



Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

November 9th & November 10th, 2024

The Season

We have entered the second half of the Church Year, the half that focuses on the teachings of the Christian faith. The Christian faith contains teachings that are so wonderful that we would never even believe them unless God himself revealed their truthfulness to us. God sent his Spirit from heaven to earth to empower his children to believe the totally unbelievable.

The Sunday

Jesus will raise us from the dead and take us to live in his home, a place of perfect comfort and beauty. Knowing that, we are set free from the need to live a self-indulgent life now. Instead, we can be generous people, using the wealth that God has given us to serve both him and others. We can live a life of startling generosity.

The Service

Today we celebrate the Sacrament of the Altar in which we joyfully receive Christ's body and blood, in, with, and under bread and wine, for the forgiveness of our sins. As we celebrate the Sacrament we also give public confession of our complete unity in the Christian faith. We invite communicant members of St. Lucas Lutheran Church, or of another congregation in the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) or of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS) to commune. If you are a guest visiting with us today, please refrain from communing until you have spoken with our pastor. The congregation reads the potions in bold print.

Prayer before Worship

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Thank you, loving Lord, for cleansing me of my sins and adopting me into your family through the miracle of Holy Baptism. As I worship today, help me remember what my baptism means to me. Lead me to feel genuine sorrow for my sins and empower me to put down the sinful nature that still lives in me. Lift me up as I hear your promise of forgiveness and give me strength to live a life pleasing to you.

Serving in Worship

Presiding Minister: Pastor Timothy Henning Organist: Coralee Henning

Ushers: Kevin Kempf (6 pm Saturday)

Henry Schacht (8 am Sunday) Jonathon Koch (10:30 am Sunday)

I Leave All Things to God's Direction

CW 799 Stand for the 4th stanza



In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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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.







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The Word

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, you have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in you. Grant us so firmly to believe in your Son Jesus that our faith may never be found wanting; 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

1 Kings 17:8-16

A widow generously offers up the last bit of food she has to serve the prophet Elijah.

⁸Then the word of the LORD came to him: ⁹"Go at once to Zarephath in the region of Sidon and stay there. I have directed a widow there to supply you with food." ¹⁰So he went to Zarephath. When he came to the town gate, a widow was there gathering sticks. He called to her and asked, "Would you bring me a little water in a jar so I may have a drink?" ¹¹As she was going to get it, he called, "And bring me, please, a piece of bread."

¹²"As surely as the LORD your God lives," she replied, "I don't have any bread—only a handful of flour in a jar and a little olive oil in a jug. I am gathering a few sticks to take home and make a meal for myself and my son, that we may eat it—and die."

¹³Elijah said to her, "Don't be afraid. Go home and do as you have said. But first make a small loaf of bread for me from what you have and bring it to me, and then make something for yourself and your son. ¹⁴For this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: 'The jar of flour will not be used up and the jug of oil will not run dry until the day the LORD sends rain on the land.'"

¹⁵She went away and did as Elijah had told her. So there was food every day for Elijah and for the woman and her family. ¹⁶For the jar of flour was not used up and the jug of oil did not run dry, in keeping with the word of the LORD spoken by Elijah.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sung responsively between Pastor & congregation





Al-le - lu-ia!

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart.

Tone



Great are the works / of the LORD;

they are pondered by all who de-/light in them.

Glorious and majestic / are his deeds,

and his righteousness endures for- / ever. Refrain

He has caused his wonders to be re- / membered;

the LORD is gracious and com-/passionate.

He provided redemption for his / people;

holy and awesome / is his name.

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

2 Corinthians 8:1-9

The believers in Macedonia demonstrate startling generosity in collecting an offering to help fellow Christians in need.

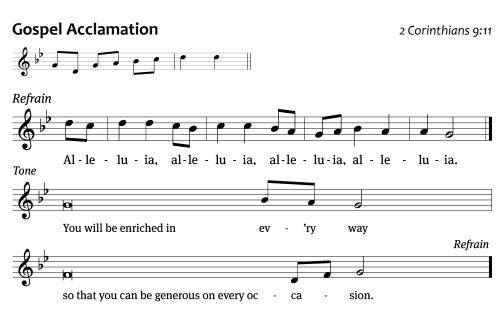
¹And now, brothers and sisters, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. ²In the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. ³For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, ⁴they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the Lord's people. ⁵And they exceeded our expectations: They gave themselves first of all to the Lord, and then by the will of God also to us. ⁶So we urged Titus, just as he had earlier made a beginning, to bring also to completion this act of grace on your part. ⁶But since you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you—see that you also excel in this grace of giving.

⁸I am not commanding you, but I want to test the sincerity of your love by comparing it with the earnestness of others. ⁹For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand



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Gospel Mark 12:38–44

Jesus points to a poor widow as an example of startling generosity.

³⁸As he taught, Jesus said, "Watch out for the teachers of the law. They like to walk around in flowing robes and be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, ³⁹and have the most important seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at banquets. ⁴⁰They devour widows' houses and for a show make lengthy prayers. These men will be punished most severely."

⁴¹Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. ⁴²But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few cents.

⁴³Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. ⁴⁴They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Children's Sermon

Children may come forward to the front pew

All Depends on Our Possessing

CW 807



- Well he knows what best to grant me; all the longing hopes that haunt me, joy and sorrow, have their day.
 I shall doubt his wisdom never; as God wills, so be it ever;
 I commit to him my way.
- 6 If my days on earth he lengthen, he my weary soul will strengthen; all my trust in him I place.
 Earthly wealth is not abiding, like a stream away is gliding; safe I anchor in his grace.

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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.

Prayer of the Church

Lord God, from whom all blessings flow, we praise you for everything you provide to sustain our lives. Lead us every day to be thankful for your gifts and content with what you have given. Today we pray that you would guide us to manage your blessings wisely for the good of your kingdom.

As we use your gifts to meet our needs, move us also to support the ministry of the gospel with our offerings.

Before your Son ascended to your throne, he called us to preach the good news to every creature. In grace you created the public ministry so that we may answer his call by sending others in our place.

Impress on us the immense importance of the task you have given us to proclaim your Word to the world.

In our words and in our offerings, move us to be faithful witnesses of your grace.

Work in our hearts so that our gifts do more than support a cause or meet a need. Move us to give out of love for you, our King and Redeemer.

Lead us to bring our gifts first to honor you, the Giver of all things.

Teach us to give as an ongoing part of life since the work of the gospel continues every day. Forgive us for the sins of apathy and carelessness and for giving that reacts only to urgent pleas or crises.

Help us see the wisdom of planning our offerings as a regular routine of our faith.

Teach us determine our offerings in view of your blessings to us. The widow's coins were meager, but they were all she had. Move us to believe that to whom much is given, much is also expected.

Give us courage to bring gifts that reflect your gifts to us.

Teach us to give our offerings as a cheerful response of our faith in you and your Son. Spare us all feelings of obligation or resentment as we give. Help us to see our offerings as the vehicle that carries the gospel to the lost, and lead us to rejoice with the angels of heaven over every sinner who repents.

Help us to balance our duty to give with the joy of giving.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

Precious Lord, all our blessings come from you. Lead us again and again to thank you and then move us to be wise and faithful stewards of your gifts. May our gifts and offerings bring souls here and far away to the gracious gift of Jesus and his love.

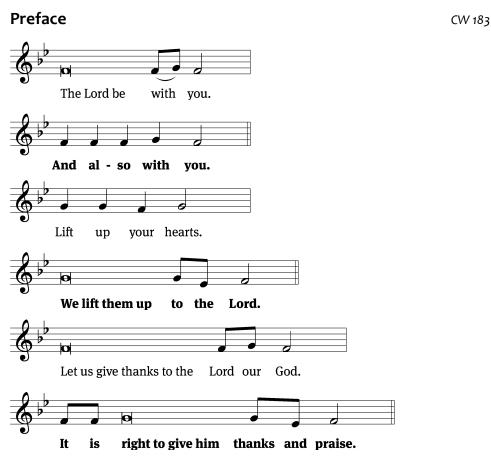
Lord, hear us and grant us this blessing. Amen.

Offering: God's people offer their first and best to the Lord in response to the Lord's blessings to them. The offering is gathered in a basket in the church entrance before or after the service. If you prefer to give electronically, you may scan this graphic to access www.stlucaswels.org/donate.



The Sacrament

Stand



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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 promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock until he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:



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Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord God, you are worthy to receive thanks and praise from all people. You created the world and all who live in it, and in your mercy you saved us. We give thanks to you for the grace of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Though in very nature God, he took the nature of a servant and became obedient to death, even death on a cross. He offered himself as a sacrifice for sin and redeemed us from its curse and penalty. He rescued us from the terrors of death and restored eternal life with you. He conquered our enemies and gained for us the kingdom of grace and glory.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood, and lead us to remember his suffering, death, and resurrection. Forgive our sins and fill us with the hope of new life in heaven. Hear our praise and receive our thanks as we worship you—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

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.

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.



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Be seated

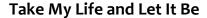
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Personal Prayer before Communing

Lord Jesus, you have invited me to come and receive your holy Sacrament. I believe that in the bread and wine you give me your true body and blood to eat and drink. Forgive my sins and nourish my faith through this precious meal. I long for the comfort that comes with your promises; I yearn for the assurance of your faithful love. Bless me now as I receive you by faith.

Personal Prayer after Communing

Thank you, dear Savior, for nourishing my faith with the Sacrament of your body and blood. Lift my heart with your forgiveness, renew my confidence in your grace, empower my love for others, and lead me to long for the eternal banquet of heaven.



CW 695



take my mo-ments and my days, take my feet and let them be take my lips and let them be take my in - tel - lect and use

let them flow in cease-less praise. swift and beau-ti - ful for thee. filled with mes-sag - es from thee. ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it thine, it shall be no longer mine; take my heart, it is thine own, it shall be thy royal throne.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879 Tune: William H. Havergal, 1793–1870 Text and tune: Public domain 6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store; take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

The true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you to life everlasting. Go + in peace.

Amen.

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.

We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet you have given us in this Sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit, help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, 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.



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Church Resources

Family Devotions: Get your family into God's Word during the week! Our church body has short devotions available for the entire family. Each devotion comes with a Set of questions for different age groups, a prayer, and hymn verses that can be sung or spoken. Please visit **wels.net/family-devotions** to get your weekly devotions.

Marriage Moments: Every marriage has its "moments". That's why marriages need moments of encouragement and refreshment. *Marriage Moments* are short, weekly videos highlighting one biblical marriage thought accompanied by a discussion question. Couples may subscribe to receive the videos directly through email at <u>welscongregationalsevices.net/marriagemoments</u>.

Connecting WELS Members: Connection is more important now than ever. Our church body offers many ways for WELS members to connect through social media. Join the WELS online community at <u>facebook.com/welslutherans</u>, <u>twitter.com/welstweets</u>, <u>Instagram.com/welslutherans</u>, and <u>vimeo.com/wels</u>.

WELS Together e-Newsletter: Stay in the loop! Subscribe to the WELS Together e-Newsletter to stay connected with the people of your synod and the ministry they serve. Also, don't miss the twice-monthly videos that cover important and exciting synod news. Please visit **wels.net/together** to read and subscribe.

Baptism: If you or a loved one had not yet been baptized, and are interested in more information, please contact Pastor Henning.

Church Membership Starting Point If you're interested in becoming a member here at St. Lucas, we would love to share with you a few Bible studies to introduce you to the biblical teaching here at St. Lucas. We are willing to set up these classes in any setting most comfortable for you, and can always find time that will work for anyone and everyone. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Henning, whose contact info can be found on the final page of this bulletin, underneath the church calendar.

Announcements

Lutheran Memorial Park Fall Clean Up Reminder: All summer and fall decorations need to be removed by December 1st. After that, caretakers will remove them and place salvageable items next to the shed for a short period of time. Any decorations found outside of the planting area are removed, placed next to the shed for a short period of time and then discarded. Glass and 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 our caretaker, Steve Backhaus, for keeping our Cemetery looking its 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.

Church Building Update: At the congregational meeting on Sunday, October 20, the voters approved moving forward with the new church building construction at a total cost of \$5 million,

with \$1.7 being borrowed from Westbury Bank. On Tuesday evening the Kewaskum Plan Commission approved the plans for our building. This allows us to move forward with building the new church.

Ground breaking for the new church will be Sunday, December 8. We will hold a special service at 9:30 am in church, followed by the rite for ground breaking on the church site. After the service, we will gather in the school gym for a celebration. More details will follow. This means there will be only one worship service that Sunday morning. Sunday school and Bible hour will meet at 8:15 that morning.

Thank the Lord for his blessing on this endeavor.

Accepting Grade School Auditions for KML Musical: KML's Theatre Department is now accepting auditions for the role of "Fletcher" in the upcoming winter musical production of *Freaky Friday*. This character, the 10 year old younger brother of the lead role, appears in numerous scenes and songs. Boys in grades 4-8 are encouraged to submit an audition by November 24, 2024, following the guidelines posted at kmlhs.org/theatre. Any questions about the role or the audition process can be sent to the director, Mr. Matt Linton (matt.linton@kmlhs.org).

KML Job Opening: Evening Janitorial Help: Evening Janitorial Help Wanted at Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School: \$17.00/hr, 3:00-7:00 PM (1-2 positions available) Work includes standard janitorial duties to clean classrooms, hallways, and bathrooms in a designated area of the school. Ability to perform physical tasks as follows but not limited to:

- Stock supplies in the maintenance closet
- Empty and dispose of trash and recycling
- Sweep and mop floors
- Clean desks
- Clean sinks and toilets, etc.

Additional hours are available for weekend events as needed. If you are interested in helping keep KML clean, please contact Mr. Dave Murphy (262.677.4051 x4094; dave.murphy@kmlhs.org).

Time and Talent Forms: As an opportunity to thank God for blessing you with time and abilities, as a chance to work together with your fellow believers, and as a way to save on costs for the new church building, Time and Talent forms are available in the back of church and in the office. Please fill out the form if you are interested in volunteering and return it to the box in the back of church or to the office. The back of the form is for expressing interest in bidding for various aspects of the building. If you know anyone who is in the trades and would like to bid on the project, please take a form and pass it on to them.

Celebrating God's Blessings This Week:

BIRTHDAYS ANNIVERSARIES

Isabell LaDuke – 11/10 Bridget Cuffel – 11/14
Richard Schmidt – 11/10 Charlene Heider – 11/14
Donna Toth – 11/12 Whitney Maxwell – 11/15

Richard & Sharon Kuehl – 11/13

CALENDAR

Readings for November 10th - November 17th 2024



NOV 10 Sunday

Matthew 25:14-30

8 am

10:30 am

Worship w/Communion

Sunday School 9:15 am Bibile Study 9:15 am Worship w/Communion

Monday Ieremiah 23:1-20

Jeremiah 23:21-40 Matthew 25:31-46

NOV 11

NOV 12 Tuesday

Ieremiah 25:1-18 Matthew 26:1-19

Bible Study 6:30 pm PTO Meeting 6:30 pm

NOV 13 Wednesday

Jeremiah 26:1-19 Revelation 13:1-18 Matthew 26:20-35

Catechism Instruction 6th-8th Grade 3:30 pm

Thursday

Ieremiah 29:1-19 Revelation 14:1-20 Matthew 26:36-56

Fuel for Moms 7:45 am Bible Study 10 am

NOV 15 Friday

Jeremiah 30:1-24 Revelation 15:1-8 Matthew 26:57-75

NOV 16 Saturday

Jeremiah 31:1-17, 23-34 Revelation 16:1-21 Matthew 27:1-10

Worship 6:00 pm

Sunday

Jeremiah 33:1-22 Jeremiah 34:1-36:32; 45:1-51:64 Matthew 27:11-32

Worship 8 am

Sunday School 9:15 am Bible Study 9:15 am

Worship 10:30 am

Ushers for 11/16 & 11/17

Sat. 11/16 6 pm - Butzke

Sun. 11/17 8 am - Zuehlke 10:30 am - Herther

Ushers for 11/23 & 11/24

Sat. 11/23 6 pm - K

Sun. 11/24 8 am - S 10:30 am - K

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