



Growing in the Fruit of the Spirit



Faithfulness & Figs

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St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Waukesha, WI

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**Helping people make life-changing connections with God
through Jesus Christ.**

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Notes for Worship

- Hymns: ELW – cranberry; ACS – purple.
- Individually wrapped gluten-free communion wafers are available upon request.
- We invite children of all ages to be in worship with us. Children are welcome to use the Pray-Ground in front of the church on the piano side as a comfortable space to experience worship. If you feel your child(ren) are being too disruptive, you are welcome to move into the Chapel.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Psalm-Prelude, Set 1, No. 1

Herbert Howells

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Spirit of truth,

All too often, we are caught in our weakness and fail to live as you desire.

You call us to love our neighbor, but we quarrel instead.

You call us to work for peace, but we put up walls that divide.

You call us to be faithful and generous, but we are afraid to trust you.

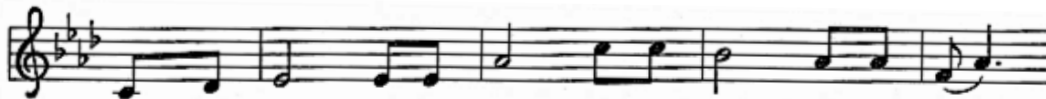
Help us to live and be guided by the Spirit, so that we may love you and one another in truth and action.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

ELW 773



1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
2 When my way grows . . drear, pre-cious Lord, lin - ger near,
3 When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws . . near,



I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
when my life is . . . al - most . . gone,
and the day is . . . past and . . . gone,



Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.
 hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall.
 at the riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand.



Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, ... the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

KYRIE

ACS pg. 31



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.



Chris - te e - lei - son. Christ, have mer - cy.



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Dear God, We come before you with grateful hearts, thanking you for your unwavering faithfulness. You have been our constant guide, our refuge, and our strength through every season. Your love never fails, and your promises are true. We trust in your faithfulness today and always. In Jesus' name, Amen.

MUSICAL OFFERING

(5:00 p.m. & 8:15 a.m.)

God Loved the World

Aaron David Miller
 Michael Schaner, organ

(10:30 a.m.)

This Cross

Mark Mummert
 Voices of Faith

cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Pastor Jordan

HYMN OF THE DAY

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

ELW 815



1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to
2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to
3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to



fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give
look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous-ness,
be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with



light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.
shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.
pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain



In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the



day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the



cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

**God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.**

PEACE

**The peace of Christ be with you always!
And also with you!**

MEAL

OFFERING

God Loved the World

setting, Marianne Kim

March Monthly Mission: Hope Center: St. Luke's supports the Hope Center with a monthly contribution. All gifts will help offset this amount from our General Fund.

Two Options to Use Your Phone to Give



1. Point your QR reader at the left QR graphic where you can login and track your giving. Or visit stlukeslutheran.org and click the Online Giving tab on the right side of the page.
2. Point your QR reader at the right QR graphic to make an **online one-time** gift. Or visit omella.com/o/izfds.



OFFERING PRAYER

Gracious Provider, ... sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, ... join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

ACS pg.36

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and
God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the



Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

COMMUNION

All who are baptized are welcome to receive Holy Communion, regardless of church affiliation. Receive our Lord in the bread and wine of this meal. Juice and individually wrapped, gluten-free wafers are available from the server by request.

LAMB OF GOD

ACS pg. 40



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on

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

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

ELW 335

1 Je - sus, keep me near the cross, there's a pre - cious foun - tain;
2 Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, love and mer - cy found me;
3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes be - fore me;
4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,
free to all, a heal - ing stream flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.
there the bright and morn - ing star sheds its beams a - round me.
help me walk from day to day with its shad - ow o'er me.
till I reach the gold - en strand just be - yond the riv - er.

Refrain
In the cross, in the cross be my glo - ry ev - er;
till my ran - somed soul shall find rest be - yond the riv - er.



1 God loved the world so that he gave his on - ly
 2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, who was made
 3 If you are ill, if death draws near, this truth your
 4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son, for - gives all
 5 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly



Son the lost to save, that all who would in
 flesh and suf - fered death; all who con - fide in
 trou - bled heart can cheer: Christ Je - sus res - cued
 sins that you have done, and jus - ti - fied by
 Spir - it, Three in One! To you, O bless - ed



him be - lieve should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.
 Christ a - lone are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.
 us from death; that is the firm - est ground of faith.
 Je - sus' blood, your bap - tism grants the high - est good.
 Trin - i - ty, be praise now and e - ter - nal - ly!

TABLE BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Generous Host, ... into freedom, in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

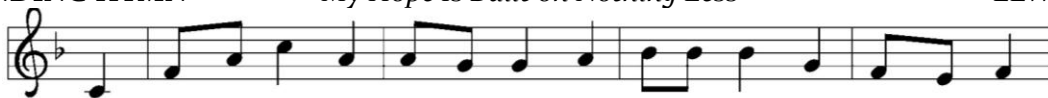
God our tender parent, ... God the reconciling Spirit, † bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

ELW 596



1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je-sus' blood and righ-teous-ness;
2 When dark-ness veils his love-ly face, I rest on his un - chang-ing grace;
3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus - tain me in the rag - ing flood;
4 When he shall come with trum-pet sound, oh, may I then in him be found,



no mer-it of my own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
in ev - ry high and storm - y gale my an - chor holds with-in the veil.
when all sup-ports are washed a-way, he then is all my hope and stay.
clothed in his righ-teous-ness a-lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

Refrain



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is



sink - ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Fughetta and Quodlibet on
When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Wayne L. Wold

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IN OUR PRAYERS

For needs to be met: For peace among nations, for our country, for those impacted by natural disasters, teachers, students, & parents, first responders, caregivers, for all who struggle with uncertainty, Hope Center, Chris J, Pat, Sue S, Sue C, Lisa S, Ellen, Isabella, Carey, Connor W, Katie L, Pastor David Redman, Dick K, Liz S, Terri I, Ben M, Chris B, Steve S, Judy, Dale R, Kathy DW, Joan W, Carol, Debbie C, Janet J, Shane R, Chris R, Alex, Eldon, Duncan B, Karen R, Fred & Karen J, Linda M, AmandaLee B, Laura B, Jan C, Liz S, Brady, Jon, Lisa E, Chris B, Kent S, Sarah, Debbie M, Dave S, Nancy B, Pat S, Mike E, Don F, Brian T, Isabella, Anna F, Brian B, Olivia G, Kenzie D, Mark, and Vi E.

For our partner churches in the Meru Diocese in Tanzania: For the challenges they face. For God's continued blessings on our partnership.

For those serving in the military: Gary Bjerke, Jim Kieso Jr, Daniel Krueger, Brandon Stach and Richard Massey.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Friendship Pads

Please be sure to sign in on the friendship pads located in each pew.

Hospitality Thank You

The March Coffee Hour is Sponsored by Carolynn Fish and Kathy Hager in honor of the 1st Tuesday Book Club.

Lent, Holy Week, and Easter Worship Schedule

Wednesday midweek worship from March 12 to April 9 at 7:00 p.m.

Passion/Palm Sunday worship April 12/13

Maundy Thursday worship, April 17 at 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday, April 18 at 7:00 p.m.

No 5:00 p.m. worship Saturday, April 19.

Easter Sunday worship, April 20, at 8:15 and 10:30 a.m.

Lenten Meals

In our life together, community is important. We are again having soup suppers Wednesday evenings from 5:45 to 6:30 p.m., before the service at 7:00 p.m. Please come and enjoy the fellowship. We look forward to seeing you and worshipping together.

Egg My Yard Fundraiser

Let the Youth “egg” your yard. The Youth will stuff and hide plastic Easter eggs in your yard. Candy and non-candy options are available. The dates to have your yard egged are Friday, April 11 & 18, Saturday, April 12 & 19. Prices are 25 eggs for \$35, 50 eggs for \$60, 75 eggs for \$75 or 100 eggs for \$90. Contact Cari youth@stlukeslutheran.org for the signup form. Signup required by March 30, and spots are limited. In case of bad weather, your eggs will be dropped off at the front door in a Bunny Bag with a letter from the Easter Bunny.

Make a Big Impact: Madison Action Day 2025 for SOPHIA

Join us for Madison Action Day 2025, on Thursday, April 10, 2025. A powerful day of advocacy, learning, and action in the state capital. Hosted by the WISDOM network across Wisconsin (wisdomwisconsin.org) including SOPHIA, the Waukesha affiliate (sophiawaukesha.org), this event offers a unique opportunity to engage directly with policymakers, connect with a community of passionate changemakers, and advocate for policies that matter most to you and our community.

Here's what you can expect:

- Hear from inspiring speakers and community leaders
- Engage directly with Wisconsin lawmakers
- Connect and network with like-minded individuals

Madison Action Day is open to all, and transportation is available for those interested.

Sign Up Today: bit.ly/madisonactionday2025. Early registration is \$35 through March 10.

For questions about Madison Action Day or SOPHIA, contact Rachel Schwab at rachel.e.schwab@gmail.com or (414) 651-5553. SOPHIA is a faith-based social justice organization dedicated to fostering an active, justice-seeking culture in Waukesha County where the marginalized, community members, and the policymakers collaborate to create justice for all.

Help for Hadfield

Thank you to all who have helped fill the needs of Hadfield. The staff and kids appreciate it very much! The school is having a craft and vendor fair on Saturday, April 12. For the fair, they mainly need volunteers for the kids activities. This year's theme is Easter. Would anyone be willing to wear the Easter Bunny costume? If you have any questions, please reach out to Julie Doepke (414) 750-4524 or doepkejulie1@gmail.com.

Please Join Us Walk with Jesus

On Sunday, April 13, Palm Sunday, during the Education Hour, 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. the DT youth will be presenting a self-guided walk using stations to tell the story of Jesus's journey the week leading up to His death then resurrection on Easter morning. Come see how they tell HIS story in their unique way.

Theology Uncorked – New Location

Please come be part of this special group that gathers for uplifting spiritual conversation and good fellowship. Our next meeting will be Monday, April 14, at 6:00 p.m. at Cantarito's 408 E. Main St., Waukesha. This is a "come-as-you-can" group; no commitment required. Please join the women of St. Luke's and be part of the lively atmosphere. Consider bringing a neighbor or friend!

Hope Center Requests

Thank you to everyone who has donated undies for the Hope Center. We will continue to collect new underwear, in the original packaging, during lent. Currently, the need is for tee shirts/undershirts for men and boys—all sizes, men's boxer/briefs sizes 34 and 36, ladies briefs sizes 5 and 6, ladies' and men's ankle socks (no crew socks are needed.) Check the weekly Sunday bulletin for updates regarding current needs or visit the Hope Center's website, <https://hopecenterwi.org/donate-now/>

A Penny War Continues

The Youth of St. Luke's are at it again and have declared a Penny War during the months of March and April. This year the war is between DT (the middle school youth) & YG (the high school youth). All proceeds raised will help to offset costs of the Mission Trip to go to Pine Ridge Indian Reservation this summer and other youth activities. The winner of the Penny War will be the one with the lowest points total at the end of services April 20, and they will get to cheer on the losing team as they receive their just dessert. The losing team, with the highest points, will be awarded the flavor of their choice pie in the face at the end of the Penny War. Paper, bills, checks, and electronic giving will be positive points and noisy money, coins, will be negative points. Weekly progress totals will be posted. The youth decided it is an all or nothing penny war, so ALL members of the losing team will get a pie in the face. Bid sheets to help smush a pie in the face of an awesome St. Luke's youth will be on the Penny War table at the beginning of April. There might be a few youth leaders and parents, plus college-age siblings, lining up for that opportunity. The "award" ceremony will be April 27, in between services. Hoping for good weather so that we can be outside as there could be up to 30 youth getting a pie! All fun and games aside, the youth would like to thank the congregation for once again supporting our slightly wacky ideas and allowing us to continue to support the faith formation of our youth. Without your prayers and financial support, opportunities such as attending a mission trip to Pine Ridge to serve along with the people and learn about their culture would not be possible.

Needle & Thimble

Please join Needle and Thimble on Tuesdays at 8:30 a.m. They meet every week unless there is no school. Everyone is welcome. You don't need to be able to sew. There are other things that can be done. Please call Marilyn Olson if you have questions, (262) 844-2519.

Search Bible Study

Join us for Search Bible Study on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. as we study a book entitled, *Acts: Catching up with the Spirit*. The Acts of the Apostles is a unique and crucial book that chronicles the story of God's grace flooding out to the world through the lives of the apostles in the decades immediately following Christ's ascension into heaven. Author and New Testament professor at Luther Seminary, Matthew Skinner, explores six key themes that illustrate the ways in which reading Acts is capable of igniting our imagination about the character of the Christian message, the work of God's people (the church), and the challenges of living faithfully in a complex and changing world.

New Life Rising Capital Campaign

The three-year term of the campaign appeal will be completed about May 1, of this year with the objective of reducing or eliminating our mortgage debt over this period. The campaign continues to envision what is possible when we alleviate the nearly \$100,000 per-year spent on debt service, and we repurpose those funds into other important ministries! The campaign received pledges of about \$880,000 from the congregation. We are blessed with such generosity and close to our target, but we currently stand with about \$100,000 of pledges outstanding. The committee would like to thank our congregational members for their continued generosity to the New Life Rising campaign. We urge you to generously complete and exceed your pledge by May 1. Reminder you can send your IRA tax-deferred donation right to the church. As we work to remove our debt, there is New Life Rising at St. Luke's with a vision to widen our community connections and our welcome to all who come. It's a spiritual place where we gather for worship. It's a place where we open our doors to those in need. It's a place where we welcome our community. God is clearly present at St. Luke's!

Prayer Shawl

Thank you for keeping our prayer patches full! We would like diversity in the prayer patches, both with and without crosses. We are also in need of prayer shawls. You pick the design, color, and type of yarn. Feel free to take yarn from the shelves by the veteran hall. Please call Gloria for dimensions of what you make and with any questions at (262) 547-8096.

Are You Receiving Our Weekly *Connections* Email?

Each week we send out an email called *Connections*. It includes announcements, links, information about worship schedules, community events, and so much more. If you are not receiving it, email the office (office@stlukeslutheran.org) to be added to the email list.

This Week at St Luke's

Sunday, March 30, 2025

8:15 & 10:30 a.m. Worship
 9:15 a.m. Discipleship Training
 9:20 a.m. Sunday School
 12:00 p.m. Youth Group Escaper Room
 6:00 p.m. Men's A.A.

Monday, March 31, 2025

8:00 a.m. Amigos
 6:30 p.m. Al-Anon

Tuesday, April 1, 2025

8:30 a.m. Needle and Thimble
 9:30 a.m. 1st Tuesday Book Club

Wednesday, April 2, 2025

9:30 a.m. Search Bible Study
 5:45 p.m. Lenten Meal
 5:45 p.m. Discipleship Training
 5:45 p.m. First Communion Class
 6:00 p.m. Godsbells

7:00 p.m. N.A.
 7:00 p.m. Mid-Week Lenten Service
 7:45 p.m. Voices of Faith

Thursday, April 3, 2025

9:30 a.m. Prayer Shawl
 4:30 p.m. Joyful Noise
 5:00 p.m. Community Meal
 6:30 p.m. Women Bible Study
 7:00 p.m. The Broad Highway A.A.

Saturday, April 5, 2025

5:00 p.m. Worship

Sunday, April 6, 2025

8:15 & 10:30 a.m. Worship
 9:15 a.m. Discipleship Training
 9:20 a.m. Sunday School
 11:30 a.m. Executive Committee
 6:00 p.m. Men's A.A.

Serving this Weekend:

	5:00	8:15	10:30
Presiding:	Pastor Jordan	Pastor Hooper	Pastor Hooper
Preaching:	Pastor Jordan	Pastor Jordan	Pastor Jordan
Music:	Michael Schaner	Michael Schaner	Michael Schaner
Assisting Minister:	Darius Outlaw	Steve Wiley	Jim Kieso
Lector:	Kathy Fontaine	Jay Fontaine	Curt Steinquist
Bread Baker:	Debbie Kuechler	Debbie Kuechler	Debbie Kuechler
Acolyte:	Maci Eswine	Cash Hendrickson	Eden Tonn
Communion Asst:	Daniel Jorvig	Dawn Thompson-Weber	Tracy Craft
Ushers:	Susan Klabunde	Wendy Bacon	Kathy Fontaine
	Harold Bloch	Jay Fontaine	Curt Steinquist
		Kathy Fontaine	Janet Steinquist
		Trudy Staffeldt	Joyce Beauchene
Altar Care:	Jack Tans & Joyce Ruck	Trudy Staffeldt	Rusty & Kathi Bartelmas
Worship Tech:		John Christiansen	