

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.

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Setting 1, p. 154

404 Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing

CW 404

1 Jesus, grant that balm and healing
in your holy wounds I find,
ev'ry hour that I am feeling
pains of body and of mind.
Should some evil thought within
tempt my treach'rous heart to sin,
show the peril, and from sinning
keep me ere its first beginning.

- 2 Should some lust or sharp temptation
 fascinate my sinful mind,
let me think about your passion,
 and new courage I shall find.
Or should Satan press me hard,
let me then be on my guard,
 saying, “Christ for me was wounded,”
 that the tempter flee confounded.
- 3 If the world my heart entices
 with the broad and easy road,
with seductive, sinful vices,
 let me weigh the awful load
you were willing to endure.
Help me flee all thoughts impure,
 mastering each wild temptation,
 calm in prayer and meditation.
- 4 Ev’ry wound that pains or grieves me
 by your wounds, Lord, is made whole;
when I’m weak, your cross revives me,
 granting new life to my soul.
Yes, your comfort renders sweet
ev’ry bitter cup I meet;
 for your all-atoning passion
 has procured my soul’s salvation.
- 5 O my God, my rock and tower,
 grant that in your death I trust,

knowing death has lost its power
 since you crushed it in the dust.
 Savior, let your agony
 ever help and comfort me;
 when I die be my protection,
 light and life and resurrection.

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(Stand)

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

Confession

CW 154

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

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 Be to God on High

CW 157

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

We praise you, we bless you, we worship you,
we glorify you, we give thanks to you, for your great
glory,

O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

You take away the sin of the world; receive our prayer.

You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy
on us.

For you only are holy; you only are the Lord.

You only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

are most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE WORD

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God, in your bountiful goodness, keep us safe from every evil of body and soul. Make us ready, with cheerful hearts, to do whatever pleases you; 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

Numbers 11:4–6, 10–16, 24–29

⁴The foreign rabble who were among the Israelites were overcome by their craving. The Israelites also wept once again and said, “Who is going to give us meat to eat? ⁵We remember the fish we ate in Egypt free of charge, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic. ⁶But now our lives are wasting away. We have nothing at all to look at except this manna.”

¹⁰Moses heard people from all the clans weeping, each one at the entrance to his own tent. At the same time, the LORD's anger burned fiercely, and Moses was displeased. ¹¹Moses said to the LORD, “Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found

favor in your eyes? Why do you put the burden of all these people on me? ¹²Did I conceive all these people by myself? Am I the one who gave birth to them so that you tell me to carry them in my arms to the land which you swore to their fathers, just as a woman who is nursing carries a baby? ¹³Where is there meat for me to give to all these people? Listen, they are weeping to me and saying, ‘Give us meat so that we can eat.’ ¹⁴I am not able to carry all these people by myself, because that is too much for me. ¹⁵If you are going to treat me this way, please kill me right now. If I have found favor in your eyes, do not let me see my own ruin.”

¹⁶So the LORD said to Moses, “Gather seventy men from the elders of Israel for me, men whom you know to be elders and officers for the people. Take them to the Tent of Meeting and make them stand there with you.

²⁴Moses went out and told the people the LORD's words. He gathered seventy men from the elders of the people and had them stand all around the tent. ²⁵The LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him. He took from the Spirit that was on Moses and put it on the seventy elders. When the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied, but they did not do it again.

²⁶Two men, however, remained in the camp. The name of one was Eldad, and the name of the other was Medad. They were listed among the elders, but they had

not gone out to the tent. The Spirit rested on them, and they prophesied back in the camp. ²⁷A young man ran and reported this to Moses. He said, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp!”

²⁸Joshua son of Nun, Moses' aide from his youth, answered, “My lord Moses, stop them!”

²⁹Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? If only all of the LORD's people were prophets so that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

19 The Heavens Declare the Glory of God

Psalm 19

Refrain

The heav'ns declare the glory of God, the skies proclaim his handiwork.

They have no speech, they / use no words;
no sound is / heard from them.

Yet their voice goes out into / all the earth,
their words to the ends / of the world. *Refrain*

The law of the LORD is perfect, refresh- / ing the soul.

The commands of the LORD are radiant, giving light / to the eyes.

They are more precious than gold, than much / pure
gold;

they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the /
honeycomb.

By them your servant / is warned;

in keeping them there is / great reward. *Refrain*

May these words of my mouth and this meditation / of
my heart

be pleasing in your sight, LORD, my rock and my Re- /
deemer.

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

James 4:7–12

⁷So, submit yourselves to God. Resist the Devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸Come near to God, and he will come near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded people. ⁹Lament, mourn, and weep. Let your laughter be changed into mourning and your joy into gloom. ¹⁰Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he will lift you up.

¹¹Do not speak against one another, brothers. The one who speaks against a brother or judges his brother is

speaking against the law and judging the law. But if you judge the law, you are not one who does the law, but a judge. ¹²There is one lawgiver and judge. He is able to save and to destroy. But who are you to judge your neighbor?

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(Stand)

Gospel Acclamation

Micah 6:8

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

What does the LORD require of you?

To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Mark 9:38–50

³⁸John said to him, “Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name. We tried to stop him, because he was not following us.”

³⁹But Jesus said, “Do not try to stop him, because no one who does a miracle in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil about me. ⁴⁰Whoever is not against us is for us. ⁴¹Amen I tell you: Whoever gives you

a cup of water to drink in my name, because you belong to Christ, will certainly not lose his reward.

⁴²“Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to fall into sin, it would be better for him if he were thrown into the sea with a large millstone hung around his neck. ⁴³If your hand causes you to fall into sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life maimed, than to have two hands and go into hell, into the unquenchable fire, ⁴⁴‘where their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched.’ ⁴⁵If your foot causes you to fall into sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell, ⁴⁶‘where their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched.’ ⁴⁷If your eye causes you to fall into sin, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸‘where their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched.’ ⁴⁹For everyone will be salted with fire. ⁵⁰Salt is good. But if the salt loses its flavor, how will you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

(Be seated)

819 If God Himself Be for Me

- 1 If God himself be for me,
I may a host defy;
for when I pray, before me
my foes, confounded, fly.
If Christ, my head and master,
befriend me from above,
what foe or what disaster
can drive me from his love?
- 2 This I believe, yea rather,
of this I make my boast,
that God is my dear Father,
the friend who loves me most,
and that, whate'er betide me,
my Savior is at hand
thro' stormy seas to guide me
and bring me safe to land.
- 3 I build on this foundation,
that Jesus and his blood
alone are my salvation,
my true, eternal good.
Without him all that pleases
is valueless on earth;
the gifts I have from Jesus
alone have priceless worth.

4 He canceled my offenses,
delivered me from death;
he is the Lord who cleanses
my soul from sin through faith.

In him I can be cheerful,
courageous on my way;
in him I am not fearful
of God's great Judgment Day.

5 Now no one can condemn me
or set my hope aside;
now hell no more can claim me,
its fury I deride.

No sentence now reproves me,
no guilt destroys my peace,
for Christ, my Savior, loves me
and shields me with his grace.

6 No danger, thirst, or hunger,
no pain or poverty,
no earthly tyrant's anger
shall ever vanquish me.
Though earth should break asunder,
you are my Savior true;
no fire or sword or thunder
shall sever me from you.

7 My heart for joy is springing
 and can no more be sad;
 my soul is filled with singing,
 sees only sunshine glad.
 The sun that cheers my spirit
 is Jesus Christ, my King;
 the heav'n I shall inherit
 makes me rejoice and sing.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–1676, abr.; (sts. 1, 4–5, 7): tr. Evangelical Lutheran Hymn-book, 1907; (sts. 2–3, 6): tr. Richard Massie, 1800–1887

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Sermon

God Knows How to Handle Problems

- I. The issue (4-6, 10-15)**
- II. God's solution (16, 24-26)**
- III. Moses' acceptance (27-29)**

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

513 In You Is Gladness

CW 513

1 In you is gladness
 amid all sadness,
 Jesus, sunshine of my heart.
 By you are given

the gifts of heaven,
 you the true Redeemer are.
 Our souls are waking,
 our bonds are breaking;
 who trusts you surely
 has built securely
 and stands forever. Alleluia!
 Our hearts are pining
 to see your shining,
 dying or living
 to you are clinging
 now and forever. Alleluia!

2 If he is ours,
 we fear no powers,
 not of earth or sin or death.
 He sees and blesses
 in worst distresses;
 he can change them with a breath.
 Wherefore the story
 tell of his glory
 with hearts and voices;
 all heav'n rejoices
 in him forever. Alleluia!
 We shout for gladness,
 win over sadness,
 love him and praise him

and still shall raise him
glad hymns forever. Alleluia!

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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.

782 Luther's Morning and Evening Prayer

CW 782

1a I thank you, heav'nly Father,
thro' Jesus, your dear Son,
that you this night have kept me
from danger and from harm.
Keep me this day from evil,
that all I say and do
be pleasing and reflective
of love first shown by you.

1b I thank you, heav'nly Father,
thro' Jesus, your dear Son,
that graciously you kept me
while daily tasks were done.

I pray that you forgive me
for all my sins and wrongs,
and in your love continue
to keep me all night long.

2 I trust my soul and body
into your loving hands.

All things that I encounter
I leave to your good plans.

Send me your holy angel
to rout the evil one
and crush his dreadful powers.

Amen. Your will be done.

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Setting One from Christian Worship

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MESSAGE BOARD

Please take notice: There will be no Monday service on September 30th as pastor will be attending a Pastor's Conference.

Check this out! St. Luke's updated website is new and ready for viewing at www.vassarlutherans.org! It's a great resource to share with your family, friends, and potential new members and school families. You'll find lots of information about our church and St. Luke's Lutheran School, with bulletins and sermons uploaded weekly. Don't forget to check out the monthly church and school calendar!

Free Advent Meditations: There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board by the church office. Twenty-five Advent meditations will be given to those who would like these meditations. Martin Luther College has made this

available to our synod churches. Please sign now if you are interested, the office must order no later than Oct. 8th.

Harvest Fest is Back!! Mark your calendar! **October 12, 3pm at St. Luke's Lutheran School.** Please plan to join us for a day full of family, fun, and fellowship. The CEO is hard at work planning the event to include hayrides, bonfire, dessert baking contest, pickle eating contest, book fair, kick off to Operation Giving Thanks, family photo booth and so much more.

While the CEO is mighty, we are small so how can you help?

-Watch for a signup sheet for volunteer opportunities the day of the event

-Bring empty pop cans with you to church

September 14 - October 5. The money will be used to purchase supplies, hotdogs, and chips for the evening. Cash donations will be accepted as well.

-Start testing out your favorite dessert recipes and plan to enter the dessert contest...**keep in mind, the desserts will be judged by KIDS!**

-Reach out to Katie Denniston (989-302-2772) or Ashley Clinesmith (989-660-5742) if you're interested in helping.

HAPPENING SOON

Sunday 09/29	9:00 AM Worship Service
Sunday 10/06	9:00 AM Communion Worship Service
Monday 10/07	7:00 PM Communion Worship Service

October Servers

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

October Communion Elder: Oct. 7th Phill Pellar, 20th Jay Newcomer

October Monday Usher: David Atkins

October Finance: Gabe Fall, Ed Baldwin, Sam Korthals

October Altar Guild: Fran Emling and Theresa Atkins

Organist: Olivia Marker

EVENT ATTENDANCE

Sunday Service: 103

Monday Service: 24

STEWARDSHIP AT ST. LUKE'S

For 2024, the planned giving needed is \$7,910.00 per week to meet our ministry goals.

September 15 Budgetary Offerings: \$5,318.00

Special Gift Mission: \$50.00

Reimbursement Hymnals/Bibles: \$1340.00

Christian Aid Relief: \$40.00

Last Week's Budgetary Offerings: \$13,554.00

Sunday School: \$7.00

Maintenance/Repair: \$35.00