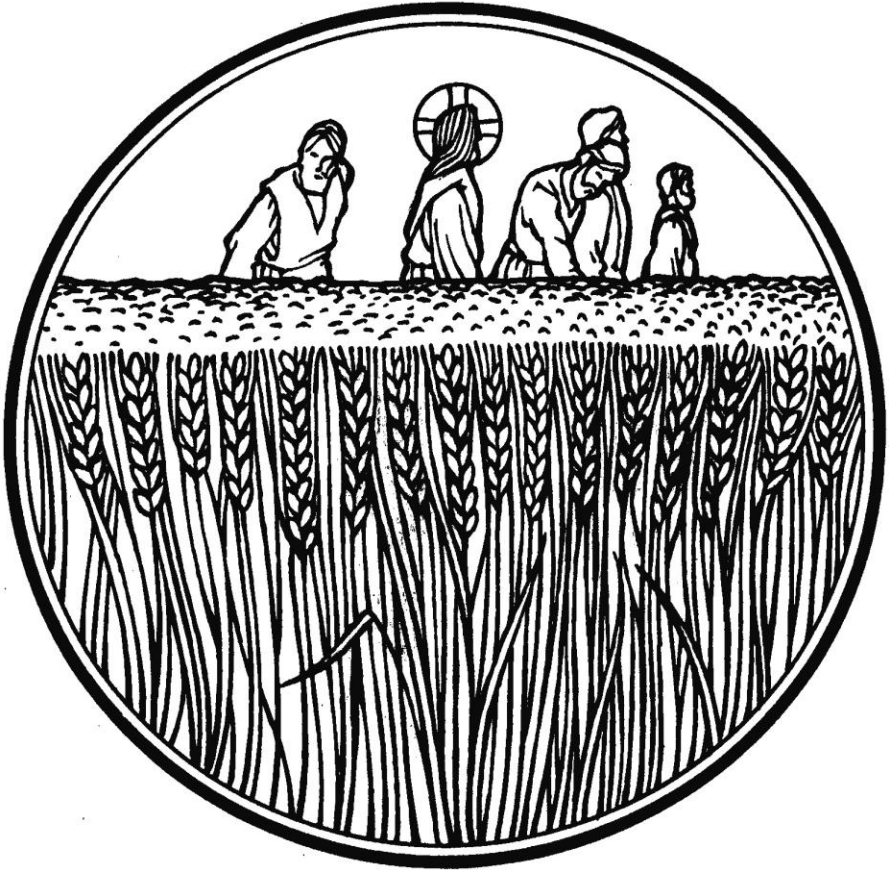


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AS WE GATHER – ST. LUKE, EVANGELIST – The Lord bids us to “pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest” (Luke 10:2). The fields look more like deserts, filled with jackals (Is. 35:6-7), and the Lord sends His laborers out “as lambs in the midst of wolves.” But Christ’s Word of “peace” heals the sick and brings the very “kingdom of God ... near” to those who hear it (Is. 35:5; Luke 10:3-9). St. Luke, the beloved physician (Col. 4:14), did “the work of an evangelist” (2 Tim. 4:5). He diligently prepared both a Gospel, the history of Christ’s work in the flesh before His ascension, and the Acts of the Apostles, the history of His continued work among His Church. Luke and his Scriptures are a gift from this ascended Lord (Eph. 4:8-12), written for Theophilus and for “all who have loved his appearing” (2 Tim. 4:5-8). Tradition suggests that Luke was one of the 72 sent out ahead of Jesus, “two by two” (Luke 10:1). Luke proved himself to be a faithful companion throughout St. Paul’s missionary journeys, through many trials and crosses, and even to Rome, where he alone was with Paul.

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PRESERVICE MUSIC

OPENING HYMN “GOD HAS SPOKEN BY HIS PROPHETS” 583

✠ CONFESSON AND ABSOLUTION ✠ P. 151

✠ THE SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

INTROIT PSALM 92:1-5; ANTIPHON: LUKE 24:46-47

Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead,

and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.

**It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to sing praises to your name, O Most High;
to declare your steadfast love in the morning,
and your faithfulness by night,
to the music of the lute and the harp,
to the melody of the lyre.**

For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work;
at the works of your hands I sing for joy.

How great are your works, O Lord!

Your thoughts are very deep!

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;**

as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead,

and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.

KYRIE

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HYMN OF PRAISE “THIS IS THE FEAST”

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SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, our Father, Your blessed Son called Luke the physician to be an evangelist and physician of the soul. Grant that the healing medicine of the Gospel and the Sacraments may put to flight the diseases of our souls that with willing hearts we may ever love and serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT

ISAIAH 35:5-8

⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; ⁶then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; ⁷the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. ⁸And a highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Way of Holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it. It shall belong to those who walk on the way; even if they are fools, they shall not go astray.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth! My heart overflows with a pleasing theme; my tongue is like the pen of a ready scribe.

EPISTLE

2 TIMOTHY 4:5-18

⁵As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry. ⁶For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing. ⁹Do your best to come to me soon. ¹⁰For Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica. Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. ¹¹Luke alone is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is very useful to me for ministry. ¹²Tychicus I have sent to Ephesus. ¹³When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, also the books, and above all the parchments. ¹⁴Alexander the coppersmith did me great harm; the Lord will repay him according to his deeds. ¹⁵Beware of him yourself, for he strongly opposed our message. ¹⁶At my first defense no one came to stand by me, but all deserted me. May it not be charged against them! ¹⁷But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. ¹⁸The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

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HOLY GOSPEL

LUKE 10:1-9

P The Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke, the tenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he

himself was about to go. ²And he said to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. ³Go your way; behold, I am sending you out as lambs in the midst of wolves. ⁴Carry no moneybag, no knapsack, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. ⁵Whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace be to this house!’ ⁶And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest upon him. But if not, it will return to you. ⁷And remain in the same house, eating and drinking what they provide, for the laborer deserves his wages. Do not go from house to house. ⁸Whenever you enter a town and they receive you, eat what is set before you. ⁹Heal the sick in it and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ

APOSTLES’ CREED **P. 159**

HYMN OF THE DAY “O GOD OF GOD, O LIGHT OF LIGHT ” **810**

SERMON

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Lord, in your Mercy, **C** Hear our Prayer.

In Our Prayers:

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| + Linda Kovar | + Bonnie Mueller |
| + Phyllis Ernst | + Sonya Clausen |
| + Les Parpart | + Dan Gueningsman |
| + Chester Dammann | + Maya Radtke |
| + Atticus Aldrich | + Elva Kjenstad |
| + Cheryl Lueck | + Andy Birkholz |
| + Pastor Arndt | + Scott Christenson |

OFFERING

OFFERTORY **P. 159**

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠ P. 160-164

The Sacrament is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that our Lord, as He says, gives not only bread and wine, but His true body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation, to repentant, reconciled believers in Christ. Our Lord Jesus invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and

love as He forgives and loves us (Matt. 26:26-28; 1Cor. 11:23-29; Matt.6:15).

We practice closed communion. Why? (1 Cor. 10:16-17). Because our Lord says those who eat and drink His body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm. If not yet instructed, in doubt, or holding a confession differing from that of the LCMS, you are lovingly asked not to commune at this time. Pastor is happy to make an appointment to discuss adult catechesis or questions you have regarding the Sacrament of the Altar.

Examination Questions: Please prepare by asking yourself — Am I sorry for my sins? Do I believe in Jesus Christ as my Savior from sin? Do I believe that I am receiving the body and blood of Christ along with the bread and wine? Will I try, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to live a more God-pleasing life?

Prayers for “Before communing” and “Thanksgiving after receiving the Sacrament” are printed on the front cover of the hymnal.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“BY ALL YOUR SAINTS IN WARFARE” v. 1,26,3	518
“JESUS COMES TODAY WITH HEALING”	620
“JESUS, GRANT THAT BALM AND HEALING”	421
“FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT”	664

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE **P. 164**

COLLECT/BENEDICTION **P. 166**

CLOSING HYMN **“SPREAD THE REIGN OF GOD THE LORD”** **830**

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

<u>Attendance Last Week</u> Sunday: 136 Bible Study: 21 Sunday School: 35	<u>Organist:</u> Lynn Mueller
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CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. VOTERS MEETING –Plan to attend the next Quarterly Voters Meeting TODAY Sunday, October 18th. The meeting is set to begin at 9:15 AM (Between services).

2. SPECIAL COLLECTION- The Bahr/Strei Scholarship Fund is a vital initiative supporting college and seminary students, specifically those pursuing degrees in church work. This October,

our church will hold a door collection every Sunday to gather contributions. Currently, we are proud to support one student dedicated to this noble calling, and with your generous contributions, we hope to continue assisting future leaders in their educational journey. Your support not only impacts the lives of these students but also strengthens the future of our church community.

3. WINDOWS OF FAITH MATCHING GIFT – We have received a generous offer from a member who is willing to match up to \$5,000 in new donations to the Windows of Faith campaign. To date we have received \$3,100.00 towards this matching fund. Please prayerfully consider making a contribution so that we can finish off the stained-glass portion of this campaign.

4. TRUNK OR TREAT will be on Friday, October 30th from 4:00-6:00 pm in our church parking lot! (This coordinates with the business event downtown.) Sign-up is in the lower narthex, or you may email Jane Holasek at jfholasek@gmail.com by TODAY Oct. 18. Join us for this fun out-reach event on October 30th!

5. APPRECIATION MONTH – Stewardship would like to remind everyone that October is Church Worker Appreciation Month. Please help us show our church workers how much we appreciate them! There will be a table in the upper narthex with a place to put items for Pastor Barlau and our Administrative Assistant Amanda Streufert. Feel free to leave a note or card of appreciation for them and Stewardship will make sure they get them. Either bring your own card or use the blank ones provided on the table. We are fortunate to have such dedicated people serving the Lord with us!

6. ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY – Our next highway clean-up date will be Sunday October 25. EVERYONE 12 and older is welcome to help with this service project. We will meet at church at 12:30 PM to watch the safety video, then carpool out to our clean-up site. There is a permission slip that needs to be filled out by a parent if volunteers are between 12 and 17.

7. PUMPKIN CARVING – October 31 Pumpkin Carving—Do you need a Jack-o'-lantern for your front porch? Come to church from 1-3p.m. Families are welcome. We have plenty of pumpkins, but you can bring your own. If you need someone to carve a pumpkin for you we will have extra people willing! We will be judging and

revealing on Sunday our top 3 pumpkins. Please sign-up on the sheet on the desk in the Upper Narthex.

8. SCOTT CHRISTENSON BENEFIT – It's heartwarming to see a community come together to support one of its own, especially when they have dedicated themselves to serving both their church and community as a volunteer firefighter and first responder. Your support and participation undoubtedly contributed to making the pork chop dinner event memorable and a huge success. Thank you for your support of Scott Christenson!

9. SCHEDULE – *October 25* ~ Ushers: 1st Service: Peter Feltmann, Cameron Mogenson, Duane Litzau; 2nd Service: Joey Schuaer, Jack Schauer, Brandon Schmidt; Acolytes: 1st Service: I. Foust, T. Herrmann; 2nd Service: C. Bebo, E. Novotny; Greeters- 1st Service: Audrey Litzau, 2nd Service: Gary & Larisa Kosek; Flowers: Lois Raduenz; Altar Guild: Erin Herrmann, Christin LaMott; Worship Bags: Elaine Peterson

Calendar of Events

Sun. Oct 18	8:00 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION Quarterly Voters Meeting No Sunday School/Bible Study WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION Endowment Fund Committee Meeting Trunk or Treat Sign-up deadline
Mon. Oct 19	Noon Noon	Deadline for Lamplighter 4 th Grade Release Time Class Pastor at Conference
Tues. Oct 20	7:30 p.m.	Dartball Pastor at Conference
Wed. Oct 21	Noon 2:55 p.m.	Deadline for Bulletin 5 th /6 th Grade Release Time Class Confirmation Class
Thurs. Oct. 22	6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Preschool Music Class Bible Study
Sun. Oct 25	8:00 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	WORSHIP W/ CONT LINE COMM. Sunday School/ Bible Study WORSHIP W/ CONT LINE COMM. St. Peter Fall Festival Adopt-A-Highway Ditch Clean-up