

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.
- Personal prayers for use before church or during the week are printed on p. 255-258 in the hymnal.

Please note: the Sunday service is being recorded and streamed on YouTube.

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381 The People Who in Darkness Walked

CW 381

1 The people who in darkness walked
 have seen a glorious light;
 the heav'nly dawn broke forth on those

who dwelt in death and night,
who dwelt in death and night.

- 2 To us a child of hope is born,
to us a son is giv'n,
and on his shoulders ever rests
all pow'r in earth and heav'n,
all pow'r in earth and heav'n.
- 3 His name shall be the Prince of Peace,
the Everlasting Lord,
the Wonderful, the Counselor,
the God by all adored,
the God by all adored.
- 4 His righteous government and pow'r
shall over all extend;
on judgment and on justice based,
his reign shall have no end,
his reign shall have no end.

Please rise for the final stanza

- 5 Lord Jesus, reign in us, we pray,
and make us yours alone,
for you are with the Father and

the Spirit ever one,
the Spirit ever one.

Text: John Morison, 1749–1798, abr., alt. Text: Public domai

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

Amen.

Confession

CW 173

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven,
whose sins are covered.

**Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count
against them.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Almighty and merciful Father,

we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

**We have followed what we have devised and
desired in our hearts.**

**We have offended you and sinned against your
holy law.**

**We have done those things that we should not
have done,**

and we have not done those things that we should have done.

Have mercy on us, Lord!

**Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,
according to your promises in Christ Jesus.**

(Silence for meditation and reflection)

God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

CW 174

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 176

***Refrain:* Glory to God in the highest, 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. ***Refrain***

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. ***Refrain***

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. Amen.

Refrain

THE WORD

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you sent your Son to proclaim your kingdom and teach with authority. Anoint us with the power of your Spirit that we too may bring good news to the afflicted, bind up the brokenhearted, and proclaim liberty to the captive; 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*Isaiah 61:1–6*

¹The Spirit of the LORD God is upon me,
because the LORD has anointed me
to preach good news to the afflicted.
He sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim freedom for the captives
and release for those who are bound,
²to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor
and the day of vengeance for our God,
to comfort all who mourn,
³to provide for those who mourn in Zion,
to give them a crown of beauty instead of ashes,
the oil of joy instead of mourning,
a cloak of praise instead of a faint spirit,
so that they will be called oaks of righteousness,
a planting of the LORD to display his beauty.

⁴Then they will rebuild ancient ruins.
They will raise up what was formerly devastated,
and they will renew ruined cities,
which have been devastated for generations.

⁵Strangers will stand and shepherd your flock,
and foreigners will be your farmers and
vinedressers.

⁶You will be called the LORD's priests.
You will be named ministers of our God.
You will eat the wealth of nations,
and you will boast about their riches.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

146 I Will Praise the Lord All My Life

Psalm 146

Refrain

**The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the
LORD loves the righteous.**

I will praise the LORD / all my life;

I will sing praise to my God as long / as I live.

Do not put your trust in / princes,

in human beings, who / cannot save.

Blessed are those whose help is the God of / Jacob,

whose hope is in the / LORD their God. ***Refrain***

He upholds the cause of / the oppressed
and gives food to the / hungry.

The LORD sets / pris'ners free,
the LORD gives sight / to the blind.

The LORD reigns for- / ever,
your God, O Zion, for all generations. / Praise the
LORD.

**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

Acts 4:23–31

²³After Peter and John were released, they went to their own friends and reported everything the high priests and the elders had said. ²⁴When they heard this, with one mind they raised their voices to God and said, “Master, you are the God who made the heaven, the earth, the sea, and everything in them. ²⁵By the Holy

Spirit, through the mouth of our father David, your servant, you said:

Why do the nations rage
and the peoples plot in vain?

²⁶The kings of the earth take their stand,
and the rulers are gathered together
against the Lord
and against his Anointed One.

²⁷“For certainly, in this city both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and people of Israel, were gathered together against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed. ²⁸They did whatever your hand and your plan had decided beforehand should happen.

²⁹“Now Lord, look at their threats and give to your servants the ability to keep on speaking your word with all boldness ³⁰as you stretch out your hand to heal and as signs and wonders take place through the name of your holy servant Jesus.”

³¹After they prayed, the place where they were gathered was shaken. Also, everyone was filled with the

Holy Spirit, and they continued to speak the word of God with boldness.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(Stand)

Gospel Acclamation

Luke 4:18



Refrain

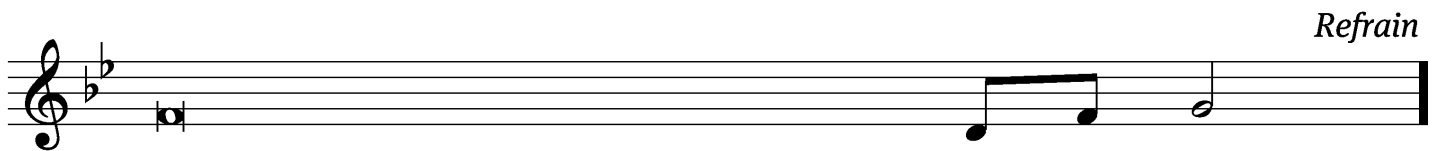


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Tone



The Spirit of the Lord is on me,



because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor.

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Gospel

Luke 4:16–30

¹⁶He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. As was his custom, he went into the synagogue on

the Sabbath day and stood up to read. ¹⁷The scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

¹⁸The Spirit of the Lord is on me,

because he anointed me to preach good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim freedom to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free those who are oppressed,

¹⁹and to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.

²⁰He rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. ²¹He began to tell them, "Today, this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

²²They all spoke well of him and were impressed by the words of grace that came from his mouth. And they kept saying, "Isn't this Joseph's son?"

²³He told them, "Certainly you will quote this proverb to me, 'Physician, heal yourself!' Do here in your hometown everything we heard you did in Capernaum."

²⁴And he said, “Amen I tell you: No prophet is accepted in his hometown. ²⁵But truly I tell you: There were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the sky was shut for three years and six months, while a great famine came over all the land. ²⁶Elijah was not sent to any of them, but to a widow of Zarephath, in Sidon. ²⁷And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of Elisha the prophet, yet not one of them was healed except Naaman the Syrian.”

²⁸All those who were in the synagogue were filled with rage when they heard these things. ²⁹They got up and drove him out of the town. They led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, in order to throw him off the cliff. ³⁰But he passed through the middle of them and went on his way.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

(Be seated)

384 Hail to the Lord's Anointed

CW 384

- 1 Hail to the Lord's anointed,
 great David's greater Son!
Hail, in the time appointed,
 his reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression,
 to set the captive free,
to take away transgression,
 and rule in equity.
- 2 He comes with rescue speedy
 to those who suffer wrong,
to help the poor and needy
 and bid the weak be strong,
to give them songs for sighing,
 their darkness turn to light
whose souls, condemned and dying,
 are precious in his sight.
- 3 Kings shall bow down before him
 and gold and incense bring;
all nations shall adore him,
 his praise all people sing.

To him shall prayer unceasing
 and daily vows ascend,
 his kingdom still increasing,
 a kingdom without end.

4 O'er ev'ry foe victorious,
 he on his throne shall rest,
 from age to age more glorious,
 all blessing and all-blest.

The tide of time shall never
 his covenant remove;
 his name shall stand forever—
 that name to us is Love.

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Sermon

Acts 4:23-31

God Knows

I. What his people face (23, 25-28)

II. What his people need (24, 29-31)

(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

Offering

383 The Only Son from Heaven

CW 383

- 1 The only Son from heaven,
foretold by ancient seers,
by God the Father given,
in human form appears.
No sphere his light confining,
no star so brightly shining
as he, our Morning Star.
- 2 O time of God appointed,
O bright and holy morn!
He comes, the King anointed,
the Christ, the virgin-born,
grim death to conquer for us,
to open heav'n before us
and bring us life again.
- 3 O Lord, our hearts awaken
to know and love you more,
in faith to stand unshaken,

in spirit to adore,
 that we, through this world moving,
 each glimpse of heaven proving,
 may reap its fullness there.

4 O Father, here before you
 with God the Holy Ghost
 and Jesus, we adore you,
 O Pride of angel host.
 Before you mortals lowly
 cry, “Holy, holy, holy,
 O blessèd Trinity!”

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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.**

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.

387 Arise, Your Light Is Come

CW 387

1 Arise, your light is come!

The Spirit's call obey;
 show forth the glory of your God,
 which shines on you today.

2 Arise, your light is come!

Fling wide the prison door;
proclaim the captive's liberty,
good tidings to the poor.

3 Arise, your light is come!

All you in sorrow born,
bind up the brokenhearted ones
and comfort those who mourn.

4 Arise, your light is come!

The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing;
God's pow'r will make us strong.

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Option 2:

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Voter's Meeting: Following today's Worship Service there will be a voter's meeting. Let's join in with our church leaders as discussion is held on the subjects necessary to provide strong and effective direction for the ministry. The topics discussed will be vital in guiding our church's mission and future decisions. We encourage all members to attend, participate, and contribute their thoughts and feedback. Your presence and input are important for the

continued growth and success of our church community.

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

Women's Bible Study: The next Women's Bible Study will Meet **Thursday, February 27th at 5:30 PM**, Our study topic, *Self Care: Selfish or Sacred?*.

Euchre Night: Euchre night was a great success, so much so that the group there decided to meet every other Friday at 6:30 PM. A signup sheet is once again available, though not necessary. (Pastor 'Lone Hand' Arnold wasn't joking). **Next game night is January 31st.**

Updating Information: Calls were made to each member of St. Luke's that could be contacted. Though much information was collected there is still much that is missing. The office is requesting that you write your information and return it to the office or to Pat Mecham's mailbox. Household name/s, addresses, phone numbers, email addresses, birthdates of each household member, weight, height, and eye color. (**Just joking about the last three!**) The 360 program will allow for mass emails and mass voicemails to be sent to

each of the addresses and phone numbers available. If you have any questions, please contact Pat or Pastor.

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Attendance: January 19th and 20th

Sunday Service: 100, Communed: 92, Bible Class: 30,
 Sunday School: 7,
 Monday Service: 19, Communed: 16

Upcoming Events:

Sunday 01/26/2025

9:00 AM Worship

10:15 AM Voter's Meeting

10:15 AM Sunday School

Monday 01/27/2025

7:00 PM Worship

Tuesday 01/28/2025
 (School)

7:00 PM CEO Meeting

Friday 01/31/2025	6:30 PM Euchre Night
Sunday 02/02/2025	9:00 AM Communion
Worship	
Monday 02/03/2025	7:00 PM Communion
Worship	

Our **Talents** to Our Lord

January Servers

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

January Monday Ushers: David Atkins

January Finance: Gabe Fall, Sam and Carter Korthals

January Altar Guild: Beth Solgat and Beth Arnold

Organist: Olivia Marker

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: \$15,300.00

Initial Offering: \$35.00

Memorial for Nancy Klopf: \$150.00

Sunday School: \$9.00

