

THIRD SUNDAY

AFTER THE EPIPHANY



ST. LUCAS EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

January 25th & 26th, 2025

The Season

“Epiphany” comes from a Greek word that means “reveal.” When someone has an epiphany, it’s not that reality changed. The way they see that reality is what changed, for a deeper truth has been revealed. In the Church Year, Epiphany is the season where we see Jesus begin his ministry, revealing the reason the Son of God came to earth.

The Sunday

We proclaim the good news because we want others to know the love of Christ. When people are disinterested in God’s Word, we feel like we’ve failed. Yet, what causes Jesus’ words to hurt is what gives them power to heal. That reality encourages us to receive God’s Word with joy and to proclaim it boldly to others.

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 portions 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

Rise, Shine, You People

CW 744

Stand for the 4th stanza



- 1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered
- 2 See how he sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;
- 3 Come, cel - e - brate, your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,
- 4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent his Son to save us.



our hu - man sto - ry; God in him is cen - tered.
he brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing.
your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark - ness hurl - ing.
Tell of the Son, who life and free - dom gave us.



He comes to us, by death and sin sur -
All men and wom - en, who by guilt are
To all the world go out and tell the
Tell how the Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry



round - ed, with grace un - bound - ed.
driv - en, now are for - giv - en.
sto - ry of Je - sus' glo - ry.
na - tion his new cre - a - tion.

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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



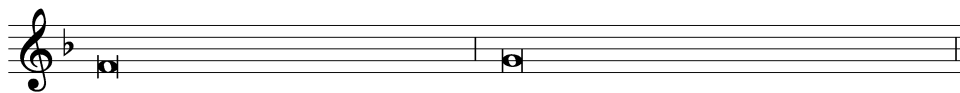
In peace let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



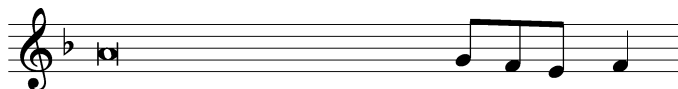
For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



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.



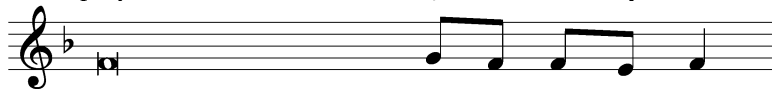
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us



pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men.

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 wor - ship you, we glorify you,



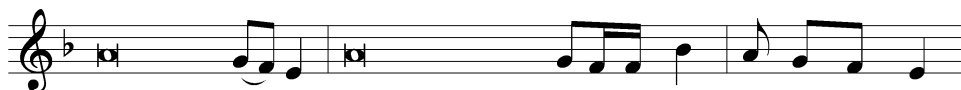
we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



God the Fa-ther Al - mighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sin of the world;



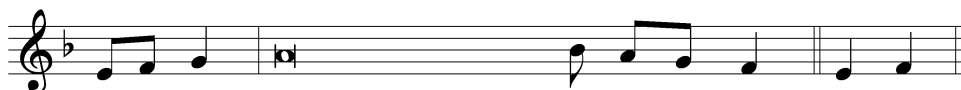
have mercy on us. You take away the sin of the world; re-ceive our prayer.



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



For you on-ly are holy; you on-ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the



Ho - ly Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

The Word

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you sent your Son to proclaim your kingdom and teach with authority. Anoint us with the power of your Spirit that we too may bring good news to the afflicted, bind up the brokenhearted, and proclaim liberty to the captive; 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

What a Friend

St. Lucas Lutheran School Sixer Singers – Sunday 8 am

First Reading

Isaiah 61:1–6

Israel had rejected the Lord but he also promised to forgive their rejection and grant them freedom.

¹The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me,
because the LORD has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim freedom for the captives
and release from darkness for the prisoners,
²to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor
and the day of vengeance of our God,
to comfort all who mourn,
³and provide for those who grieve in Zion—
to bestow on them a crown of beauty
instead of ashes,
the oil of joy
instead of mourning,
and a garment of praise
instead of a spirit of despair.
They will be called oaks of righteousness,
a planting of the LORD
for the display of his splendor.

⁴They will rebuild the ancient ruins
and restore the places long devastated;
they will renew the ruined cities
that have been devastated for generations.
⁵Strangers will shepherd your flocks;
foreigners will work your fields and vineyards.
⁶And you will be called priests of the LORD,
you will be named ministers of our God.
You will feed on the wealth of nations,
and in their riches you will boast.

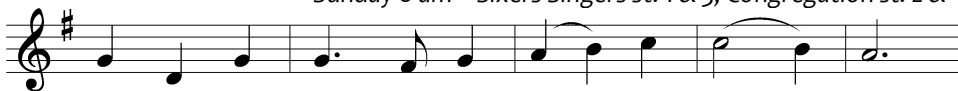
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Praise the Almighty, My Soul, Adore Him

Psalm 146D

Sunday 8 am – Sixers Singers st. 1 & 3, Congregation st. 2 & 4



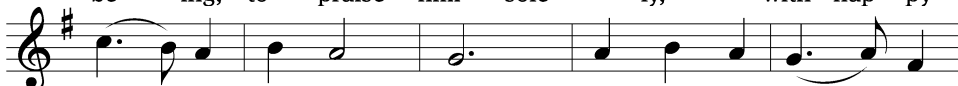
1 Praise the Al - might - y; my soul, a - dore him!
2 Pen - i - tent sin - ners, for mer - cy cry - ing,
3 Trust not in princ - es, they are but mor - tal;
4 Praise, all you peo - ple, the name so ho - ly



Yes, I will laud him un - til death. With songs and
par - don and peace from him ob - tain; ev - er the
earth-born they are and soon de - cay. Vain are their
of him who does such won-drous things! All that has



an - thems I'll come be - fore him as long as
wants of the poor sup - ply - ing, their faith - ful
coun - sels at life's last por - tal when the dark
be - ing, to praise him sole - ly, with hap - py



he al - lows me breath. From him my life and
God he will re - main. He helps his chil - dren
grave will claim its prey. Since, then, no one can
heart its a - men sings! Chil - dren of God, with



all things came; bless, O my soul, his ho - ly
in dis - tress, the wid - ows and the fa - ther -
help af - ford, trust on - ly Christ, our God and
an - gel host praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly



name. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
less. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Lord. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Ghost! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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Second Reading

Acts 4:23–31

The apostles prayed for boldness to proclaim the gospel in the face of that opposition.

²³On their release, Peter and John went back to their own people and reported all that the chief priests and the elders had said to them. ²⁴When they heard this, they raised their voices together in prayer to God. “Sovereign Lord,” they said, “you made the heavens and the earth and the sea, and everything in them. ²⁵You spoke by the Holy Spirit through the mouth of your servant, our father David:

“ ‘Why do the nations rage
and the peoples plot in vain?
²⁶The kings of the earth rise up
and the rulers band together
against the Lord
and against his anointed one.’

²⁷Indeed Herod and Pontius Pilate met together with the Gentiles and the people of Israel in this city to conspire against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed. ²⁸They did what your power and will had decided beforehand should happen. ²⁹Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. ³⁰Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus.”

³¹After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

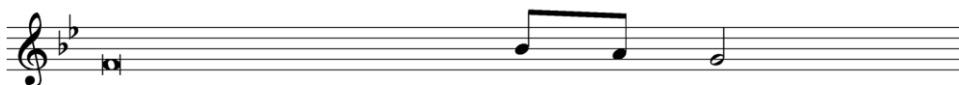
Luke 4:18



Refrain



Tone Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



The Spirit of the Lord is on me,



because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor.

Gospel

Luke 4:16–30

In one of Jesus' first sermons, delivered in his hometown, people took offense at his words and ultimately rejected him.

¹⁶He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:

¹⁸“The Spirit of the Lord is on me,
because he has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners
and recovery of sight for the blind,
to set the oppressed free,
¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

²⁰Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. ²¹He began by saying to them, “Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.”

²²All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his lips. “Isn’t this Joseph’s son?” they asked.

²³Jesus said to them, “Surely you will quote this proverb to me: ‘Physician, heal yourself!’ And you will tell me, ‘Do here in your hometown what we have heard that you did in Capernaum.’”

²⁴“Truly I tell you,” he continued, “no prophet is accepted in his hometown. ²⁵I assure you that there were many widows in Israel in Elijah’s time, when the sky was shut for three and a half years and there was a severe famine throughout the land. ²⁶Yet Elijah was not sent to any of them, but to a widow in Zarephath in the region of Sidon. ²⁷And there were many in Israel with leprosy in the time of Elisha the prophet, yet not one of them was cleansed—only Naaman the Syrian.”

²⁸All the people in the synagogue were furious when they heard this. ²⁹They got up, drove him out of the town, and took him to the brow of the hill on which the town was built, in order to throw him off the cliff. ³⁰But he walked right through the crowd and went on his way.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Children’s Sermon

Children may come forward to the front pew

Hymn of the Day

CW 384



- 1 Hail to the Lord's a - noint - ed, great Da - vid's great - er Son!
- 2 He comes with res - cue speed - y to those who suf - fer wrong,
- 3 Kings shall bow down be - fore him and gold and in - cense bring;
- 4 O'er ev - 'ry foe vic - to - rious, he on his throne shall rest,



Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, his reign on earth be - gun!
to help the poor and need - y and bid the weak be strong,
all na - tions shall a - dore him, his praise all peo - ple sing.
from age to age more glo - rious, all bless - ing and all - blest.



He comes to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive free,
to give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark - ness turn to light
To him shall prayer un - ceas - ing and dai - ly vows as - cend,
The tide of time shall nev - er his cov - e - nant re - move;



to take a - way trans - gres - sion, and rule in eq - ui - ty.
whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, are pre - cious in his sight.
his king - dom still in - creas - ing, a king - dom with - out end.
his name shall stand for - ev - er—that name to us is Love.

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Sermon

Luke 4:16-30 All the Scriptures Point to Jesus

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.

Prayer of the Church

Almighty God and Father, we thank you for all your mercies, especially for the gift of your Son, through whom you have revealed your gracious will. We praise you for the Holy Spirit and his working through the means of grace.

Plant your Word in our hearts, and cause it to produce fruit in our lives.

Strengthen and defend your Church, that by your Word and sacraments faith may grow and love toward all may increase.

Support all who spread the light of your truth throughout the world.

Keep our children in the grace of their baptisms. Enable their parents to train them in lives of faith.

Raise up Christians to serve you in the ministry of the Word and in all godly walks of life.

Preserve our nation in justice and honor. Guide and bless all who make, administer, and judge our laws.

Give them wisdom that they may promote justice and hinder evil.

Let your blessing rest on planting and harvest, commerce and industry, medicine and science, the arts and culture. Protect all who travel, and care for those whose work is difficult or dangerous.

Be with all who devote themselves to any useful task.

Comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity, *[especially . . . here name the person and the cause of the petition]*. Remember those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on those for whom death draws near.

Grant them your love, and take them into your tender care.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served you, who now rest from their labors, *[especially . . . here name the person]*. Console those who are mourning or living with sadness.

Keep us in the true faith, and bring us at last to the joys of heaven.

Grant us these things, Father, for the sake of Jesus, who died and rose again.

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.

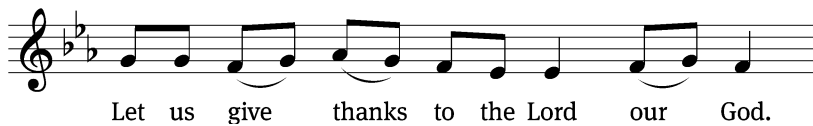
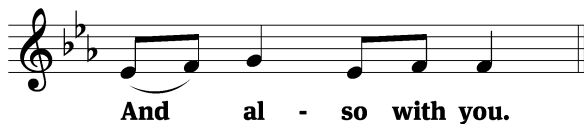
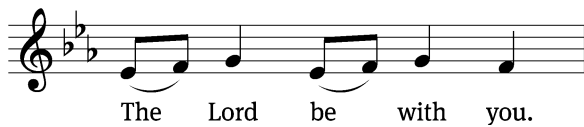


The Sacrament

Stand

Preface

CW 165



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 167

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en-ly hosts:
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san - na, ho -
san - na, ho-san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he,
bless-ed is he, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho-san - na, ho-san - na, ho-san - na in the high - est.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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.

O Christ, Lamb of God

CW 169

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. A - men.

The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and homophonic, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us your peace. A - men." The score ends with a double bar line.

Be seated

Distribution

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.

We Are Called to Stand Together

CW 903



1 We are called to stand to - geth - er with the saints of
2 Those whom Je - sus called a - pos - tles jour - neyed with him
3 Thro' the in - ter - ven - ing a - ges round the world the
4 Now in man - y tongues and cul - tures songs of cel - e -
5 To each com - ing gen - er - a - tion tell the truth, per -



a - ges past, with the pa - tri - archs and proph - ets
side by side, heard his teach - ing, felt his pow - er,
gos - pel spread: faith - ful her - als took the mes - sage,
bra - tion ring; mil - lions who con - fess our Sav - ior
suade, ex - plain, till the time when time is end - ed,



in the faith they once held fast; prom - is - es and
saw the way he lived and died; then the news of
guid - ed where the Spir - it led; so the bod - y
hon - or him as Lord and King and, for cour - age,
till the Sav - ior comes a - gain— till the saints are



hopes they trea - sured now we find ful - filled at last!
res - ur - rec - tion they de - liv - ered far and wide.
grew in stat - ure, serv - ing Christ, the liv - ing head.
grace, and guid - ance, ev - 'ry day their prayers they bring.
all u - nit - ed un - der Christ's e - ter - nal reign!

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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 thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of 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.

Go Forth and Preach the Gospel

CW 908 sts. 1-2



1 Go forth and preach the gos - pel to all who are in need.

2 Go forth and preach the gos - pel to all who live in fear,



As wit - ness to the Sav - ior, go teach by word and deed.
and share the joy - ful mes - sage that God is al - ways near.



The Spir - it is up - on us, and sends us to de - clare
The Spir - it is up - on us, and sends us forth in peace



good news of God's for - give - ness to peo - ple ev - 'ry - where.
to bring the poor glad ti - dings, that mer - cy may in - crease.

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Setting One from Christian Worship

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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 welscongregationalevices.net/marriagemoments.

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 facebook.com/welslutherans, twitter.com/welstweets, instagram.com/welslutherans, and vimeo.com/wels.

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

2024 Offering Statements: are now available at the back of the church. Statements are in alphabetical order. If you notice any inconsistencies or if you have a new address, please contact James Livingston at stltreasurer@stlucaswels.org. There was a printing error on the address labels and the state abbreviation was accidentally left off the label. If you can take a statement for a friend

or family member who might not be able to make it to church this will save us the cost of having to mail out the rest of the statements.

Call Meeting: There will be a call meeting on Sunday, 2/9/25, following the second service to discuss call options to replace our K-1st grade teacher, Mrs. Trimmer.

Call Acceptance – Jennifer Trimmer:

Dear members and school families of St. Lucas,

Over the past few weeks, I have been blessed and humbled to look at the two calls that I have been holding, to both St. Lucas and St. John 's, and their unique ministry opportunities. The Lord has promised us that He has a plan for each of us and we can take comfort that He knows that plan. After many conversations, and with much prayer and deliberation, I have come to the peaceful decision that the Lord can best use me at St. John's. The past seven years here have been filled with growth in so many areas and I hope to hear of the continued growth and success that the Lord has planned you.

I pray that the Lord sends St. Lucas a new teacher that will be a blessing to the church and school here in Kewaskum. I also ask for prayers and support for my family as we begin the transition process to a new school.

In His service,

Jennifer Trimmer

St. Lucas Spring Gala: Our school's PTO will be hosting their annual spring Gala, Boots & Blue Jeans Ball, on **Thursday 3/13/25** at Foundry 45 from 5 pm – 7 pm. Enjoy a down home southern dinner catered by The Antidote, then kick back and enjoy some music performed by FM Rodeo. Participate in the silent auction and raffle to win some amazing items donated by individuals and businesses within our community. All proceeds from the Gala will go to purchasing new playground equipment for the school. Tickets cost \$50 per person. Use the QR code to visit the website for the Gala and purchase your tickets.



DONATIONS NEEDED – The St. Lucas PTO is looking for help in obtaining donations for the silent auction and raffle. If you or anyone you know would be able to donate items or services, it would be greatly appreciated! Donations from area small businesses are fantastic, but individual donations are most definitely appreciated as well. No donation is too small, as smaller items, gift cards, etc. can be bundled together in baskets. Some ideas of small business who may want to donate are hair salons/spas, local shops/restaurants, grocery stores, pet groomers/veterinary offices, local farmers, bakeries, auto shops, or anywhere else you may frequent or have a relationship with a small business owner.

For questions, or to submit donations, please contact Liz Dreher (262-923-0241) or Jenell Enright (608-669-3190 / jenellenright@gmail.com).

School Choice Open Enrollment for the 2025-2026 School Year: All parents who wish to have their child(ren) enrolled in the School Choice Program for the 2025-2026 school year must enroll their child(ren) during the open enrollment period (even if your child is currently enrolled). The

open enrollment period runs from February 1st - April 17th 2025. Please complete your application as soon as possible and do not wait until the end of the open enrollment period as you may run the risk of your child(ren) being placed on a waiting list.

New student enrollments need to be enrolled in Pre K 5, K 5, or 1st Grade for the 2025-2026 school year. We are unable to accept applications for 2nd Grade or higher for new applicants. However, we can accept applications for all grade levels for all students currently enrolled for the current school year.

You may access the application online through the following link:

<https://dpi.wi.gov/parental-education-options/choice-programs/student-applications>

The school choice program requires parents to complete an application every year to continue enrollment in the program from year to year. Even if your child(ren) is/are already approved and currently enrolled.

As part of the application process you will be required to provide proof of address. The easiest way to do this would be to send us a copy of a current utility bill or W2 form. The document you choose to use for your address verification must contain the parent(s) full name(s) and address shown exactly how the name(s) and address is written within the application. If the name(s) and address do not match the application exactly we cannot use the document provided as address verification. You may send a copy of the document you choose for address verification to the following address:

St. Lucas Lutheran School
Attn: Jana Baumann
P.O. Box 86
Kewaskum WI, 53040

Or, you may scan a copy and email it to:

church@stlucaswels.org

Due to the fact that you have a child(ren) currently enrolled in the school choice program, you will not be required to provide verification of income for this application.

Again, the open enrollment period for the 2025-2026 school year runs from February 1st - April 17th 2025. Please do not wait until April to complete the application if possible.

Call Acknowledgement – Mark Hesse:

Dear St. Lucas Family,

On January 5, 2025, I received a divine call from Zion Evangelical Lutheran School to serve as principal and upper grade teacher. It is an honor to work alongside you and consider my place in our Lord's ministry. Please keep myself and my family in your prayers as I consider where God has in mind for me to serve.

May God bless me with wisdom and guidance as I deliberate. Wherever I continue my ministry, I know the Lord has a plan for what is best for us and his kingdom. I take comfort in his words from Psalm 32:8, "I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you."

I always appreciate the prayers, encouragement, and insight you can offer. Please feel free to reach out to me as I deliberate.

Your brother in Christ,
Mark A. Hesse

Call Acceptance – Preschool Teacher – Joy Young:

Dear Members of St. Lucas Kewaskum,

I feel humbled that the Holy Spirit led your voting members to extend a Divine Call to me to teach in your 4K classroom and lead your early childhood ministry. Throughout the course of these past few weeks, I have been blessed to speak to many of your members and called workers who share in the ministry work being carried out in your ministry. As you know I have been considering multiple calls at the same time to serve in various capacities in His kingdom.

After much prayerful consideration the Holy Spirit has led me to accept the call extended to me by your congregation. I'm looking forward to beginning my ministry and serving your congregation through the call you have extended to me. I ask for your continued prayers and support as my husband, son, and I prepare to move to the Kewaskum area this summer.

Yours in Christ,

Joy A. Young

“For I know the plans I have for you.” Jeremiah 29:11

WLC Youth Night: WLC will be hosting a WELS Youth Night on **Sunday, January 26 from 6-8 PM.**

The night will feature:

- Games
- Snacks
- Worship
- A keynote address from Pastor Ben Blumer
- Small group discussion

Please invite your 9-12 grade students to attend. Of course, you are invited to check it out yourself. Free parking will be available in the Parking Center, 8701 West Wisconsin Avenue. The event will take place in the **Center for Arts and Performance, 8815 West Wisconsin Avenue.**

Register at <https://tinyurl.com/YNWLC>

20th Annual St. Lucas Woman's Retreat: The women of St. Lucas are cordially invited to our 20th annual Women's Retreat to be held on Saturday, 3/1/25. The event will begin at 8:30 am and will be located within our Lutheran Grade School in Hoenecke Hall. There is a registration fee of \$30 per person which includes lunch and all presentations.

Presentations:

- *Young Womanhood -College, Career, and Kids!* - **Juli Hesse**
- *Say What? I'm an Older Woman?* - **Marilyn Sievert**
- *Later Life* - **Ron Szep**

Brochures for the retreat will be available shortly which will contain a registration form to register. Otherwise, please feel free to register online at <https://StLucasRetreat2025.eventbrite.com>.

All online and paper registration for the event, along with payment, are due by Tuesday, 2/18/25.

Job opportunities for communications professionals: WELS has two job opportunities for communications professionals to serve at the WELS Center for Mission and Ministry in Waukesha.

1) The Digital Communications Coordinator will be responsible for the planning and management of all WELS website content, as well as providing support for social media and other digital marketing tools as part of WELS Communication Services. 2) The Marketing Coordinator will be responsible for managing the marketing and communication efforts of three WELS ministry support subsidiaries—WELS Foundation, WELS Investment Funds, and WELS Church Extension Fund. For more information, visit wels.net/careers. Information about other job openings at the WELS Center for Mission and Ministry is also available there.

Camp Philip Summer Camp Registration Opens February 3rd: It's not quite time to pack your bags, but registration is almost here! Registration will open on Monday, February 3rd at 12pm CST. You can create your account in advance using the link below or watch a quick video on how to register. Spots fill up very quickly, so make your plans now!

<https://events.circuitree.com/CampPhillip/Account/Login/>

Please Note: Summer Camp sessions are divided by Grade Level of the most recent completed year. Summer 2025 age groups are based off of the 2024-2025 School Year.

Celebrating God's Blessings This Week

BIRTHDAYS

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| Lucas Peters | 1/26 |
| Jackie Marquardt | 1/30 |

CALENDAR



Readings for January 26th - February 2nd 2025

| JAN 26 | JAN 27 | JAN 28 | JAN 29 |
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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday |
| Zechariah 2:1-3:10 Romans 15:1-13 | Zechariah 4:1-5:11 Romans 9:15:14-33 | Zechariah 6:1-7:14 Romans 16:17-27 | Zechariah 8:1-23 2 Timothy 1:1-18 |
| Worship w/Communion 8 am Sunday School 9:15 am Bible Study 9:15 am Worship w/Communion 10:30 am | | Bible Study 6:30 pm | Catechism Instruction 6th-8th Grade 3:30 pm |
| JAN 30 | JAN 31 | FEB 01 | FEB 02 |
| Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
| Zechariah 9:1-17 2 Timothy 2:1-26 | Zechariah 10:1-11:3 2 Timothy 3:1-17 | Zechariah 11:4-17 2 Timothy 4:1-18 | Zechariah 12:1-13:9 Titus 1:1-2:6 |
| Fuel for Moms 7:45 am Bible Study 10:00 am | | Worship 6:00 pm | Worship 8 am Sunday School 9:15 am Bible Study 9:15 am Worship 10:30 am |
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