

Our **Time** to Our Lord

Office Closed: The office will be closed on Monday February 3rd. Please plan accordingly. Thank you.

Flowers: The flowers on the altar are given by Steve and Pat Mecham as a thanksgiving for the many blessings God has provided them over their 51 years of marriage.

Next Week's Flowers: The flowers on the altar for February 9th have been given by Tom and Nancy McTaggart in thanks to God for His mercy and grace.

Would you prefer an electronic method for your offerings? We have options!

Option 1:

If you prefer automatic payments, you can set this up through your bank or credit union's "Bill Pay" section. Simply add St. Luke's as a "payee," entering our name, mailing address, and your offering number in the memo line. Then, choose your donation amount and frequency, and save your settings for hassle-free giving.

Option 2:

You can also give through the Givelify app, available in the "Give" section of the St. Luke's website. Please note

that a 3% processing fee applies when using this method.

Meditations: The newest book of meditations is now available. They will be in the office.

Women's Bible Study: The Women's Bible Study will resume Thursday, February 27th at 5:30 PM, and will continue the fourth Thursday of each month. Our new study topic, *Self Care: Selfish or Sacred?*

Euchre Night: February Game Night will be on February 28th.

Calendar Update Please Note!!! There will be no euchre games on the 14th of February due to a scheduling conflict for the fellowship hall.

Upcoming Events:

Sunday 02/02/2025	9:00 AM Communion Worship
	10:15 AM Bible Class
	10:15 AM Sunday School
	11:15 AM Choir Practice
Monday 02/03/2025	7:00 PM Communion Worship
Tuesday 02/04/2025	6:30 PM Mega Meeting

Thursday 02/06/2025 7:00 PM Sunday School Teachers
 Sunday 02/09/2025 9:00 AM Worship Service
 Monday 02/10/2025 7:00 PM Worship Service

Attendance: January 26th and 27th

Sunday Service: 107

Monday Service: 24

Our **Talents** to Our Lord

February Servers

February Sunday Ushers: Ron Nichol, Eric Kern, Justin Whitney, Jay Newcomer

February Finance: Tom Barnett, Chris Lane, Ed Baldwin

February Altar Guild: Jeanette Dudewicz and Debbie Hubbard

Organist: Olivia Marker

Our **Treasures** to Our Lord

For 2025, the planned giving needed is \$7,910.00 per week to meet our ministry goals.

Last Week's Budgetary Offerings: \$4,823.00

Gift to Missions: \$100.00

Sunday School: \$9.00

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 available on the tract desk.
- Large Print Service binders can be found on the tract desk.
- Personal prayers for use before church or during the week are printed on p. 255-258 in the hymnal.
- 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](https://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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878 Christ Alone the World's Redeemer

CW 878

- 1 Christ alone the world's Redeemer,
 Christ, God's own begotten Son,
 Christ, the sacrifice for sinners,
 by his death salvation won.
 Christ alone our mediator,
 Christ alone our great High Priest,
 in his righteousness he clothes us.
 Christ alone is our true peace.
- 2 Word alone, inspired and holy,
 Word revealing Christ our Lord,
 living, active voice of Jesus,
 sharper than a two-edged sword,
 Word to teach and to admonish,
 Word to comfort and to heal—

God's own Word endures forever
all his counsel to reveal.

3 Grace alone, and not our working,
brings salvation unto all.

Grace alone! Your gifts you give us
as we hear your gentle call.

Unimagined love—exchanging
all our sin for righteousness,
grace on grace thro' Christ receiving,
clothed in his own holiness.

4 Faith alone from God the Spirit
can God's gracious gift receive;
not by human works or effort,
God is calling to believe.

Faith is living, busy, active,
ever seeking ways to care,
in the least, the lost, the needy,
seeking Jesus ev'rywhere.

Please stand for the final stanza

5 Unto God be praise and glory,
to the Father, and the Son,

and to God the Holy Spirit;
glory to the Three in One.
Hymned by saints of earth and heaven
and by angels at his throne,
all creation joins to praise him:
glory be to God alone!

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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.

Almighty and everlasting God, look with mercy on our weaknesses, and in all our dangers and needs stretch out the right hand of your majesty to help and defend

us; 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

Jeremiah 1:4–10

⁴The word of the LORD came to me.

⁵Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you, and before you were born, I set you apart.

I appointed you to be a prophet to the nations.

⁶But I said, “Ah, LORD God! I really do not know how to speak! I am only a child!”

⁷The LORD said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am only a child.’ You must go to everyone to whom I send you and say whatever I command you. ⁸Do not be afraid of them, because I am with you, and I will rescue you, declares the LORD.”

⁹Then the LORD stretched out his hand and touched my mouth. The LORD said to me:

There! I have now placed my words in your mouth.

¹⁰Look, today I appoint you over nations and kingdoms

to uproot and to tear down,
to destroy and to overthrow,
to build and to plant.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

71 God Is My Strong Salvation

Psalm 71

Refrain

God is my strong salvation; what foe have I to fear?

In you, LORD, I have taken / refuge;

let me never be / put to shame.

In your righteousness, rescue me and de- / liver me;

turn your ear to me and / save me.

Be my rock of / refuge,

to which I can / always go. *Refrain*

Since my youth, God, you have / taught me,
 and to this day I declare your / marv'ulous deeds.
 Even when I am / old and gray,
 do not forsake / me, my God,
 till I declare your power to the next gener- / ation,
 your mighty acts to all who / are to come.
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

2 Timothy 3:14—4:5

¹⁴As for you, continue in the things you have learned
 and about which you have become convinced. You
 know from whom you learned them ¹⁵and that from
 infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are
 able to make you wise for salvation through faith in
 Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All Scripture is God breathed and is useful
 for teaching, for rebuking, for correcting, and for
 training in righteousness, ¹⁷so that the man of God may
 be complete, well equipped for every good work.

¹I solemnly charge you in the presence of God and Christ Jesus, who is going to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom:

²Preach the word. Be ready whether it is convenient or not. Correct, rebuke, and encourage, with all patience and teaching. ³For there will come a time when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, because they have itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in line with their own desires.

⁴They will also turn their ears away from the truth and will turn aside to myths.

⁵As for you, keep a clear head in every situation. Bear hardship. Do the work of an evangelist. Fulfill your ministry.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(Stand)

Gospel Acclamation

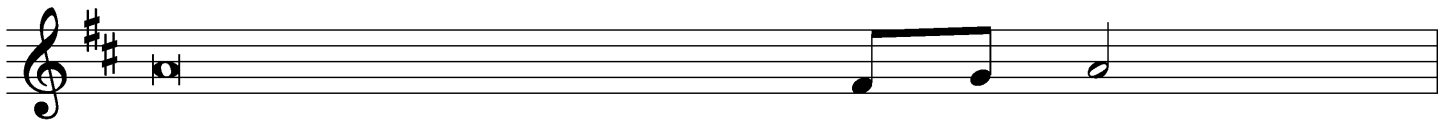
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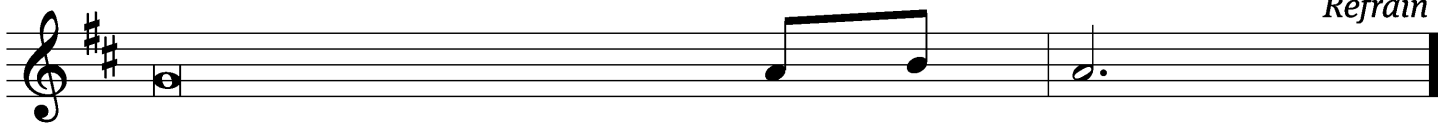
Refrain



Tone



I must proclaim the good news of the king - dom of God,



because that is why I was sent.

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Gospel

Luke 4:38-44

³⁸Jesus got up, left the synagogue, and went into Simon's house. Simon's mother-in-law was suffering from a high fever. They asked him to help her. ³⁹He stood over her, rebuked the fever, and it left her. Immediately she got up and began to serve them. ⁴⁰As the sun was setting, they brought to him all who were

sick with various diseases. He laid his hands on every one of them and healed them. ⁴¹Demons also came out of many people, crying out, “You are the Son of God!” He rebuked them and did not allow them to speak, because they knew that he was the Christ.

⁴²When it was day, he went out to a deserted place. The crowds were looking for him. They went up to him and were trying to prevent him from leaving them. ⁴³But he told them, “I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns too, because that is why I was sent.” ⁴⁴And he continued to preach in the synagogues in the land of the Jews.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

(Be seated)

901 O Christians, Haste

CW 901

1 O Christians, haste, your mission high fulfilling,
to tell to all the world that God is light,
that he who made all nations is not willing

one soul should perish, lost in shades of night.
(Refrain)

**Ref Publish glad tidings, tidings of peace,
tidings of Jesus, redemption and release.**

- 2 Behold how many thousands still are lying
bound in the dreary prison-house of sin
with none to tell them of the Savior's dying
or of the life he died for them to win. (Refrain)
- 3 Proclaim to ev'ry people, tongue, and nation
that God, in whom they live and move, is love;
tell how he stooped to save his lost creation
and died on earth that they might live above.
(Refrain)
- 4 Send heralds forth to bear the message glorious,
give of your wealth to speed them on their way;
pour out your soul for them in prayer victorious;
O Christians, haste to bring the brighter day!
(Refrain)

Sermon

Luke 4:38-44

Jesus Cares

I. About our physical needs (38-40)

II. About our spiritual needs (41-44)

(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 lived among us as a human being and revealed his glory as your only Son, full of grace and truth. 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

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.

663 Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

CW 663

- 1 Soul, adorn yourself with gladness;
leave behind all gloom and sadness.
Come into the daylight's splendor;
there with joy your praises render
unto him whose grace unbounded
has this wondrous supper founded.

He, though reigning high and holy,
deigns to dwell with you most lowly.

2 Hasten as a bride to meet him,
and with loving rev'ence greet him,
for with words of life immortal
he is knocking at your portal.

Open wide the gates before him,
saying, as you there adore him:

Grant, Lord, that I now receive you,
that I nevermore will leave you.

3 He who craves a precious treasure
neither cost nor pain will measure,
but the priceless gifts of heaven
God to us has freely given.

Though the wealth of earth were proffered,
naught would buy the gifts here offered:

Christ's true body, for you riven,
and his blood, for you once given.

4 Now I kneel before you lowly,
filled with joy most deep and holy,
as with trembling awe and wonder

on your mighty work I ponder,
by such mystery surrounded,
depths that no one ever sounded.

None may dare to pierce unbidden
secrets that with you are hidden.

5 Human reason, though it ponders,
cannot fathom these great wonders,
that Christ's body must be boundless
since the souls it feeds are countless,
and that he his blood is giving
with the wine we are receiving.

These great mysteries unsounded
are by God alone expounded.

6 Lord, by love and mercy driven,
you have left your throne in heaven
on the cross for me to languish
and to die in bitter anguish,
to forgo all joy and gladness
and to shed your blood in sadness.

By this blood redeemed and living,
Lord, I praise you with thanksgiving.

- 7 Jesus, sun of life, my splendor,
 Jesus, friend of friends most tender,
 Jesus, joy of my desiring,
 fount of life, my soul inspiring:
 at your feet I cry, my maker,
 let me be a fit partaker
 of this blessed food from heaven
 for our good, your glory, given.
- 8 Jesus, Lord of life in heaven,
 help me when this meal is given
 to receive it for my blessing
 as I come, my sins confessing.
 In this supper let me measure,
 Lord, how deep is your love's treasure,
 that, as I on earth have eaten,
 I may be your guest in heaven.

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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.

874 Preserve Your Word, O Savior

CW 874

- 1 Preserve your Word, O Savior,
to us this latter day,
and let your kingdom flourish;
enlarge your Church, we pray.
O keep our faith from failing,
keep hope's bright star aglow;
let nothing turn us from you
while wand'ring here below.
- 2 Preserve your Word and preaching,
the truth that makes us whole,
the mirror of your glory,
the pow'r that saves the soul.
Oh, may this living water,
this spring of heav'nly grace,
sustain us while here living
until we see your face.
- 3 Preserve in wave and tempest
your storm-tossed little flock;

assailed by wind and weather,
may it endure each shock.
Come take the helm, our pilot,
and set the course aright;
then we will reach the harbor
in your eternal light.

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