



FORWARD

Growing in Christ

ST. LUCAS EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

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The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

January 28 & 29, 2023

The Season

The word epiphany means “appearance.” In the Season of Epiphany, we watch Jesus begin his public ministry. Jesus makes his first appearances. In those appearances, it quickly becomes clear that this is more than a random carpenter’s son. As Jesus appears, we see exactly who he is and what he came to do.

The Series

Jesus teaches us what it means to be one of his followers through the most famous sermon of all time. It is not delivered while standing in a pulpit but while sitting on a hill. Elevated above the crowd, Jesus’ voice would carry through the air. His followers hung on his every word as the Christ talked about living an authentic Christian life. It is called the Sermon on the Mount.

The Sunday

What Jesus calls blessed, the world never would. The world praises the strong and the self-sufficient. Jesus calls blessed what others would see as weak. Jesus drives home one crucial point. The weaker you are, the more ready you are to rely on God’s strength. The more difficult your present circumstances, the likelier you are to yearn for future reward.

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

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. Amen.

Serving in Worship

Presiding Minister: Pastor Timothy Henning Organist: Laura Schulz
Ushers: Mike Beyer (6 pm) Henry Schacht (8 am) Doug Strack (10:30 am)

The Service

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

CW 384

Stand for stanza 4



- 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.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854, abr., alt.

Tune: Leonhart Schröter, c. 1532–c. 1601

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In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Confession

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.

The Only Son from Heaven

CW 383 st. 4

4 O Fa - ther, here be - fore you with God the Ho - ly Ghost
and Je - sus, we a - dore you, O Pride of an - gel host.
Be - fore you mor - tals low - ly cry, "Ho - ly,
ho - ly, ho - ly, O bless - ed Trin - i - ty!"

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'The Only Son from Heaven'. It consists of four staves of music in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a '4' indicating the time signature. The music is written in a simple, accessible style with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat.

Text: Lutheran Book of Worship, 1978;
Tune: Eyn Enchiridion oder Handbüchlein, Erfurt, 1524, alt.
Text and tune: Public domain

The Word

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, look with mercy on our weaknesses, and in all our dangers and needs stretch out the right hand of your majesty to help and defend us; 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

Song *Lord, I Lift Your Name on High* St. Lucas Lutheran School Sixer Singers (10:30 am)

First Reading

Zephaniah 2:3; 3:11-13

The LORD promises that those who are humble.

³“Seek the LORD, all you humble of the land,
you who do what he commands.

Seek righteousness, seek humility;
perhaps you will be sheltered
on the day of the LORD’s anger.

¹⁴On that day you, Jerusalem, will not be put to shame
for all the wrongs you have done to me,
because I will remove from you
your arrogant boasters.

Never again will you be haughty
on my holy hill.

¹²But I will leave within you
the meek and humble.

The remnant of Israel
will trust in the name of the LORD.

¹³They will do no wrong;
they will tell no lies.

A deceitful tongue
will not be found in their mouths.

They will eat and lie down
and no one will make them afraid.”

The Word of the Lord.

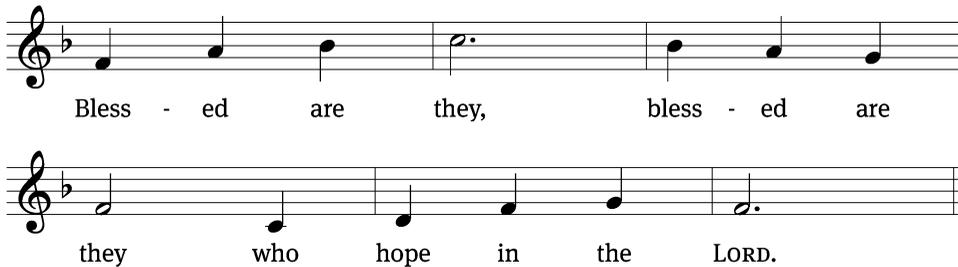
Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 1

Sung responsively with the minster or St. Lucas Sixer Singers (10:30 am)

Refrain



Bless - ed are they, bless - ed are
they who hope in the LORD.

Tone



Blessed is the one who / does not walk
in step with the / wicked
or stand in the way that / sinners take
or sit in the company of / mockers,
but whose delight is in the law / of the LORD,
and who meditates on his law / day and night.
That person is like a tree planted by streams of / water,
which yields its fruit in / season
and whose leaf does not / wither—
whatever they do / prospers. Refrain

Not so the / wicked!
They are like chaff that the wind / blows away.
Therefore the wicked will not stand in the / judgment,
nor sinners in the assembly of the / righteous. Refrain

For the LORD watches over the way of the / righteous,
but the way of the wicked leads to de- / struction.
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

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:26–31s

The Corinthians are an example of how God's strength is made perfect in weakness.

²⁶Brothers and sisters, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. ²⁸God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, ²⁹so that no one may boast before him. ³⁰It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption. ³¹Therefore, as it is written: “Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 5:3

Alleluia. Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 5:1–125

Jesus shows us the outcome of a life trusting in God's strength.

¹Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, ²and he began to teach them.

He said:

³“Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.

⁵Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.

⁶Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.

⁷Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.

⁸Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.

⁹Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹“Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Hymn of the Day: Blest Are They

CW 690



1 Blest are they, the poor in spir - it, theirs is the
2 Blest are they, the low - ly ones, they shall in -
3 Blest are they who show mer - cy, mer - cy
4 Blest are they who seek peace, they are the
5 Blest are you who suf - fer hate all be -



king - dom of God. Blest are they,
her - it the earth. Blest are they who
shall be theirs. Blest are they, the
chil - dren of God. Blest are they who
cause of me. Re - joice and be glad,



full of sor - row, they shall be con - soled.
hun - ger and thirst, they shall have their fill.
pure of heart, they shall see God!
suf - fer in faith, the glo - ry of God is theirs.
yours is the king - dom; shine for all to see.



Refrain

Re - joice and be glad! Bless - ed are



you, ho - ly are you! Re - joice and be glad!



Yours is the king - dom of God!

Text: David Haas, b. 1957

Tune: David Haas, b. 1957

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Sermon

Matthew 5:1–12
You are Blessed in Countless Ways

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.

Be seated

Forward Presentation

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.*



Stand

Prayer of the Church

Dearest Jesus, you became poor so that we might become rich. In addition to forgiveness and eternal life, you have given us blessings far too numerous to count. So inspire us by your generosity that we devote all we have and all we are to the glory of your name and the well-being of others. Help us learn the joy of giving, the value of faithful labor, and the satisfaction of time well spent. Replace our fear and selfishness with the confidence that you will provide everything we need for doing good and will do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine.

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.**

The Sacrament

Preface

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of six staves of music. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er, God of might. Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

Tune: Kermit G. Moldenhauer

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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 \dagger 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 \dagger 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.

Distribution

Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord

CW 661



1 Draw near and take the bod - y of your Lord,
2 Christ our Re - deem - er, God's e - ter - nal Son,
3 Let us ap - proach with faith - ful hearts sin - cere
4 With heav'n - ly bread he makes the hun - gry whole,



and drink the ho - ly blood for you out - poured.
has by his cross and blood the vic - t'ry won.
and take the pledg - es of sal - va - tion here.
gives liv - ing wa - ters to the thirst - ing soul.



Saved by his bod - y and his ho - ly blood,
He gave his life for great - est and for least,
Christ, who in this life all the saints de - fends,
Lord of the na - tions, to whom all must bow,



with souls re - freshed we give our thanks to God.
him - self the of - f'ring and him - self the priest.
gives all be - liev - ers life that nev - er ends.
in this great feast of love be with us now.

Text: tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.; Latin, 7th cent., abr.

Tune: Trente quatre Pseaumes de David, Geneva, 1551, ed. Louis Bourgeois

Text and tune: Public domain

After all have communed, the minister says:

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.

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CW 923



1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain whence the heal - ing
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but thou art might - y;
stream doth flow; let the fi - ery, cloud - y pil - lar
fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion,



hold me with thy pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en,
lead me all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer,
land me safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es,



bread of heav - en, feed me till I want no
strong de - liv - 'rer, be thou still my strength and
songs of prais - es I will ev - er give to



more, feed me till I want no more.
shield, be thou still my strength and shield.
thee, I will ev - er give to thee.

Text: William Williams, 1717–1791, abr.; (st. 1): tr. Peter Williams, 1722–1796, alt.; (sts. 2–3): tr. William Williams, 1717–1791
Tune: John Hughes, 1873–1932
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Announcements

Important School Choice Meeting Monday, January 30th at 7 PM, St. Lucas will host an informational meeting in the gym about the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program. During the 2023-2024 school year, St. Lucas will participate in the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP), which would make St. Lucas students eligible for a state voucher that would cover tuition. We encourage all families to attend to learn more about the program. Even if you feel you may not qualify, we will share strategies that may help you qualify in the future if not this year. Open enrollment for WPCP is February 1-April 21, so we would like to help families get started with this right away. If you cannot attend, please contact Kevin Scheunemann, school choice administrator, at (262) 339-5425 or kewaskumdq@gmail.com. As a bonus, ice cream cake will be provided at the meeting!

New Office Assistant Mrs. Suzanne Giese has stepped down as our church and school office assistant. We thank Mrs. Giese for her faithful service. Mrs. Jana Baumann will start as our office assistant on February 14. The Lord bless her as she serves the Lord and our congregation.

2022 Offering Statements are on a table in the back of church, on the left side as you leave.

The Fourteenth Annual Men of His Word Conference Keynote speaker: Pastor Dan Solofra “MAN UP: in a man down world”; Worship Band: Koine; 16 Challenging Breakout Sessions. Saturday, February 18, 2023 Best Western Premier Waterfront Convention Center – Oshkosh. Register at: www.menofhisword.org.

The women of St. Lucas Lutheran invite you to join us for our 18 th annual Women’s Retreat, titled *Working for the Lord*. Saturday, March 11, 2023 with registration and refreshments at 8:30 AM and the retreat concluding at about 2:45. A non-refundable registration fee of \$25.00 includes lunch and presentations. This is a one-day retreat filled with speakers, worship, and fellowship. Speakers for this retreat will include: Ryan Halter, Pastor Joe Radsek, and Juli Hesse. Please call Lynn Garvey at 262-626-4749 with questions. Registrations are due by February 17. Registration is available at <https://Stlucasretreat.eventbrite.com>. Brochures are available in the narthex.

Wine Tasting Night Out Christian Life Resources invites you to its 8th Annual Wine Tasting Night Out on Thursday, Feb. 23, from 6-8pm at the Chandelier Ballroom, 150 Jefferson Avenue, Hartford, WI. This evening of wine and craft beer paired with gourmet appetizers and desserts, as well as a silent auction, will benefit the CLR ministry. Cost is \$60 per person or \$480 for an 8-person table reservation. Go to christianliferesources.com to purchase tickets.

Celebrating God’s blessings this week

Birthdays

Jackie Marquardt 30

Tom Stern 1

Bennett Strack 3

Autumn Reindl 4

Mason Kempf 4

Calendar

Readings for January 29 – February 5

Saturday:	<i>Zechariah 6:1-7:14; Romans 16:17-27</i> Worship 6:00 pm w/Communion	Usher : Beyer
Sunday:	<i>Zechariah 8:1-23; 2 Timothy 1:1-18</i> Worship 8 or 10:30 am w/Communion <i>Forward building plan presentation 9:15 am</i> Sunday School 9:15 am	Ushers : Schacht 8 am Strack 10:30 am
Monday:	<i>Zechariah 9:1-17; 2 Timothy 2:1-26</i> School Choice Information Meeting 7 pm	
Tuesday:	<i>Zechariah 10:1-11:3; 2 Timothy 3:1-17</i> Bible Study 6:30 pm	
Wednesday:	<i>Zechariah 11:4-17; 2 Timothy 4:1-18</i> Public School Catechism class 3:30-5:00 pm	
Thursday:	<i>Zechariah 12:1-13:9; Titus 1:1-2:6</i> Bible Study 10:00 am	
Friday :	<i>Zechariah 14:1-21; Titus 2:7-3:15</i> School Chapel Service 7:45 am	
Saturday:	<i>Job 1:1-22; John 1:1-18</i> Worship 6:00 pm w/Communion	Usher : Butzke
Sunday:	<i>Job 2:1-3:10; John 1:19-34</i> Worship 8 or 10:30 am w/Communion Sunday School and Bible Hour 9:15 am	Ushers : Kempf 8 am Koch 10:30 am

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

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