



# ST. LUKE'S Lutheran Church

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2018

8:30 & 11:00 AM

BRIEF ORDER OF WORSHIP

## FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT



### BULLETIN NOTES

- ✚ **Worship Styles & Regular Times**
  - ◆ Traditional: 5:00 pm Saturday
  - ◆ Blended: 8:30 am Sunday
  - ◆ Contemporary: 11:00 Sunday
  - ◆ Lenten Prayer: 7:00 pm Wednesday
- ✚ **Holy Communion** is offered at all services. All baptized believers who recognize the presence of Christ in the bread and wine are welcome at his table.
- ✚ **Attendance Cards:** We ask everyone to fill out the enclosed card and drop it into one of the offering plates. If you are a guest, please consider giving us a full mailing address, email, and phone number.
- ✚ **Please remember to silence cell phones and pagers.**
- ✚ **Quiet Offering** is taken during worship for the support of a variety of designated ministries outside of St. Luke's.
- ✚ **Large print bulletins and hearing devices:** available from the ushers. An induction loop is provided for the benefit of hearing aid users.
- ✚ **Childcare:** nursery for infants and toddlers through two years old is available during Sunday worship. Nursery is located across from the office, to the left of the sanctuary.
- ✚ **Children's Church** for those three to five years old is available during the **11:00** service. Children leave the sanctuary on a "lifeline" after the Children's Message and return during the Sharing of the Peace.
- ✚ **If you are looking for a church home,** please consider St. Luke's.

Regular: Pastor or Assisting Minister  
**Bold:** Congregation  
*Italics:* Information

\* Please stand if you are able  
 ✚ May make the sign of the cross

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OUR MISSION: TO KNOW CHRIST AND MAKE HIM KNOWN.

WE ARE DELIGHTED TO HAVE YOU WORSHIPPING WITH US TODAY.  
 MAY GOD BLESS OUR TIME TOGETHER WITH A SPIRIT OF  
 JOY, FELLOWSHIP, AND CELEBRATION.



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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*This confession provides extended silence for listening, pondering, and self-reflection. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

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

**Amen.**

God of heaven and earth,  
you come in close and make us yours.  
Equip us by your Spirit to confess our sin,  
embrace your forgiveness,  
and seek the way you set before us in your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

With honesty of heart, let us confess our sin.

### KYRIE

Merciful God,  
**forgive us.**  
**Our will is handcuffed to sin, and we cannot break free.**  
**We have spoken when we should have kept quiet.**

*Silence*

**We were silent when we should have said something.**

*Silence*

**We acted when we knew better.**

*Silence*

**We were still when we know we should have moved.**

*Silence*

**For the wrong we have done,  
for the good we have failed to do,  
have mercy on us,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**  
**Amen.**

### KYRIE

People of God, look to the + Son,  
given to heal you and set you free because God loved the world so much.  
Take hold of life—eternal life!

**Amen.**

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\*OPENING SONG 8:30 *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God, #229*  
11:00 *A Mighty Fortress (PK)*

### \*GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

### \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray...Holy God, heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

QUIET OFFERING *We give our loose change in this special offering to support ACCESS of West Michigan*

SONG BEFORE READINGS *Ancient Words*

READINGS *Genesis 9:8-17*  
*Your Ways, O Lord (Psalm 25)*  
*1 Peter 3:18-22*

\*GOSPEL *Lenten Acclamation*  
*Mark 1:9-15*

CHILDREN'S SERMON *Children are invited to the front to sit with the pastor. After the talk, they are dismissed to Children's Church.*

SERMON *Pastor Marcy Miller*

\*HYMN OF THE DAY 8:30 *O God, Our Help in Ages Past, #320*  
11:00 *Jesus, Draw Me Ever Nearer*

### NICENE CREED

PRAYERS  
. . . Lord, hear our cry,  
**Listen to our prayer.**

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

\*SHARING OF THE PEACE  
The peace of the Lord be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

*Worshippers are invited to greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

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OFFERING

*Visitors, you are our guests; please do not feel obligated to make a contribution*

OFFERTORY

11:00

*Desert Song*

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray...Merciful God, receive the sacrifice of our praise and thanksgiving and the offering of our lives,

**that following in the way of the cross, we may know the joy of the resurrection; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\*GREAT THANKSGIVING

\*THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*Distribution: All baptized believers who recognize the presence of Christ in this meal are welcome. Those not communing may come forward for a blessing. Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available on a tray at the center aisle. (We take great care to limit cross-contamination, but we cannot guarantee they are completely safe for those with celiac disease.) **Form two lines** on each side, receiving the wine either by intinction (the glass chalice) **or** by drinking (the ceramic chalice). Those preferring **grape juice** move to the server in the middle.*

COMMUNION SONGS

8:30, 11:00

11:00

11:00

*Lamb of God  
Jesus, Draw Me Ever Nearer  
Oceans*

\*PRAYER OF THANKS

Let us pray... Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven.

**Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage:  
may our fasting be hunger for justice, our alms, a making of peace,  
and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts; through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

MINUTE FOR MISSION

\*BLESSING

May God who has called us forth from the dust of the earth, and claimed us as children of the light, strengthen you on your journey into life renewed.

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy.  
The Lord look upon you with favor  
and give you + peace

**Amen.**

\*DISMISSAL

Marked with the cross of Christ, go forth to love and serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE



# ST. LUKE'S

## Happenings

**Safe Church**—The safe church training is to review and develop a policy for St. Luke's in the event that someone discloses domestic abuse in the home or if an incident happens while at St. Luke's. It is a full day training from 8:30 am until 4 pm. Those who work with children are especially encouraged to attend. If you would like to participate in this training presented by Safe Haven Ministries on Tues. Feb. 27, mark *Attendance Card*. For more info, contact church office.

**Stewardship:** On Tuesday, February 20, 6:30-8:30 pm, Bishop Craig Satterlee will be at St. Luke's to share on Stewardship. All leadership and the congregation at large are encouraged to attend.

**Invitation for the Women:** On Thurs, Feb. 22, from 7-8:30pm, join Meredith Bricker and the Women's Ministry Team for a get-together at Meredith's house. All women from St. Luke's are invited; no RSVP needed. Feel free to bring a friend or a snack to share - or just bring yourself! Contact Meredith ( 770-362-8016 or meredith.bricker@gmail.com) with questions or for directions.

**Book Club**—Come on Thursday, March 1, at 7 pm to LaDene Compton's home for a book gathering. We will read and discuss *Iscariot* by Tosca Lee. Let us know that you'll be coming: sign up on our Facebook page, on the sheet by the Welcome Center, or contact LaDene. It's an interesting book you'll enjoy discussing!

**Wednesdays during Lent:** Beginning Wed., Feb. 21, soup/bread supper will start at 5:15 pm, followed by 7 pm Holden Evening Prayer service. Lent Small Groups will meet at church from 5:45—6:45 pm. Still time to email Sharon Ross to join.

### **SPIRITUAL FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES**

*\*All Spiritual Formation offerings are open to public. All are welcome to participate.\**

**Lenten Directed Retreat**—On March 4-7, there is an ecumenical Lenten directed retreat for men & women that will be held in DeWitt at the St. Francis retreat center. Interested, mark the *Attendance Card*. Brochures available on table across from church office.

**WOW:** We are starting a new study on Wed. March 14, *The Myth of Equality: Uncovering the Roots of Injustice and Privilege* by Ken Witsma. He examines issues of race and equality from a Christian perspective. If you are interested, contact Deb Granger, grangerdeb@gmail.com, or 874-5771 .

**Animate DVD Series "Faith":** Come for this DVD series and discussion led by Pastor Dave from 9:45-10:45 in the Gathering Room on Sundays.

**Christian Faith Practices:** On Sundays from 9:45 to 10:45 am, come and learn more about the time-honored practices of the church. You will have the opportunity to prayerfully practice spiritual disciplines. Class meets in Celebration Center room 126 with Sharon Ross .

### **YOUTH**

**Acolyte Training:** Sunday, February 25, after the late service, 5th-8th graders are invited to receive training to serve as an acolyte. Planning to attend, mark the *Attendance Card*.

**Ice Skating-Family Event:** The more the merrier — All are invited to enjoy skating at Rosa Parks Circle with fellow St. Lukers on Sunday, Feb. 25. We will meet in the Gathering Room at 12:30 pm before we depart for downtown. Bring

money for lunch. Youth are invited to come afterward to the Magley's clubhouse for games. Mark the *Attendance Card* if you plan to attend.

**Camp:** Confirmation students are encouraged to attend summer camp at Stony Lake! This is a great way for all youth to build community. Kids in grades 3 to 5 are also eligible for Discoverers camp. Cost is \$400 for one week. Camperships" are available. Please talk to Pastor Marcy for more info.

**OTHER**

**Concert:** Valparaiso University Choir will be in Grand Rapids on Sunday, Feb. 25, at 4 pm at St. Adalbert's for a concert. Address is 654 Davis Ave. NW. Ticket price is \$10 at the door.

**Blanket Drive**—We are collecting new and gently used CLEAN BLANKETS for Safe Haven Ministries' safe house. Please put the blankets in one of the large plastic containers in the narthex.

**NEXT WEEK**

- Mon. 19th** Stephen Ministers, 6pm; BSF, 6:55pm; Stations of Cross Mtg, 7pm; Alanon, 7pm
- Tues. 20th** Lectionary Study, 1pm; Stewardship Meeting w/ Bishop Sattler, 6:30 pm; Adult Choir, 6:30 pm; CHADD, 7pm
- Wed. 21st** WoW Small Grp, 9:30 am; Social Justice Mtg, 4:30 pm; Meal, 5:15-6:30 pm; Lent Small Groups, 5:45 pm; Lent Service, 7 pm;
- Thurs. 22nd** Worship Team, 6:30 pm; Boy Scouts, 7:00 pm
- Fri. 23rd** Men's Small Group, 6:30 am; Spiritual Foundation, 9:30 am – 4:30pm
- Sat. 24th** BSF Leader's Mtg, 6 am; Cub Scout Banquet, 11am-2pm; Worship Service, 5pm
- Sun. 25th** Services, 8:30 & 11:00 am Faith Formation 9:45 am; Acolyte Training, 12:30 pm Family Ice Skating, 12:30pm

**PRAYERS**

**Current Prayers**

Arlene Josh  
Kristin Sebastian

**Continuing Prayers**

Bill Jason, Sara, and kids  
Chad Jordan, Mallory  
Crissy Melissa & David  
Fran L. Riak Family

**Home Bound**

Bea Fran  
Joyce June G  
June D (w/ caregiver David D)  
Tudy

**Deaths**

We grieve with the Winters family as Doris Winters passed away on Feb. 4. May the Lord bless this family with his peace and comfort.

**Prayer Focus**

For those invited to come to St. Luke's Church council, pastors, staff, leadership Bishops Elizabeth Eaton & Craig Satterlee Committees and their work Northview students and their mentors First Lutheran Church of Muskegon

**Military**

Jordan Adams, Marines  
Taylor Ahn, Army  
Max Angel, Army  
Alex Bickel, Air Force  
Matthew Crawford, Army  
Blaine Hughes, Air Force  
Corey Hughes, Air Force  
Melissa Valentino, Air Force  
Kelli Walker, Air Force  
Alex Yurush, Army

**LAST WEEK**

Gen.Fund (w/online)	\$	6,567.50
Pastors Fund	\$	1,075.00
Quiet Offering:	\$	95.00
Attendance:		132
Wed. Service		5

**SERVANTS THIS WEEK**

- Altar Guild** Natalie Laverdiere, Theresa Phelps
- Bread Baker** Barb Bickel
- Lector** Elisa Standridge (5:00), LaDene Compton (8:30); Josh Spencer (11:00)
- Acolyte** open (8:30); Annika Helenius (11:00)
- Assisting Minister** Bill Granger (8:30); Lynn Rocca (11:00)
- Booth (8:30)** Jared Rice, Josh Crystal
- Booth (11:00)** Kent Linkfield, Josh Crystal
- Children's Church (11:00)** Erin Magley, Theresa Phelps, Jessica Morris
- Greeters** Uecker-Herman Family (8:30); Scharphorn Family, Roger & Maria Heldt (11:00)
- Nursery** Sue VanderLaan, Chris & Greyson Magley
- Prayer Leader** Ginni Drews (8:30); open(11:00)
- Ushers** Bob Ward, Caleb Uecker-Herman (8:30); Jon Eagle, Ken Jansen, Mike & Inge Smith (11:00)
- Musicians** Jonathan Lonsway, Art Hale, Holly Finn
- Vocals** Kristin Linkfield

**SERVANTS NEXT WEEK**

- Altar Guild** Rae Lampen
- Bread Baker** Maria Heldt
- Lector** Carol Bodbyl (5:00), Laurie Konarska (8:30); Tammy Hunsberger (11:00)
- Acolyte** open (8:30); open (11:00)
- Assisting Minister** Daniel Uecker-Herman (8:30); Erin Magley (11:00)
- Booth (8:30)** Jared Rice, Josh Crystal
- Booth (11:00)** open, Josh Crystal
- Children's Church (11:00)** Esther Giedeman, Kim Jakubiak, Mary Doucette
- Greeters** Barb Bickel, Ed & Kathy Tokarek (8:30); Doucette Family (11:00)
- Nursery** Sue VanderLaan, Sue Stevens, Lily Doucette (11:00)
- Prayer Leader** Deb Granger (8:30); open(11:00)
- Ushers** Paul Kostishak (8:30); Jon Eagle, Ken Jansen, Mike & Inge Smith(11:00)
- Musicians** Jonathan Lonsway, Art Hale, Evan Davis
- Vocals** Becky Crystal

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