

THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF SAINT LUKE
THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 7, 2025 AT 9:30 AM

Prelude “Adagio e dolce”

J. S. Bach

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

Ringling of the Bells

♪ Processional Hymn ELW #557 “Awake, My Soul and with the Sun”

Morning Hymn

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

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.

♪ This is the Feast

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Prayer of the Day

Let us pray...

The congregation responds: **Amen**

“Today’s Readings” Insert

Word

The congregation is seated.

First Reading Deuteronomy 30:15-20

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

“Today’s Readings” Insert

♪ Psalm 1

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Second Reading Philemon 1

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

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Please stand as you are able.

♪ Gospel Acclamation

ELW, page 151

*Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.*

Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke the 14th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

+ Saint Luke 14:25–33 +

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

“Today’s Readings” Insert

The congregation is seated.

Sermon “Give It Your All”

Please stand as you are able.

♪ Hymn of the Day ELW#324 “In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

Rathbun

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 “Blessed, Blessed is the One”

Sven Lekberg

*Blessed, is the one that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth
in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.*

*But his delight is on the law of the Lord;
and in His law doth he meditate day and night.*

*And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water that bringeth forth his
fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.*

Please stand as you are able.

♪ Offertory Hymn #ELW #182 “Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful”

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.

Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.

Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now.

Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

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.

♪ Distribution Hymn ELW #736 "God the Sculptor of the Mountains"

Jennings-Houston

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 #810 "O Jesus, I Have Promised"

Munich

Prayer for Peace

Dismissal

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

Thanks be to God.

Postlude "Entrada Festiva"

Flor Peeters



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

Today's readings are about making good choices. Moses, speaking on behalf of the LORD says to his people, "I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live..." The psalms wrote, "Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked ... nor sat in the seats | of the scornful!" And Jesus' request may be hardest of all, "So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions." Faced with these kind of readings it's a wonder that anybody every comes to church at all. Maybe those of us who do know of our need to choose wisely.

Assisting in Our Worship

Dr. David C. Nelson, Interim Pastor
Dale Hoiberg and Janice Pohl, Assisting Ministers
Don Mead, Cantor
Maia Surace, Soloist
Karla Beck and Ayanna Moreno, Acolytes

Other 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.

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Introduction to the Theme of the Day

Called to contemplate the cost of discipleship, we might be helped by translating Paul’s request to Philemon into our prayer of the day: Refresh my heart in Christ. Strengthened by the company and forgiveness of Christ in holy communion and recalling God’s grace in remembrance of baptism, we can be strengthened in this hour to “choose life”—to choose life in God as our own.

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Cum Christo in Pace: Joan Palumbo entered into eternal life on Wednesday, September 3, 2025. We will keep you posted on when she will receive a Christian burial. "Eternal rest grant her, O Lord, and may the Light Perpetual ever shine upon her."

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: Gerald Fraiser, Patricia Grunde, Christine Heck, Dennis Hadden, Anthony Leonard, Joyce Grosse, Curtis Holland, Mark Van Scharrel, John Grosse, Achen Moreno, Barbara Lans, Evelyn Jones, Deborah Carruthers, Michael Strohmayer, Claudia Raack, Nancy Huber, Lisa Healy, Judy Grabowski Hoyer, Henry Lee Spruell, Gianna Abate, Allison Long and Ann Pasquale.



Please continue to pray for our school ministry. Members are welcome to visit or volunteer in the Academy. We would love to have church members volunteer in the lunch room and/or the library.

Please contact me if you are interested. Keep praying for the Academy. Blessings!
Chris Comella, Principal: email: ccomella@stlukechicago.org; voice: 773.472.3837;
text: 773.814.6583.

Saint Luke Academy is the BEST early childhood center in Lakeview/Roscoe Village, and we have seats available. Do you have a 2-year-old in your life? Saint Luke Academy has opened registration for the first sessions of Book Bugs (9:00 - 9:45 am) and Time for Two's (10:45 am - 2:45 pm) for the 2025-2026 school year. Both classes meet twice per week on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Register for one day or both. Spread the word among your friends and neighbors.

Check us out! Contact us at: Admissions@stlukechicago.org or call the Academy Office at 773.472.3837

Come Celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month

"Saint Luke Academy celebrates National Hispanic Heritage Month, September 15 through October 15. You are welcome to join us on Friday, September 19, at noon for lunch and music from Latin America. Please RSVP Principal Chris Comella if you plan to attend."

Sunday Coffee Hour

Sunday, September 7, 2025, Lisa Bury will host. Join us immediately following worship service.

Holy Cross Day

As we prepare for Holy Cross Day on Sunday, September 14, 2025, we are reminded that the sign of the cross symbolizes our Baptism into the death and resurrection of Christ.

Martinis & Ministry

Join us on Tuesday, September 16 at 6:30 pm at Bitter Pops 3357 N Lincoln for Martinis & Ministry, and great conversation.

Ministry Board Meeting

The Ministry Board will meet on Thursday, September 25, 2025, in Memorial Hall at 6:30 pm.

Pet Blessings

Bring your pet to church on Sunday, September 28, 2025, to receive a special blessing from Pastor Nelson. All pets are welcomed!

Online Bible Classes

Online Bible Class will meet Thursday, September 11th at 12:00 p.m. via Zoom. Join the group to discuss the lessons and Gospel for Holy Cross Day. Texts: Numbers 21:4b-9, Psalm 98:1-4; 1 Corinthians 1:18-24, John 3:13-17.

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

Sunday Morning Bible Studies Returns today at 8:30 am. in Memorial Hall

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 has purchased five copies for purchase.

Food collection during September

During the month of September we are collecting packed macaroni and cheese dinners and canned meat (i.e., spam).

These items will be distributed to families through the Common Pantry. Please leave your donation in the monthly collection barrel in the church lobby.

Employment Opportunity

Saint Luke Church is looking for someone to live stream our Sunday worship service at 9:30 am. This person should have experience with technology, social media platforms, especially YouTube, Facebook, and audio-visual equipment. Hours are Sundays from 9:00 - 11:00 am., with additional hours as needed.

If you are interested or know someone interested in learning more about this position, please contact Carol Parnell (cparnell@stlukechicago.org) or call 773.472.3383.

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