

Our **Time** to Our Lord

Installation of Officers: St. Luke's is pleased to announce the **installation of officers this Sunday, January 19, 2025**. It is with heartfelt thanks we welcome these leaders into their respective positions, these are: Brandon Frank and Steve Walker as elders, Chris Rupprecht, Silas Schultz, Dave Streeter and Jake Zieroff as Trustees and Drew Einhardt for our Board of Christian Education. Our prayers are with each of you as you serve our Lord.

Voter's Meeting: Following next week's Worship Service January 26th 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 Women's Bible Study will begin on Thursday, January 23rd at 5:30 PM, and will continue the fourth Thursday of each month. Our new study topic, *Self Care: Selfish or Sacred?*

Removal Christmas Decorations: A huge thank you to the many who came to remove decorations this year. The take-down process has become a 'work of art'. Great job all!

Beautifying Our Worship: Please notice that there is a calendar on the bulletin board beside the office door that allows any of us to sign up to place flowers on the stands or on the retable on the altar. Consider this for events in our lives: memorials, anniversaries, thanksgiving, or just because.

Attendance: January 12th and 13th

Sunday Service: 107, Bible Class: 43, Monday Service: 21

Upcoming Events:

Sunday 01/19/2025 9:00 AM Communion Worship

Monday 01/20/2025 7:00 PM Communion Worship
 Thursday 01/23/2025 5:30 PM Women's Bible Study
 Sunday 01/26/2025 9:00 AM Worship Service
 10:15 AM Voter's Meeting
 Monday 01/27/2025 7:00 PM Worship Service

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

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: \$3,315.75

Initial Offering: \$20.00

Fellowship Hall: \$30.00

School Fees: \$300.00

Prayer Books: \$140.49

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. 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.

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Epiphany: January 19 & 20, 2025

386 Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

CW 386

- 1 Songs of thankfulness and praise,
Jesus, Lord, to you we raise,
manifested by the star
to the Magi from afar,
branch of royal David's stem,
in your birth at Bethlehem.
Anthems be to you addressed,
God in man made manifest.
- 2 Manifest at Jordan's stream,
Prophet, Priest, and King supreme,
and at Cana, wedding guest,
in your Godhead manifest;
manifest in pow'r divine,
changing water into wine.
Anthems be to you addressed,
God in man made manifest.
- 3 Manifest in making whole
palsied limbs and fainting soul;

manifest in valiant fight,
 quelling all the devil's might;
 manifest in gracious will,
 ever bringing good from ill.

Anthems be to you addressed,
 God in man made manifest.

4 Sun and moon shall darkened be,
 stars shall fall, the heav'ns shall flee.

Christ will then like lightning shine;
 all will see his glorious sign.

All will then the trumpet hear,
 all will see the judge appear.

You by all will be confessed,
 God in man made manifest.

5 Grant us grace to see you, Lord,
 mirrored in your holy Word.

May our lives and all we do
 imitate and honor you
 that we all like you may be
 at your great epiphany

and may praise you, ever blest,
 God in man made manifest.

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(Stand)

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.

Almighty God, you gave your one and only Son to be the light of the world. Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and believed to the ends of the earth; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

(Be seated)

First Reading*Isaiah 62:1–5*

¹For the sake of Zion I will not be silent.

For the sake of Jerusalem I will not be quiet,
until her righteousness goes forth shining brightly,
and her salvation burns like a torch.

²Nations will see your righteousness,
and all kings will see your glory.

You will be called by a new name

that the mouth of the LORD will assign to you.

³Then you will be a beautiful crown in the LORD's
hand,

and a royal diadem in the palm of your God.

⁴You will never again be called Abandoned,
and your land will never again be called Desolation,
for you will be called My Delight Is in Her,
and your land will be called Married,
because the LORD delights in you,
and your land will be married.

⁵For just as a young man marries a virgin,
your sons will marry you,

and just as a bridegroom rejoices over a bride,
your God will rejoice over you.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

145 I Will Praise Your Name Forever

Psalm 145

Refrain



I will praise your name for - ev - er, my King and my God.

Tone



Great is the LORD and most wor- / thy of praise;

his greatness no one can / fathom.

One generation commends your works to an- / other;

they tell of your / mighty acts.

The LORD upholds / all who fall

and lifts up all who are / bowed down. *Refrain*

The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food
at the / proper time.

You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every /
living thing.

The LORD is near to all who / call on him,
to all who call on / him in truth.

He fulfills the desires of those who / fear him;
he hears their cry and / saves them.

**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

Ephesians 3:14–21

¹⁴For this reason I kneel before the Father of our Lord
Jesus Christ, ¹⁵from whom the entire family in heaven
and on earth receives its name. ¹⁶I pray that, according
to the riches of his glory, he would strengthen you with

power through his Spirit in your inner self, ¹⁷so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. Then, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸I pray that you would be able to comprehend, along with all the saints, how wide and long and high and deep his love is, ¹⁹and that you would be able to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled to all the fullness of God.

²⁰Now to him, who is able, according to the power that is at work within us, to do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine, ²¹to him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever! Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(Stand)

Gospel Acclamation

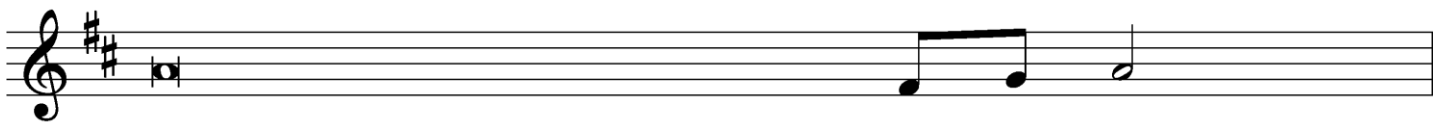
John 1:14



Refrain



Tone



We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and on - ly Son,



who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

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Gospel

John 2:1–11

¹Three days later, there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee. Jesus' mother was there. ²Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding.

³When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no wine."

⁴Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does that have to do with you and me? My time has not come yet."

⁵His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

⁶Six stone water jars, which the Jews used for ceremonial cleansing, were standing there, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷Jesus told them, "Fill the jars with water." So they filled them to the brim. ⁸Then he said to them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet." And they did.

⁹When the master of the banquet tasted the water that had now become wine, he did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew). The master of the banquet called the bridegroom ¹⁰and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and when the guests have had plenty to drink, then the cheaper wine. You saved the good wine until now!"

¹¹This, the beginning of his miraculous signs, Jesus performed in Cana of Galilee. He revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

(Be seated)

375 Arise and Shine in Splendor

CW 375

- 1 Arise and shine in splendor;
let night to day surrender.
Your light is drawing near.
Above, the day is beaming,
in matchless beauty gleaming;
the glory of the Lord is here.
- 2 See earth in darkness lying,
the heathen nations dying
in hopeless gloom and night.
To you the Lord of heaven—
your life, your hope—has given
great glory, honor, and delight.

- 3 Lift up your eyes in wonder—
 see, nations gather yonder
 from sin to be set free.
 The world has heard your story;
 her sons come to your glory,
 her daughters haste your light to see.
- 4 Your heart will leap for gladness
 when from the realms of sadness
 they come from near and far.
 Your eyes will wake from slumber
 as people without number
 rejoice to see the Morning Star.

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Sermon

Isaiah 62:1-5

God Is Delighted with You

I. You have his righteousness (1-2a, 3)

II. You have a new name (2b, 4-5)

(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

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.

660 Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face

CW 660

- 1 Here, O my Lord, I see you face to face;
here would I touch and handle things unseen,
here grasp with firmer hand eternal grace,
and all my weariness upon you lean.
- 2 This is the hour of banquet and of song;
this is the heav'nly table spread anew.
Here let me feast and, feasting, still prolong
the brief bright hour of fellowship with you.
- 3 I have no help but yours nor do I need
another arm but yours to lean upon.
It is enough, O Lord, enough indeed;
my strength is in your might, your might alone.
- 4 Mine is the sin but yours the righteousness;
mine is the guilt but yours the cleansing blood.
Here is my robe, my refuge, and my peace:
your blood, your righteousness, O Lord, my God.
- 5 Too soon we rise; the vessels disappear;
the feast, though not the love, is past and gone.
The bread and wine remove, but you are here,
nearer than ever, still my shield and sun.

6 Feast after feast thus comes and passes by,
 yet, passing, points to that glad feast above,
 giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy,
 the Lamb's great marriage feast of bliss and love.

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661 Draw Near and Take the Body of Your Lord CW 661

1 Draw near and take the body of your Lord,
 and drink the holy blood for you outpoured.
 Saved by his body and his holy blood,
 with souls refreshed we give our thanks to God.

2 Christ our Redeemer, God's eternal Son,
 has by his cross and blood the vict'ry won.
 He gave his life for greatest and for least,
 himself the off'ring and himself the priest.

3 Let us approach with faithful hearts sincere
 and take the pledges of salvation here.
 Christ, who in this life all the saints defends,
 gives all believers life that never ends.

4 With heav'nly bread he makes the hungry whole,
 gives living waters to the thirsting soul.
 Lord of the nations, to whom all must bow,
 in this great feast of love be with us now.

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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.

376 Rise Up and Shine

CW 376

- 1 Rise up and shine! Your light has come;
 God's glory breaks like dawn.
 For though the earth be cloaked in night
 and gloom shrouds ev'ryone,
 yet over you the Lord will rise,
 with glory gleaming clear,
 till nations turn to seek your light
 and humbled kings draw near.
- 2 Fling wide your gates, both day and night;
 no more keep watch or guard.
 You will be called God's holy hill,
 the city of the Lord.
 No sound of strife will plague your land,

nor harm besiege your ways;
 “Salvation” will you name your walls,
 and all your portals “Praise.”

3 No more will you implore the sun
 to shed by day its light,
 nor will you need the changeful moon
 to glisten through the night.
 Your glory then will be your God,
 whose light will never cease.
 Rise up and shine! Your light has come
 to give you joy and peace.

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