

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 available on the tract desk.
- Large Print Service binders can be found on the tract desk.
- Personal prayers for use before church or during the week are printed on p. 255-258 in the hymnal.
- 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](https://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.

Upcoming Events

Sunday 03/02/2025	9:00 AM Communion Worship
	10:15 AM Bible Class
	10:15 AM Sunday School
	11:15 AM Choir Practice
Monday 03/03/2025	7:00 PM Communion Worship
Tuesday 03/04/2025	6:30 PM Mega Meeting
Wednesday 03/05/2025	5:00 PM Pasta Bar Supper
	6:30 PM Ash Wed. Service
Thursday 03/06/2025	7:00 PM Sunday School
Teachers	
Sunday 03/09/2025	9:00 AM Worship Service
Monday 03/10/2025	7:00 PM Worship Service

Our **Time** to Our Lord

Called Home: It has pleased our Lord to call home the soul of Riley Petty, who passed in his sleep. We pray for his grieving family in their time of sorrow.

Ash Wednesday Pasta Bar Supper: Wednesday March 5, The CEO will be hosting a **Pasta Bar Supper at 5PM**, prior to our Ash Wednesday service.

- A free will offering will be gathered to help support CEO activities.

Church Council Supper: Before the Lenten service on March 12th the Church Council will be preparing a ‘Summer Cook-Out’ meal. Plan to join at 5:00 PM. There is a sign-up sheet outside the secretary’s office.

Children Sing: Our LES children will sing during the service on Ash Wednesday. They are singing *Beneath the Cross*.

Emails and Phone Numbers: Please help St. Luke’s update our files. Entries are coming along very well! We’d like to start the next phase by collecting the emails and phone numbers of each member. The Church 360 program allows us to send mass emails and phone messages to our members in a simple, effective, and

timely manner. **Parents of adult and confirmed children, please include their info.** You may email the church with the information or place it in Pat Mecham's mailbox. Following this phase, we will be asking for anniversary dates, birthdates, baptism dates, confirmation dates, and the death dates of members called home.

Attendance: February 23rd and 24th

Sunday Service: 104 No Monday Service: Sunday School:
8 Bible Class: 37

Our **Talents** to Our Lord

March Sunday Ushers: Brandon and Jared Frank, Jon Woolworth, Jacob Zieroff

March Communion Elder: Brandon Frank

March Finance: Jeremy LaPratt, Nick Hubbard, Ed Newsome

March Altar Guild: Pat Mecham and Jodi Newcomer

Organist: Olivia Marker

Our **Treasures** to Our Lord



Last Week's Budgetary Offerings: \$5,225.00

Sunday School \$7.00

392 This Brightness, Lord! What Shall I Say

CW 392

Choir sings vs 1, 2-Congregation sings 3-6

1 This brightness, Lord! What shall I say
to see your face outshine the day?

No greater gift could I receive;
I'll stay right here and never leave!

2 But Moses and Elijah know
the lengths to which your love must go.
What pleasure fills your Father's voice:
"My precious Son, my perfect choice!"

3 I quickly learn we cannot stay;
the brightness gone, you lead the way,
advancing down this mountainside
to where you'll soon be crucified.

4 Your living Word has let me see
the truth behind the bloody tree,
what makes your face profoundly shine—
you made my sin no longer mine.

5 No glory lights the plains below
where trials rise and troubles flow,
and yet I know you'll help me bear
each blessed cross that's waiting there.

Please stand for the final stanza

6 I'll soon exchange this mountain sight
for heaven's everlasting light;

your brightness, Lord, will then be mine,
and then my face, like yours, will shine.

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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.

O God, in the glorious transfiguration of your only-begotten Son, you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice that came from the bright cloud, you foreshadowed our adoption as your sons. In your mercy, make us co-heirs of glory with Jesus our King, and bring us at last to heaven; 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 34:29–35

²⁹When Moses came down from Mount Sinai, with the two tablets of the Testimony in his hand as he came down from the mountain, Moses did not realize that the skin of his face was shining because he had been speaking with the LORD. ³⁰When Aaron and all the people of Israel saw Moses, they were amazed that the skin of his face was shining, so they were afraid to come close to him. ³¹Moses called to them, so Aaron and all the rulers of the community returned to him, and Moses spoke to them. ³²Afterward, all the people of Israel came

close to him, and he gave them all of the commands that the LORD had spoken to him on Mount Sinai.

³³When Moses was finished speaking with them, he put a veil over his face. ³⁴But whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off until he came out again. Then he would come out and tell the people of Israel what he had been commanded.

³⁵Whenever the people of Israel saw Moses' face, they would see that the skin of Moses' face was shining. Then Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with the LORD again.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

2 Great Are the Works of the LORD

Psalm 2

Refrain

**Great are the works of the LORD. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Great are the works of the LORD.**

Why do the nations / conspire

and the peoples / plot in vain?

The kings of the earth rise up and the rulers band
together a- / gainst the LORD

and against his A- / nointed. *Refrain*

The One enthroned in / heaven laughs;
the Lord / scoffs at them.

He rebukes them in his anger and terrifies them in his
wrath, / saying,

“I have installed my King on Zion, my holy /
mountain.” *Refrain*

I will proclaim the / LORD’s decree:

He said to me, “You are my Son; today I have become
your / Father.”

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

2 Corinthians 3:7–18

⁷If the ministry that brought death (which was engraved in letters on stone) came with glory, so that the Israelites could not look directly at the face of Moses because of the glory of his face (though it was fading),
⁸how will the ministry of the spirit not be much more glorious? ⁹For if the ministry that brought condemnation has glory, the ministry that brought righteousness has even more glory. ¹⁰In fact, in this case, what was glorious is no longer very glorious, because of the greater glory of that which surpasses it. ¹¹Indeed, if

what is fading away was glorious, how much more glorious is that which is permanent!

¹²Therefore, since we have this kind of hope, we act with great boldness. ¹³We are not like Moses, who put a veil over his face, so that the Israelites could not continue to look at the end of the radiance, as it was fading away. ¹⁴In spite of this, their minds were hardened. Yes, up to the present day, the same veil remains when the Old Testament is read. It has not been removed because it is taken away only in Christ. ¹⁵Instead, to this day, whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their hearts. ¹⁶But whenever someone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. ¹⁷Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸But all of us who reflect the Lord's glory with an unveiled face are being transformed into his own image, from one degree of glory to another. This too is from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(Stand)

Gospel Acclamation*Mark 9:7*

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

A cloud covered them, and a voice came from the cloud:

“This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!”

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel*Luke 9:28–36*

²⁸About eight days after he said these words, Jesus took Peter, John, and James and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹While he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothing became dazzling white. ³⁰Just then, two men, Moses and Elijah, were talking with him! ³¹They appeared in glory and were talking about his departure, which he was going to bring to fulfillment in Jerusalem.

³²Peter and those with him were weighed down with sleep, but when they were completely awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him.

³³As the men were leaving Jesus, Peter said to him, “Master, it is good for us to be here. Let's make three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” He did not realize what he was saying.

³⁴While he was saying these things, a cloud came and overshadowed them. They were afraid as they went into the cloud. ³⁵Then a voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!” ³⁶After the voice had spoken, they found Jesus alone. They kept this secret and told no one in those days any of the things they had seen.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Praise be to you, O Christ! (Be seated)

388 Down from the Mount of Glory

CW 388

- 1 Down from the mount of glory
came Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Recall the wondrous story,
rich gem in sacred Word.
Again your faith will view him
in double glory here;
the greater homage due him
will in your life appear.
- 2 Transfigured, Christ, the lowly,
stood radiant in the light,
light found in Godhead solely,
for human eyes too bright.
Then came a voice from heaven,

confirmed what here we see;
the words “my Son” were given
to seal his deity.

3 Yet mark this glory hidden!

See him the mount descend
and, by the Father bidden,
his willing footsteps bend
to seek humiliation
in deepest depths of woe,
to suffer degradation
no mind can probe or know.

4 Strange how his journey ended!

In love that is his fame
our Lord again ascended
a mount—the hill of shame.

Upon the cross he proffered
himself to agony;
his holy soul he offered
to set the guilty free.

5 Then hail the double glory
of Jesus Christ, our Lord,
and let the wondrous story
full peace and joy afford!

The holy mount acclaims him
the majesty divine;

Mount Calvary proclaims him Redeemer—yours and mine.

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Sermon

Luke 9:28-36

Get Ready for Lent

I. By seeing Jesus' glory (28-29)

II. By seeing your glory (30-31a, 32-33)

III. By listening to Jesus (34-36)

(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

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.

389 How Good, Lord, to Be Here

CW 389

- 1 How good, Lord, to be here!
Your glory fills the night;
your face and garments, like the sun,
shine with unborrowed light.
- 2 How good, Lord, to be here
your beauty to behold,
where Moses and Elijah stand,
your messengers of old.
- 3 Fulfiller of the past,
and hope of things to be,
we hail your body glorified
and our redemption see.
- 4 Before we taste of death,
we see your kingdom come;
we long to hold the vision bright
and make this hill our home.
- 5 But you, Lord, do not stay.
With mercy resolute
you leave this glorious hill to die—
our perfect substitute.
- 6 How good, Lord, to be here!
Yet we may not remain;
but since you bid us leave the mount,
come with us to the plain.

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391 O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair

CW 391

- 1 O wondrous type! O vision fair
of glory that the Church may share,
which Christ upon the mountain shows,
where brighter than the sun he glows!
- 2 With Moses and Elijah nigh
th' incarnate Lord holds converse high,
and from the cloud the Holy One
bears record to the only Son.
- 3 With shining face and bright array
Christ deigns to manifest today
what glory shall be theirs above
who joy in God with perfect love.
- 4 And faithful hearts are raised on high
by this great vision's mystery,
for which in joyful strains we raise
the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.
- 5 O Father, with th' eternal Son
and Holy Spirit ever one,
we pray you, bring us by your grace
to see your glory face to face.

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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.

380 Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

CW 380

- 1 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does its successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore
till moons shall wax and wane no more.
- 2 To him shall endless prayer be made
and endless praises crown his head;
his name like sweet perfume shall rise
with ev'ry morning sacrifice.
- 3 People and realms of ev'ry tongue
Dwell on his love with sweetest song,
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name.
- 4 Blessings abound where'er he reigns:
the pris'ners leap, unloosed their chains,
the weary find eternal rest,
and all who suffer want are blest.
- 5 Let ev'ry creature rise and bring
worship and honor to our King;
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud amen.

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