



SAINT LUKE CHURCH

Summer 2021



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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.

Everyone is required to wear a mask in the church and during the service. Unvaccinated persons should maintain six feet social distance.

For your convenience, we offer *large print copies* of the Sunday bulletin and *individual sound enhancement devices* programmed to the frequency of our sound system.

Sharing of the Peace will be done in place and without contact. A nod toward the neighbor, a bow of the head, a wave or other signs of mutual spiritual respect can be used.

Offering will be taken during the service.

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

August 29, 2021

Sundays after Pentecost-Lectionary 22

PRAYER CONNECTION AND REFLECTION

Time to reflect and pray individually as you prepare for worship

THE PRAYER FOR THE DAY

O God our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

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>Maryann Palermo</i>	<i>Abigail Zhang</i>	<i>Patricia Grunde</i>	<i>Janet Hagberg</i>	<i>Ray Planekowsky</i>
<i>Christian Long</i>	<i>Kenneth Markworth</i>	<i>Jeanette Geweke</i>	<i>Judith Hoyer</i>	<i>Ruby Strohmayer</i>
<i>Rosemarie Morgen</i>	<i>Calvin Clements</i>	<i>Laurie Strohmayer</i>	<i>Dan Horton</i>	<i>Dallas Cronk</i>
<i>Tyler Hennigan</i>	<i>Mark Van Scharrel</i>	<i>Hayden Berthelot</i>	<i>Rachel Bouman</i>	<i>Donna Jitchotvisut</i>
<i>Logan Berdacker</i>	<i>Debbie Clark</i>	<i>Janice Maltese</i>	<i>Mariam Usmani</i>	<i>Alex Rose</i>

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

FOR CONGREGATIONAL MINISTRIES

Almighty God, your Holy Spirit equips the church with a rich variety of gifts. Grant that we may use them to bear witness to Christ in lives that are built on faith and love. Make us ready to live the gospel and eager to do your will, so that we may share with all your church in the joys of eternal life; 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* *Dan McCarthy* *Lucas Kratz* *Preston Larson*

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

O God, author of all peace and concord, grant us the vision to see and the faith to believe in a world free from violence, where fear shall no longer lead men to commit injustice, nor selfishness make them bring suffering to others. Help us to devote our thoughts and energy to the task of making peace, praying always for the inspiration and the power to fulfill the destiny for which we and all humanity were created. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

TIME AFTR PENTECOST – LECTIONARY 22

AUGUST 29, 2021 • 9:30 AM

GATHERING

Sit Prelude: “Andante tranquillo”, from Sonata #3

F. Mendelssohn

Stand Confession and Forgiveness

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**

Entrance Hymn

Oh, worship the King, all glorious above,
Oh, gratefully sing God's power and love;
our shield and defender the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise

Young bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light,
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

O measureless might, ineffable love,
while angels delight to hymn you above,
the humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
with true adoration shall sing to your praise.

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.

Let us pray...

The congregation responds: Amen

Oh, Worship the King

WORD _____

Sit First Reading

The reading concludes: The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

Psalm 15

Lord, who may dwell in your | tabernacle?

Who may abide upon your | holy hill?

**Those who lead a blameless life and do | what is right,
who speak the truth | from their heart;**

they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil | to their friends;

they do not cast discredit up- | on a neighbor.

**In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who | fear the
Lord.**

They have sworn upon their health and do not take | back their word.

They do not give their money in hope of gain,

nor do they take bribes a- | gainst the innocent.

Those who do these things shall never be | overthrown.

Second Reading

James 1:17-27

The reading concludes: The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Stand Alleluia Verse

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark, the 7th chapter.

Glorify to you, O Lord.

+ SAINT MARK 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 +

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit Sermon

O God, my faithful God, true fountain ever flowing,
without whom nothing is, all perfect gifts bestowing:
give me a healthy frame, and may I have within
a conscience free from blame, a soul unstained by sin.

Keep me from saying words that later need recalling;
guard me, lest idle speech may from my lips befalling;
but when, within my place, I must and ought to speak,
then to my words give grace, lest I offend the weak.

When dangers gather round, oh, keep me calm and fearless;
help me to bear the cross when life seems dark and cheerless;
help me, as you have taught, to love both great and small,
and, by your Spirit's might, to live at peace with all.

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: Lord, listen to your children pray.
Send us love, send us peace, send us grace.

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.

M E A L _____

Sit Gathering of the Gifts

Offering for the Congregation

“The Call”, from Five Mystical Songs *R. Vaughan Williams*
Come, my way, my truth, my life: such a way as gives us breath;
such a truth as ends all strife; such a life as killeth death.

Come, my light, my feast, my strength: such a light as shows a feast;
such a feast as mends in length; such a strength as makes his guest.

Come, my joy, my love, my heart: such a joy as none can move;
such a love as none can part; such a heart as joys in love.

Stand Presentation of the Gifts

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all, u - nite them with the
prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

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 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.

The Words of Institution

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 by the center aisle and return via the side aisles.

Hymn

Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer

Guide me ever, great Redeemer, pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but you are mighty; hold me with your pow'ful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore,
feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain where the healing waters flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer, shield me with your mighty arm,
shield me with your mighty arm.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.
Song and praises, songs and praises I will raise forevermore, evermore,
I will raise forevermore.

SENDING _____

Stand Table Blessing

Prayer after Communion

Blessing

Prayer for Peace

Recession

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude: “Maestoso”, from Sonata #3

F. Mendelssohn

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

August 29, 2021



Today

Sundays after Pentecost – Lectionary 22

Our long liturgical season of growth continues. On the altar, the pale green shoots begin their steady transformation into the lush growth and vibrant colors this season will eventually produce. As the strips are added across the altar, they will form a cross that will ultimately enfold the entire space with 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.

Introduction to the Day

Jesus protests against human customs being given the weight of divine law, while the essence of God’s law is ignored. True uncleanness comes not from external things, but from the intentions of the human heart. Last week Jesus told us “the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life.” Now James says God has given us birth by the word of truth. We, having been washed in the word when we were born in the font, return to it every Sunday to ask God to create in us clean hearts.

Education for Saint Luke

Confirmation Class

The Lutheran Lakeview Parish (LLP) will host **Confirmation class** this year. It will be taught by Pastors Stephen Bouman, Kelly Faulstich, and Michelle Sevig. Classes will meet the first Sunday of the month at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 1218 W Addison Ave from 11:00 a.m. – 1:15 p.m. Lunch will be provided. Please contact Elisabeth Stampfl (estampfl@stlukechicago.org or 773.472.3383) if you have questions or to sign up! The first class is Sunday, October 3, 2021.

Sunday School and Bible Class

Fall plans include beginning **Sunday School** and **Bible Class** (in person) on Sunday, September 19, 2021! Education Time will be from 8:30 – 9:15 a.m. *Bible Class will also continue meeting virtually on Thursdays at noon.* If you are interested in assisting with Sunday School, please contact Donna Beck (beckdo@stlukechicago.org or 773.472.3837).

Robert Johnson, *Presiding Minister*

Timothy Colón-Geistlinger, *Preaching and Assisting Minister*

Maia Surace, *Cantor*

Don Mead, *Organist*



Bible Class

Bible Class **will** meet this Thursday, September 2, 2021 at 12:00 p.m. Please join the group to discuss the lessons and Gospel for Lectionary 23.

The lessons are: *Isaiab 35:4-7a, James 2:1-17, Saint Mark 7:24-37*

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

Opening Service for Saint Luke Academy

The Academy's opening service will be celebrated **Wednesday, September 8** at 9:00 a.m. Members of the congregation are invited to join the children in this and other regularly scheduled Academy Wednesday morning worship services.

Coffee Hour

Please come to the church lobby after the service as we celebrate the **in-person and online Coffee Hour!** Say "Hello" to people who are unable to come to church and would love to hear from people here! Coffee is available.

If you are online for church, please enter the following URL into your browser: <https://bit.ly/3pbTyFE>. It's a wonderful way to get caught up with Saint Luke friends.

Pick-up Truck needed

After many years, many miles, many funerals, the pick-up truck at the cemetery is in need of replacement. If you have a truck you are ready to sell or know of someone who has a truck they are trying to sell, please call the church office (773.472.3383) or email estampfl@stlukechicago.org.

Caring and Sharing

The September item for the **Monthly Gifts Collection** will be **bars of soap**. Soap is almost impossible to obtain in third world countries where it is scarce and/or very expensive. Lutheran World Relief distributes soap and other personal care products to people in need around the world. New bars of any brand, in the original wrapping are accepted. Bath-size bars (4 to 5 oz.) are highly preferred. Please leave your donation in the specially marked barrel in the Church Lobby.

THIS WEEK at Saint Luke Church



SUNDAY, August 29, 2021

Holy Communion 9:30 a.m.

Coffee Hour 10:30 a.m. Link: <https://bit.ly/3pbTyFE>

*Church
In-Person and via Zoom*

MONDAY - FRIDAY, August 30-September 3, 2021

School Hallways cleaned

THURSDAY, September 2, 2021

Bible Class 12:00 p.m. Link: <https://bit.ly/39AbHrQ>

via Zoom

SUNDAY, September 5, 2021

Holy Communion 9:30 a.m.

Coffee Hour 10:30 a.m. Link: <https://bit.ly/3pbTyFE>

*Church
In-Person and via Zoom*



Lutheran Disaster Response
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
 God's work. Our hands.



Giving to Saint Luke

Give now for earthquake relief in Haiti

"I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God; incline your ear to me, bear my words" (Psalm 17:6).

Friends,

A devastating 7.2 magnitude earthquake struck southwest Haiti on Saturday morning. Over 1,400 people were killed, and that number is expected to increase as search-and-rescue efforts continue. Blocked roads are delaying the delivery of vital supplies to hospitals, which are overwhelmed with more than 6,900 injured people. At least 26,000 homes were damaged or destroyed, but the full extent of damage is still unknown. Haiti is also suffering through a political crisis and was hit by Tropical Storm Grace on Monday night, which caused severe flooding in communities already damaged by the earthquake.

For over two decades, the ELCA has maintained a presence in southern Haiti through support for agricultural and sustainable development work. To continue our engagement with those communities, Lutheran Disaster Response is collaborating with partner organizations in the communities to meet relief needs, including food, water, medical supplies and temporary shelter. In the future, other areas of support will include psychosocial care, water and sanitation, and creating sustainable livelihoods through agriculture and livestock. We also stand with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Haiti as it assesses damage and impacts on churches and church life.

Together, as church, we can be there for our neighbors in Haiti.

In Christ's Service,

Daniel Rift

The Rev. Daniel Rift
 Director, ELCA World Hunger and Lutheran Disaster Response Fund
 Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Ways to Give

Checks or money orders can be sent to:

Lutheran Disaster Response

P.O. Box 1809

Merrifield, VA 22116-8009

Write "Haiti Crisis" on your check memo line.

Give by phone at **800-638-3522** or [go](http://go.to/elca.org) to elca.org

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Here are some easy ways to make donations to Saint Luke:

1. Go to stlukechicago.org and click on "**Donate**". The **Online** button will take you to the donation page. You can direct your money to the category you choose, such as: congregation, missions, building or special events. You can also choose the frequency of your donation.
2. **Paper form sign-up:** Sign up with **SimplyGiving** (through Vanco)-- an easy and secure way to donate automatically. A form for your use includes a number of 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 returning it to the church. You can also call 773.472.3383 and a form will be sent to you.
3. 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 name and debit or 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.
4. Remember, as always, you can make your donation through **offering envelopes**, in the **offering basket**, or by using the giving **kiosk** in the Church Lobby.

Please call the church office if you have any questions (773.472.3383).

Hopefully this information is helpful to you. Thank you for sharing your generosity and supporting Saint Luke.