

ST. LUCAS EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN

CHURCH AND SCHOOL

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The Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

February 20, 2022

Equipping Christian Witnesses

Our gracious Savior, "who is not willing that any should perish" (2 Peter 3:9), is opening mission doors beyond our imagination. We want to seize these opportunities to his glory. Now is the time for all of us to equip even more Christian witnesses to share Christ's love with the world.

As Martin Luther College celebrates 25 years of training workers for our Wisconsin Synod, and as we recall over 150 of ministerial education in our church body, we will work to re-energize student recruitment for the holy adventure of ministry. We will provide even more financial aid so that every student who wants to train for ministry can do so. And we will equip these students with enhanced and enlarged facilities—a living and learning environment worthy of this training. By the grace of God, Equipping Christian Witnesses (ECW) will positively impact ministry for the 21st century.

Prayer before Worship

Gracious God, you nourish my faith with the good news that you have forgiven my sins in Christ. Let the gospel be proclaimed by all who come to worship today: by ministers called to preach the gospel, by musicians who adorn the gospel with beauty, and by all who proclaim the gospel in song and prayer. Let the miracle of your forgiving love touch my heart and the hearts of all.

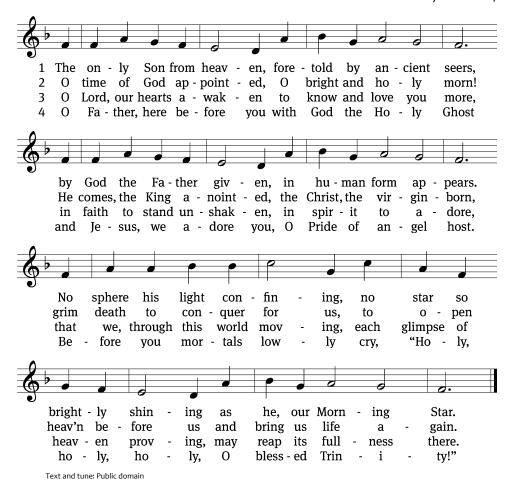
Serving in Worship

Presiding Minister: Pastor Timothy Henning **Organist:** Laura Schulz **Usher:** Matthew Stoltz (8 am), Steve Wolter (10:30 am)

Morning Prayer

The Only Son from Heaven

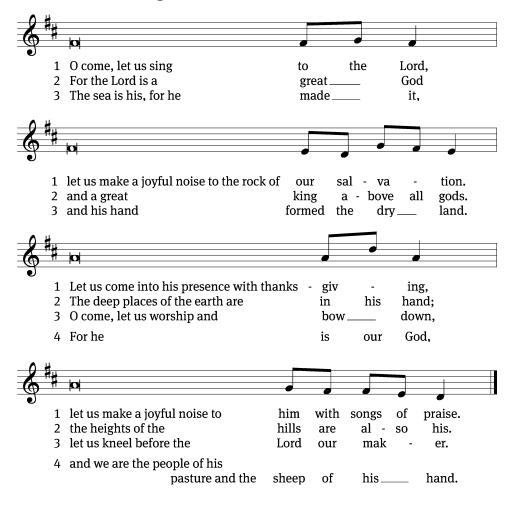
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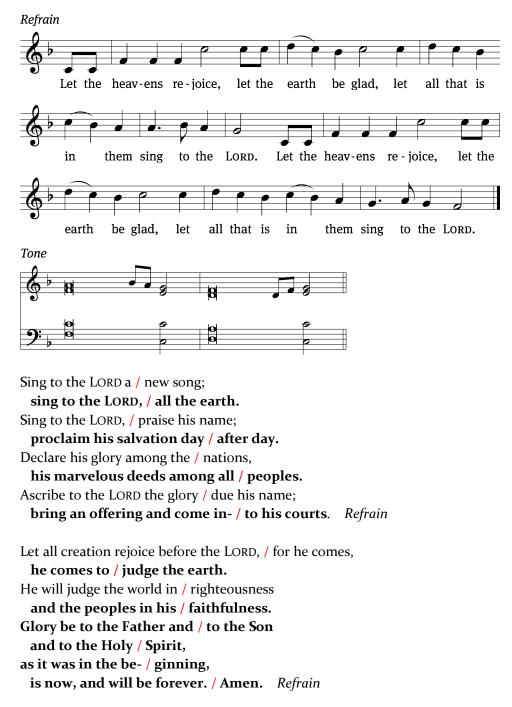


O Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord



Be seated

Let the Heavens Rejoice



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First Reading

Joshua 4:18–24

¹⁸And the priests came up out of the river carrying the ark of the covenant of the LORD. No sooner had they set their feet on the dry ground than the waters of the Jordan returned to their place and ran at flood stage as before.

¹⁹On the tenth day of the first month the people went up from the Jordan and camped at Gilgal on the eastern border of Jericho. ²⁰And Joshua set up at Gilgal the twelve stones they had taken out of the Jordan. ²¹He said to the Israelites, "In the future when your descendants ask their parents, 'What do these stones mean?' ²²tell them, 'Israel crossed the Jordan on dry ground.' ²³For the LORD your God dried up the Jordan before you until you had crossed over. The LORD your God did to the Jordan what he had done to the Red Sea when he dried it up before us until we had crossed over. ²⁴He did this so that all the peoples of the earth might know that the hand of the LORD is powerful and so that you might always fear the LORD your God."

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading

Romans 10:11-17

¹¹As Scripture says, "Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame." ¹²For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, ¹³for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

¹⁴How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? ¹⁵And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

¹⁶But not all the Israelites accepted the good news. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed our message?" ¹⁷Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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Gospel

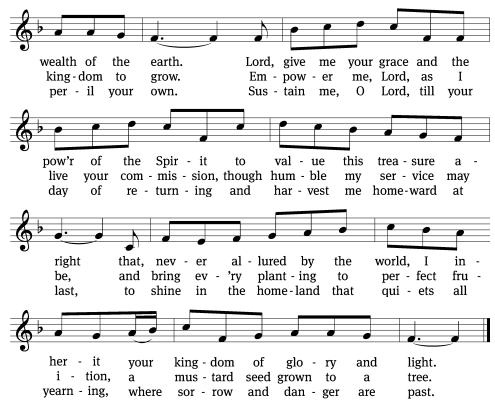
⁴⁴He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms."

⁴⁵Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

Be seated





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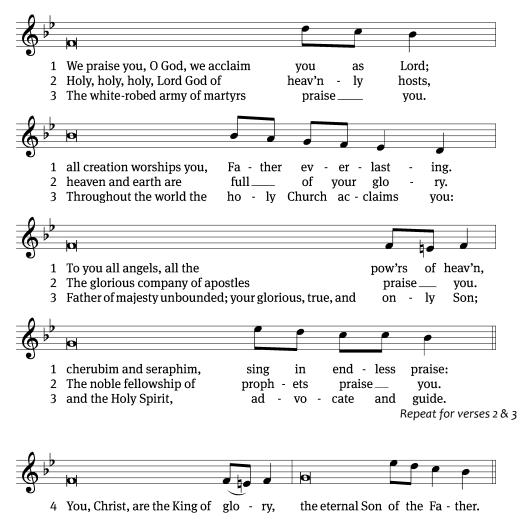
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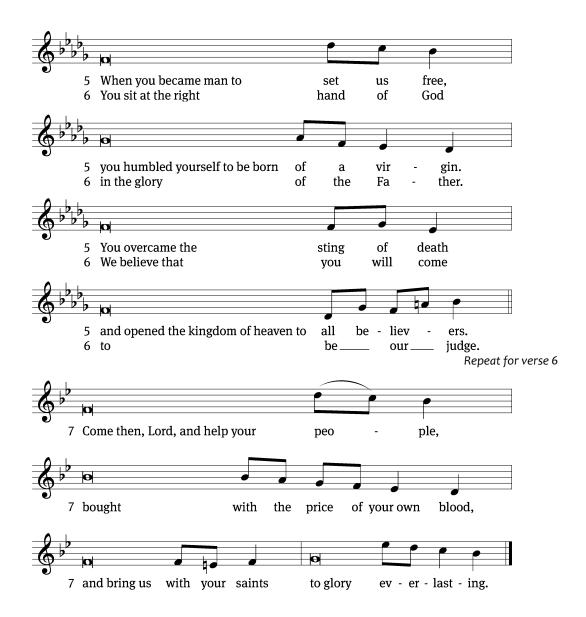
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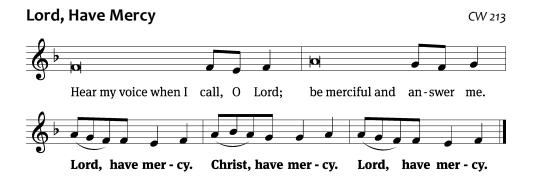
Joshua 4:18–24 What do these stones mean?

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We Praise You, O God







O God our Father, eternal Lord and King, whose scepter rules over all the earth, whose love embraces all your creatures, we come before you to offer our prayers. Grant our requests according to your wisdom and love. Father, we thank you for the Church, and for the fellowship and wisdom that we enjoy by faith. Give to all your people faithfulness as we wait for the coming of our Lord.

Particularly we pray for our dear synod. Keep its teachings pure, its ways true, and its witness clear. Give us grace to love your Word and your people. Father, we thank you for those who proclaim the gospel of peace and for all that we have learned from the preaching and teaching of your Word. We ask your blessing on all the ministers of our church. Guard those who serve you here and throughout the world. We ask you to let your Word triumph in us and through us.

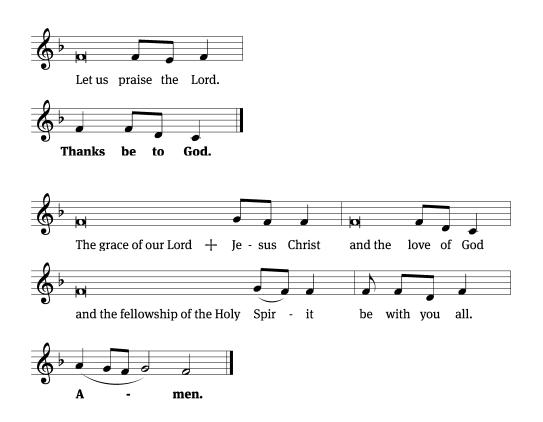
Today we offer a special prayer for the faculty, staff, and students at Martin Luther College. Father, we are humbled by the grace you extend to us as you use our College of Ministry to assist in preparing ministers of the gospel who will proclaim your Word throughout the world. Give them joy in their work and make their labors fruitful. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Heavenly Father, keep your family continually in true faith, so that those who rely only on the hope of your heavenly grace may be protected by your mighty power; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

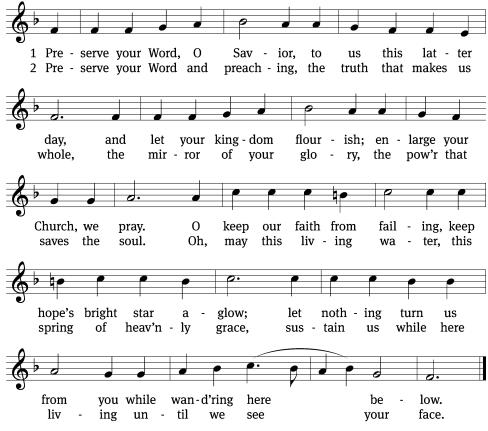
O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger. And in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. **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.



Preserve Your Word, O Savior



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Announcements

The Crucial Hours: Midweek Lenten Worship – Wednesdays 3:30 pm or 6:30 pm

March 2: Ash Wednesday with Holy Communion *"I Will Keep the Passover"*March 9: What to Remember When You Are Seized With Remorse
March 16: A Part for the Whole?
March 23: *"Satan Has Asked to Sift All of You"*March 30: *"They Bound Him"*April 6: The Semblance of Legality
Join your brothers and sisters in faith each week for a soup supper between the services (4:30-6:15 pm), served in the school gymnasium.

KML Gala We invite you to join us for an incredible evening on **Saturday**, **April 23**, **2022**, as the KML gym is transformed into a speakeasy from the 1920s. This gala has it all ... silent auction, live auction, fellowship, seated dinner, murder mystery, games ... all kinds of fun to raise money to benefit the KML ministry.

Proceeds go toward the purchase of a special acoustical shell in the PAC auditorium as well as to the student assistance fund. Register now to secure the password to the speakeasy at www.kmlhs.org/gala. Early Bird by March 27: \$90/person. After March 27: \$125/person Final Registration Deadline: April 3.

- **Equipping Christian Witnesses** is a campaign that gratefully recognizes 150+ years of ministerial training in our synod and, more specifically, 25 years of training at Martin Luther College. The title, "Equipping Christian Witnesses," reflects not only the mission of MLC—to train a corps of Christian witnesses to meet WELS ministry needs—but also the pillars of this campaign. The goals for this effort are:
 - Recruit students for gospel ministry, resulting in an MLC on-campus enrollment of 900-1,000
 - Increase student financial aid by receiving gifts totaling \$3-5 million for MLC's Congregational Partner Grant Program matching fund
 - Improve MLC student facilities by receiving gifts totaling \$12 million to build a new residence hall. (Thanks to a generous donor, the athletic center has been fully funded! This fieldhouse will be a valuable practice space for all of our sports teams and ready for use by January, 2022!)

Since we benefit greatly from the ministry of MLC, we will support this campaign with an Equipping Christian Witnesses (ECW) Sunday on the weekend of February 19 & 20.

The 17th Annual Women's Retreat will take place on March 12, 2022 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the gym at St. Lucas Lutheran School. This year's retreat theme is "Call Upon Me," including remarks from Pastor James Mattek from WLCFS, Christian adoption speaker Debra Ninman, and Debra Schroeder from New Beginnings. The nonrefundable registration fee is \$25, due by March 4. To pre-register, download a registration form from stlucaswels.org, drop off the completed form and fee at the church/school office, or send it to Lynn Garvey, 809 Pleasant Drive, Kewaskum, WI 53040. You can also register online at eventbrite.com. Invite friends, and we hope to see you there!

Sunday Bible Hour Topic *Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word.* In a religious world where many claim to hold to the truth of Scripture, but teach doctrine, and engage in practices contrary to the Bible, we need this prayer daily. We will take time to look at some of the teachings and practices in the religious world today, and discuss how we can keep our guard up and continue in the truth of God's Word.

Soup Suppers will resume for this Lenten Season. The first two weeks will be hosted by the Sunday School and the Ladies Guild. If you would like to help with the other four, either as an individual or part of a group, please contact Pastor Henning.

Families Needed to Host International Students Exciting news! StudentRoomStay, KML's homestay partner, is searching for families for international students. For more information check out <u>https://studentroomstay.com/host_with_us</u>.

A Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 20, following the 10:30 service. The purpose of the meeting is to extend a divine call for our Lutheran Elementary school, since Mr. Loroff has accepted a call to Riverview Lutheran School in Appleton.

Offering Statements for 2021 are available in the church entry on the north side cabinet.

Calendar

February 19 – February 27, 2022 Suggested readings for each day of the week are listed in parenthesis.

Saturday 6:oo pm	(Job 14:1-22, John 6:41-59) Worship	Ushers: Peters
Sunday 8:00 am 9:15 am 10:30 am	<i>(Job 15:1-23, 30-35, John 6:60-71)</i> Worship Family Bible Hour and Sunday School Worship	Ushers: Stoltz Ushers: Wolter
Monday	(Job 16:1-22, John 7:1-13) No School	
Tuesday	(Job 17:1-16, John 7:14-31) No Bible Hour	
Wednesday	(Job 18:1-21, John 7:32-53) No Public School Catechism Class	
Thursday	(Job 19:1-12, 21-27, John 8:1-20) No Bible Hour	
Friday 7:45 am	(Job 20:1-23, 29, John 8:21-38) Chapel Service	
Saturday 6:oo pm	(Job 21:1-21, Job 21:22-30:15, John 8:39-59) Worship w/Communion	Ushers: Beyer
Sunday 8:00 am 9:15 am 10:30 am	(Job 30:16-31, John 9:1-23) Worship w/Communion Family Bible Hour and Sunday School Worship w/Communion	Ushers: Schacht Ushers: Strack
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With support from the WELS Conference of Presidents, this capital campaign entitled "Equipping Christian Witnesses" reflects not only the mission of our institution—to train a corps of Christian witnesses to meet WELS ministry needs—but also the pillars of this campaign.



Pray boldly that we use this celebration to recruit with rigor countless Christian witnesses . . . to increase our financial support of our students . . . and to provide the necessary facilities to equip our students for their future ministries.

For more information, visit mlc-wels.edu/mlc-campaign

