

**THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF SAINT LUKE**  
**THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**MAY 25, 2025 AT 9:30 AM**

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Prelude “Andante in F”

Flor Peeters

{The beginning of the prelude is a call to silent, personal preparation for the worship of God.}

Welcome

Ringling of the Bells

Please stand as you are able and face the baptismal font.

Affirmation of Baptism

The pastor reads the affirmation. At the conclusion the people respond. **Amen.**

♪ Processional Hymn ELW#377 “Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen

*Earth and All Stars*

Please stand as you are able and then turn to face the cross as the procession enters.

Greeting

Christ is risen. Alleluia!

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. Alleluia!

**Let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

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.**

♪ Hymn of Praise “This is the Feast”

ELW page 140-141

During the Hymn of Praise the pastor will sprinkle the congregation with water from the Font. You may make the sign of the cross in memory of your baptism.

***This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.***

***Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,  
whose blood set us free to be people of God.***

***This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.***

***Power, riches, wisdom and strength,  
and honor and blessing and glory are his.***

***This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.***

***Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:***

***Blessing and honor, glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.***

***This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.***

***For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.***

***This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.***

Prayer of the Day

“Today’s Reading” Insert

Let us pray...

The congregation responds: **Amen**

Word

The congregation is seated.

First Reading Acts 16:9-15

“Today’s Reading” Insert

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

♪ Psalm 67

“Today's Reading” Insert

Second Reading Revelation 21:10, 22–22:5

“Today's Reading” Insert

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

Please stand as you are able for the reading of the Gospel.

♪ Gospel Verse ELW #174 Celtic Alleluia

***Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the 5th chapter.

**Glorify to you, O Lord.**

+ SAINT JOHN 5:1-9 +

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

“Today's Reading” Insert

The congregation is seated.

Sermon “Will You Be?”

Please stand as you are able.

♪ Hymn of the Day ELW#790 “Day by Day”

*Blotten Dag*

The congregations is seated.

Gathering of Gifts for Mission

Please stand as you are able.

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen**

Prayers of Intercession

**After each petition:** Let us pray to the Lord.

**Have mercy, O God.**

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

The congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord in a way that is most comfortable to you.

After the greeting the congregation may be seated.

## Meal

Gathering of the Gifts

Offering for the Congregation

Anthem "God's Son"

Edvard Greig

*God's Son has set me free, from Satan's tyranny  
from fear of death and bonds of sin  
from all that plagues my soul within,  
the Holy One divine, became a friend of mine,  
from Heaven high from starry sky, he came to live, to die  
O boundless love He came He died He rose forever glorified  
He came to give to die that I might live with him eternally  
God's Son has made me free, yes free!*

Please stand as you are able.

♪ Offertory Hymn #ELW #391 "This Joyful Eastertide" vs. 1

Vrucheten

***This joyful Eastertide, away with sin and sorrow!  
My love, the Crucified, has sprung to life this morrow.  
Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst his three-day prison,  
our faith had been in vain.  
But now has Christ arisen, arisen, arisen, arisen.***

Offertory Prayer

Let us pray. **Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Dialogue and Preface

*The Lord be with you.*

**And also with you.**

*Lift up your hearts.*

**We lift them to the Lord.**

*Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you...*

*...with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,*

*we praise your name and join their unending hymn:*

♪ **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

The Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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.**

**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

The Congregation is seated

♪ Agnus Dei

***Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.***

***Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.***

***Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.***

Communion

All baptized Christians are welcome at the Lord's table. At the invitation of an usher, please proceed to communion at the front of the church by the center aisle where Pastor will hand you the bread. Then you may either drink from the chalice, commune by the ancient practice of intinction, dipping the wafer in the chalice before consuming, or take one of the individual glasses on the tray tables on either side. Please place the cup in the glass bowl before returning to your seats by the side aisle.

♪ Distribution Hymn ELW#490 "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent"

*Picardy*

Sending

Please stand as you are able.

Table Blessing

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray. Lord Jesus, in this feast you have made yourself known to us.

Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world. **Amen.**

Benediction

♪ Recessional Hymn ELW#389 "Christ Is Alive! Let Christian Sing"

*Truro*

♪ Prayer for Memorial Day and Hymn ELW #891 "God Bless Our Native Land"

*National Anthem*

***God bless our native land; firm may it ever stand  
through storm and night.***

***When the wild tempests rave, Ruler of wind and wave,  
do thou our country save by thy great might.***

***So shall our prayers arise to God above the skies,  
on whom we wait.***

***Thou who art ever nigh, guarding with watchful eye,  
to thee aloud we cry: God save the state!***

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the risen Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

Postlude "Maestoso in D"

Flor Peeters

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ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP  
Dr. David C. Nelson, Interim Pastor [dnelson@stlukechicago.org]  
Dale Hoiberg, Assisting Minister  
Don Mead, Cantor  
Maia Surace, Soloist

## Welcome to Saint Luke

Whether you are visiting for the first time, or are a longtime member, we are blessed to have you with us. If you are a guest and would like more information about Saint Luke please fill out one of the green welcome cards in the pew racks and return to an usher.

As a **Reconciling in Christ Congregation**, we welcome all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions based on our belief in a radically inclusive Jesus who loved all people regardless of gender, ethnicity, race, religion, economic, social status, or physical abilities. Saint Luke Ministries strives to be a place “where all are welcomed, period.”

For your convenience, there are individual sound enhancement devices. Please ask an usher.

The wheelchair accessible entrance is located on Greenview Avenue and the wheelchair accessible lavatory is off the left side of the church.

A section for parents with very young children is located in the back of the church. Rocking chairs, floor cushions and children’s booster seats may be found in that area. Church Activity Bags with books and coloring materials for the very young are available from the ushers.

### Introduction to the Theme of the Day

Help and wholeness abound in the readings for the sixth Sunday of Easter. Paul is called to come and help the people of Macedonia and Jesus reaches out to help a man who is infirmed by the Sheep Gate in Jerusalem. John has a vision of what will be. Jesus provides visions of peace that surpasses human understanding and power beyond human imagination.

### Academy Worship and Eucharist Thursday at 9:00 A.M.

There will be **no** Academy Chapel this Wednesday.

Instead, students and friends of the academy will gather at 9:00 on **Thursday, May 29** to celebrate the **Ascension of Our Lord**.

### In-person and online Bible Classes

**An in-person Bible Study** meets every Sunday at 8:30 A.M. on the lower level of the church

**Online Bible Class** will meet Thursday, May 29<sup>nd</sup> at 12:00 p.m. via Zoom. Join the group to discuss the lessons and Gospel for the Ascension of Our Lord. Acts 1:1-11, Psalm 47, Ephesians 1:15-23 and Saint Luke 24:44-53

The link for "Bible Class" can be found on the website at [stlukechicago.org](http://stlukechicago.org).

Click on “Bible Class” or enter the following URL into your browser: <https://bit.ly/39AbHrQ>  
Meeting ID: 992 4691 2627 Passcode: saintluke See you Thursday!

### Congratulations to Our Graduates

Jonathan Mead earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Illinois Wesleyan University on Sunday, May 4.

Timothy Colón-Geistlinger earned a Master of Divinity degree from the Lutheran School of Theology on Sunday, May 18.

Anna Mead, graduated from Prospect High School on Wednesday, May 21.

If you would like to have the graduate in your family mentioned in the bulletin please let Pastor {dnelson@stlukechicago.org} or the church office know. {info@stlukechicago.org}

### Pentecost Sunday is June 8

It has been our tradition to gather on the Greenview Avenue lawn to toast the “birthday of the church” with our annual champaign (actually sparkling wine) and strawberries after church party. This year we’re going to need your help in making this happen. Speak with Linda Strohmayer or Pastor to volunteer.

### Food collection during May

During the month of May we are collecting **pasta** – spaghetti, macaroni, farfalle, linguine. These items will be distributed to families through the LakeView Pantry. Please leave your donation in the monthly collection barrel in the church lobby.

### Want To Be Of Service

**Join our dedicated group of ushers!** It’s a great way to greet new friends and welcome old ones as you distribute bulletins, take up the offerings, and make sure those who need a personal listening device have one. You will also be there to make sure that families who one of our Children’s Activity Bags receive one.

**Assisting Ministers** play an important role in our weekly worship. New friends are always welcome to play a part in this important ministry. See or email Pastor Nelson {dnelson@stlukechicago.org} for further details.

### Remembered in Prayer

**Those serving in the armed forces:** Nicholas Bakulinski, Jeremy Strohmayer, Ashley Bakulinski, Lucas Kratz, Nicky Relias, Megan Heesemann and Nathan Heesemann.

**Those who are ill:** Char Gross, Jerald Fraiser, Patricia Grunde, Christine Heck, Dennis Hadden, Joan Palumbo, Anthony Leonard, Joyce Grosse, Curtis Holland, Mark Van Scharrel, John Grosse, Achen Moreno, Peter Bouboulinis, Michael Kessler, Barbara Lans, Kelly Hamilton, Sharon Pena, Evelyn Jones and Michael Strohmayer

## **This Week at Saint Luke**

Sunday, May 25

Bible Study 8:30 A.M. Memorial Hall

Eucharist 9:30 A.M. Church

Monday, May 26

Church Office and School closed for Memorial Day

Tuesday to Friday, May 27–30, 2025

Morning Care 7:30-8:00A.M. Room 206

School in Session 8:30 a.m.-3:30 PM

After Care 3:30-6:00 P.M. Room 206

Tuesday, May 27, 2025

Bookbugs 9:00 A.M. Room 101

Time for Two 10:30 A.M. Room 101

NO ACADEMY CHAPEL THIS WEDNESDAY

Thursday, May 29, 2025

**The Ascension of Our Lord**

Academy Chapel with Holy Communion

9:00 a.m. Church

Coffee and Chat following in the Lobby

Bookbugs 9:00 A.M. Room 101

Time for Two 10:30 A.M. Room 101

Online Bible Class 12:00 p.m.

<https://bit.ly/39AbHrQ> via Zoom

SUNDAY, June 1, 2025

Bible Class 8:30 a.m. Memorial Hall

Holy Communion 9:30 a.m. Church

Readings: Acts 1:1-11, Psalm 47,

Ephesians 1:15-23, Saint Luke 24:44-53

Coffee Hour 10:30 a.m. Lobby

