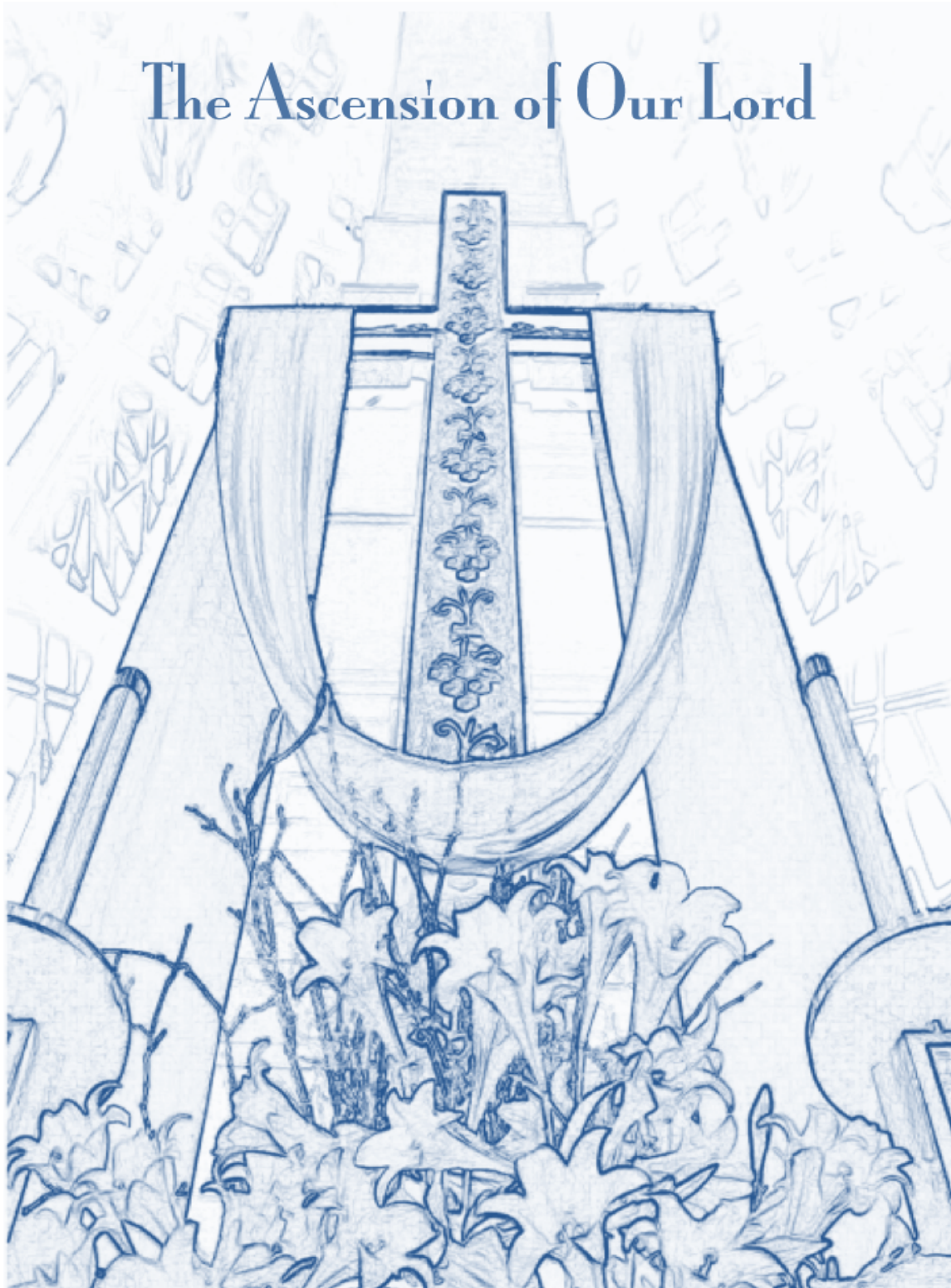


The Ascension of Our Lord



SAINT LUKE CHURCH

A **WARM WELCOME** to all who gather in the name of Christ this morning. If you are looking for a church home, we hope you will consider Saint Luke Church.

All **BAPTIZED CHRISTIANS** are welcome at the Lord's table. We all need what only Christ can give.

The people of Saint Luke Ministries, called by God's grace in Jesus Christ, are committed to share God's gifts of Word and Sacrament, to care for one another, and to serve those in need. 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."

Saint Luke Ministries acknowledges that it is built on the land of which many First Nation people called their home. Members of this community continue to contribute to the life of this city and to celebrate their heritage, practice, traditions, and care for the land and waterways. Therefore, we **EMBRACE OUR COMMITMENT** to Indigenous rights, racial justice, and cultural equity.

For your convenience, there are *large print copies* of the Sunday bulletin and *individual sound enhancement devices*.

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.

Sharing of the Peace is done in the way that is most comfortable to you.

Free parking is available in the parking garage behind the church. Enter from Melrose St. (one block north of Belmont).

If there is anything else we can do to assist your worship experience, please let the ushers know.



SAINT LUKE CHURCH

Sunday, May 12, 2024

The Ascension of Our Lord Jesus Christ

PRAYER CONNECTION AND REFLECTION

Time to reflect and pray individually as you prepare for worship

THE PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Almighty God, your only Son was taken into the heavens and in your presence intercedes for us. Receive us and our prayers for the world, and in the end bring everything into your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

REMEMBER THOSE WHO ARE ILL

O God, the strength of the weak and the comfort of sufferers: Mercifully hear our prayers and grant to your servants

<i>Abigail Zhang</i>	<i>Patricia Grunde</i>	<i>Christian Long</i>	<i>Neil Wagner</i>	<i>Tammy Crisman</i>
<i>William Beilstein</i>	<i>Laurie Strohmayer</i>	<i>Debbie Dilaura</i>	<i>Steve Taylor</i>	<i>Mark Van Scharrel</i>
<i>Alison Long</i>	<i>Achen Moreno</i>	<i>Anthony Leonard</i>	<i>Alex Rose</i>	<i>Jeanette Geweke</i>
<i>Sloane Slodgett</i>	<i>Rosemarie Morgen</i>	<i>Colleen Mertens</i>	<i>Dennis Hadden</i>	<i>Julie Flores</i>
<i>Samantha Surma</i>	<i>Jahlia McCain</i>	<i>Blanche Stewart</i>	<i>Thetis Cromie</i>	<i>Viola Bradshaw</i>
<i>Marge Spolec</i>	<i>Yvonetta Taylor</i>	<i>Curtis Holland, Jr</i>	<i>Katie Lynch</i>	<i>Marge Mead</i>
<i>Jeanette Schwarz</i>	<i>Bridget Irving</i>	<i>Jane Ramsey</i>	<i>Joseph Glorioso</i>	<i>Sandra Glorioso</i>

the help of your power, that illness may be turned into health and our sorrow into joy; through Jesus Christ. Amen

RENEWAL OF MIND AND BODY

O God, we thank you for times of refreshment and peace in the course of this busy life. Grant that we may so use our leisure for the renewal of our bodies and minds that our spirits may be opened to the goodness of your creation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

REMEMBER THOSE SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES

Almighty God, we commit to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad:

Nicholas Bakulinski *Jeremy Strohmayer* *Ashley Bakulinski* *Lucas Kratz* *Nicky Relias*

Defend them with your heavenly grace and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER FOR PEACE

Give us, O God, the vision which can see your love in the world in spite of human failure. Give us the faith to trust your goodness in spite of our ignorance and weakness. Give us the knowledge that we may continue to pray with understanding hearts. Show us what each one of us can do to set forward the coming of the day of universal peace. Amen

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

MAY 12, 2024 9:30 AM

GATHERING

Prelude: Canzona Quarta

Girolamo Frescobaldi

Welcome

Stand Please stand and face the baptismal font. The presiding minister addresses the assembly.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters
and by your Word you created the world,
calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.
By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.
Shower us with your Spirit,
and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

Processional Hymn #855

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Please turn and face the cross as the procession enters.

Greeting

Christ is risen. Alleluia!

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

God has gone up with a shout. Alleluia!

The Lord with the sound of the trumpet. 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

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.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

1 Wor-thy is Christ the Lamb who was slain, whose
blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

2 Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom and strength, and
hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

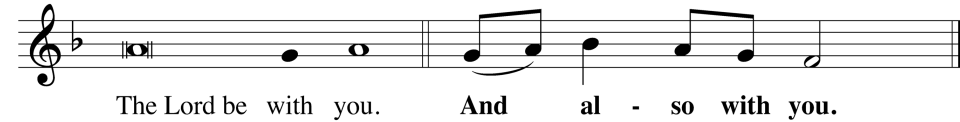
3 Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and
join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion:
Bless-ing, hon-or, glo-ry, and might be to
God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

4 For the Lamb who was slain has be-
gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia.



Prayer of the Day



Let us pray...

The congregation responds: **Amen**

WORD _____

Sit First Reading Acts 1:1-11

The reading concludes:

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 47

Clap your hands, ¹all you peoples;
shout to God with a ¹joyful sound.

For the Lord Most High is ¹to be feared:
a great king over ¹all the earth,

**who subdues the ¹peoples under us,
and the nations un-¹der our feet;
who chooses our inheri-¹tance for us,
the pride of Jacob, ¹whom God loves.**

God has gone up ¹with a shout,
the Lord with the sound ¹of the ram's horn.

Sing praises to ¹God, sing praises;
sing praises to our ¹king, sing praises.

**For God is king of ¹all the earth;
sing praises ¹with a song.**

**God reigns o-¹ver the nations;
God is en-¹throned on high.**

The nobles of the peoples have gathered as the people of the ¹God of Abraham.
The rulers of the earth belong to God, who is high-¹ly exalted.
Clap your hands, ¹all you peoples;
shout to God with a ¹joyful sound.

Second Reading

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

The reading concludes:

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand **HOLY GOSPEL**

Please turn to face the cross as the procession moves to the center of the church. The congregations sings: Hymn #432, The Head That Once Was Crowned Stanzas 1-4

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the 24th chapter.

Glorify to you, O Lord.

+ SAINT LUKE 24:44-53 +

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Hymn after the Gospel Hymn #432 The Head That Once Was Crowned
Stanzas 5 and 6

Sit Sermon



1. The Lord as - cend - ed up on high, the Lord has tri - umphed
 2. The heav'ns with joy re - ceive their Lord, by saints, by an - gel
 3. Our great high priest hath gone be - fore, up - on the church his

glo - rious-ly, in pow'r and might ex - cel - ling; the
 hosts a - dored; O day of ex - ul - ta - tion! O
 grace to pour; and still his love he giv - eth. Oh,

grave and hell are cap - tive led. Lo, he re - turns, our
 earth, a - dore thy glo - rious king! His ris - ing, his as -
 may our hearts to him as - cend; may all with - in us

glo - rious head, to his e - ter - nal dwell - ing.
 cen - sion sing with grate - ful ad - o - ra - tion.
 up - ward tend to him who ev - er liv - eth!

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.

MEAL

Sit Gathering of the Gifts

Offering for the Congregation

Anthem: "Lift up your heads"

William Mathias

Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors: and the King of glory shall come in.

Who is the King of glory: it is the Lord, strong and mighty, even the Lord mighty in battle. Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors: and the King of glory shall come in.

Who is the King of glory: even the Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

Stand Presentation of the Gifts

This joy-ful Eas-ter - tide, a - way with sin and
 sor - row! My Love, the Cru-ci - fied, has
 sprung to life this mor - row! Had
 Christ, who once was slain not burst his three-day pris -
 on, our faith had been in vain. But

now has Christ a - ris - en, a - ris - en, a -
 ris - en, but now has Christ a - ris en!

Offertory Prayer

Let us pray. **Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts; our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
 Heav - en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father:
 Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign.
 You have filled...

The presiding minister continues to thank and praise God, remembering especially the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and his promise and command to celebrate this meal.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
 we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup we remember...
 ...the great and promised feast.
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit...
 ...with all your saints in light.
Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Join our prayers...
 ...until he comes as victorious Lord of all.

Through him, with him, in him, in the u - ni-ty of the

Ho - ly Spir - it, all hon - or and glo - ry is yours, al-
 might - y Fa - ther, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

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**

Sit 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 and return via the side aisles.

Hymn #838

Beautiful Savior

SENDING _____

Stand Table Blessing

Christ has a - ris - en from the grave's dark pris - on. So let our joy rise
 full and free; Christ our com-fort true will be. Al - le - lu - ia!

Were Christ not a - ris - en, then death were still our pris - on.

Now, with him to life re-stored, we praise the Fa - ther of our Lord.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia! Now let our joy rise full and free;

Christ our com - fort true will be. Al - le - lu - ia!

Prayer after Communion

Benediction

Recessional Hymn #475

Lord Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor

Prayer for Peace

Dismissal

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

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Postlude Rhapsody in C# Minor

Herbert Howells

Reverend Dr. David Nelson, *Minister*

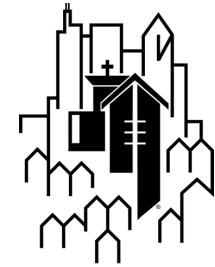
Dale Hoiberg, *Assisting Minister*

Maia Surace, *Cantor*

Don Mead, *Organist*

NEWS AND INFORMATION

May 12, 2024



Introduction to the Day

In today's gospel the risen Christ ascends into heaven and his followers are assured that the spirit will empower them to be witnesses throughout the earth. The disciples were told to not gaze up into heaven to look for Jesus; we find his presence among us as we proclaim the word and share the Easter feast. We too long for the Spirit to enliven our faith and invigorate our mission.

Today

This morning we observe the Day of the **Ascension**, marking Christ's return to heaven and his promise to send the Spirit to embolden his disciples to make disciples of all nations. During the service, the flame on the Paschal candle, which has burned in the chancel since the Day of the Resurrection, disappears into the cloud as our Lord takes his leave from those whom he left to carry out his work.

As a physical reminder of our continuing celebration, we will **stand** for all the portions of the Service at which we would normally kneel during the Fifty Days of the Easter Season as a reminder that, because we have knelt in the shadow of the Cross and have been forgiven our sins by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we can now stand before the throne of grace as God's dear children. After the Day of Pentecost we shall return to our normal practice of kneeling during the Service.

FEAST OF PENTECOST - May 19, 2024

On **Sunday, May 19, 2024**, the Day of Pentecost, Saint Luke will celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit to the church. Let your voice help fill the sanctuary like the sound of the mighty wind -- and become part of the festival environment by wearing your **red** shirt, sweater, dress or coat.



Affirmation of Faith

God's rich blessings on Ayanna Moreno who will be confirmed on Sunday, May 26th at 9:30 a.m. A reception honoring Ayanna will be held in the church lobby immediately following the service on the 26th.

Bible Class

Bible Class (in person) meets Sundays (from 8:30 – 9:15 a.m.) in Founders Hall and virtually on Thursdays at 12:00 p.m.

Wednesday at 9:00 a.m.

A Worship Service is celebrated each week with the children of Saint Luke Academy. Join the children for worship and then meet in the Church Lobby for **fellowship** and a snack.

Updating the Prayer List

It is so important to remember friends and loved ones in the prayer of the church. This is an important part of the service at Saint Luke every Sunday. The list needs to be updated now. Please let Elisabeth Stampfl know if the person you put on the list should remain there. Next week, the prayer list will be only those you have let the church office know should remain on the list. Thank you for your help!

Coffee Break

Coffee Break will meet **tomorrow, May 13 at 1:00 p.m.** *The discussion is light and lively.* Join the Coffee Break group. The link for "**Coffee Break**" is on the website at stlukechicago.org. *See you tomorrow!*



Bible Class



Bible Class **will** meet this Thursday, May 16 at 12:00 p.m. Get your lunch and join the group to discuss the lessons and Gospel for Pentecost.

The lessons are: *Acts 2:1-21, Romans 8:22-27, Saint John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15*

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/39AbHrQ>
Meeting ID: 992 4691 2627 Passcode: saintluke *See you Thursday!*

Thrivent Choice Dollars

Thank you so much to *Anita Boyd* for directing Thrivent Choice Dollars to Saint Luke. If you are a member of Thrivent you may direct where Thrivent distributes a portion of it's charitable funding. You can select Saint Luke Church or Saint Luke Academy at **Thrivent.com/thriventchoice**. Then click on Direct Thrivent Choice Dollars and follow the directions.

Caring and Sharing

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.

THIS WEEK

at Saint Luke Church

SUNDAY, May 12, 2024

Bible Class 8:30 a.m.
Holy Communion 9:30 a.m.
Coffee Hour 10:30 a.m.

Founders Hall
Church
Church Lobby

MONDAY- FRIDAY, May 13 – 17, 2024

Morning Care 7:30-8:15 a.m.
School in Session 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
After Care 3:30-6:00 p.m.

4th Floor

4th Floor

MONDAY, May 13, 2024

Coffee Break <https://bit.ly/3Pye5l4> 1:00 p.m.

via Zoom

TUESDAY, May 14, 2024

Bookbugs 9:00 a.m.
Time for Two 10:30 a.m.
Goseikan Kendo 7:30 p.m.

Room 101

Room 101

Gym

WEDNESDAY, May 15, 2024

Worship Service 9:00 a.m.
Fellowship after Church
Time for Two 9:30 a.m.
Administrative Staff Meeting 12:00 p.m.
Greenview Place Music 1:30 p.m.

Church

Church Lobby

Room 101

Church Lobby

Greenview Place

THURSDAY, May 16, 2024

Bookbugs 9:00 a.m.
Time for Two 10:30 a.m.
Bible Class 12:00 p.m. <https://bit.ly/39AbHrQ>
Goseikan Kendo 7:30 p.m.

Room 101

Room 101

via Zoom

Gym

PENTECOST SUNDAY, May 19, 2024

Bible Class 8:30 a.m.
Holy Communion 9:30 a.m.
Coffee Hour 10:30 a.m.

Founders Hall

Church

Church Lobby