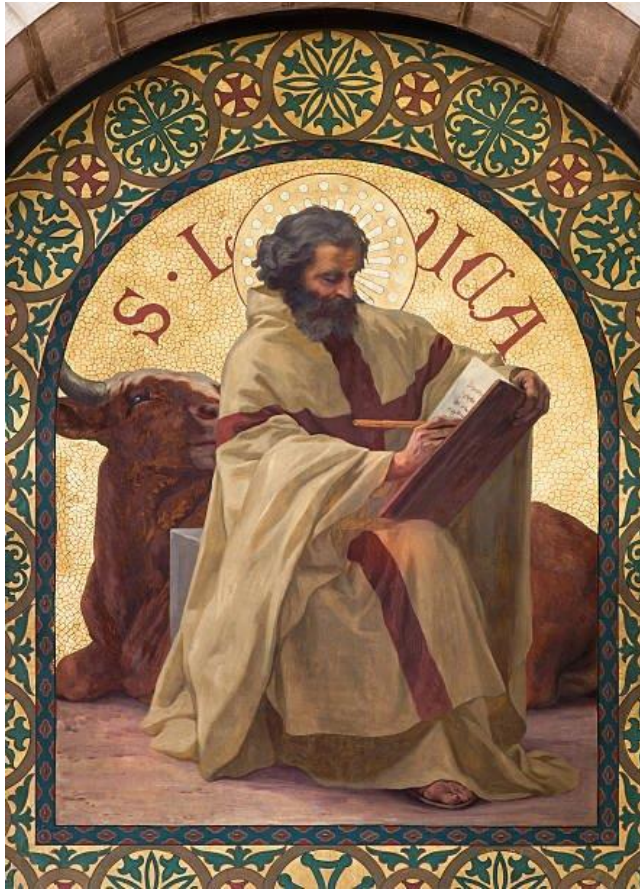


The Feast of St. Luke

Evangelist
October 18, 2026



*For that 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.*

Theme of Today's Liturgy

The Lord bids us to pray to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest (*Gospel*). The fields look more like deserts, and the Lord sends His laborers out as lambs in the midst of wolves. St. Luke did the work of an evangelist, diligently preparing 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 works are a gift from the ascended Lord for all who have loved His appearing (*Epistle*). Tradition suggests Luke was one of the 72 sent out ahead of Jesus. 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.

Guests

Welcome to the Divine Service! We are delighted to have you with us. If we can assist you in any way, please let us know. It is our prayer that the Gospel of Jesus Christ will strengthen and comfort you. Please note your attendance with us on the card in your pew and pass it towards the center aisle during the offering. You are welcome to join us in the social hall downstairs after the service for coffee and treats. We hope you will visit us again!

Our Belief and Practice Concerning the Lord's Supper

In 1 Corinthians 10:16, St. Paul calls the eating and drinking of the sacramental bread and wine an actual participation in the body and blood of Christ. As we receive this gift of the Savior's true body and blood, we also seek to be faithful to the confession of the apostles' doctrine, which was shared by those who received the Sacrament together (Acts 2:42). For this reason, and because we care about the spiritual welfare of all who commune, we ask that guests who desire to commune speak with Pastor Gerike before the service.

A Special Welcome to Those with Young Children

You and your children are welcome here. Jesus knows that children tend to wiggle and squawk, so don't feel embarrassed by it. Feel free to sit toward the front where your children can see easily. Encourage them to chime in on their parts: *Amen! And with thy spirit! Lord, have mercy! Our Father!* Sing, say, and pray your parts as best you can; your children learn by your example. If you and your child must leave for a moment, there is a children's area downstairs underneath the narthex. Please know that while you are caring for your children, the rest of us rejoice in our Lord's words, "Let the little children come to Me...for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these" (Lk 18:16). You and your children are a gift to the church, so we will do our best to smile, encourage, and help you.

The Divine Service

†-- congregation stands

"This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven." (Gen 28:17)

The Preparation

Organ Prelude

Please STAND for the Processional Hymn when the chime rings three times.

† Processional Hymn 810 O God of God, O Light of Light

† Confession and Absolution p. 184–85

LEFT-HAND COLUMN

Consider your place in life according to the Ten Commandments. Are you a father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife, or worker? Have you been disobedient, unfaithful, or lazy? Have you been hot-tempered, rude, or quarrelsome? Have you hurt someone by your words or deeds? Have you stolen, been negligent, wasted anything, or done any harm?

The Service of the Word

† Introit

Psalm 92; antiphon: Luke 24



HUS it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer
and to rise from the dead the | third day, *
and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name
to all nations, beginning at Je- | rusalem.

It is a good thing to give thanks un- | to the LORD, *
and to sing praises unto Your Name, | O Most High.

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.

Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer
and to rise from the dead the | third day, *

and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name
to all nations, beginning at Je- | rusalem.

† Kyrie

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us.

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

† The Gloria in Excelsis

☐ Glo-ry be to God on high: ☐ And on earth peace, good will toward men.

We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor-ship Thee, we glo-ri-fy Thee,

we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glo-ry, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,

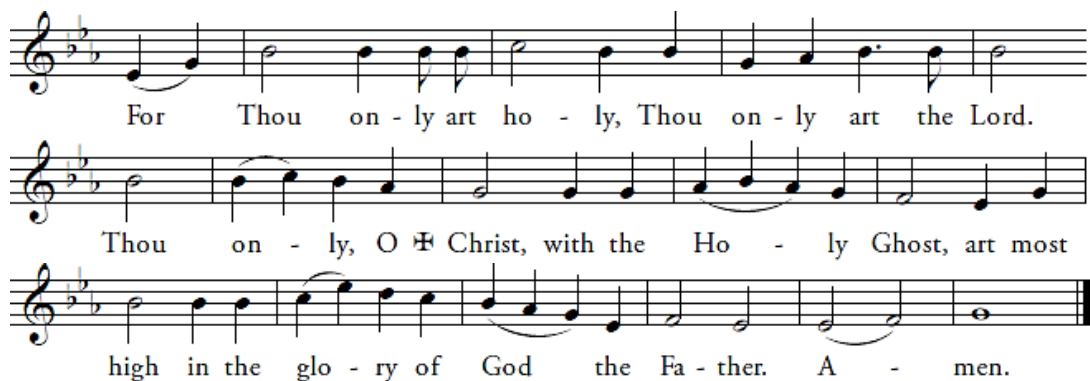
God the Fa-ther Al - might-y. O Lord, the on-ly be-got-ten

Son, Je-sus Christ, O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther,

that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on— us.

Thou that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, *re-ceive our prayer*. Thou that

sit - test at the right hand of God the Fa - ther, have mer-cy up-on us.



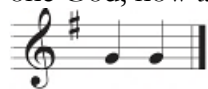
† Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.



And with thy spir - it.

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.



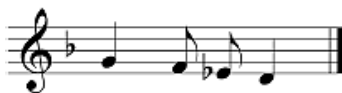
A-men.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 35:5–8

In those days the prophet Isaiah said of the days of the Messiah: Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then 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; the 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. And 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.

This is the Word of the Lord.



Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Psalm 119; 45



OUR word is a lantern un- | to my feet *
and a light un- | to my path.

**Oh how sweet are Your words | to my taste; *
yea, sweeter than honey | to my mouth.**

My heart overflows with a | noble song; *
My tongue is the pen of a ready | writer.

Epistle

2 Timothy 4:5–18

Dear beloved, as for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry. For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth 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. Do your best to come to me soon. For Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica. Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. Luke alone is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is very useful to me for ministry. Tychicus I have sent to Ephesus. When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, also the books, and above all the parchments. Alexander the coppersmith did me great harm; the Lord will repay him according to his deeds. Beware of him yourself, for he strongly opposed our message. At my first defense no one came to stand by me, but all deserted me. May it not be charged against them! But 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. The 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.

This is the Word of the Lord.



Thanks be to God.

† Alleluia Verse

Luke 19

The congregation sings the threefold "Alleluia" before and after the Pastor sings the verse.



Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

TODAY salvation has come | to this house, *
for the Son of Man has come to seek and to | save the lost.

† Holy Gospel

St. Luke 10:1-9

The Lord be with you.



And with thy spir - it.

The continuation of the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.



Glo-ry be to Thee, O Lord!

✠ *At that time* the Lord appointed seventy others also, and sent them two by two before His face into every city and place where He Himself was about to go. Then He said to them, "The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest. Go your way; behold, I send you out as lambs among wolves. Carry neither money bag, knapsack, nor sandals; and greet no one along the road. But whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house.' And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest on it; if not, it will return to you. And remain in the same house, eating and drinking such things as they give, for the laborer is worthy of his wages. Do not go from house to house. Whatever city you enter, and they receive you, eat such things as are set before you. And heal the sick there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'"

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

† Nicene Creed

Inside back cover of hymnal

Hymn of the Day 518 stanzas 1, 26, 3 *By All Your Saints in Warfare*

Sermon

Offering/Organ Voluntary

Please note your attendance on the card in your pew and pass to the center aisle.

You may use the QR code to support the ministry of this congregation.



† Offertory



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right spi - rit with -
in me. Cast me not a - way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy
Ho - ly Spi - rit from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal -
va - tion, and up - hold me ——— with Thy free Spir - it.

† Announcements & Prayer of the Church

After each petition: ...let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

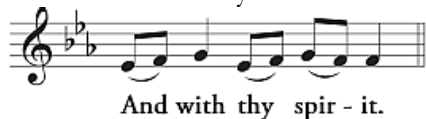
At the conclusion: ... one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The Service of the Sacrament of the Altar

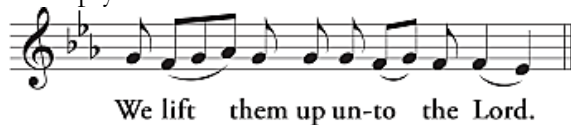
† Preface and Sanctus

The Lord be with you.



And with thy spir - it.

Lift up your hearts.



Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



It is truly meet, right, and salutary ... evermore praising You and saying:



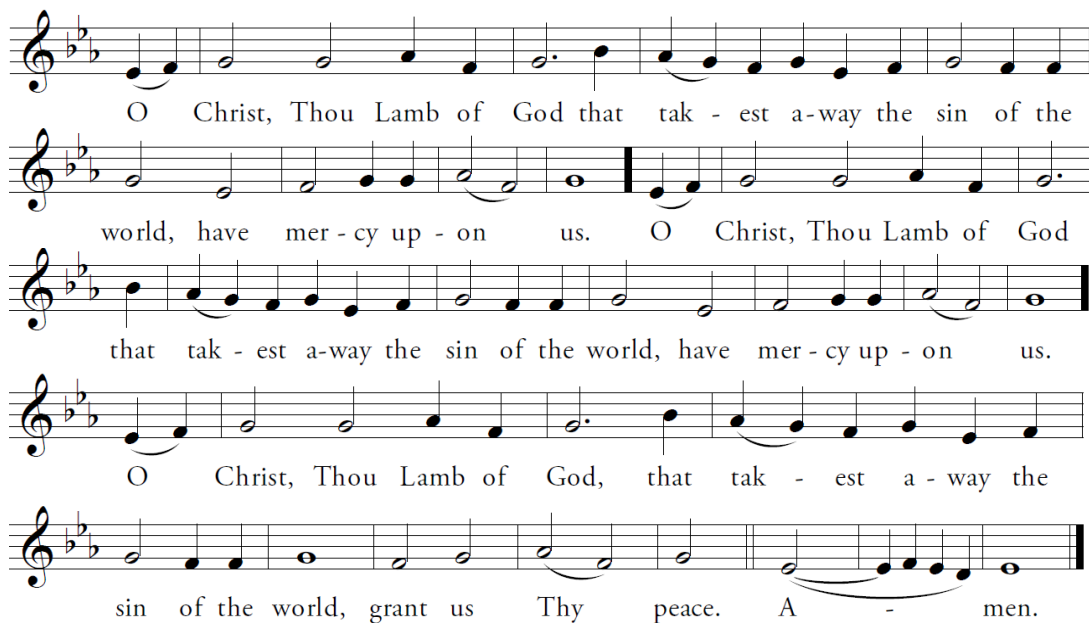
† The Lord's Prayer

† The Words of Christ's Testament

† Pax Domini & Agnus Dei

The peace of the ✠ Lord be with you always.





Guests who have not previously received Holy Communion from Pastor Gerike are kindly asked to speak with him before approaching the altar for the first time.

Communicants may receive the Body of Christ either in the hand or directly in the mouth. Those who receive the Blood of Christ from the chalice are encouraged to take the bottom of the chalice with a hand to help guide it to their mouths.

Communicants are invited to pray the following before receiving the Sacrament:

O Lord, I am not worthy that You should enter under my roof;
but speak only Your Word, and my soul will be healed.

What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?
I will take the Cup of Salvation and call upon the Name of the Lord.

Distribution Hymns

- 620 *Jesus Comes Today with Healing*
- 658 *Preserve Your Word, O Savior*
- 580 *The Gospel Shows the Father's Grace*
- 398 *Hail to the Lord's Anointed*
- 827 *Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling*

† Dismissal

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul unto life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

Amen.

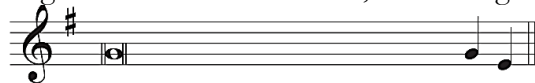
† Nunc Dimittis



| Lord, now | lettest Thou Thy servant depart / in peace,
ac- / ording- to Thy Word;
| for mine | eyes have seen Thy / salvation:
which Thou hast prepared before the face / of all- people,
| a- | light to lighten / the Gentiles,
and the glory of Thy / people- Israel.
| 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 for- / ever-. Amen.

† The Post-Communion Collect

O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good:



And His mercy endureth for-ev-er.

Let us pray. . . . one God, now and forever.



A-men.

† Conclusion

The Lord be with you.



And with thy spir - it.

Bless we the Lord.



Thanks be to God. _____

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.



A - men. A - men. A - men.

† Hymn 583 *God Has Spoken by His Prophets*

Organ Postlude

"Blessed are those who dwell in Your house, ever singing Your praise!" (Psalm 84:4)

This Week's Calendar

Today (10/18)	THE FEAST OF ST. LUKE, EVANGELIST Sunday School & Bible Class 8:45 am Divine Service 10:00 am Board of Trustees meeting after church Children's choir after church
Wednesday (10/21)	Matins 10:00 am Vespers 6:30 pm Book Group 7:00 pm
Thursday (10/22)	Adult Choir 6:30 pm
Next Sunday (10/25)	REFORMATION DAY (obs) Sunday School & Bible Class 8:45 am Divine Service 10:00 am Assembly of Voters meeting after church Children's choir after church Youth Catechesis 4:00 pm

TODAY'S NOTICES

The **deadline for pictures** for the centennial celebration's historical display is **Sunday, October 25**. We have not received many pictures. It would be great if you could share your Christmas/Easter family pictures, or pictures of baptisms, weddings, turkey dinner, VBS, and other special events so we can put together a great display! Pictures can be either physical prints (which will be scanned and returned) or digital copies (which can be emailed to the church office or submitted to Dropbox via this link: [Centennial Photos and Documents Dropbox](#)). You could also copy digital prints onto a jump drive and leave at the office (the drive will be returned). In any case, please identify the names of people, the event, and date of all photos.

As we enter the final quarter of the year, **please remember the church in your financial giving**, especially bearing in mind our \$10,000 budget shortage. Giving to the general fund in order to pay bills, and buy office or bathroom supplies is not particularly glamorous, but it is a necessary part of the church functioning. What is done through the ministry of the church is the priceless care of souls. The daily needs and functions of the church enable this to happen at Mount Calvary.

The Board of Trustees has 10 metal school desks and 50 metal folding chairs available free for the taking. Please contact Garry Gernandt (garryg@cox.net) or Renee McArthur (rlmcarthur@cox.net) if you are interested.

The next Believe, Teach, and Confess (BTC) session will be Saturday, October 24, from 9:00–11:30 am with the theme, *Render Unto Caesar: The Christian in Society*. Children ages 3 and up will learn of the events of the Reformation by participating in an interactive Reformation Walk. A sign-up sheet is on the narthex bulletin board.

Prayer Requests: *Work with churches in:* Brazil, the Czech Republic and China; *Persecuted Christians in:* Pakistan; *Missions:* Rev. Daniel & Kathy Conrad, David & Valerie Federwitz, Lutherans For Life, the Siberian Lutheran Mission Society & Lutheran Theological Seminary in Novosibirsk, South Asia Lutheran Mission; *Peace in the world:* the Middle East, South Sudan, & Ukraine; *Homebound:* Char Emmanuel, Pat Helmke, Norma Kelly, Jean Schwalm; *Expectant mothers:* Jill Raak, Amanda Warner, Lydia Blank; *All others in need:* Dick Chappell, Theodore Feavel, Paul Luedeman, Amanda Jansky, Nancy Goesch, Jeremy Long, Jim Bygrave, Tim Lonergan, Brock Boss, Shirley Gibbs, Jolene Whirrett, Mirk Volejnik, Dacia Reinke, Ezra Venteicher, Theresa Bowerman, Sandy Kemper (aunt of Nathaniel Kemper, cancer treatment), the family of Tim Peters (son of Ray Wollberg's cousin)



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Service Schedule: The Divine Service with Holy Communion is offered every Sunday and on holy days as announced. Matins and Vespers are prayed on Wednesdays at 10:00 am and 6:30 pm.

Receiving Communion: We care about the spiritual welfare of all who commune at the Lord's Table. If you are a guest and desire to commune, please speak to Pastor Gerike before the service.

Christian Education is taught each Sunday morning at 8:45. **Adults** meet in the church basement; **Sunday School** for ages 3-12 meets in the Admin/Education building classrooms.

The Sick and Homebound are visited regularly by the pastor. Please contact the Church Office if you know of any parishioner in need of pastoral visitation. **Pastoral Consultation** based on the Holy Scriptures is available from the pastor by appointment

SERVING TODAY

Organist – Annika Buckley

Altar Care – Melissa Kern & Lanette Insinger

Counters – Denise Bitter & Matt Meyer

Ushers – Joseph Buckley, Bob Vondrasek, Ben Grindstaff, Jasiah Morgan

Elder – Nathaniel Kemper

Trustee – Art Huntley