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BE STRONG,
DO NOT FEAR;
YOUR GOD
WILL COME.

Isaiah
35:4



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.
- Large Print Hymnal Binders are available on the tract desk for those with vision difficulties.

Please note: the Sunday service is being recorded and streamed on YouTube.
www.youtube.com/@stlukesvassar

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548 The King of Glory Comes

CW 548

Stand

Invocation

Confession

CW 188

Silence for meditation and reflection

Absolution

CW 188

Lord, Have Mercy

CW 190

Glory to God in the Highest

CW 191

The Word

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O God, you reveal your mighty power chiefly in showing mercy and kindness. Grant us the full measure of your grace that we may obtain your promises and become partakers of your heavenly glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

First Reading

Isaiah 35:4–7a

⁴Tell those who have a fearful heart:
Be strong.
Do not be afraid.
Look! Your God will come with vengeance.
With God's own retribution, he will come and save you.
⁵Then the eyes of the blind will be opened,
and the ears of the deaf will be unplugged.
⁶The crippled will leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the mute will sing for joy.
Waters will flow in the wilderness,
and streams in the wasteland.
⁷The burning sand will become a pool,
and in the thirsty ground there will be springs of water.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

146 I Will Praise the Lord All My Life

Psalm 146

Second Reading

Acts 3:1–10

¹Peter and John were going up to the temple at the ninth hour, an hour of prayer. ²A certain man who was lame from birth was carried there every day and placed at the temple gate, which is called Beautiful, so that he could beg for donations from those entering the temple. ³When he saw Peter and John about to enter the temple, he asked them for a donation.

⁴Peter looked directly at him, as did John. Peter said, "Look at us." ⁵So the man paid close attention to them, expecting to receive something from them.

⁶But Peter said, "Silver and gold I do not have, but what I have I will give you. In the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, get up and walk!" ⁷Peter took him by the right hand and raised him up, and immediately the man's feet and ankles were made strong. ⁸Jumping up, he stood and began to walk. He entered the temple courts with them, walking, jumping, and praising God.

⁹All the people saw him walking and praising God. ¹⁰They recognized him as the one who used to sit begging for money at the Beautiful Gate of the temple, and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

Isaiah 25:9



Refrain



Surely this is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us.
Let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation.

Refrain

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Gospel

Mark 7:31-37

³¹Jesus left the region of Tyre again and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, within the region of the Decapolis.

³²They brought a man to him who was deaf and had a speech impediment. They pleaded with Jesus to place his hand on him. ³³Jesus took him aside in private, away from the crowd. He put his fingers into the man's ears. Then he spit and touched the man's tongue. ³⁴After he looked up to heaven, he sighed and said, "Ephphatha!" (which means "Be opened!") ³⁵Immediately the man's ears were opened, his tongue was set free, and he began to speak plainly.

³⁶Jesus gave the people strict orders to tell no one, but the more he did so, the more they kept proclaiming it. ³⁷They were amazed beyond measure and said, "He has done everything well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak!"

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

769 Your Hand, O Lord, in Days of Old

CW 769

Sermon

Isaiah 35:4-7a

God Is Coming!

I. To remove fear (4)

II. To change everything (5-7a)

Stand

Apostles' Creed

Be seated

Prayer of the Church

Offering

765 O Son of God, in Galilee

CW 765

Stand

Lord's Prayer

Blessing

518 Christ Be My Leader

CW 518

Acknowledgments

Setting Three from Christian Worship

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MESSAGE BOARD

Pastor Will Be Away: Pastor Arnold will be out of town from the 15th, after church, until the 23rd.

Church Council Meets: September 10th 6:30 PM

Adult and Children's Library: In the fellowship hall is St. Luke's library, filled with Christian literature. There are many books that you may find interesting and educational. Please use your library, feed your soul, expand your faith-filled desire to learn and study our Lord's great message!

Harvest Fest is Back!! Mark your calendar! **October 12, 3pm at St. Luke's Lutheran School.** Please plan to join us for a day full of family, fun, and fellowship. The CEO is hard at work planning the event to include hayrides, bonfire, dessert baking contest, pickle eating contest, book fair, kick off to Operation Giving Thanks, family photo booth and so much more.

While the CEO is mighty, we are small so **how can you help?**

- Watch for a signup sheet for volunteer opportunities the day of the event
- Bring empty pop cans with you to church September 14 - October 5.** The money will be used to purchase supplies, hotdogs, and chips for the evening. Cash donations will be accepted as well.
- Start testing out your favorite dessert recipes and plan to enter the dessert contest...keep in mind, the desserts will be judged by KIDS!
- Reach out to Katie Denniston (989-302-2772) or Ashley Clinesmith (989-660-5742) if you're interested in helping.

MLS Jr. Cardinal Volleyball Club: The MLS Jr. Cardinal Volleyball Club is open to students in grades 4-8 from a WELS/ELS church or school. Participants will meet for six skill sessions on Sundays from October 13 to November 17. When you register, please select the dates you will be attending. If you don't select a date but then end up coming that is fine. It's just helpful for planning purposes.

- 10/13 (4-5:30 pm)
- 10/20 (4-5:30 pm)
- 10/27 (4-5:30 pm)
- 11/3 (4-5:30 pm)
- 11/10 (4-5:30 pm)
- 11/17 (4-5:30 pm)

The courts will be divided into 2 age groups; 4-6th graders and 7-8th graders. The sessions will be run by MLS volleyball coaches and members of the JV and varsity volleyball teams. Each participant will receive an MLS volleyball t-shirt. Participants and their families will also be invited, free of charge, to an MLS volleyball game on October 21 to be recognized. **Deadline to register is September 29 at midnight.** REGISTRATION FEE: \$25 (Early Bird - Before Sept. 8) \$30 (Regular - Sept. 9 to Sept. 29)

MLS Jr. Cardinals Fall Sports Programs: Registration is NOW OPEN for our Fall Jr. Cardinals programs! We're excited to offer:

- Flag Football (Grades 1-5) - Registration Deadline: September 10
- Volleyball (Grades 4-8) - Registration Deadline: September 29
- Poms Clinic (Grades K-5) - Registration Deadline: September 29

Registration deadlines are coming up fast, so be sure to secure your spot early! For more details and to register, visit: www.mlsem.org

Meditations: The next Meditation booklets, September 1 to November 30, are available in the office for those who have pre-paid. Contact the church office for your copy(s). Call, text, or email the office and I will put them in your mailbox. (*My humblest apologies, I did not save the list of names*)

HAPPENING SOON

Sunday 09/08	9:00 AM Worship Service
Monday 09/09	7:00 PM Worship Service
Tuesday 09/10	6:30 PM Church Council
Sunday 09/15	9:00 AM Communion Worship Service
Monday 09/16	7:00 PM Communion Worship Service

September Servers

September Sunday Ushers: Ron Nichol, Justin Whitney, Jay Newcomer

September 16 Communion Elder: Jacob Zieroff

September Monday Usher: Barry Mays

September Finance: Jeremy LaPratt, Nick Hubbard

September Altar Guild: Need altar guild members to split the month.

Organist: Olivia Marker

October Servers

October Sunday Ushers: Paul and Silas Schultz, Carter Korthals, Eric Korthals

October Communion Elder: Oct. 7th Phill Pellar, 20th Jacob Zieroff

October Monday Usher: Barry Mays

October Finance: Gabe Fall, Ed Baldwin, Sam Korthals

October Altar Guild: Fran Emling and Theresa Atkins

Organist: Olivia Marker

EVENT ATTENDANCE

Sunday Service: 75, Communed: 68

Monday Service: 20, Communed: 18

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: \$6,115.00

LES Registration Fees: \$388.00