

ST. LUCAS EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

January 20th & 21st, 2024

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The Season

The world is starving for good news. And that is exactly what we get at Christmas. The angel told the shepherds, "I bring you good news of great joy" (Luke 2:10). The angel reported a fact—the birth of One who would make everything right again. This child would remove all our fears and fill our hearts with joy.

The Sunday

Jesus makes all believers his ambassadors, sharing the gospel with whomever he brings into our sphere of influence. Jesus has committed us to a lofty charge: the privilege to play a role in his saving work.

Prayer before Worship

"I rejoiced with those who said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord." Give me joy, dear Jesus, as I prepare to worship you today. Make me understand what my life would be like without you so that I long to hear about your grace and compassion. Help me participate in a way that honors you and builds up all who worship with me, and let their worship strengthen and encourage my faith.

Serving in Worship

Presiding Minister: Pastor Dennis Lemke Organist: Laura Schulz Ushers: David Butzke (6 pm Saturday) Kevin Kempf (8 am Sunday) Johnathan Koch (10:30 am Sunday) I Hear the Savior Calling

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

Confession

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord. Almighty and merciful Father, we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts. We have offended you and sinned against your holy law. We have done those things that we should not have done, and we have not done those things that we should have done. Have mercy on us, Lord! Spare us, forgive us, and restore us, according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

Silence for meditation and reflection

God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever. **Amen.**

Lord, Have Mercy

In peace let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

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

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 mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria (Brit) - AURELIA



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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

First Reading

Jonah 3:1–5,10

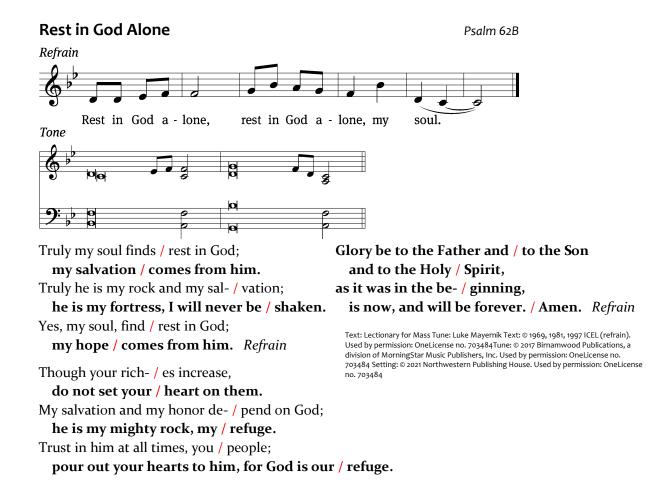
The reluctant Jonah had been given the lofty charge of proclaiming a message from the LORD to the people of Nineveh.

¹Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time: ²"Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you."

³Jonah obeyed the word of the LORD and went to Nineveh. Now Nineveh was a very large city; it took three days to go through it. ⁴Jonah began by going a day's journey into the city, proclaiming, "Forty more days and Nineveh will be overthrown." ⁵The Ninevites believed God. A fast was proclaimed, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth.

¹⁰When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he relented and did not bring on them the destruction he had threatened.

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



Second Reading

2 Corinthians 5:14–21

Christ has committed to us, as his ambassadors, the message of reconciliation.

¹⁴For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. ¹⁵And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

¹⁶So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. ¹⁷Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! ¹⁸All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: ¹⁹that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. ²¹God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

Psalm 22:22

Alleluia! I will declare your name to my people; in the assembly I will praise you. Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 1:14–20

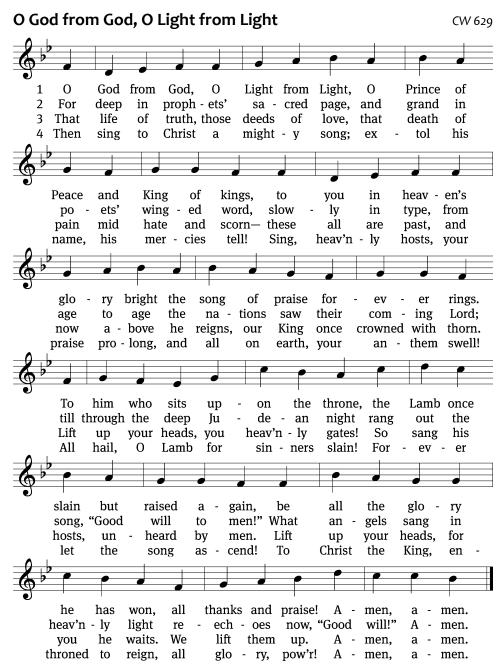
When Jesus gave Simon and Andrew the lofty charge of fishing for people, they left everything else behind.

¹⁴After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. ¹⁵"The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!"

¹⁶As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. ¹⁷"Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." ¹⁸At once they left their nets and followed him.

¹⁹When he had gone a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat, preparing their nets. ²⁰Without delay he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

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



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Stand

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

Be seated

Prayer of the Church

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us, that his ways may be known on earth, his salvation among all nations.

May the peoples praise you, O God. May all the peoples praise you.

Loving Lord, your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, has given gifts to the Church in the apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers. According to your will, raise up more workers and send them into harvest fields in our land and around the world. By the power of your gospel, strengthen them so that they do not become discouraged but continue in the course you have set before them.

May the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you rule the peoples justly and guide the nations of the earth.

Pour out your wisdom, O Lord, on all who train and prepare those who proclaim the everlasting gospel in their own communities and cultures. Through the power of the Spirit lead them to rely on the authority of your Word and to look for success in the witness of your love. Let them find support in their partners in ministry as we work together around the world.

May the peoples praise you, O God. May all the peoples praise you.

Spare those who serve your people far away from infections and injury. Provide medical facilities to diagnose and treat disease. Give help and comfort to all the sick in every land [especially... *here name the person and the cause of the petition*]. Bring healing and health according to your will.

May the nations be glad and sing for joy.

Lord God, King of the universe, direct the governments of the world so that your people may live quiet and peaceful lives. Protect us from crime and war. Let freedom of religion flourish that the gospel may be freely preached throughout the world. Cast down rulers who oppress their people; remove governments that oppose the gospel. Bring relief to Christians who are persecuted.

For you rule the peoples with equity and guide the nations of the earth.

Wherever we go, near or far, move us to share the gospel with eagerness and joy. Give us grace to be models to all so that our brothers and sisters might see our good works and glorify you. Plant in the hearts of your people a deeper desire to share the gospel with their lips and their gifts so that many more may come to know and believe the love of your Son.

The land yields its harvest, and God, our God, blesses us. May God bless us, so that all the ends of the earth will revere him. 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.



Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spake CW 702 1 "Come, fol low me," the Sav - ior spake, "all in my "I light the way, 2 am the light, Ι а god - ly 3 "I teach you how shun and flee what harms your to Then 4 let us fol - low Christ our Lord and take the 0 a - bid - ing; de your-selves, the world for-sake, wav ny life dis - play - ing; Ι bid you walk as in the day, soul's sal - va - tion, your heart from ev - 'rv guile to free, his Word, cross ap - point - ed and, firm - ly cling - ing to call and guid - ing. the cross, whato - bey my 0 bear keep your feet from stray - ing. Ι Ι the way, and am from sin and its temp - ta - tion. Ι the ref - uge am in suf - f'ring be un - daunt - ed. For those who bear the e'er be - tide, take ex - am - ple for my your guide. well I show how must so - journ here be - low. vou of the soul and vour heav'n - ly goal." lead vou to bat-tle's strain the crown of heav'n - ly life ob tain.

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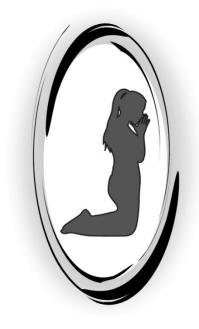
Stand

Prayer

Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and 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.



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.** Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus



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Announcements

Attendance Cards: We ask that you please fill out a yellow attendance card and place it in the offering basket. Attendance cards are in the pews. Thank you very much!

St. Lucas Women's Retreat: St. Lucas Women's Ministry is hosting their 19 th annual one-day retreat on **Saturday, March 9,2024** titled "Make a Joyful Noise". The retreat will be held at St. Lucas Lutheran School, 1410 Parkview Drive, Kewaskum, WI, in Hoenecke Hall on begenning at 8:30 AM and concluding at about 2:45. A non-refundable registration fee of \$30.00 includes lunch and presentations. This is a one-day retreat filled with speakers, worship, and fellowship. Andy Braun, Rachel Braun, and Jeremy Bakken of Branches Band will be presenting at this year's retreat.

A printable brochure with registration form is available on our website <u>www.stlucaswels.org</u> or can be picked up in the church annex on the left side as you leave church. Registration is also possible at <u>https://Stlucasretreat.eventbrite.com</u> Registrations are due by February 20 th. Please call Sandy Survis 262-483-7988 with questions.

Lutheran Memorial Park – Annual Lot Holders Meeting: The annual lot holders meeting will be held Monday, January 22, 2024, at 6:30pm in the St. Lucas School Meeting Room. Anyone interested in serving on the Cemetery Board, please contact Chairman Paul Lemke at 262-626-4829 or Secretary Joyce Kral at 262-626-2725.

PTO Spring Fundraising Gala – "**Pearl of the Sea**": I know, it's hard to think about spring being right around the corner when the air is getting colder by the day and lingering Christmas decorations still twinkle around town. In reality, St, Lucas Lutheran Grade School's PTO fundraising gala is only two short months away! Make sure you mark your calendars for this fantastic event being held on **Thursday March** 7th, **2024**. The gala aims to raise funds for the school all while providing an enchanting evening for all in attendance. The event will take place at Foundry 45 with food provided by Crave Catering, live music by Whole Yachta Love, and friendly fellowship. In addition to the food, there will be a silent auction as well as a raffle.

The PTO would like to reach out for assistance in making this an enjoyable and successful evening. They are in need of volunteers to assist with various tasks, donations of any size, silent auction items, and gift baskets for the raffle. The PTO will provide a donation receipt for any donations made that will include the PTO's tax-exempt number for your records.

If you are interested in volunteering your time, providing a donation, or have any questions, please contact Liz Dreher at (262) 923-0241 or Jenell Enright at (608) 669-3190 or jenellenright@gmail.com.

KML Job Openings:

<u>Director of Operations</u>: Due to the upcoming retirement of Mr. Jody Hansen, KML is looking to hire a Director of Operations. The Director of Operations has the important role of leading the fiscal and business affairs of KML and includes oversight of the maintenance of the facility. This individual is a member of the 1KML Leadership Team and is directly accountable to the President. The position is full-time with benefits. KML desires this person to start around April 2024. **Please submit cover letters and resumes by** <u>February 5, 2024</u>, to Mr. Jody Hansen, Director of Operations (jody.hansen@kmlhs.org). Questions? Email President Jamie Luehring (jamie.luehring@kmlhs.org) and/or Director of Operations Jody Hansen.

<u>Gift Planning Officer</u>: KML is looking to fill the position of **Gift Planning Officer** due to the upcoming retirement of Mr. Paul Snamiska. The Gift Planning Officer is responsible for supporting the KML Federation through deferred giving, estate planning, and alumni engagement. This individual is a member of the Mission Advancement Team and is directly accountable to the Director of Mission Advancement. The position is full-time with benefits. KML desires this person to start around April 2024. <u>Click HERE for a more detailed job description</u>. Please submit cover letters and resumes by <u>February 5, 2024</u>, to Mrs. Wendy Breimon, Director of Mission Advancement (wendy.breimon@kmlhs.org). Questions? Email Director of Mission Advancement Wendy Breimon.

Study Hall/Commons Supervisor: KML is looking to fill the position of Study Hall/Commons Supervisor. Duties include monitoring students, maintaining an atmosphere conducive to study, issuing student passes as needed, collecting and entering lunch deposits, and depositing money with the fiscal office. Additionally, the person in this position will compile and disseminate school-wide morning announcements. This is a part-time <u>seasonal</u> position of approximately 7:30 AM - 3:00 PM, Monday - Friday, yearly from August through May (during the school year). Proposed start date for this job opening: January 2024. Hourly pay is based on experience. This position does not include benefits. Please submit questions and resumes on or before January 15, 2024, to Mrs. Melanie Schoeneck (262.677.4051 x4018; melanie.schoeneck@kmlhs.org).

<u>Concessions</u>: Work in KML's **concession stand** during home games and tournaments. This entails simple food preparation, customer service, and clean up. The schedule involves nights and weekends. **If interested or for additional information, contact Mr. Jody Hansen, Director of Operations** (262.677.4051 x4004; jody.hansen@kmlhs.org).

Travel to Germany in July 2024: Recently five spots became available for the 2024 summer trip to Germany, sponsored by Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School. This trip is open to anyone, students and adults. If interested, contact Mr. Wes Schmandt (wes.schmandt@kmlhs.org). More info: bit.ly/KMLGermany24.

Celebrating God's Blessings This Week:

BIRTHDAYS

Lucas Peters – 1/21 David C. Dorn – 1/23 Anna Ebert – 1/23 Bruce Keller – 1/25 Eleanor Holzmann – 1/26

CALENDAR

Readings for January 21st - January 28th

Sunday	JAN 22 Monday	JAN 23 Tuesday	Wednesday
Joel 1:1-20 Romans 10:1-21	Joel 2:1-17 Romans 11:1-24	Joel 2:18-32 Romans 11:25-12:13	Joel 3:1-21 Romans 12:14-13:14
Worship - 8 am Bible Study - 9:15 am Sunday School - 9:15 am Worship - 10:30 am	Lutheran Memorial Park Annual Lot Holders Meeting - 6:30 pm	Bible Study - 6:30 pm	Catechism Instruction 6th-8th Grade - 3:30 pm PTO Gala Meeting - 6:30 pm
JAN 25 Thursday	JAN 26 Friday	JAN 27 Saturday	JAN 28 Sunday
Zechariah 1:1-21 Romans 14:1-23	Zechariah 2:1-3:10 Romans 15:1-13	Zechariah 4:1-5:11 Romans 15:14-33	Zechariah 6:1-7:14 Romans 16:17-27
Fuel for Moms - 7:45 am Bible Study - 10 am		Worship w/Communion 6 pm	Worship w/Communion 8 am Bible Study - 9:15 am Sunday School - 9:15 am Worship w/Communion 10:30 am
Ushers for 1/27 & 1/28	Ushers for 2/3 & 2/4	St. Lucas Lutheran Church strives to be a congregation that is always inviting, always edifying, and always equipping. <u>www.stlucaswels.org</u>	
Sat. 1/20 6 pm - Peters Sun. 1/21 8 am - Stoltz Sun. 1/21 10:30 am - Wolter	Sat. 1/20 6 pm - Beyer Sun. 1/21 8 am - Schacht Sun. 1/21 10:30 am - Strack	Contact Information Pastor Timothy Henning (262) 707-6984 - <u>thenning@stlucaswels.org</u> Principal Mark Hesse (920) 915-1130 - <u>mhesse@stlucaswels.org</u> School/Church Office (262) 626-2680 - <u>church@stlucaswels.org</u>	