

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.

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Setting 3, p. 188

865 O Lord, Take Pity Once You've Seen

CW 865

1 O Lord, take pity once you've seen
 what's leaving us so shaken:
 your saints are few and far between—
 we feel we've been forsaken.
 So many call your Word untrue,
 refusing to believe in you—
 they have us far outnumbered.

2 May God root out all those who teach
 religion that is twisted,
 who say with bold, defiant speech:

“We cannot be resisted.

For we alone have right and might;
 our views are welcomed with delight.

To whom must we now answer?”

3 Therefore God says: “I won’t delay!

My people’s hopes are waning.

Their sighs disclose their great dismay;

I’ve heard their sad complaining.

My healing Word will work as planned,
 will bring relief, will make them stand,
 will strengthen and uphold them.”

Please stand for the final stanza

4 Dear Lord, the godless gather round
 the guides whose teachings suit them.

Within your Church let there be found
 the courage to refute them.

Preserve your Word and keep it pure,
 and thus we shall remain secure

from evils that surround us!

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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.

Gracious Lord, our refuge and strength, pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your Word, protect and comfort them in all temptations, defend them against all their enemies, and

bestow on the church your saving peace; 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

Daniel 3:16–28

¹⁶Shadrak, Meshak, and Abednego answered King Nebuchadnezzar, “We have no need to answer you about this matter. ¹⁷Since our God, whom we serve, does exist, he is able to save us from the blazing fiery furnace. So, he may save us from your hand, Your Majesty. ¹⁸But if he does not, you should know, Your Majesty, that we will not serve your gods, and we will not worship the golden statue that you set up.”

¹⁹Then Nebuchadnezzar was filled with rage, and the expression on his face changed against Shadrak, Meshak, and Abednego. He said to heat the furnace seven times hotter than it was usually heated. ²⁰He ordered some men, who were soldiers from his army, to bind Shadrak, Meshak, and Abednego in order to throw them into the blazing fiery furnace. ²¹So these men were bound in their coats, their pants, their turbans, and their other clothing, and they were thrown into the middle of the blazing fiery furnace. ²²Because the king's order was urgent and the furnace was extremely hot,

those men who carried Shadrak, Meshak, and Abednego were killed by the intense heat of the fire. ²³But these three men, Shadrak, Meshak, and Abednego, who had been tied up, fell into the blazing fiery furnace.

²⁴Then King Nebuchadnezzar was startled and immediately stood up. He said to his advisors, “Didn't we throw three men, who had been tied up, into the middle of the fire?”

They answered the king, “Certainly, Your Majesty.”

²⁵He said, “Look! I see four men, who are untied and walking around in the middle of the fire, unharmed. What is more, the appearance of the fourth is like a son of the gods.”

²⁶Then Nebuchadnezzar approached the door of the blazing fiery furnace. He said, “Shadrak, Meshak, and Abednego, servants of the Most High God, come out!” Then Shadrak, Meshak, and Abednego came out from the middle of the furnace. ²⁷The satraps, the prefects, the governors, and the royal advisors gathered together and looked at these men. The fire had no power over their bodies. Not a hair on their head was singed, their robes were not damaged, and the smell of fire had not stuck to them.

²⁸Nebuchadnezzar said, “Blessed be the God of Shadrak, Meshak, and Abednego, who sent his angel and saved his servants, who trusted in God and ignored

the king's command. They gave up their bodies and did not pay homage or worship any god except their God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

46 The LORD Almighty Is with Us

Psalm 46

Refrain

The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

God is our ref- / uge and strength,
 an ever-present help in / trouble.
 Therefore we will not fear, though the / earth give way
 and the mountains fall into the heart / of the sea,
 though its waters / roar and foam
 and the mountains quake with their / surging.

Refrain

There is a river whose streams make glad the cit- / y of
 God,

the holy place where the Most / High dwells.
 God is within her, she / will not fall;
 God will help her at / break of day.
 “Be still, and know that / I am God;
 I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted /

in the earth.”

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 14:6-7

⁶Then I saw another angel flying in the middle of the sky. He had the everlasting gospel to proclaim to those who live on the earth, to every nation, tribe, language, and people. ⁷He said with a loud voice:

Fear God and give him glory,

because the hour of his judgment has come.

Worship him who made the sky, the earth, the sea, and the springs of water.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(Stand)

Gospel Acclamation

Luke 12:32

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

Do not be afraid, little flock,

for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom.

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel*Mark 13:5–11*

⁵Jesus began by telling them, “Be careful that no one deceives you. ⁶Many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am he,’ and will deceive many.

⁷“Whenever you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be troubled. Such things must happen, but the end is not yet. ⁸In fact, nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places. There will be famines. These are the beginning of birth pains. ⁹But be on your guard! People will hand you over to councils, and you will be beaten in synagogues. You will stand in the presence of rulers and kings for my sake as a witness to them. ¹⁰And the gospel must first be preached to all the nations. ¹¹Whenever they arrest you and hand you over, do not worry beforehand what you should say. Say whatever is given to you in that hour, because you will not be the ones speaking; instead it will be the Holy Spirit.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

(Be seated)

*The Les Children will be singing hymn 562 v 1,3,4,
"Jesus Paid It All"*

863 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

- 1 A mighty fortress is our God,
a trusty shield and weapon;
he helps us free from ev'ry need
that has us now o'ertaken.
The old evil foe
now means deadly woe;
deep guile and great might
are his dread arms in fight;
on earth is not his equal.
- 2 With might of ours can naught be done,
soon were our loss effected;
but for us fights the valiant one
whom God himself elected.
You ask, "Who is this?"
Jesus Christ it is,
the almighty Lord,
and there's no other God;
he holds the field forever.
- 3 Though devils all the world should fill,
all eager to devour us,
we tremble not, we fear no ill;
they shall not overpow'r us.
This world's prince may still
scowl fierce as he will,
he can harm us none.

He's judged; the deed is done;
one little word can fell him.

4 The Word they still shall let remain
nor any thanks have for it;
he's by our side upon the plain
with his good gifts and Spirit.
And take they our life,
goods, fame, child, and wife,
though all may be gone,
our victory is won;
the kingdom's ours forever!

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Sermon

Revelation 14:6-7

The Message of the Reformation

I. Is for everybody

II. Prepares people for judgment

III. Leads people to worship

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

Almighty and eternal God, when the time had fully
come, you sent your Son to take our place under the

demands of the law and to endure the just punishment for our sins. For our sake you accepted his sacrifice on the cross and raised him from death to glorious splendor.

Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

When the time had fully come, you bestowed your Spirit on your people as a testimony that you had called them to proclaim the gospel to every creature. Equipped and encouraged, they carried the Word of salvation into all the world.

The Lord reigns. Let the earth be glad; let the distant shores rejoice.

When the time had fully come, you raised up your servant Martin Luther to restore the pure and right teaching of the Scriptures to a troubled Church. You renewed your people with the light of your love, and your holy church grew and prospered throughout the world.

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

When the time had fully come, you made our forefathers bold to take their stand on the truth of your Word. You have blessed their sons and daughters and have enabled us to preserve and proclaim the saving gospel.

Sing to the Lord, for he has done glorious things; let this be known to all the world.

Let this be a time, O Lord, when you renew us again by Word and sacrament, when you reform our hearts and minds, and when you restore to us the joy of fellowship and service. Grant to us in this age and in this place the courage of the apostles, the steadfastness of the reformers, and the dedication of those who have gone before us.

May the Lord our God be with us as he was with our fathers; may he never leave us nor forsake us.

May this be a time, O Lord, for confession and repentance. Forgive us for the apathy that harms our faith and hinders our works. Forgive us for boasting of our past achievements and for blaming others for our

present problems. Rid us of indifference to public worship and Bible study. Destroy the distrust that plagues us, and shatter every thought and word that harms the unity of the Spirit and the bond of peace. **Create in us pure hearts, O God, and renew steadfast spirits within us.**

Let this be a time, O Lord, when we recommit and reconsecrate ourselves to the ministry of the gospel. Let us find joy in our unity, zeal for our work, and success in our labor.

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us, that his ways may be known on earth, his salvation among all nations. Amen.

Offering

866 If God Had Not Been on Our Side

CW 866

1 If God had not been on our side
 and had not come to aid us,
 our foes with all their pow'r and pride
 would surely have dismayed us,
 for we, his flock, would have to fear

the devil's wolves, both far and near,
 who rise in might against us.

2 Their furious wrath, did God permit,
 would surely have consumed us
 and as a deep and yawning pit
 with life and limb entombed us.

A hellish storm would o'er us roll
 from Satan, who desires our soul
 and seeks to overwhelm us.

3 Blest be the Lord, who foiled their threat
 that they could not devour us.

Our souls, like birds, escaped their net;
 they could not overpow'r us.

The snare is broken—we are free!

Our helper and our strength is he
 who made the earth and heavens.

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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.

(Stand)

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.

862 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

CW 862

1 Lord, keep us steadfast in your Word;
 curb those who by deceit or sword
 would seek to overthrow your Son
 and to destroy what he has done.

2 Lord Jesus Christ, your pow'r make known,
 for you are Lord of lords alone;
 defend your Christendom that we
 may sing your praise eternally.

3 O Comforter of priceless worth,
 send peace and unity on earth;
 support us in our final strife
 and lead us out of death to life.

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Setting Three from Christian Worship

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MESSAGE BOARD

Voters' Assembly: After the service on October 27, we will be having our third quarter Voters' Meeting. Among the topics for discussion will be the election of officers for 2025. Plan to join us!

A Heartfelt Thank You! A great thanks goes out to three of our men who have served the last six years as elders. Justin Whitney, Jacob Zieroff, and Jim Heidenberger are stepping away for the time being. Please, prayerfully consider serving the Lord in this noble and necessary position.

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.

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Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

HAPPENING SOON

Sunday 10/27 9:00 AM Worship Service
 10:15 AM Sunday School
 10:15 AM **Third Quarter Voter's**

Meeting

Monday 10/28 7:00 PM Worship Service
 Sunday 11/03 9:00 AM Communion
 Worship Service
 Monday 11/04 7:00 PM Communion
 Worship Service

November Servers

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

November Communion Elder: Nov. 3rd:

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: 86, Communed: 77

Adult Bible Class: 36

Sunday School: 9

Monday Service: 19, Communed: 16

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: \$4,530.75

Sunday School: \$15.00

Missions: \$25.00

Furnace Motor: \$1,586.16 (Anonymous Donation)