



**THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF SAINT LUKE THE
NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST COMMEMORATION
OF ST. LUKE, PHYSICIAN & EVANGELIST OCTOBER 19, 2025
AT 9:30 AM**

Prelude “Sing Ye a Joyful Song”

Antonin Dvorak

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

Welcome

Ringin of the Bells

Confession and Forgiveness

Please stand as you are able and face the baptismal font at the back of the church.

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

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Remain standing and face the cross as the procession enters

♪ Processional Hymn ELW #727 “Lord Christ, When First You Came to Earth”

Mit Freunden Zart

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.**

♪ Canticle of Praise “This is the Feast”

ELW, page 140

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 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 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.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray...

The congregation responds: Amen

Word

The congregation is seated.

First Reading Genesis 32:22-31

Today's Readings" Insert

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

♪ Psalm 121

Today's Readings" Insert

Second Reading 2 Timothy 3:14–4:5

Today's Readings" Insert

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

Please stand as you are able.

Gospel Procession

Hymn ELW #421 “By All Your Saints” vs. 1 & 21

Kuortane

Please turn to face the cross as the procession moves to the center of the church.

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke the 18th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

+ Saint Luke 18:1-8 +

Today's Readings" Insert

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Hymn ELW#421 "By All Your Saints" vs. Last

Kuortane

The congregation is seated.

"Sermon"

Please stand as you are able.

♪ Hymn of the Day ELW#720 "We Are Called"

We Are Called

The Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

The congregation may kneel.

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.

The Holy Communion

Gathering of the Gifts

Offering for the Congregation

Offertory Solo "Hear My Prayer"

Antonin Dvorak

Please stand as you are able.

♪ Offertory Hymn ELW#885 "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"

Old 100th

Offertory Prayer

Let us pray.

Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

LBW, page 154

***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.

Communion Hymn ELW#515 "Break Now the Bread of Life"

Bread of Life

Sending

Please stand as you are able.

Table Blessing

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray. O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

Benediction

♪ Recessional Hymn ELW#834 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

St. Denio

Prayer for Peace

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. Remember the poor.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude "Psalm 19"

Benedetto Marcello

Assisting in Our Worship

Dr. David C. Nelson, Interim Pastor

Terry Duchow, Assisting Minister

Don Mead, Cantor

Maia Surace, Soloist

ABOUT THE ILLUSTRATION:

"The Unjust Judge and the Importunate Widow" that appears on the first page of this bulletin is from "The Parables of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ" by Sir John Everett Millais and is an imperfect illustration of the parable in today's gospel in which a persistent widow unrelentingly demands justice from an unjust judge who does not "fear God" or respect other human beings. The judge refuses the widow's repeated petitions but eventually grants her justice so she will not "wear him out."

The woman is placed in the position of a supplicant. Her hands are clasped, pleading, perhaps in a last ditch effort to be heard. The judge's right hand pushes the woman away, and his left hand is upraised — in effect telling her to stop, that he has heard enough and that his answer is still "no."

Still the woman is so persistent that one of the guards has to use both hands to haul her away. However, as we shall see, there is much more to this parable than is depicted in this painting.

Thank You for Joining Us Today!





ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 Day

Sundays after Pentecost

Pray always. Do not lose heart. This is Christ’s encouragement in the gospel today. Wrestle with the word. Remember your baptism again and again. Come regularly to Christ’s table. Persistence in our every encounter with the divine will be blessed.

For Saint Luke Church, October is a month of “**red**” celebrations, “Our” red letter month in which we remember those who contributed to the congregation’s history and the richness of its worship and service to the community. This vibrant color recalls the birth of the church in the fire of Pentecost and marks the days on which we celebrate the work of the Holy Spirit in the history of the church.

October Worship

A Red-Letter Month of Special Events

October 19 – Saint Luke Day

Today, we mark the Day of Saint Luke. Saint Luke was an evangelist, the writer of the Gospel that bears his name and a physician. Please note a dedicated list of Physicians' names submitted by members of the congregations.



October 21 – Martinis and Ministry

Join us **Tuesday, October 21** at 6:30 pm at Bitter Pops 3357 N Lincoln for Martinis & Ministry, and great conversation.



October 26 - Reformation

On **Sunday, October 26** the congregation celebrates the anniversary of the beginning of the movement that would result in the Reformation of the Church.

Stewardship Evangelism Committee Meeting

The Stewardship Evangelism Committee will meet via ZOOM on Wednesday, October 22, 2025, at 7:00 pm. The ZOOM link will be provided closer to the meeting date.

Prayers for Those in Need

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: Patricia Grunde, Dennis Hadden, Joyce Grosse, Curtis Holland, Mark Van Scharrel, Michael Strohmayer, Claudia Raack, Nancy Huber, Lisa Healy, Judy Grabowski Hoyer, Gianna Abate, Allison Long, Sharon Pena, Ann Pasquale, Karen Borchert, Ted Heitman, Patrick Sullivan, Mark Dobczki, Dennis Grabowski, Paul Zimmer, Joan Murray, Kim Congdon, John Bareither, Carol Limberg, Jim Gladstone, Mike Weidemann and George Connor.



NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

REMEMBER HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS

Merciful God, your healing power is everywhere around us. Strengthen those who work among the sick; give them courage and confidence in all they do. Encourage them when their efforts seem futile or when death prevails. Increase their trust in your power even to overcome death and pain and crying. May they be thankful for every sign of health you give, and humble before the mystery of your healing grace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Recital – Featuring Don Mead and Maia Surace

Join Organist, Don Mead, and Mezzo-Soprano, Maia Surace, on Sunday, October 19, 2025, at Saint Luke Church for an afternoon of Dvorak's Biblical Songs, 3:00 pm in the Sanctuary.

A free-will offering will be received. For more information, contact Saint Luke Church at 773-472-3383.

Wear RED On Reformation Sunday

On Reformation Sunday, we commemorate the Protestant Reformation, initiated by Martin Luther, which focuses on the theological Reformation principles of salvation through grace and faith alone and the authority of Scripture. We ask that you wear RED on Reformation Sunday to symbolize the power of the Holy Spirit.

Saint Luke Academy

Many, Many Thanks to YOU!

Thank you, Saint Luke Church members! Your prayerful support of the **Saint Luke Shuffle** helps the school ministry to serve God's kids better. We have reached 80% of our \$5K goal. If you would like to help with the purchase of sensory toys and learning aids—for example rocking chairs, bubble mirrors, and weighted toys—make a donation to Saint Luke clearly marked **Shuffle or use the QR Code.**



ShowballFundraising.com

The Academy needs **Halloween Helpers**. Contact Principal Comella: ccomella@stlukechicago.org, or the Academy Office: academyoffice@stlukechicago.org for more details

- We need helpers during the week to put SLA stickers on the slime containers—all 5000 of them!
- Meet us on Southport near School Street under the Saint Luke tent, Monday, October 27, we are spreading the good news about Saint Luke and sharing slime with our neighbors from 4-7 pm.
- Join us in Memorial Hall on October 31 from 11:00 am till 12:15. Enjoy the SLA Halloween Parade across the Memorial Hall stage. Ghouls and goblins needed to pass out candy or manage games. Costumes are optional but always fun.

Children, Grandchildren, Neighbor's Children, Ages 3-8: We want YOU! at Saint Luke Academy. We have seats available. Contact Admissions Coordinator Alyssa

Onnen: aonnen@stlukechicago.org or call the Academy Office at 773.472.3383 to arrange a tour or to get more information. Check out our website: www.stlukeacademychi.org and click on the Admissions tab.

Rehab of Nine Exterior Doors Completed

We are pleased to report that the rehabilitation of the nine wooden exterior doors along Belmont and Greenview has been completed.

Once again, these doors will say “Welcome!” and not “Beware!” to the neighborhood. See the “Before” and “After” pictures below of the two middle doors at the Greenview entrance. With this visual comparison, the improvement is nothing less than remarkable.

Thanks to all of the Donors to the Summer Support project who contributed to help make this long-planned project a reality.

A special thank you also needs to be addressed to Jesús and the whole crew at The Stripp Joynt. Their focused care and attention to detail made this project a great success.



Caring and Sharing

During the month of October our Monthly Gifts Program collects **personal hygiene items** such as disposable razors, shaving cream, toothbrushes, toothpaste and hand lotion. These items will be distributed through LLP Missions. Please place your donations in the collection container in the church lobby.



Online Bible Classes

Online Bible Class will meet Thursday, October 23rd at 12:00 pm via Zoom. Join the group to discuss the lessons and Holy Gospel. Texts: Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22, Psalm 84:1-7, 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18, Luke 18:9-14.

The link for "Bible Class" can be found on the website at stlukechicago.org.

Click on "Bible Class" or enter the following URL into your browser <https://bit.ly/479gZrk>. See you Thursday!



Sunday Bible Study

We are enjoying the study of "*The Bible With and Without Jesus*" in which esteemed Bible scholars and teachers Amy-Jill Levine and Marc Zvi Brettler take readers on a guided tour of the most popular Hebrew Bible passages quoted in the New Testament to show what the texts meant in their original contexts and then how Jews and Christians, over time, understood those same texts. Interested in reading this book, it's available for purchase on Amazon.

Saint Luke Church Appreciates Your Gift!

Donate to Saint Luke

There are several ways to make regular donations to Saint Luke:

Donate Button from the website: go to stlukechicago.org and click on "*Support*" and then "*Donate*".

The **form for donation** is right there and will prompt you. You can direct your money to the category you choose, such as congregation, missions, building and special events. You can also sign up for repeating donations as part of this service.

Text Message: You can now contribute with text! Simply send a **Text Message** to 833.988.0613 with the amount you would like to contribute (example: 25). Within a few minutes, you will be sent a text with a link to register. Click on the link and enter your cardholder's name and debit or credit card information. Once your registration is complete, you will receive a text verification and a receipt of your donation via email.

For future giving, send a text with the amount you wish to give, and it will process automatically! You can even text "repeat" to make it a recurring donation. Text giving is one of the fastest and easiest ways to give.

Simply Giving: Sign up with **Simply Giving** (through Vanco) -- an easy and secure way to donate automatically. A simple form for your use includes several options from which to choose credit/debit card, checking or savings account. It's as easy as getting a form from the church office and putting it in the collection basket. You can also call 773.472.3383 to request a form. Please call the church office if you have any questions or would like to know more about Vanco services (773.472.3383).

Use the **QR code**:





SAINT LUKE MONTH

Celebrating the Healing Ministries

All Saints, Our Saints – November 1 and November 2

On the first weekend of November, Saint Luke members and friends join to remember those who have died in the faith. This year, the observance begins on Saturday, November 1 at Saint Luke Cemetery and continues Sunday, November 2 with a commemoration during the 9:30 am service of Holy Communion.

November 1 – Cemetery Observance

All Souls' celebration at **Saint Luke Cemetery**, 5300 N Pulaski, at 11:00 am on Saturday, November 1.

November 2 – Photographs for the Service

For our celebration of the **Day of All Saints** we would like to add faces to the names in the prayers.

You are invited to **bring pictures** of your departed loved ones to the church office no later than Friday, October 31, or before the service on Sunday, November 2. The pictures should be in frames that can stand on a flat surface. They will be arranged in the paradisum for the service on Sunday, November 2.

You may take them home after the 9:30 am service on that day.

November 2 – Names for the Prayers

On Sunday, November 2, the commemoration of All Saints continues in the prayer of the Church.

We remember by name all those from Saint Luke who have died in the **past year** and invite members of the congregation to submit names of their departed friends and family to be remembered at the same time.

Fill out the form below and return it to the church office no later than Tuesday October 28.

Name of Deceased _____

Your Name _____ Telephone _____