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**A Life Lived for Others**

# St. LUCAS EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

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## Fourth Sunday of End Time-Christ the King November 20 and 21, 2021

### Welcome

Welcome and thank you for joining us for worship today! In our service we gather before our gracious God to offer him our worship and praise. We assemble to hear God's holy and powerful Word and celebrate his life-giving Sacraments. Through these means, God strengthens our faith and walks us ever closer to our eternal home with him in heaven.

### For Your Convenience and Safety

For your ease and convenience, the entire order of service is printed out in the following pages. Many of the elements of this service have ancient roots in the Christian church. Some are very recent. Lutheran worship is specifically designed to include the participation of the assembly. Parts marked **M** are spoken or sung by the minister, and parts marked **C** are spoken or sung by the congregation. Congregational parts are also printed in bold.

If you are in need of restrooms, they are located in lower level of the church. Parents who need to attend to upset infants or toddlers may use the parent's room located just beyond the ushers' room on the left as you leave the church. A large print version of this service folder and a printed copy of today's sermon for those who have difficulty seeing or hearing are available from an usher.

For the convenience of others please silence all electronic devices.

Offerings may be given in the collection plate in the church entryway. Please keep your service folder or recycle it in the green bin in the entryway. Communion will be offered by continuous distribution.



# ORDER OF SERVICE

## GATHERING RITE

Stand

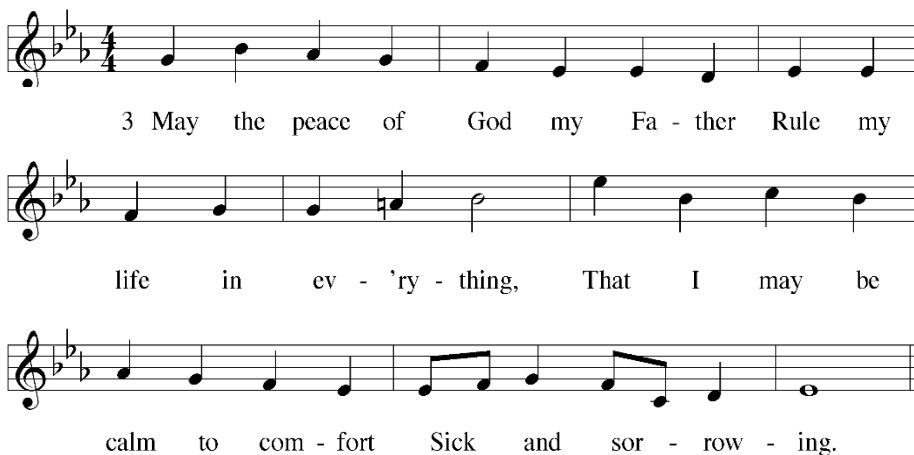
*Music begins playing underneath spoken word.*

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

## CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

M: Heavenly Father, you have blessed us with gifts to serve you and our neighbor. We repent for times we have used those gifts selfishly instead of generously and selflessly. Forgive us and let your peace rule our lives.



3 May the peace of God my Fa - ther Rule my  
life in ev - 'ry - thing, That I may be  
calm to com - fort Sick and sor - row - ing.

M: Dear Savior Jesus, you have shown us the full extent of your love by giving your life for ours on the cross. Though that love is what ought to motivate our service, too often our service is grudgingly given, motivated by guilt and obligation, instead of generously given, motivated by your love. Forgive us and let your love fill our lives.

C: ♪ **May the love of Jesus fill me As the waters fill the sea,  
Him exalting self abasing – This is victory. (CW467:4)**

M: O Holy Spirit, you want all people to be saved by the power of the Gospel. You also tell us that you use our Christian lives and service to lead them to hearing the Gospel. We are sorry when people see sin in our lives and not the good deeds you desire from us. Forgive us and live within us.

**C: ♪ May his Spirit live within me As I seek the lost to win,  
And may they forget the channel, Seeing only him. (CW467:6)**

M: As a called servant of the Triune God, I announce to you his grace and forgiveness. On behalf of and by the command of our Savior Jesus Christ, I forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**C: ♪ May the mind of Christ my Savior Live in me from day to day,  
By his love and pow'r inspiring All I do or say.  
  
May the Word of God dwell richly In my heart from hour to hour,  
So that all may see I triumph Only through his pow'r. (CW467:1-2)**

M: We pray:

Almighty and merciful God, you sent your son not to be served but to serve. Grant to us a rich measure of your mercy and strength and work in us a love for others that overflows in acts of service and compassion; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**C: ♪ May I run the race before me, Strong and brave to face the foe,  
Looking only unto Jesus As I onward go. (CW467:5)**

Be Seated

SONG Sixer Singers (8 am) "Rejoice, Give Thanks and Sing"

READING

1 Thessalonians 4:9-12

*God teaches you to love each other and encourages you to live the God-lived life more and more.*

<sup>9</sup> Now about your love for one another we do not need to write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love each other. <sup>10</sup> And in fact, you do love all of God's family throughout Macedonia. Yet we urge you, brothers and sisters, to do so more and more, <sup>11</sup> and to make it your ambition to lead a quiet life: You should mind your own business and work with your hands, just as we told you, <sup>12</sup> so that your daily life may win the respect of outsiders and so that you will not be dependent on anybody.

Stand

GOSPEL

Luke 10:25-37

*The Good Samaritan illustrates humble, loving service to those who need it most. May we show the same.*

<sup>25</sup> On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

<sup>26</sup> “What is written in the Law?” he replied. “How do you read it?”

<sup>27</sup> He answered, “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind’; and, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”

<sup>28</sup> “You have answered correctly,” Jesus replied. “Do this and you will live.”

<sup>29</sup> But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”

<sup>30</sup> In reply Jesus said: “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup> A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup> So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup> But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. <sup>34</sup> He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. <sup>35</sup> The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. ‘Look after him,’ he said, ‘and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.’

<sup>36</sup> “Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?”

<sup>37</sup> The expert in the law replied, “The one who had mercy on him.”

Jesus told him, “Go and do likewise.”

M: The Gospel of our Lord.

**C: Praise be to you, O Christ!**

Be Seated

# Hymn of the Day

The Head that Once Was Crowned | CW 217



1 The head that once was crowned with thorns Is  
2 The high - est place that heav'n af - fords Is  
3 The joy of all who dwell a - bove, The  
4 To them the cross, with all its shame, With  
5 They suf - fer with their Lord be - low; They



crowned with glo - ry now; A roy - al di - a -  
his, is his by right, The King of kings and  
joy of all be - low, To whom he man - i -  
all its grace, is giv'n; Their name, an ev - er -  
reign with him a - bove, Their pro - fit and their



dem a - dorns The might - y vic - tor's brow.  
Lord of lords And heav'n's e - ter - nal light,  
fests his love And grants his name to know.  
last - ing name; Their joy, the joy of heav'n.  
joy, to know The myst - 'ry of his love.

6 The cross he bore is life and health,  
Though shame and death to him;  
His people's hope, his people's wealth,  
Their everlasting theme.

Text: Thomas Kelly, 1769–1855.

Tune: ST. MAGNUS (CM) Jeremiah Clarke, c. 1674–1707.

***Jesus Makes Us Loving Neighbors***

1. Jesus teaches love that fulfills the law
2. Jesus demonstrates love that fulfills the law

Stand

CONFESSION OF FAITH

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.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Lord Jesus, our only Savior and Lord, we praise and thank you for humbling yourself for us. You gave your life for ours that we might be called children of God, and that is what we are. No earthly effort or riches could be given to satisfy God's just wrath over us and our sins. We were helpless and hopeless. But your holy precious blood paid the price of our forgiveness. You gave yourself freely and willingly for us. Now eternity is ours as a gift earned by you. Grant that we live in awe of this gift and thanksgiving for each day of your grace. Grant us the grace to live our lives for you by living for others. Lord in your mercy:

**C: Hear our prayer.**

M: Holy Spirit, work in us a rich measure of wisdom that we may reflect your love for us in the lives we live here on earth. Work in us a rich measure of your peace that we can boldly spend our lives in serving others and helping them in their need. Loosen our tongues and bless us with the words to speak to encourage and help others with your love, forgiveness, and truth. Lord, in your mercy:

**C: Hear our prayer.**



M: Heavenly Father, creator of all, provider of our every need, strengthen our hands to serve you by serving others. Provide our every need and grant us a rich measure of your abundance that we may never fail to have enough as we share with others of the good gifts you have given to us. Help us use the hours of each day not just for ourselves but for you. Help us use the treasure you have given to bless others. Help us to use the abilities you have given us to serve more than be served, as your Son did for us. Lord, in your mercy:

**C: Hear our prayer.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

M: Teach us, O Lord, to love each other more and more. Grant that as we use the gifts you give to live our lives for others, we not only glorify you, but win the respect of outsiders that they may come to listen and learn of your life lived for us, died for us, and raised for our forgiveness and eternal life. We make our requests to you through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray:

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

Be Seated

# BIBLE STUDY

## **ACTS 9:36-42**

<sup>36</sup> In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha (in Greek her name is Dorcas); she was always doing good and helping the poor. <sup>37</sup> About that time she became sick and died, and her body was washed and placed in an upstairs room. <sup>38</sup> Lydda was near Joppa; so when the disciples heard that Peter was in Lydda, they sent two men to him and urged him, "Please come at once!"

<sup>39</sup> Peter went with them, and when he arrived he was taken upstairs to the room. All the widows stood around him, crying and showing him the robes and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was still with them.

<sup>40</sup> Peter sent them all out of the room; then he got down on his knees and prayed. Turning toward the dead woman, he said, "Tabitha, get up." She opened her eyes, and seeing Peter she sat up. <sup>41</sup> He took her by the hand and helped her to her feet. Then he called for the believers, especially the widows, and presented her to them alive. <sup>42</sup> This became known all over Joppa, and many people believed in the Lord.

## **INTRODUCTION**

Name a "Tabitha" in your life. What was something you saw in that person that impacted your life?

## **INTO THE TEXT**

1. Your obituary is written long before any words are printed on a newspaper page or spoken at your funeral. It is written in your actions and attitudes and verified by all the lives that you touched. Tabitha had been writing her obituary her whole life. What did her obituary say?

2. One of the tricks of the devil is to get us to put off serving others generously until our lives are “just right.” How sad if this were an example of our obituary:

“He always planned on helping the poor once he knew that he had enough for himself. She had every intention of getting involved in service to her Savior in church or in a community group once things settled down in her life. He would have been concerned with the problems in other peoples’ lives, but he had a lot of his own to work through first. She was always going to start giving a proportionate amount back to the LORD in her offerings once she had reached her financial goals in her life.”

This text gives us many reasons why we will not want to put off a life of generosity. Scan this short account and give at least 3 reasons.

## **APPLYING IT**

1. We discussed Tabitha’s “Almost Obituary.” She was likely not one of Time magazine’s “100 Most Influential People of 35 AD.” It was a robe here. A penny there. A garment here. A crust of bread there. She may not have been able to give the world, but what she gave meant the world to those who received it. These were the people who were preaching at her funeral. More specifically, what do you want your obituary or eulogy to say?

2. We just talked about what you would want said at your funeral. Here's your chance to "eulogize" someone else in this church family. If you were asked to say a few words about someone else (your pick!), what "robe and other clothing" might you mention about their lives?

Look at the commitment card in your bulletin. Walk through it and decide what you would like to intentionalize this month.

Stand

### BLESSING

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace.  
Live in harmony with one another.  
Serve the Lord with gladness.

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.

**C: Amen.**

## Closing Hymn

Lord, When Your Glory I Shall See | CW 219



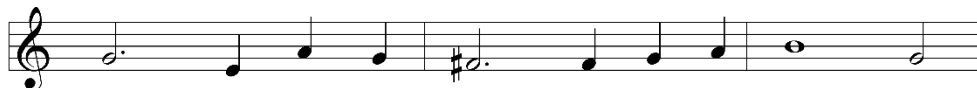
Lord, when your glo - ry I shall see And taste your king-dom's



plea - sure, Your blood my roy - al robe shall be, My



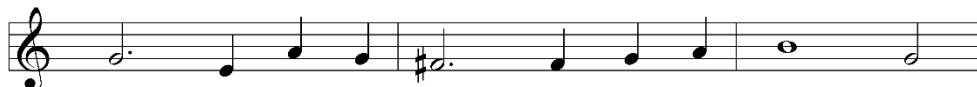
joy be - yond all mea - sure! When I ap - pear be - fore your



throne, Your right - eous - ness shall be my crown; With



these I need not hide me. And there, in gar - ments rich - ly



wrought, As your own bride I shall be brought To



stand in joy be - side you.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–76, abr.; tr. *The Lutheran Hymnal*, St. Louis, 1941, alt.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Call Letter Received:

November 15, 2021

Dear members of St. Lucas,

I am writing this letter to acknowledge and inform you that on November 14, 2021 my husband and I received a divine calls to teach at St. John's in Watertown, WI. I have been called to teach special education and Aaron has been called to teach fifth grade. I am honored and humbled by the opportunity to deliberate between my current call to St. Lucas and this call to St. John's. Please feel free to reach out with any thoughts or questions regarding these two calls. I ask for your prayers as my family considers the current calls we hold and these new calls that the Lord has blessed us with. We ask that the Lord guides us to a pleasing decision in His sight, so that His work of teaching and caring for His little lambs may continue.

In His service,

Jennifer Trimmer

**New Hymnal Update:** You can pre-order your own copies of *Christian Worship: Hymnal* and *Christian Worship: Psalter* at [nph.net](http://nph.net).

**Scholarship Information:** The Schaefer Higher Education Scholarship Application for the 2021/2022 school year is open for high school students. The deadline for applying is December 15, 2021. You may apply using the Google Form found at:

<https://forms.gle/7SQB8kKrByBPupJN9>

The Walvoord Music Scholarship for the 2021/2022 school year is also open for application. The deadline is also December 15, 2021. For both scholarships, notifications and disbursements will be made in January of 2022. The application for the Walvoord Music Scholarship can be found here: <https://forms.gle/ct1Lh6qaVzucT3HbA>

**Lutheran Memorial Park Fall Cleanup** - A reminder that all summer and fall decorations need to be removed from the cemetery by December 1<sup>st</sup>. After that, caretakers will remove them and place salvageable items next to the shed. Any decorations found outside the designated planting area are removed, placed next to the shed for a short period of time and then discarded. A reminder that glass and any breakable objects are not allowed. The "Responsibilities of Family and Friends of the Deceased" as it relates to Lutheran Memorial Park is located in a stand at the back of church, posted on a stand as you enter the cemetery, and on the utility shed. Thank you to the Board, and to our caretakers Kurt Schmidt and Joe Theisen, for keeping our Cemetery looking it's best. Memorials and donations for upkeep of Lutheran Memorial Park and St. Lucas Cemetery are very much appreciated. Thank you to everyone for your help and cooperation.

## CALENDAR

November 20-November 28, 2021

*Suggested readings for each day of the week are listed in parenthesis.*

<b>Saturday</b>	<i>(1 Peter 4:1-7)</i>	
6:00pm	Worship	Ushers: Butzke
<b>Sunday</b>	<i>(John 18:33-37, Daniel 7:13,14, Revelation 1:4b-8, Psalm 45)</i>	
8:00am	Worship	Ushers: Kempf
9:15am	Family Bible Class and Sunday School	
10:30am	Worship	Ushers: Koch
<b>Monday</b>	<i>(Phillipians 2:6-11)</i>	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<i>(Hebrews 12:12-18)</i>	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<i>(Mark 13:33-37)</i>	
6:30pm	Thanksgiving Worship	
<b>Thursday</b>	<i>(Matthew 25:14-30)</i>	
9:00am	Thanksgiving Worship	
<b>Friday</b>	<i>(Hebrews 10:32-39)</i>	
<b>Saturday</b>	<i>(Hebrews 12:22-29)</i>	
6:00pm	Worship w/Communion	Ushers:Peters
<b>Sunday</b>	<i>(Luke 21:25-36 , Jeremiah 33:14-16, 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 Psalm 25)</i>	
8:00am	Worship w/Communion	Ushers: Stoltz
9:15am	Family Bible Class and Sunday School	
10:30am	Worship w/Communion	Ushers:Wolter

***St. Lucas Lutheran Church strives to be a congregation that is always inviting, always edifying, and always equipping.***

### Upcoming Worship Services:

November 24 & 25: Thanksgiving Worship – I Believe in God the Father

*Non-perishable food items will be collected for the Kewaskum Community Pantry. Please check expiration dates as expired products cannot be accepted.*

November 27 & 28: First Sunday in Advent

November 27: Outdoor Christmas Tree Lighting following Saturday service

**OUR CHALLENGE IS THIS:** Escape your comfort zone. Pray for strength to be present and live the life God created just for you. A God-lived life.

**A life lived for others.**

*Pray for God's strength and commit to at least one goal or as many as you desire.*

*Let us encourage one another to live out our commitments.*

**I CHALLENGE MYSELF TO...**

- Participate in a congregation outreach effort
- Send a monetary gift or gift cards to a struggling individual or family
- Sign up to give someone a ride to church once per month
- Talk to a friend about Jesus
- \_\_\_\_\_

**By God's grace, I commit to these goals,**

**Signed** \_\_\_\_\_

