

**THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF SAINT LUKE
THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEDICATION OF THE CHURCH BUILDING
OCTOBER 5, 2025 AT 9:30 AM**

Prelude “Adagio from Sonata in G”

Michael Blavet

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

Welcome

Ringling 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**

♪ Processional Hymn ELW#864 “Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven”
Remain standing and face the cross as the procession enters

Praise, My Soul

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, alleluia.

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

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

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, 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, 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 Readings” Insert

Let us pray...

The congregation responds: Amen

Word

The congregation is seated.

First Reading Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

“Today’s Readings” Insert

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

♪ Psalm 37:1-9

“Today’s Readings” Insert

Second Reading 2 Timothy 1:1-14

“Today’s Readings” Insert

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

Please stand as you are able.

Gospel Procession

Hymn ELW#524 “What Is This Place” vs. 1

Komt Nu Met Zang

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

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke the 17th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

“Today’s Readings” Insert

+ Saint Luke 17:5-10 +
The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Hymn ELW#524 “What Is This Place” vs. 2

Komt Nu Met Zang

The congregation is seated.

Sermon “Doing Faith”

Please stand as you are able.

♪ Hymn of the Day ELW#713 “O God of Every Nation”

Llangloffan

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 “I Will Sing New Songs of Gladness”

Antonio Dvorak

Please stand as you are able.

♪ Offertory Hymn ELW#524 “What Is This Place”

Komt Nu Met Zanc

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.

Music at Communion

"Bist du bei Mir"

ELW#711 "O Day of Peace"

J.S. Bach
Jerusalem

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 #654 "The Church's One Foundation"

Aurellia

Prayer for Peace

Dismissal

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

Thanks be to God.

Postlude "Now Thank We All Our God"

Sigfried Karg-Elert

Assisting in Our Worship

Dr. David C. Nelson, Interim Pastor

Dale Hoiberg, Assisting Minister

Don Mead, Cantor

Karen Darasin, Flute

Maia Surace, Soloist

THEME OF THE DAY:

The dedication anniversary of both the first church building and our current church building.

"No other foundation can one lay than that which is laid, which is Christ Jesus."

I Corinthians 3:11. At the center of our message is the cross and the message of the Savior.

The cross behind our altar features an Eucharistic theme with grapes and wheat prominent on the beams on the cross. Surrounding the cross are the shields of the four Evangelists, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

Faith is the theme for today's readings, but not just any faith. It is a life-transforming faith, one that demonstrates the very presence of God moving, alive, and active in God's people.

This faith doesn't always begin as something big. Jesus explains that even a small amount of faith can do great wonders.





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

A little faith goes a long way is Jesus’ point in the gospel. A mustard seed’s-worth of faith has miraculous potential. The patience, tenacity, and endurance required for the life of faith are the blessings received in holy baptism, holy communion, and the word read and proclaimed in this assembly. Anticipate them. Receive them with thanksgiving.

The color green in the worship environment and the colors on the altar indicate our participation in the Church’s “season of growth.” Each week this “growing section” expands, its colors mirroring the greens of the season.

As the strips spread over the altar, they will form a cross that will ultimately enfold the entire space and include every color of the growing season. We, the baptized congregation, are like these diverse strips.

Together we form the Body of Christ—one body composed of many diverse members.

October Worship

A Red-Letter Month of Special Events

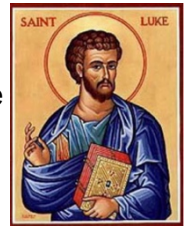
October 5 - Celebration



Today will mark the 64th anniversary of the dedication of the current church building with thanksgiving for our past blessings and commitment to service in the future.

October 19 – Saint Luke Day

On **Sunday, October 19**, the congregation will mark the *Day of Saint Luke*. Saint Luke was an evangelist, the writer of the Gospel that bears his name and a physician.



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.



Prayers for Those in Need

Cum Christo in Pace: Henry Lee Spruell, the cousin of Dianne Hollad entered into eternal life on Thursday, October 2, 2025. Please keep the family in your prayers. "Eternal rest grant him, O Lord, and may the Light Perpetual ever shine upon him."

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

Those who are ill: Gerald Fraiser, Patricia Grunde, Dennis Hadden, Joyce Grosse, Curtis Holland, Mark Van Scharrel, Michael Strohmayr, 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 and Kim Congdon.



NEWS AND Announcements

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.

Saint Luke Academy

The Saint Luke Shuffle is approaching fast!!! Academy Kids are walking, toddling, running, skipping, and hopping ahead to have fun and raise funds for classroom tools that stimulate or calm the senses. Sensory tools build both IQ and EQ (emotional intelligence). Sensory dough, classroom swings, and beanbag chairs are just a few of the items on our wish lists. How can you help??? 1. Come cheer us on!

We start at 9:00 am on the Playground. We supply the pompons and cowbells. 2. Donate to the cause: send a check, donate via Vanco to the "Special Cause" tab, or scan the QR code. 3. Pray for our success. Our goal is \$5,000.



SnowballFundraising.com

Generations Day at the Academy, Friday, October 17: Attend a special Children's Chapel service celebrating the Academy with Pastor and our Academy Kids leading worship, followed by fellowship, activities around the building, and lunch at 11:30 am in Memorial Hall. RSVP: academyoffice@stlukechicago.org for more information if you want to join us.

Halloween at the Academy, Friday, October 31: Join us for a frighteningly good time at 11:00 am in Memorial Hall. Games, fun, and food. Plus, a Costume Parade across the stage. Wear your Favio0. This might be your 15 minutes before the camera. RSVP to Academy Office: academyoffice@stlukechicago.org.

Congratulations!



52 WEEKS OF MOTIVATION TO STRENGTHEN
YOUR FAITH AND FUEL YOUR PURPOSE

COACH DENNIS WHITE

Congratulations to one of Saint Luke Academy's alumni and the son of Virginia White, Coach Dennis White, on the publication of his book, *Motivate Me: 52 Weeks of Motivation to Strengthen Your Faith and Fuel Your Purpose*.

According to the author, “the book was written to spark that fire within you—the one that may have been buried under life’s challenges, disappointments, or doubts.

As you journey through these pages, I pray you’ll begin to see yourself in a new light, with a fresh confidence that God has already placed everything you need inside of you to pursue your dreams and live with purpose.” If you would like to purchase this book, it is available on Amazon in paperback for \$14.99 and on Kindle for \$7.99.



During the month of October our Monthly Missions. Please place your donations in

Personal hygiene items such as disposable razors, shaving cream, toothbrushes, toothpaste, etc. These items will be distributed through LLP in the church lobby.

Online Bible Class will meet Thursday, October 15, 2020 at 7:00 PM. Lessons and Holy Gospel. Texts: 2Kings 5:1-14, Luke 17:11-19.

The link for "Bible Class" can be found on the church website. Click on "Bible Class" or enter the following link:



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a Zoom. Join the group to discuss the lessons and Holy Gospel. Texts: 2Kings 5:1-10, 2Timothy 2:8-15, Luke 17:11-19.

cago.org.

for <http://bit.ly/4muDFID>. See you Thursday!

Sunday Bible Study

The focus for our fall study will be on the book "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. The book is available from Amazon for \$17.99 plus shipping, and on Kindle for \$9.99. If you don't have Amazon Prime, the Church can order it for you.

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 or 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

In October Saint Luke is honored as Physician and Evangelist and remembered by many as the “Dear and Glorious Physician.” When we remember Saint Luke the Physician, we celebrate the many facets of the Church’s ministry of healing and remember especially the work of health professionals amongst our Saint Luke family.

On **Sunday, October 19**, in our regular Sunday morning service, we will commemorate the Day of Saint Luke by remembering *by name* those in the *healing professions*—doctors, nurses, technicians, caregivers and all others whose love and care encourage healing. If you would like a special health professional remembered in the prayers on this day, please fill out their name and return the form to the church office.

Name of Health
Care Professional _____

Your
Name _____

Address _____

Phone
Number _____

