charles W. Schaeffer, 1813–1896, alt.; Heinrich Held, 1620–1659, abr.

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(Stand)

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.

Holy Spirit, God and Lord, come to us this joyful day with your sevenfold gift of grace. Rekindle in our hearts the holy fire of your love that in a true and living faith we may tell abroad the glory of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Father, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

(Be seated)

The hand of the LORD was upon me. He brought me out by the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley, which was full of bones. ²He had me pass through them and go all over among them. There were very many on the valley floor, and they were very dry.

³He said to me, “Son of man, can these dry bones live?” I answered, “LORD God, you know.” ⁴Then he said to me, “Prophesy to these bones and say to them, ‘Dry bones, hear the word of the LORD.’”

⁵This is what the LORD God says to these bones.

I am about to make breath enter you so that you will live. ⁶I will attach tendons to you. I will put flesh back on you. I will cover you with skin and put breath in you, and you will live. Then you will know that I am the LORD.

⁷So I prophesied as I had been commanded, and as I was prophesying there was a noise, a rattling, as the bones came together, one bone connecting to another. ⁸As I watched, tendons were attached to them, then flesh

grew over them, and skin covered them. But there was no breath in them.

⁹Then he said to me, “Prophecy to the wind. Prophecy, son of man, and say to the wind that this is what the LORD God says. From the four winds, come, O wind, and breathe into these slain so that they may live.”

¹⁰So I prophesied as he commanded me. Breath entered them, and they came back to life. They stood on their feet, a very, very large army.

¹¹Then he said to me, “Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They are saying, ‘Our bones are dried up. Our hope is lost. We have been completely cut off.’ ¹²Therefore, prophesy and say to them that this is what the LORD God says. My people, I am going to open your graves and raise you up from your graves and bring you back to the soil of Israel. ¹³Then you will know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and raise you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴I will put my Spirit in you, and you will live. I will settle you on your own land, and you will know that I, the LORD, have spoken, and I have done it, declares the LORD.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Refrain

LORD, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

How many are your / works, LORD!

In wisdom you / made them all.

All creatures / look to you

to give them their food at the / proper time.

When you give it to them, they gather / it up;

when you open your hand, they are satisfied / with good things. *Refrain*

May the glory of the LORD endure for- / ever;

may the LORD rejoice / in his works—

he makes winds his / messengers,

flames of fire his / servants.

I will sing to the LORD / all my life;

I will sing praise to my God as long / as I live.

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

Acts 2:1–21

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ²Suddenly a sound like the rushing of a violent wind came from heaven, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³They saw divided tongues that were like fire resting on each one of them. ⁴They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, since the Spirit was giving them the ability to speak fluently.

⁵Now there were godly Jewish men from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶When this sound was heard, a crowd came together and was confused, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. ⁷They were completely baffled and said to each other, “Look, are not all these men who are speaking Galileans? ⁸Then how is it that each of us hears them speaking in his own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, and of Judea, Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt, and the parts of Libya around Cyrene; visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes; ¹¹Cretans

and Arabs—we hear them declaring in our own languages the wonderful works of God.” ¹²They were all amazed and perplexed. They kept saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³But others mocked them and said, “They are full of new wine.”

¹⁴Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and spoke loudly and clearly to them: “Men of Judea, and all you residents of Jerusalem, understand this, and listen closely to my words. ¹⁵These men are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only the third hour of the day. ¹⁶On the contrary, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

¹⁷This is what God says will happen in the last days:
I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh.

Your sons and your daughters will prophesy.

Your young men will see visions.

Your old men will dream dreams.

¹⁸Even on my servants, both men and women,
I will pour out my Spirit in those days,
and they will prophesy.

¹⁹I will show wonders in the sky above,
and signs on the earth below,
blood and fire and a rising cloud of smoke.

²⁰The sun will be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood
before the coming of the great and glorious day of
the Lord.

²¹And this will happen: Everyone who calls on the
name of the Lord will be saved.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(Stand)

Gospel Acclamation

Antiphon for Pentecost

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people,
and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

John 15:26–27; 16:4b–11

“When the Counselor comes, whom I will send to you
from the Father—the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from
the Father—he will testify about me. ²⁷And you also are
going to testify, because you have been with me from
the beginning.”

^{16:4}“...I did not tell you these things from the beginning, because I was with you.

⁵“But now I am going away to him who sent me, and not one of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ ⁶Yet because I have told you these things, sorrow has filled your heart. ⁷Nevertheless, I am telling you the truth: It is good for you that I go away. For if I do not go away, the Counselor will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸When he comes, he will convict the world about sin, about righteousness, and about judgment: ⁹about sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will no longer see me; ¹¹about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

(Be seated)

585 Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord

CW 585

1 Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord!
May all your graces be outpoured

on each believer's mind and heart;
your fervent love to them impart.
Lord, by the brightness of your light
you gather and in faith unite
your Church from ev'ry land and tongue:
this to your praise, O Lord our God, be sung.

Alleluia, alleluia!

2 Come, holy Light, guide divine,
and cause the Word of life to shine.

Teach us to know our God aright
and call him Father with delight.

From ev'ry error keep us free;
let none but Christ our master be
that we in living faith abide,
in him, our Lord, with all our might confide.

Alleluia, alleluia!

3 Come, holy Fire, comfort true,
grant us the will your work to do
and in your service to abide;
let trials turn us not aside.

Lord, by your pow'r prepare each heart,

and to our weakness strength impart
that bravely here we may contend,
through life and death to you, our Lord, ascend.

Alleluia, alleluia!

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Sermon

John 15:26-27, 16:4b-11

Jesus Sends the Counselor

I. To comfort his disciples (26-27, 4b-7)

II. To convict the world (8-11)

(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 183

It is truly good and right . . . and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy

CW 184

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power, God of might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord God, you are worthy to receive thanks and praise from all people. You created the world and all who live in it, and in your mercy you saved us. We give thanks to you for the grace of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Though in very nature God, he took the nature of a servant and became obedient to death, even death on a cross. He offered himself as a sacrifice for sin and redeemed us from its curse and penalty. He rescued us

from the terrors of death and restored eternal life with you. He conquered our enemies and gained for us the kingdom of grace and glory.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood, and lead us to remember his suffering, death, and resurrection. Forgive our sins and fill us with the hope of new life in heaven. Hear our praise and receive our thanks as we worship you—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

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.

Jesus, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.

Jesus, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.

Jesus, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us your 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.

- 1 O day full of grace that now we see
appearing on earth's horizon,
bring light from our God that we may be
replete in his joy this season.
God, shine for us now in this dark place;
your name on our hearts emblazon.
- 2 O day full of grace, O blessed time,
our Lord on the earth arriving;
then came to the world that light sublime,
great joy for us all retrieving,
for Jesus all mortals did embrace,
all darkness and shame removing.
- 3 For Christ bore our sins, and not his own,
when he on the cross was hanging,
and then he arose to claim his throne
that we, unto him belonging,
might join with angelic hosts to raise
our voices in endless singing.
- 4 God came to us then at Pentecost,
his Spirit new life revealing,

that we might no more from him be lost,
all darkness for us dispelling.

His flame will the mark of sin efface
and bring to us all his healing.

5 When we on that final journey go
that Christ is for us preparing,
we'll gather in song, our hearts aglow,
all joy of the heavens sharing,
and walk in the light of God's own place,
with angels his name adoring.

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589 Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid

CW 589

1 Creator Spirit, by whose aid
the world's foundations first were laid,
come, visit ev'ry humble mind;
come, pour your joys on humankind.

From sin and sorrow set us free;
may we your living temples be.

2 O Source of light, our Counselor,
the Father's help to us assure.

Come down, as promised, with your fire,
and hearts with heav'nly love inspire.

Your sacred, healing message bring
to sanctify us when we sing.

3 Giver of grace, descend from high
in answer to our earnest cry.

Help us eternal truths receive
and practice all that we believe.

Give us your wisdom that we see
the glory of the Trinity.

4 Immortal honor, endless fame,
attend th' _almighty Father's name;
the Savior-Son be glorified,
who for all humankind has died;
and equal adoration rise
to you, O Spirit, in the skies.

Text: tr. John Dryden, 1631-1700, alt.; attr. Rhabanus Maurus, 776-856, abr.

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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.

We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet you have given us in this Sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit, help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, 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.

1 Holy Spirit, light divine,
shine upon this heart of mine;
chase the gloom of night away,
turn the darkness into day.

2 Holy Spirit, love divine,
cleans this guilty heart of mine;
in your mercy pity me,
from sin's bondage set me free.

3 Holy Spirit, joy divine,
cheer this saddened heart of mine;
fill me with your heav'nly peace,
let it grow and still increase.

4 Holy Spirit, pow'r divine,
dwell within this heart of mine;
cast down ev'ry idol throne,
reign supreme and reign alone.

5 Holy Spirit, fill my heart,
cleans my life in ev'ry part;
your own temple I would be
now and for eternity.

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Message Board

Teacher's Aid Position filled! It is with great excitement we announce that Vicki Rupprecht has accepted the position of Teachers Aide at St. Lukes for the 2024-2025 school year!

Names and Addresses: The celebration committee is looking for former LES grads. It will be great if we are able to contact as many graduates as possible. If you know of names and addresses for these former students, please send them to Cori Einhardt. You may use her church mailbox.

Sign-up Sheets: Sign-up sheets are posted for foods for the Lange's Ministry Celebration Send-Off. Hot sides, fruit, salads, rolls, and desserts are needed. Meat, drinks, and paper products will be supplied. **June 9th is the celebration date.**

Celebration! Please join others in planning the retirement party for John and Cyn Lange. Meeting will follow **Bible class today, May 19th**.

MLS Commencement Concert: The annual Commencement Concert is next Friday, May 24 at 7:00 p.m. at Michigan Lutheran Seminary. Enjoy an evening of song as MLS wraps up another year of blessings. You won't want to miss this fun night of homegrown classics from artists like Elvis, Sinatra, and Cash!

Please Check the Meditations List in the fellowship hall. We are still waiting on a few to pay for their subscription.

WHOSHIP SERVICE TIME CHANGE!!! On June 9th the Ministry Celebration for the Lange's will be this: **the worship service will begin at 10:00 AM**, following the service we will gather in the fellowship hall for coffee and light treats, then, the meal begins at noon at St. Luke's Lutheran School. In the event of foul weather, we will remain in the fellowship hall for lunch.

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 Mr. Lange, John Korthals, or Josh Denniston.

INTERESTED IN HELPING AT ST. LUKE'S? There are numerous ways you can serve your Savior at St. Luke's Lutheran Church. We need assistance with preparing the altar for worship, managing our Facebook page, updating our website, mowing the church and school grounds, and weeding the flower beds. If you'd like to lend a hand, please contact Pat Mecham.

We Thank You!!! Thank you to all who participated, for your incredibly generous donations of cash, bottles, and cans. **\$758.00 is our final tally!** With this we will enjoy and couple of suppers, bike ferry service to the island, and our traverses over the Mighty Mac! Watch for some great stories in an upcoming bulletin.

School Yard Signs Available –OUTREACH

OPPORTUNITY!!! There are several school yard signs available for you to display on your front lawn this spring, several are already placed on their standards. If

you are interested in a low-key way to proudly boast of your school and its programs, grab a sign today!

Online Resources: For those who take advantage of our livestreamed services, you can follow along with the addition of the bulletin. The bulletin can be found at vassarlutherans.org, once there select the bulletin tab.

MLS SUMMER CAMPS: Our MLS camps emphasize teaching teamwork, fundamentals, and skills in a positive, Christian setting. The camp directors see this as an opportunity to use the beautiful facilities of Michigan Lutheran Seminary to work with our synod's youth. Our staff is dedicated to make our camps a positive experience for each camper. **REGISTER AT WWW.MLSEM.ORG**

FAMILY DISCOUNT: If you will be registering for more than one camp within the same household we now offer a 15% family discount. Enter the code FAMILY when ordering to receive the discount. You **MUST** be signed up for multiple camps to use the code. If you use the code and have only signed up for one camp your order will be voided. Questions? Please contact Mr. Michael Priebe (MLS Public Relations Director) mdp@mlsem.org

Registration ends on June 1, 2024 at midnight.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL CAMP

Eligibility: Girls entering grades 5-9 in the 2024-25 school year

Dates: **June 9-11, 2024**

GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL CAMP

Eligibility: Girls entering grades 5-9 in the 2024-25 school year

Dates: **June 11-12, 2024**

BOYS' BASKETBALL CAMP

Eligibility: Boys entering grades 5-9 in the 2024-25 school year

Dates: **June 12-14, 2024**

FATHER/SON FOOTBALL CAMP

Eligibility: Boys entering grades 3-6 in the 2024-25 school year

Dates: **June 15, 2024**

FINE ARTS CAMP

MLS Fine Arts Camp is an opportunity for children entering 3-6 grade to participate in a wide range of activities connected to the National Core Arts standards.

Through movement, media arts, music, theater, and visual art, students will create, produce, perform, respond, and connect in a variety of ways. Camp will culminate in a presentation/performance for family and friends.

Eligibility: Boys & girls entering grades 3-6 in the 2024-25 school year

Dates: **June 17-18, 2023**

BOYS' FOOTBALL CAMP

Eligibility: Boys entering grades 6-9 in the 2024-25 school year

Dates: **June 19-21, 2024**

Happening Soon

Sunday 05/19	9:00 AM Communion Worship Service 10:15 AM Bible Class, Sunday School 11:15 Choir Practice 11:15 AM Lange Celebration Meeting
Monday 05/20	7:00 PM Communion Worship Service 8:30 AM 4 th Graders go to Camp Timbers

Wednesday 05/22 Early Afternoon 4th Graders return
Camp Timbers
Friday 05/24 9:00 AM Track & Field at Garber
NO KINDERGARTEN
Memorial Weekend Break Begin
Sunday 05/26 9:00 AM Worship Service
Monday 05/27 7:00 PM Worship Service
Tuesday 05/28 8:00 AM Classes Resume

May Servers

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

May Monday Usher: Jim Heidenberger

May Finance: Tom Barnett, Grant Barnes, Chris Lane

May Altar Guild: Christy Poulos, Jennifer Santoviz

Organist: Olivia Marker

Event Attendance

Sunday Service: 144

Monday Service: 14

Examination: 35

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: \$5,505.00

Sunday School: \$ 12.00

Electronic Donations: \$0.00

Scholarship Fund: \$10.00