

- 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.

www.youtube.com/@stlukesvassar

Upcoming Events

Sunday 03/23/2025	9:00 AM Worship Service 10:15 AM Bible Class 10:15 AM Sunday School 11:15 AM Choir Practice
Monday 03/24/2025	7:00 PM Worship Service
Tuesday 03/25/2025	7:00 PM CEO Meets @ School Open to all!!!
Wednesday 03/26/2025	6:30 PM Lenten Wed. Service 7:30 PM WBS treats after service
Thursday 03/27/2025	5:30 PM Women's Bible Study
Friday 03/28/2025	6:30 PM Euchre
Sunday 03/30/2025	9:00 AM Worship Service
Monday 03/31/2025	7:00 PM Worship Service

Attendance

† Sunday Service: 100, Communed: 91, Monday Service: 20, Communed: 18, Bible Class: 33, Sunday School: 8, Lenten Worship: 44, Jackie Torrez funeral: 300+

Our **Time** to Our Lord

Women's Bible Study: Reminder women, our next Bible Study is this Thursday at 5:30 PM. Topic: Self Care- Sacred or Selfish. Let's learn how our Lord addresses this.

Euchre Night: Friday the 28th is the next Euchre gathering!

April 2 Lent Fellowship: Wednesday April 2, Mr. Chappell's class will be providing a Popcorn Night **after** our Lent service. All are invited to come and share food and fellowship served by our 4th-8th grade students!

- A free will offering will be gathered to support Mr. Chappell's classroom.

Mrs. Einhardt's Class: Thank you for the delicious ice cream social!!!

Smart Boards: Our school faculty and school board presented the need for technology upgrades in the classrooms at the last voters meeting, starting with the request for 2 smart boards. One for each classroom. Some commitments have already been expressed to Mr. Chappell. Please consider donating to this very worthy expenditure for the school and especially for the children! Speak with our teachers and/or our school board if you have further questions.

SVLC Concert Today: Under the theme ***The Cross and the Crown***, the *Saginaw Valley Lutheran Chorale* is presenting a sacred concert this afternoon, **Sunday, March 23, at 3:00 PM**. The concert will be hosted by Trinity Lutheran Church, 1010 33rd Street in Bay City. The program features both choral selections and hymn settings that remind us of Christ's suffering on the cross along with His triumphant victory that assures a crown of everlasting life for all believers. A free-will offering to support the Chorale's *Cantate Deo* grants for MLS graduates will be gathered. You and your family are invited and encouraged to attend.

MLS HOMECOMING CONCERT: The Michigan Lutheran Seminary Concert Choir will present their Homecoming

Concert on **Sunday, March 30 at 6:30 p.m..** in the MLS Chapel. The choir has just returned from their spring tour where they spread the Word of God in song to 11 churches and schools in Michigan, Ohio, Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Virginia. Please consider attending this concert to show your support and welcome the choir back. It promises to be a spiritually edifying and wonderfully inspiring concert.

Our **Talents** to Our Lord

APRIL SERVERS

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

April Communion Elder: Paul Schultz

April Finance: Gabe Fall, Sam Korthals, Carter Korthals

April Altar Guild: Kerri Hubbard and Jennifer LaPratt

Organist: Olivia Marker

Our **Treasures** to Our Lord



Last Week's Budgetary Gifts \$5,420.00

Sunday School: \$11.00

LES Tuition and Fees: \$732.00

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658 With All My Heart I Praise You, Lord

CW 658

1 With all my heart I praise you, Lord,
that in your Son you saved me.

You saw in me what you deplored;
my grievous sin enslaved me.

Yet, Lord, you paid the highest price,
Jesus' atoning sacrifice,
that you might ever own me.

Were I to bless you all my days,
it would be insufficient praise
for kindness you have shown me.

2 When I confess my sin and shame,
peace and forgiveness seeking,
you grant me pardon in your name
before I've finished speaking!

In love you listen carefully
to all our sighs of misery,
our ev'ry need addressing.

Our guilt should make you turn away;
instead you turn toward us and say:

“Receive my gracious blessing.”

Please stand for the final stanza

3 Lord, I rejoice to be your guest,
at your rich table feeding,
there, by your mercy, finding rest
and all my soul is needing.
Let your good Spirit work within
to show that all my wretched sin
has truly been forgiven.
Thus, well prepared, Lord, I believe
that in your supper I receive
life, pardon, peace, and heaven.

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(Stand)

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.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word; 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

Exodus 3:1–15

¹Now Moses was shepherding the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, a priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ²The Angel of the LORD appeared to him in blazing fire from within a bush. Moses saw that the bush was on fire, but the bush was not burning up. ³So he said, “I will go over and look at this amazing sight—to find out why the bush is not burning up.”

⁴When the LORD saw that Moses had gone over to take a look, God called to him from the middle of the bush and said, “Moses! Moses!”

Moses said, “I am here.”

⁵The LORD said, “Do not come any closer. Take your sandals off your feet, for the place where you are standing is holy ground.” ⁶He then said, “I am the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.”

Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God.

⁷The LORD said, “I have certainly seen the misery of my people in Egypt, and I have heard their cry for help because of their slave drivers. Yes, I am aware of their suffering. ⁸So I have come down to deliver them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and spacious land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. ⁹Now indeed, the Israelites' cry for help has come to me. Yes, I have seen how the Egyptians are

oppressing them. ¹⁰Come now, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.”

¹¹But Moses said to God, “Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh, and that I should bring the Israelites out of Egypt?”

¹²So he said, “I will certainly be with you. This will be the sign to you that I have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will serve God on this mountain.”

¹³But Moses said to God, “If I go to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what should I say to them?”

¹⁴So God replied to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” He also said, “You will say this to the Israelites: I AM has sent me to you.”

¹⁵God also told Moses, “Say this to the Israelites: ‘The LORD, the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob—has sent me to

you. This is my name forever, and this is how I am to be remembered from generation to generation.'

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

85 LORD, in Your Mercy, Hear My Prayer

Psalm 85

Refrain

LORD, in your mercy hear my prayer; your goodness never fails.

You, LORD, forgave the iniquity of your / people
and covered / all their sins.

You set aside / all your wrath
and turned from your fierce / anger.

Show us your unfailing / love, LORD,
and grant us your sal- / vation. *Refrain*

I will listen to what God the / LORD says;
he promises peace to his / people.

Surely his salvation is near those who / fear him,
that his glory may dwell / in our land.

Love and faithfulness meet to- / gether;
 righteousness and peace kiss each / other.
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

1 Corinthians 10:1–13

¹For I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud and all passed through the sea, ²and they were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. ³They all ate the same spiritual food ⁴and all drank the same spiritual drink, for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them—and that rock was Christ! ⁵Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them. He had them die in the wilderness.

⁶Now these things took place as examples to warn us not to desire evil things the way they did. ⁷Do not become idolaters like some of them—as it is written,

“The people sat down to eat and drink, and got up to celebrate wildly.” ⁸And let us not commit sexual immorality, as some of them did, and in one day twenty-three thousand fell. ⁹Let us not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and so were being destroyed by the serpents. ¹⁰And do not grumble, as some of them grumbled, and were destroyed by the destroyer. ¹¹All these things that were happening to them had meaning as examples, and they were written down to warn us, to whom the end of the ages has come.

¹²So let him who thinks he stands be careful that he does not fall. ¹³No testing has overtaken you except ordinary testing. But God is faithful. He will not allow you to be tested beyond your ability, but when he tests you, he will also bring about the outcome that you are able to bear it.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(Stand)

Gospel Acclamation

2 Peter 3:9

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory.
He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish,
but everyone to come to repentance.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory.

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Gospel

Luke 13:1–9

¹At that time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices. ²He answered them, “Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered these things? ³I tell you, no. But unless you repent, you will all perish too. ⁴Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower in Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse sinners than all the people living in Jerusalem? ⁵I tell you, no. But unless you repent, you will all perish too.”

⁶He told them this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard. He came looking for fruit on it, but he did not find any. ⁷So he said to the gardener,

‘Look, for three years now I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and I have found none. Cut it down. Why even let it use up the soil?’ ⁸But the gardener replied to him, ‘Sir, leave it alone this year also, until I dig around it and put fertilizer on it. ⁹If it produces fruit next year, fine. But if not, then cut it down.’”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

(Be seated)

712 Delay Not! Delay Not

CW 712

- 1 Delay not! Delay not! O sinner, draw near!
 The waters of life are now flowing for you.
 No price is demanded, the Savior is here;
 redemption is purchased, God’s promise is true.
- 2 Delay not! Delay not, O sinner, to come,
 for mercy still lingers and calls you today.
 Its voice is not heard in the vale of the tomb;
 its message, unheeded, will soon pass away.

- 3 Delay not! Delay not! The Spirit of grace,
 long grieved and resisted, may take his sad flight
 and leave you in darkness to finish your race,
 to sink in the gloom of eternity's night.
- 4 Delay not! Delay not! Why longer abuse
 the love and compassion of Jesus, your God?
 A fountain is opened—how can you refuse?
 Come, wash and be cleansed in his pardoning
 blood.

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Sermon

Luke 13:1-9

God's Solution to Problems

I. The problem of suffering (1-5)

II. The problem of patience (6-9)

(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

831 Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me

CW 831

1 Why should cross and trial grieve me?

Christ is near

with his cheer;

never will he leave me.

Who can rob me of the heaven

that God's Son

for me won

when his life was given?

2 When life's troubles rise to meet me,

though their weight

may be great,

they will not defeat me.

God, my loving Savior, sees them;

he who knows

all my woes

knows how best to end them.

- 3 God gives me my days of gladness,
and I will
trust him still
when he sends me sadness.
God is good; his love attends me
day by day,
come what may,
guides me and defends me.
- 4 From God's joy can nothing sever,
for I am
his dear lamb,
he, my Shepherd ever.
I am his because he gave me
his own blood
for my good,
by his death to save me.
- 5 Since I know God never fails me,
in his voice
I'll rejoice
when grim death assails me.
Trusting in my Savior's merit,

safe at last,
 troubles past,
 I shall heav'n inherit.

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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.

849 Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me

CW 849

1 Lord, take my hand and lead me
upon life's way;
direct, protect, and feed me
from day to day.

Without your grace and favor
I go astray;
so take my hand, O Savior,
and lead the way.

2 Lord, when the tempest rages,
I need not fear;
for you, the Rock of Ages,
are always near.
Close by your side abiding,

I fear no foe,
 for when your hand is guiding,
 in peace I go.

3 Lord, when the shadows lengthen
 and night has come,
 I know that you will strengthen
 my steps toward home.
 Then nothing can impede me,
 O blessed Friend;
 so take my hand and lead me
 unto the end.

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