

**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.

## Our **Time** to Our Lord

**Euchre Night Pick-up Game:** Enough interest was shown for a 'pick-up' game of Euchre. Play begins on **Friday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 PM**. The next games will be on **Friday the 28<sup>th</sup>**. This has been a great fellowship opportunity! Lots of giggles and some hearty belly laughs!!!

**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. This QR Code will take you directly to Givelify.

**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?*

**Ash Wednesday Supper:** Wednesday March 5, CEO will be hosting a Pasta Bar Supper at 5PM, prior to our Ash Wednesday service. All are invited to come and share food and fellowship, as we prepare to reflect on and follow Jesus through his suffering, death and resurrection this Lenten season.

- Look for a signup sheet to be posted in the church entryway.
- A free will offering will be gathered to help support CEO activities as we continue our focus on school growth and fellowship opportunities.

**Watch for future Lent fellowship opportunities coming soon!**

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## KINDERGARTEN ROUND UP

When – Thursday, February 20, 2025  
1:00–3:00 PM

Where – St. Luke's School

Who – Children aged 5 by September 1st

RSVP by February 17<sup>th</sup>

Congregation, do you have family, friends, or neighbors  
with children of

this age? Please consider sharing this information with  
them. There is a flyer available that can easily be handed  
out or mailed to them.

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## Upcoming Events:

Sunday 02/16/2025	9:00 AM Communion Worship 10:15 AM Bible Class 10:15 AM Sunday School 11:15 AM Choir Practice
Monday 02/17/2025	7:00 PM Communion Worship
Thursday 02/20/2025	1:00-3:00 PM Kindergarten Round-Up at School
Friday 02/21/2025	6:30 PM Euchre
Sunday 02/23/2025 Service	9:00 AM Worship
Monday 02/24/2025 Conference	Pastor/Teacher

## Attendance: February 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>

Sunday Service: 79 Monday Service: 23

Sunday School: 6 Bible Class: 44

## Our **Talents** to Our Lord

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### **February Servers**

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

**Elder:** Paul Schultz

**February Finance:** Tom Barnett, Chris Lane, Ed Baldwin

**February Altar Guild:** Jeanette Dudewicz and Debbie Hubbard

**Organist:** Olivia Marker

## Our **Treasures** to Our Lord

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**Last Week's Budgetary Offerings:** \$4942.75

**Scholarship Fund:** \$20.00

**Rainy Day Fund:** \$50.00

## Setting 3, p. 188

### 690 Blest Are They

CW 690

- 1 Blest are they, the poor in spirit,  
theirs is the kingdom of God.  
Blest are they, full of sorrow,  
they shall be consoled. (Refrain)

### Ref Rejoice and be glad!

**Blessèd are you, holy are you!**

**Rejoice and be glad!**

**Yours is the kingdom of God!**

- 2 Blest are they, the lowly ones,  
they shall inherit the earth.  
Blest are they who hunger and thirst,  
they shall have their fill. (Refrain)
- 3 Blest are they who show mercy,  
mercy shall be theirs.  
Blest are they, the pure of heart,  
they shall see God! (Refrain)
- 4 Blest are they who seek peace,  
they are the children of God.  
Blest are they who suffer in faith,  
the glory of God is theirs. (Refrain)

*Please stand for the final stanza*

5 Blest are you who suffer hate  
all because of me.  
Rejoice and be glad, yours is the kingdom;  
shine for all to see. (Refrain)

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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.

O God of power and might, you know that we live in the midst of many great dangers, and in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Give us strength and protection to support us in all peril, and carry us through all temptations; 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 17:5–8*

<sup>5</sup>This is what the LORD says.

Cursed is anyone who trusts in mankind,  
who seeks his strength from human flesh,  
and who turns his heart away from the LORD.

<sup>6</sup>He will be like a juniper bush in the wasteland.

He will not see good things when they come.

He lives in a dry place in the wilderness,  
in a salty land where no one lives.

<sup>7</sup>But blessed is anyone who trusts in the LORD,  
whose confidence is in him.

<sup>8</sup>He will be like a tree planted by water.

It sends out its roots to the stream.

It does not fear the heat when it comes.

Its leaves will remain green.


It is not concerned about a time of drought.  
It does not stop producing fruit.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## 1 Blessed Are They

*Psalm 1*

*Refrain*



Bless - ed are they, bless - ed are  
they who hope in the LORD.

*Tone*



Blessed is the one who / does not walk  
in step with the / wicked  
or stand in the way that / sinners take  
or sit in the company of / mockers,  
but whose delight is in the law / of the LORD,  
and who meditates on his law / day and night.  
That person is like a tree planted by streams of / water,

which yields its fruit in / season  
and whose leaf does not / wither—  
whatever they do / prospers. *Refrain*

Not so the / wicked!

They are like chaff that the wind / blows away.  
Therefore the wicked will not stand in the / judgment,  
nor sinners in the assembly of the / righteous.

*Refrain*

For the LORD watches over the way of the / righteous,  
but the way of the wicked leads to de- / struction.

**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**

*2 Corinthians 12:7b–10*

I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan,  
to torment me, so that I would not become arrogant.

<sup>8</sup>Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that he  
would take it away from me. <sup>9</sup>And he said to me, “My  
grace is sufficient for you, because my power is made  
perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will be glad to boast all



**Gospel***Luke 6:17–26*

<sup>17</sup>He went down with them and stood on a level place with a large crowd of his disciples, and a large number of people from all Judea and Jerusalem, as well as from the coastal area of Tyre and Sidon. These people came to listen to him and to be healed of their diseases.

<sup>18</sup>Those who were troubled by unclean spirits were also cured. <sup>19</sup>The whole crowd kept trying to touch him, because power was going out from him and healing them all.

<sup>20</sup>He lifted up his eyes to his disciples and said:  
Blessed are you who are poor,  
because yours is the kingdom of God.

<sup>21</sup>Blessed are you who hunger now,  
because you will be satisfied.

Blessed are you who weep now,  
because you will laugh.

<sup>22</sup>Blessed are you whenever people hate you,  
and whenever they exclude and insult you  
and reject your name as evil because of the Son of  
Man.

<sup>23</sup>Rejoice in that day and leap for joy because of this:  
Your reward is great in heaven!

The fact is, their fathers constantly did the same things to the prophets.

<sup>24</sup>But woe to you who are rich,  
because you are receiving your comfort now.

<sup>25</sup>Woe to you who are well fed now,  
because you will be hungry.

Woe to you who laugh now,  
because you will be mourning and weeping.

<sup>26</sup>Woe to you when all people speak well of you,  
because that is how their fathers constantly treated  
the false prophets.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!** (Be seated)

### 803 Day by Day

CW 803

- 1 Day by day, your mercies, Lord, attend me,  
bringing comfort to my anxious soul.  
Day by day, the blessings, Lord, you send me  
draw me nearer to my heav'nly goal.  
Love divine, beyond all mortal measure,  
brings to naught the burdens of my quest;  
Savior, lead me to the home I treasure,  
where at last I'll find eternal rest.
- 2 Day by day, I know you will provide me  
strength to serve and wisdom to obey;  
I will seek your loving will to guide me  
o'er the paths I struggle day by day.  
I will fear no evil of the morrow,



I will trust in your enduring grace.  
 Savior, help me bear life's pain and sorrow  
 till in glory I behold your face.

3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me  
 when my burdens grow too great to bear;  
 oh, what joy to know that you will hear me  
 when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer.  
 Day by day, no matter what betide me,  
 you will hold me ever in your hand.  
 Savior, with your presence here to guide me,  
 I will reach at last the promised land.

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## **Sermon**

II Corinthians 12:7b-10

Whenever I Am Weak, Then I Am Strong

I. God's grace is sufficient (7b-9a)

II. Boast about your weaknesses (9b-10)

*(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**

*Brief intercessory prayers may be added in a fitting place.*

Loving God and Lord, you created the universe that surrounds us and the globe on which we live. You control all things through your Son, who sits at your right hand in glory.

**Comfort us with the promise of your eternal presence.**

Give your Word power as it works in our hearts and minds. Clear away our confusion, and demolish our doubts. Send your Spirit to strengthen both our

confidence in your promises and our desire to live according to your will.

**Take away our love of sinning, and restore us each day by your grace.**

The signs of the times warn us that the end of time is near. Protect us from scoffers who sneer at your truth. Spare us and Christians around the world from all forms of hate and persecution.

**Give us courage to carry the cross with patience and joy.**

Instill in the hearts of our children a desire to follow you as they prepare for future days. Help them distinguish between what is passing and what is eternal, between instant thrills and lasting joy. Encourage more young people to prepare for service in the public ministry of the gospel.

**Mold us and move us to be good examples for our youth.**

Hold in your care, Lord, those who are experiencing physical or emotional pain and all who are afflicted by disease or facing death. [Especially bless . . . *here name the person and the cause of the petition.*] Pour out your

compassion on the grieving, and comfort the mourners who miss someone they loved.

**Move us to pray for these brothers and sisters and to help when we can.**

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

*Silent prayer*

Whether we pray together or alone, you have promised to hear and answer us. Give us patience to accept your blessings in whatever way you send them. In your love and wisdom, prepare us for the day when you will take us to be with you forever.

**Hear us for Jesus' sake. Amen.**

**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**

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.**

## **667 Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared**

CW 667

1 Lord Jesus Christ, you have prepared  
     this feast for our salvation;  
 it is your body and your blood,  
     and at your invitation

as weary souls, with sin oppressed,  
we come to you for needed rest,  
for comfort, and for pardon.

2 Although you did to heav'n ascend,  
where angel hosts are dwelling,  
and in your presence they behold  
your glory, all excelling,  
and though your people shall not see  
your glory and your majesty  
till dawns the judgment morning,

3 Yet, Savior, you are not confined  
to any habitation,  
but you are present ev'rywhere  
and with your congregation.

Firm as a rock this truth shall stand,  
unmoved by any daring hand  
or subtle craft and cunning.

4 We eat this bread and drink this cup,  
your precious Word believing  
that your true body and your blood  
our lips are here receiving.

This Word remains forever true,  
and there is naught you cannot do,  
for you, Lord, are almighty.

5 Though reason cannot understand,  
yet faith this truth embraces:

your body, Lord, is even now  
at once in many places.

I leave to you how this can be;  
your Word alone suffices me;

I trust its truth unfailing.

6 Lord, I believe what you have said;  
help me when doubts assail me.

Remember that I am but dust,  
and let my faith not fail me.

Your supper in this vale of tears  
refreshes me and stills my fears  
and is my priceless treasure.

7 Grant that we worthily receive  
your supper, Lord, our Savior,  
and, truly grieving for our sins,  
may prove by our behavior  
that we are thankful for your grace  
and day by day may run our race,  
in holiness increasing.

8 For your consoling supper, Lord,  
be praised throughout all ages!  
Preserve it, for in ev'ry place  
the world against it rages.

Grant that this sacrament may be  
a blessed comfort unto me  
when living and when dying.

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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.**

**698 Seek Where You May to Find a Way**

CW 698

- 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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