

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.

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830 We Walk by Faith

CW 830

- 1 We Walk by faith and not by sight,
no gracious words we hear
from him who spoke as none e'er spoke,
but we believe him near.
- 2 We may not touch his hands and side,
nor follow where he trod;

but in his promise we rejoice

and cry “My Lord and God!”

3 Help then, O Lord, our unbelief;

and may our faith abound

to call on you when you are near

and seek where you are found.

4 For you, O resurrected Lord,

are found in means divine:

beneath the water and the Word,

beneath the bread and wine.

(Please stand for the final stanza)

5 Lord, when our life of faith is done,

in realms of clearer light

we may behold you as you are

with full and endless sight.

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

Amen.

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 God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life that we may boldly confess him to be the Christ and steadfastly walk in the way that leads to life eternal; 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

Joshua 24:1-2,14-18

¹Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel at Shechem, and he summoned the elders of Israel, its heads, its judges, and its officers, and they presented themselves before God.

²Then Joshua told all the people, “This is what the LORD, the God of Israel has said.”

From ancient times your ancestors, including Terah, who was the father of Abraham and the father of Nahor, lived beyond the Euphrates River, and they served other gods.

¹⁴Joshua said, “Now, therefore, fear the LORD and serve him wholeheartedly and faithfully. Remove the gods that your fathers served in the region across the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. ¹⁵But if you see no benefit in serving the LORD, then choose for yourselves today whomever you will serve—whether the gods that your fathers served beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household—we will serve the LORD!”

¹⁶The people responded by saying, “Far be it from us to forsake the LORD in order to serve other gods! ¹⁷For the LORD our God, he is the one who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, where we were slaves. He is the one who performed these great signs right before our eyes and protected us on the whole journey that we made and among all the peoples through whom we passed. ¹⁸The LORD drove out of our presence all the peoples and the Amorites who were living in the land. We too will serve the LORD, because he is our God!”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

119 Teach Me, O LORD

Psalm 119

Refrain

Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes.

Oh, how I / love your law!

I meditate on it / all day long.

Your commands are always / with me

and make me wiser than my / enemies.

I have more insight than all my / teachers,

for I meditate on your / statutes. *Refrain*

I have kept my feet from every / evil path

so that I might o- / bey your word.

How sweet are your words / to my taste,

sweeter than honey / to my mouth!

I gain understanding from your / precepts;

therefore I hate every / wrong path.

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 11:24–28

²⁴By faith Moses refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter when he grew up. ²⁵He chose to be mistreated with God's people rather than enjoy sin for a little while. ²⁶He considered disgrace for the sake of Christ as greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward.

²⁷By faith he left Egypt without fearing the king's wrath, because he persevered as one who sees him who is invisible.

²⁸By faith he celebrated the Passover and the sprinkling of blood, so that the destroyer of the firstborn would not strike them down.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(Stand)

Gospel Acclamation

John 6:68

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel

John 6:51–69

⁵¹I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats this bread, he will live forever. The bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

⁵²At that, the Jews argued among themselves, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?”

⁵³So Jesus said to them, “Amen, Amen, I tell you: Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life in yourselves. ⁵⁴The one who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the Last Day. ⁵⁵For my flesh is real food, and my blood is real drink. ⁵⁶The one who eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in him.

⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like your fathers ate and died. The one who eats this bread will live forever.”

⁵⁹He said these things while teaching in the synagogue in Capernaum. ⁶⁰When they heard it, many of his disciples said, “This is a hard teaching! Who can listen to it?”

⁶¹But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples were grumbling about this, asked them, “Does this cause you to stumble in your faith? ⁶²What if you would see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³The Spirit is the one who gives life. The flesh does not help at all. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life. ⁶⁴But there are some of you who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the beginning those who would not believe and the one who would betray him. ⁶⁵He said, “This is why I told you that no one can come to me, unless it is given to him by my Father.”

⁶⁶After this, many of his disciples turned back and were not walking with him anymore. ⁶⁷So Jesus asked the Twelve, “You do not want to leave too, do you?”

⁶⁸Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom will we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

(Be seated)

631 Speak, O Savior, I Am Listening

CW 631

1 Speak, O Savior, I am list'ning,
as a servant to his lord.

Let me show respect and honor
to your holy, precious Word,
that each day, my whole life through,
I may serve and follow you.

Let your Word e'er be my pleasure
and my heart's most precious treasure.

2 Oh, what blessing to be near you
and to listen to your voice;

let me ever love and fear you,
let your Word still be my choice!

Many hardened sinners, Lord,
flee in terror at your Word;
but to all who feel sin's burden
you give peace and words of pardon.

3 Lord, your words are waters living
where I quench my thirsty needs.

Lord, your words are bread life-giving;
on your words my spirit feeds.

Lord, your words will be my light
thro' death's cold and dreary night;
yes, they are my sword prevailing
and my cup of joy unailing.

4 As I pray, dear Jesus, hear me;
let your words in me take root.

May your Spirit e'er be near me
that I bear abundant fruit.

May I daily sing your praise,
from my heart glad anthems raise,
till my highest praise is given
in the endless joy of heaven.

Text: Anna Sophia von Hessen-Darmstadt, 1638–1683; (sts. 1, 4): tr. Christian Worship, 1993; (sts. 2–3): tr. George A. T. Rygh, 1860–1942, alt.

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Sermon

Hebrews 11:24-28

Live by Faith Like Moses

I. Live for Christ (24-26)

II. Live without fear (27)

III. Live trusting in God (28)

(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

715 Let Me Be Yours Forever

CW 715

- 1 Let me be yours forever,
my faithful God and Lord;
let me forsake you never
nor wander from your Word.
Lord, do not let me waver
but give me steadfastness,
and for such grace and favor
your holy name I'll bless.
- 2 Lord Jesus, my salvation,
my light, my life divine,
my only consolation,
to you I all resign,
for you have dearly bought me
with blood and bitter pain.
Let me, since you have sought me,
eternal life obtain.

3 O gracious Holy Spirit,
my comforter and guide,
grant that in Jesus' merit
I always may confide,
him to the end confessing
whom I have known by faith.
Give me your constant blessing
and grant a Christian death.

Text: tr. Matthias Loy, 1828–1915, alt.; (st. 1): Nicolaus Selnecker, 1532–1592; (sts. 2–3): Gesang-Büchlein, Rudolstadt, 1688
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(Stand)

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

928 May the Grace of Christ Our Savior

CW 928

May the grace of Christ our Savior
and the Father's boundless love
with the Holy Spirit's favor
rest upon us from above.
Thus may we abide in union
with each other and the Lord,
and possess in sweet communion
joys which earth cannot afford.

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Setting Three from Christian Worship

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Office Schedule Change: The office will be closed on Monday the 2nd and will reopen on Tuesday the 3rd.

First Day of School at LES, Monday Aug. 26th!!! We wish you a hearty, healthy, and happy new school year! If new to our LES, Congratulations and Welcome! If returning, welcome back! To all of you, God's blessings on your studies. We look forward to following your successes!

Public School and College Students: Best wishes and God's blessings on your new school year. Show, share, and shine your love for Christ at every opportunity.

Meditations: The new 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).

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)
- Volleyball (Grades 4-8)
- Poms Clinic (Grades K-5)

Each program has its own registration deadline, so be sure to secure your spot early! For more details and to register, visit: www.mlsem.org

Don't miss out on the chance for your child to be part of the action this fall!

Pill Bottles: St. Luke's will no longer be collecting pill bottles. A couple of us decided it was too expensive to mail and too much work. Please do **NOT** bring any more to the box under the mailboxes. Thank you to those who donated in the past.

HAPPENING SOON

Sunday 08/25	9:00 AM Worship Service
Monday 08/26	7:00 PM Worship Service 8:00 AM LES First Day of School
Friday 08/30	Labor Day Weekend-LES NO SCHOOL
Sunday 09/01	9:00 AM Communion Worship Service
Monday 09/02	7:00 PM Communion Worship Service Labor Day-LES NO SCHOOL

August Servers

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

August Monday Usher: Jim Heidenberger

August Finance: Tom Barnett, Chris Lane, Grant Barnes

August Altar Guild: Sharon Thurston, Pat Mecham

Organist: Olivia Marker

September Servers

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

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

EVENT ATTENDANCE

Sunday Service: 113, Communed 98

Monday Service: 17, Communed 15

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: \$12,447.00

School Fees from St. Paul's: \$7,500.00

Rainy Day Fund: \$100.00