

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.

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Pentecost 26: November 17 & 18, 2024

546 Since Our Great High Priest, Christ Jesus

CW 546

1 Since our great High Priest, Christ Jesus,
bears the name above all names,
reigning Son of God, surpassing
other titles, pow'rs, and claims—
since to heav'n our Lord has passed,
let us hold our witness fast!

2 Since we have a priest who suffered,
knowing weakness, tears, and pain,
who like us was tried and tempted,
unlike us, without a stain—
since he shared our lowly place,
let us boldly seek his grace.

3 Sacrifice and suff'ring over,
now he sits at God's right hand,
crowned with praise, no more an outcast,
his preeminence long-planned;
such a great High Priest we have,
strong to help, supreme to save.

Please rise for the final stanza

4 Love's example, hope's attraction,
faith's beginning and its end,
pioneer of our salvation,
mighty advocate and friend;

Jesus, high in glory raised,
our ascended Lord be praised!

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In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the
Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Confession

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.

Lord God Almighty, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit that we may always look forward to the end of this present evil age and the day of your righteous judgment. Keep us steadfast in true and living faith, and present us at last holy and blameless before you; 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 12:1–3

¹Then at that time, Michael, the great prince who stands over your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress that has not happened from the first time that there was a nation until that time.

At that time your people will be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. ²Many who are sleeping in the dusty ground will awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame, to everlasting contempt. ³Those who have insight will shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who bring many to righteousness will shine like the stars forever and ever.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

16 My Heart, Therefore, Is Glad

Psalm 16

Refrain

My heart, therefore, is glad, and my tongue rejoices;
my body also will rest, will rest secure.

LORD, you alone are my portion / and my cup;
you make my / lot secure.

The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant /
places;

surely I have a delightful in- / heritage.

I keep my eyes always / on the LORD.

With him at my right hand, I will not be / shaken.

Refrain

Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue re- / joices;
my body also will / rest secure,

because you will not abandon me to the realm / of the
dead,

nor will you let your Holy One / see decay.

You make known to me the / path of life;

you will fill me with joy in your presence,

with eternal pleasures at / your right hand.

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

Hebrews 9:24–28

²⁴For Christ did not enter a handmade sanctuary, a representation of the true sanctuary. Instead, he entered into heaven itself, now to appear before God on our behalf. ²⁵And he did not enter to offer himself many times, as the high priest enters the Most Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own. ²⁶Otherwise he would have needed to suffer many times since the creation of the world. But now he has appeared once and for all, at the climax of the ages, in order to take away sin by the sacrifice of himself. ²⁷And, just as it is appointed for people to die only once and after this comes the judgment, ²⁸so also Christ was offered only once to take away the sins of many, and he will appear a second time—without sin—to bring salvation to those who are eagerly waiting for him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(Stand)

Gospel Acclamation

Revelation 2:10

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

Be faithful, even to the point of death,
and I will give you life as your victor's crown.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel

John 5:25–29

²⁵“Amen, Amen, I tell you: A time is coming and is here now when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who listen will live. ²⁶For just as the Father has life in himself, so also he has granted the Son to have life in himself. ²⁷And he has given him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man.

²⁸“Do not be amazed at this, for a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice ²⁹and will come out. Those who have done good will rise to live, but those who have practiced evil will rise to be condemned.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

(Be seated)

485 Day of Wrath

CW 485

1 Day of wrath, O day of mourning!
See fulfilled the prophets' warning:
heav'n and earth in ashes burning.

2 Death is struck and nature quaking;
all creation is awaking,
to its judge an answer making.

3 See, the book, exactly worded,
wherein all has been recorded;
thus shall judgment be awarded.

4 What shall I in awe be pleading,
who for me be interceding
when your mercy I am needing?

5 King of majesty tremendous,
who such grace have freely sent us,
fount of pity, then befriend us.

6 Think, good Jesus, my salvation
caused your wondrous incarnation,
made you suffer my damnation!

7 On the cross your dying spared me;
just and righteous you declared me;
I await the joy prepared me.

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Sermon

Hebrews 9:24-28

Jesus Is Our Perfect High Priest

I. He died for you (25-26, 28a)

II. He intercedes for you (24)

III. He will return for you (27, 28b)

(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 promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock until he comes again in glory. 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

Blessed are you, Lord God, eternal King and gracious Father. In love you made us the crown of your creation. In mercy you planned our salvation. In grace you sent your Son to redeem us from sin.

We remember and give you thanks that your eternal Son, Jesus Christ, became flesh and made his dwelling among us, that he willingly placed himself under law to redeem those under law, that he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death on a cross, that he has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood in this Sacrament. Forgive our sins, increase our faith, strengthen our fellowship, and deepen our longing for the day when Christ will welcome us to his eternal feast. Praise and thanks and honor and glory be to you, O God

our Father, and to your Son and to the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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.

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.

676 Take and Eat

CW 676

Ref Take and eat, take and eat,
this is my body given up for you.

Take and drink, take and drink,
this is my blood given up for you.

1 I am the Word that spoke and light was made;
I am the seed that died to be reborn;
I am the bread that comes from heav'n above;
I am the vine that fills your cup with joy. (Refrain)

2 I am the way that leads the exile home;
I am the truth that sets the captive free;
I am the life that raises up the dead;
I am your peace, true peace my gift to you. (Refrain)

3 I am the Lamb that takes away your sin;
I am the gate that guards you night and day;

you are my flock: you know the shepherd's voice;
you are my own: your ransom is my blood. (Refrain)

4 I am the cornerstone that God has laid;
a chosen stone and precious in his eyes;
you are God's dwelling-place, on me you rest;
like living stones, a temple for God's praise. (Refrain)

5 I am the light that came into the world;
I am the light that darkness cannot hide;
I am the Morning Star that never sets;
lift up your face, in you my light will shine. (Refrain)

6 I am the first and last, the Living One;
I am the Lord who died that you might live;
I am the bridegroom, this my wedding song;
you are my bride, come to the marriage feast. (Refrain)

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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.

601 All People That on Earth Do Dwell

CW 601

1 All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.

Serve him with joy, his praises tell,
come now before him and rejoice!

2 Know that the Lord is God indeed;
he formed us all without our aid.

We are the flock he comes to feed,
the sheep who by his hand were made.

3 O enter then his gates with joy,
within his courts his praise proclaim.

Let thankful songs your tongues employ,
O bless and magnify his name.

4 Trust that the Lord our God is good,
his mercy is forever sure.
His faithfulness at all times stood
and shall from age to age endure.

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Setting Three from Christian Worship

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MESSAGE BOARD

You are invited to join us to thank God for another year of his blessings at our special service at 9:00 A.M. on Thanksgiving Day

Common Cup: A couple of members had expressed interest in having the common cup back as an option for Holy Communion. If you are interested, please talk to Pastor Arnold or email him at revmra@gmail.com.

Poinsettia Orders: Order forms can be found on the radiator by the office.

Meditations: The newest meditation book is available. It begins Dec. 1st. They will be in the office.

Calling All Bakers: Cookie Exchange!!! The cookie exchange will take place on December 8th in the fellowship hall following the morning service. Please make at least 5 dozen servings for the swap, we want to be sure there are enough for all participants. The church will provide boxes to take home your goodies!

All-Member Contact: Callers were able to reach out to many of our members. The mission is to update everyone's contact information for our new 360 program. If you, or any of your friends or family, are not sure how up to date you are, please jot down any information (address, phone numbers, email addresses, children including birthdates, etc.) and place that information in Pat Mecham's mailbox.

Operation Giving Thanks: Operation Giving Thanks is so pleased with the donations to date!!! The collection deadline is November 26th. Bring it on St. Luke's!

Excellent Christmas Gift! \$ 12.99- Lutheran Book of Prayer is a fantastic gift for anyone. Events happen all the time, good, bad or otherwise. As Christians we look

to the Lord in prayer to celebrate, to grieve, to give thanks, and much more. **Contact the church office with orders: 989-823-7923**

HAPPENING SOON

Sunday 11/17	9:00 AM Communion Worship 10:15 AM Sunday School/Bible Class 11:15 AM Choir Practice
Monday 11/18	7:00 PM Communion Worship
Sunday 11/24	9:00 AM Worship Service
Monday 11/25	7:00 PM Worship Service

November Servers

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

November Communion Elder: Nov. 3rd: David Atkins

November Monday Usher: Jim Heidenberger

November Finance: Tom Barnett, Chris Lane, Grant Barnes

November Altar Guild: Jess Zieroff and Joanne Fall

Organist: Olivia Marker

December Servers

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

December Communion Elder: Nov. 17th Justin Whitney

December Monday Usher: Barry Mays

December Finance: Jeremy LaPratt, Nick Hubbard

December Altar Guild: Marian Whitney and Pat Mecham

Organist: Olivia Marker

EVENT ATTENDANCE

Sunday Service: 103

Sunday School: 12

Bible Class: 35

Monday Service: 29

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: \$4,804.75

Missions: \$26.00

Fellowship Hall Rental: 30.00

Sunday School: 22.00