# FAITH

## LUTHERAN CHURCH



Commemoration of

ST. LUKE – EVANGELIST

October 18

#### SERVICE NOTES FOR THIS MORNING

October 18 is the date that the church commemorates St. Luke, the Evangelist. Luke was a physician (Col. 4:14) and wrote the 3rd book in the New Testament, the Gospel according to Luke, as well as the book of Acts. In his Gospel, which is the longest and most detailed of the four. Luke tends to emphasize the sacrifice and atonement of the Messiah: Christ's work as Priest to make atonement for the world by His sacrifice on the cross. The largest sacrifice in the Old Testament was the ox, which is why the symbol for St. Luke is the

ox, and it's given wings to show that it is a heavenly sacrifice. Along with the symbols for the other three Gospel writers, the ox is one of the four living creatures mentioned in Revelation 4:6-8. Luke, as a physician, through showing us the incredible mercy of Jesus, also points us to Jesus as the Great Physician.

#### SERVING TODAY

Preacher: Rev. Jeff Hendrix Organist: Caroline Rehborg Altar Guild: Mary Meylor

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## SFRVICE OF **PREPARATION**



The first part of our service prepares our hearts to come before God. God forgives our sins and the theme for the day is set in the introit.

#### OPENING HYMN

Christians, Come, in Sweetest Measures | 411 vv. 1-2

This hymn from the middle ages praises God for the four Gospel writers, including St. Luke. These four Gospels are called the "four rivers that gladden" from which Christians may drink and find salvation.

## 411 Christians, Come, in Sweetest Measures

887 887 ALLES IST AN GOTTES SEGEN Iucundare, plebs fidelis Adam of St. Victor, d. 1172 J. Löhner, 1645-1705 Tr. R. Campbell, 1814-68, alt. Setting: J. B. König, 1691-1758 1. Chris - tians. come, in sweet - est mea - sures Sing of those who the With the 2. See riv ers four that glad - den their streams 3. Here sat - ed, More shall our souls. by Je - sus and more 4. Then shall thanks and praise as - cend - ing For Thy mer cies trea - sures In the Gos - pels shrined; spread the ho ly bet - ter E - den, Plant ed Sav - ior dear. bγ our trans - lat - ed Earth's temp ta tions a bove: Rise blest. with - out end - ing to Thee, 0 Sav - ior ti - dings Bless - ed of sal - va - tion. Peace on earth their Christ the Foun - tain. these the Drink. Ο Zi - on's wa - ters. Freed from ab horred do - min - ion, sin's Soar - ing on an With Thy gra - cious aid de - fend us, Let Thy guid - ing proc - la - ma - tion, Love from God to lost man - kind. find Drink and sal tion sons and daugh - ters: va here. shall the ic pin - ion, They reach Source of love. gel light at tend Bring us to Thy place of rest.

#### INVOCATION & CONFESSION

- In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed You in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve Your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

### ENTRANCE HYMN / KYRIE ["Lord, Have Mercy"]

Thou Highest Comfort | 33 v. 4

- Thou highest Comfort in ev'ry need,
  Grant that neither shame nor death we heed,
  That e'en then our courage may never fail us
  When the foe shall accuse and assail us.
  Lord, have mercy!
- P God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore as a called and ordained 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.
- C Amen.

GLORIA ["All Glory Be to God" (Luke 2:14)]

All glory be to God alone,
Forevermore the Highest One,
Who doth our sinful race befriend
And grace and peace to us extend.
Among mankind may His good will
All hearts with deep thanksgiving fill.

All Glory Be to God Alone | 36 v. 1

The Gloria is the oldest song of our liturgy, sung here in the form of a hymn. This song was the song that the angels sang as Christ made his dwelling on earth at Christmas. Through God's Word, Christ will again abide with us.

#### **COLLECT OF THE DAY**

P Almighty God, who called St. Luke the physician to be an Evangelist and a physician of the soul; heal, we beseech you, all the diseases of our souls by the wholesome medicine of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

C Amen.

# SERVICE OF THE WORD



Our service builds towards the hearing of the Gospel. The lessons and even the chief hymn all reflect the theme of the Gospel.

## OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 35:5-8

<sup>5</sup>Then the eyes of the blind will be opened, and the ears of the deaf will be unplugged. <sup>6</sup>The crippled will leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute will sing for joy. Waters will flow in the wilderness, and streams in the wasteland. <sup>7</sup>The burning sand will become a pool, and in the thirsty ground there will be springs of water. There will be grass, reeds, and rushes where the haunts of jackals once lay. <sup>8</sup>A highway will be there, a road that will be called the holy way. The impure will not walk there. It will be reserved for those who walk in that holy way. Wicked fools will not wander onto it.

#### **EPISTLE LESSON**

## 2 Timothy 4:5-15

<sup>5</sup>As for you, keep a clear head in every situation. Bear hardship. Do the work of an evangelist. Fulfill your ministry.

<sup>6</sup>You see, I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. <sup>7</sup>I have fought the good fight; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith. <sup>8</sup>From now on, there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness. The Lord, the righteous Judge, will give it to me on that day, and not only to me but also to everyone who loved his appearing.

<sup>9</sup>Make every effort to come to me quickly, <sup>10</sup>for Demas, because he loved this present world, has forsaken me and gone to Thessalonica. Crescens has gone to Galatia, and Titus to Dalmatia. <sup>11</sup>Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, because he is useful to me for ministry. <sup>12</sup>I have sent Tychicus to Ephesus. <sup>13</sup>When you come, bring the cloak I left in Troas with Carpus, and the scrolls, especially the parchments.

<sup>14</sup>Alexander the coppersmith did me a great deal of harm. The Lord will pay him back for what he did. <sup>15</sup>You be on your guard against him also, because he vehemently opposed our message.

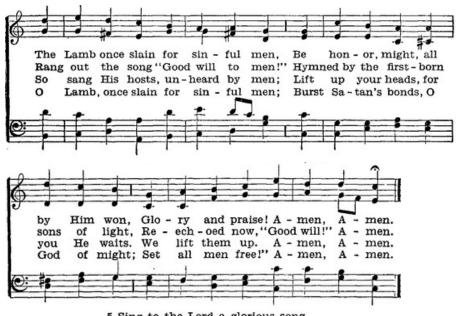
#### **CHIEF HYMN**

## O God of God, O Light of Light | 170 (TLH 132) vv. 1, 2, 4, 5

Verse 2 of this hymn describes St. Luke's role as a 'poet' who wrote God's Word in that 'sacred page,' including the angels' song 'Good will to men.'

**EPIPHANY** 





5 Sing to the Lord a glorious song,
Sing to His name, His love forthtell;
Sing on, heaven's host, His praise prolong;
Sing, ye who now on earth do dwell:
Worthy the Lamb for sinners slain;
From angels praise and thanks from men;
Worthy the Lamb, enthroned to reign,
Glory and power! Amen, Amen.

GOSPEL Luke 10:1-9

After this, the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them out two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go.

<sup>2</sup>He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. So ask the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into his harvest field. <sup>3</sup>Go your way. Look, I am sending you out as lambs among wolves. <sup>4</sup>Do not carry a money bag or traveler's bag or sandals. Do not greet anyone along the way. <sup>5</sup>Whenever you enter a house, first say, 'Peace be to this house.' <sup>6</sup>And if a peaceful person is there, your peace will rest on him, but if not, it will return to you. <sup>7</sup>Remain in that same house, eating and drinking what they give you, because the worker is worthy of his pay. Do not keep moving from house to house. <sup>8</sup>Whenever you enter a town and they welcome you, eat what is set before you. <sup>9</sup>Heal the sick who are in the town and tell them, 'The kingdom of God has come near you.'

P This is the Gospel of Christ.

Praise be to You, O Christ!

#### **APOSTLES' CREED**

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

And 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 shall 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."

**SERMON** "St. Luke – The Physician of Souls" (Luke 10:1-9 + 2 Timothy 4:5-15)

**PULPIT VERSES** 

By All Your Saints Still Striving | CW 552 vv. 1, 19, 3

## 552 By All Your Saints Still Striving all your saints striv - ing, For all your saints at still 2 (Insert the stanza appropriate for the day.) 3 Then let praise the Fa - ther And wor-ship God the Son us Your ho - ly name, O Je sus, For - ev - er be blessed. more And sing to God the Spir - it, E - ter - nal Three in One.



Text: Horatio B. Nelson, 1823-1913, st. 1-4, 6-27, alt.; Harlyn J. Kuschel, b. 1945, st. 5 Tune: Finnish folk tune, c. 19th century

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19. For Luke, belov'd physician, All praise, whose Gospel shows The healer of the nations, The one who shares our woes. Your wine and oil, O Savior, Upon our spirits pour, And with true balm of Gilead Anoint us evermore. Your offering to the Lord may be placed in the back in one of the plates, or you may set up direct deposit by filling out a form available on our website.

#### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Pastor prays on behalf of the congregation. Each prayer ends with:

- **P** ...Lord, in Your mercy,
- hear our prayer.
- **P** ... one God, now and forever.

# SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT



Christ, our crucified and risen Lord, now brings us His Body and Blood which were shed for us, whereby He forgives all our sins.

#### **EXHORTATION**

#### THE 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.



splen-dor bright, With flow-ing train that filled the Tem-ple quite.



at the cry, raid clouds of smoke cir wrapped the throne on high.

Jesaia, dem Propheten, das geschah M. Luther, 1483-1546, st. 1; *Tr.* composite D. Marzolf, b. 1958, st. 2

JESAIA, DEM PROPHETEN M. Luther, 1483-1546

#### WORDS OF INSTITUTION & PAX DOMINI

- The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.

AGNUS DEI [Lamb of God (John 1:29)]

Lamb of God, Pure and Holy | 41 v. 3

■ ☐ Lamb of God, pure and holy, Who on the cross didst suffer, Ever patient and lowly, Thyself to scorn didst offer. All sins Thou borest for us, Else had despair reigned o'er us: Thy peace be with us, O Jesus! O Jesus!

#### DISTRIBUTION

- Holy Communion is limited to communicant members of our fellowship, who have properly announced themselves to the pastor beforehand.
- Please limit one family per side of the communion rail, or two individuals per side.
- To receive the host, form a cup with your hands to receive.
- While others commune, take this time to pray the prayers for Communion (ELH pg. 40) or read the hymn "O Lord, We Praise Thee, Bless Thee, and Adore Thee" (327).

#### **THANKSGIVING**

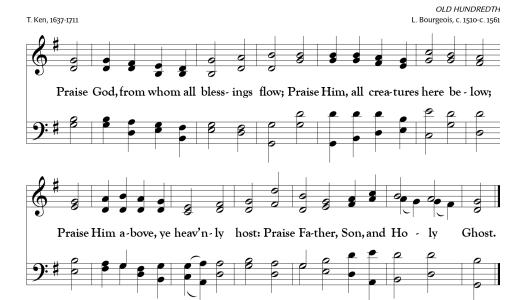
- Lord God, our heavenly Father, we thank You, that of Your great mercy You have given us Your holy and blessed Word, by which You also among us gather Your Christian Church. We humbly entreat You, grant us Your Holy Spirit, that we receive Your Word with thankful hearts, and live according to it, and ever increase in Christian faith, and hope, and love, and at last obtain eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your beloved Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

#### BENEDICTION

- The Lord bless you and keep you.

  The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

  The Lord lift up His countenance upon you † and give you peace.
- C Amen.



#### NEW PARAMENTS

New red paraments have been purchased/donated for Faith's 40th Anniversary: A pulpit fall, a lectern fall, a chalice veil, missal bookmark, and chasuble. The normal price for all these is over \$2100, but we managed to get them all for \$500. We still would like to purchase a matching superfrontal for the altar. Cost for this will be around \$1000. If you would like to donate, please make a special offering notated "paraments." It is the hope of the Altar Guild to replace our other original paraments (white [Trinity/Christmas], green, and violet) by our 50th anniversary in 10 years.

#### **About the Paraments**

Each parament has a brocade featuring the Luther Rose emblem and Fleur Cross, encircled with a vine and grape pattern. The color **red** is the color of blood and fire, symbolic of zeal and confession; secondarily symbolic of praise and thanksgiving. It is used on days which mark great events in the work and ministry of the Christian Church.

On the **pulpit fall**, a stylized blue octagon, surrounded by a gold ribbon, symbolizes baptism, and the 8th day, or eternity, which baptism brings us into. Baptism is where the church is born. In the center of this are the Greek Letters Chi (X) and Rho (P), the first two letters of the name Kristos (Christ). On either side of the ChiRho are the Greek letters Alpha (A) and Omega ( $\Omega$ ), representing Christ who is the first and the last.

On the **lectern fall**, a descending dove symbolizes the Holy Spirit being poured out on Pentecost. 12 tongues of fire above the dove represent the 12 apostles. It is upon the Apostolic faith – the confession of Christ – that the New Testament Church is founded upon. Around this are blue jewels surrounded by a gold aureole.

On the **Chalice Veil**, surrounding a Greek Cross are the letters VDMA, an acronym that stands for the Latin slogan: *Verbum Domini Manet in Aeternum* ("the Word of the Lord endures forever"), which was used throughout the Lutheran Reformation. It originally appears in Isaiah 40:8 and was also used by the

Apostle Peter in his first epistle (1 Pt. 1:24-5). Both scriptural passages refer to the eternal faithfulness of God and his living Word. The unchanging faithfulness of God to his Word is at the very heart of the gospel as understood by the Lutheran reformers. It is appropriate for the chalice veil as the Lord's Supper is "visible Gospel."

On the **Missal Bookmark** is a chalice and host, representative of the Lord's Supper.

The Chasuble ("outer garment") is an ornamental version of the cloak which St. Paul wore (2 Tim. 4: 13). It is a traditional garment worn by pastors during the Service of Holy Communion, as a way to draw attention to the importance of the Sacrament. While the chasuble was relatively uncommon for many German Lutherans (including the predecessors of Wisconsin Synod). Norwegian Lutherans tended to retain its use. The first Norwegian Lutheran Pastor to conduct a Divine Service in America was 1.W.C. Dietrichson in 1844 at Western Koshkonong near Stoughton, WI. His chasuble (pictured below) can still be found today at St. Paul's Liberty, Deerfield, WI. On our chasuble is the Luther Rose on

the front, and the motto of the Lutheran Reformation, VDMA on the back.



On one **Banner**, are the Fruits of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22-23), along with a host of believers with tongues of fire, calling to mind Pentecost. On the other is a flaming sword, representing the Gospel, with the letters VDMA engraved on the sword (see above), a Bible forming the handle with the letters *Alpha* and *Omega*, and a Crucifix below. The dove, representing the Holy Spirit, is present on both.

#### **NEWS & NOTES**

Today	<b>9:00am</b> 10:00am	Commemoration of St. Luke, Evangelist Fellowship outside
	10:15am	Bible Study: the Body of Christ, a study of 1. Cor.
Thursday	All Day	Private Communion Available at Church
		(Please sign up online)
	3:40pm	Families in the Faith Class (parents & students)
Sunday	9:00am	Reformation Sunday Service
Sun., Nov. 1	9:00am	All Saints Day Service

#### **FAMILIES IN THE FAITH**

A Bible Study plan has been put together for our congregation. Each child/family will take home (for free) at least one book, based on age. A church year calendar and a suggested reading schedule is provided. These are available in the Library/Conference Room downstairs.

On Thursday of this week at 3:40pm, there will be an introduction to the "Family Altar."

#### A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU!

To Members of Faith Lutheran Church:

As we continue to clean up and repair the damage to our church and home from the Midland flood we experience an outpouring of love and support. We especially thank you for your concern, your prayers and the gift of Christian Worship Hymnals to our church, that you have so generously given to replace those damaged by the flood water. Thank you! May the Lord's blessings rest upon you. Sincerely.

Rev. Paul Schneider, Pastor

### RETURN TO WITTENBERG (R2W)

Videos of the services and presentations from the R2W conference can be viewed at <a href="returntowittenberg.org">returntowittenberg.org</a>

#### THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who have volunteered to do various projects around church, including painting the bathrooms and entry ways, installing new routers for the basement.

#### **HYMNARIES**

If you purchased a hymnary, you may pick them up from the back of church. Thanks to all those who donated extra, as we now have enough for our sanctuary.