

THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF SAINT LUKE
THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JULY 13, 2025 AT 9:30 AM

Prelude “Berceuse”

Louis Vierne

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

Welcome

Ringling of the Bells

♪ Processional Hymn ELW#842 “Oh, Worship the King”

Hanover

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.**

Prayer of the Day

“Today’s Readings” Insert

Let us pray...

The congregation responds: **Amen**

Word

The congregation is seated.

First Reading Deuteronomy 30:9–14

“Today’s Readings” Insert

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

♪ Psalm Anthem “Show Me Thy Ways”

Walter Pelz

{See Announcement Page for Text}

Second Reading Colossians 1:1–19

“Today’s Readings” Insert

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

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 10th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

+ Saint Luke 10:22–37 +

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

“Today’s Readings” Insert

The congregation is seated.

Sermon “Which One Am I?”

Please stand as you are able.

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.

Meal

Gathering of the Gifts

Offering for the Congregation

Offertory Solo “Greater Love Hath No Man”

John Ireland

{See Announcement page for text}

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.

Gracious God, **in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. 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#800 "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"

Morcambe

Sending

Please stand as you are able.

Table Blessing

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray. Gracious God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

Benediction

♪ Recessional Hymn ELW#719 "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life"

Walton

Prayer for Peace

Dismissal

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

Thanks be to God.

Postlude "Let Us Exhault in His Name"

Lester Groom

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 Theme of the Day

To love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, strength, and mind is to reflect God’s mercy in responding to one’s neighbor. That mercy found its most profound expression in the “gospel that has come to you”—namely the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. That gospel mercy comes to us again today: at the font, at the table, and from the pulpit. It is very near to you.

Psalm Text

“Show Me Thy Ways” - Walter Pelz
*Show me thy ways O Lord, teach me thy paths;
Lead me in thy truth and teach me:
For thou art the God of my salvation.
And on thee do I wait all the day.
Show me thy ways O Lord, teach me thy paths;
Lead me in thy truth.*

Solo at the Offering

“Greater Love Hath No Man” - John Ireland
*Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it. Love is strong as death.
Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.
Who his own self bare our sins in his own Body on the tree,
That we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness.
Ye are washed, ye are sanctified, ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus.
Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation;
That ye should show forth the praises of him
who hath call'd you out of darkness into his marvellous light.
I beseech you brethren, by the mercies of God,
that you present your bodies, a living sacrifice, holy,
acceptable unto to God, which is your reasonable service.*

Remembered in Prayer

Those serving in the armed forces: Nicholas Bakulinski, Jeremy Strohmayer, Ashley Bakulinski, Lucas Kratz, Nicky Relias, Patty Lorenzo, Makenna, John Baeither, and Megan Heesemann and Nathan Heesemann.

Those who are ill: Char Gross, Jerald Fraiser, Patricia Grunde, Christine Heck, Dennis Hadden, Joan Palumbo, Anthony Leonard, Joyce Grosse, Curtis Holland, Mark Van Scharrel, John Grosse, Achen Moreno, Peter Bouboulis, Rosa Kobal, Woody Perry, Michael Kessler, Barbara Lans, Kelly Hamilton, Sharon Pena, Evelyn Jones and Michael Strohmayer.

ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP

Dr. David C. Nelson, Interim Pastor
Robert Kleisch, Assisting Minister
Don Mead, Cantor
Maia Surace, Soloist

Summer Support

The Stewardship/Evangelism Committee is excited to launch Summer Support, our summer initiative as part of the “God’s House, Your Home. Thrive in 2025” campaign.

Summer Support, a two-month concentrated campaign, is an opportunity to showcase our commitment to “God’s House, Your Home” by empowering us to directly contribute to the essential physical maintenance and utility expenses of Saint Luke. By financially supporting these areas, we can reduce our reliance on savings for these critical costs.

The Stewardship /Evangelism Committee has set an ambitious goal of raising \$25,000 in July and August, which will be used for essential physical maintenance, and with everyone's participation, we know we can reach it!

Like last year's successful Summer Surge, the Summer Support campaign will function as a Matching Funds Challenge. For every new dollar you contribute in July and August to Summer Support, it will be matched up to \$5,000 from a generous, anonymous donor. This means every gift you make will have double the impact, bringing us closer to our \$25,000 goal!

If you are on the Saint Luke Members and Friends mailing list, you have received the initial Summer Support material. Please use that enclosed form, or available special QR codes, or the Donate button on the Saint Luke website, or forms available from Ushers on Sunday, to make your Summer Support contribution. Your commitment to Summer Support, in any amount, during July and August and submitted in any method will make a profound difference to the success of Saint Luke Ministries!

We kindly request that you make your Summer Support contributions by August 31st.

Thank you for your continued support and for your unwavering commitment to Saint Luke, “God’s House, Your Home”.

Hot Soup Mission

Our next Hot Soup Mission is scheduled at Saint Luke on Wednesday, July 16th, at 5:30 p.m. to pack and deliver food to our unhoused neighbors under the viaduct at LSD & Lawrence & Wilson. We would be delighted if you could join us as we embody God's mission of serving others.

High school students can also earn community service hours by participating.

If you have any questions or would like to donate or volunteer in another capacity, please contact Lisa at 773-960-5125 or Rader at 407-516-0147. We hope you can join us in supporting our neighbors!

In-person and online Bible Classes

Online Bible Class will meet Thursday, July 17th at 12:00 p.m. via Zoom. Join the group to discuss the lessons and Gospel for the Sixth Sunday after Pentecost. Texts: Genesis 18:1-10a; Psalm 15; Colossians 1:15-28 and Saint Luke 10:38-42

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!

Food collection during July

During the month of July we are collecting **powdered drink mixes**. These items will be distributed to families through the LakeView Pantry. Please leave your donation in the monthly collection barrel in the church lobby.

Greenview Place Archives Clean-up

We are now in the "home stretch" of our Archives clean-up. There are about 200 boxes which still need to be triaged. These boxes contain every kind of document from true archival material (treasures) to duplicate Sunday bulletins (trash). These were stored in our Greenview Place storage room and now they are waiting patiently for final disposition.

We are again soliciting volunteers to help work through this task. If you had signed up for this task in May, you will be contacted again. But if you are interested and available this month, please sign-up for this task. Our initial work hours will be:

- Thursday July 17 10am - 3pm
- Friday July 18 10am - 3pm
- Saturday July 19 10am - 3pm (perfect for non-retirees!)

If we need more time to complete this triage, we will continue the next week. We'll be working on a "come when you can, leave when you must" basis, with no need to commit to 15 hours of work. Contact the Church Office, or Bob Kleisch (rkleisch@aol.com), to sign-up and for more information.

Acolyte News

The Acolyte Team is looking forward to welcome new teammates. Saint Luke Acolytes are responsible for tasks like carrying the processional cross, lighting candles, preparing the elements for communion, assisting with the preparation and cleaning of the altar, and carrying the incense. In these ways, an Acolyte plays an integral role in our Liturgical Services by enhancing the visual and symbolic aspects of the service, reminding all of us of the presence of Christ and the call to service. Serving at the Lord's Table in this way has been a fruitful beginning to the faith-life of hundreds of Acolytes. Any and all Fourth Graders to Twelfth Graders who wish to join the Acolyte Team should notify the Church Office, or Bob Kleisch (rkleisch@aol.com), of their interest.

Working at Saint Luke Academy Might Be for You!

Saint Luke Academy is looking for a multi-talented person to work 20-30 hours per week in the Academy Office. People skills, ability to manage school information systems, and some skill at working on websites are needed, plus a love of working with young children. For more details, contact Academy Principal Chris Comella, ccomella@stlukechicago.org.

The Chicagoland Lutheran Education Foundation (CLEF) is seeking an admissions and marketing coordinator for 15 hours per week at Saint Luke Academy. Responsibilities include communicating with prospective Academy families, tracking enrollment, encouraging retention, and getting the good word out to the community about Saint Luke Academy. If interested, contact Amanda Hays at CLEF: amandahays@clefchicago.org.

Summer Camp at Saint Luke Academy is FUN!

Week 3 of SLA Summer Camp has seen our campers playing T-Ball, soccer, basketball, and a variety of games, including a trip to Timber Lanes for a bowling adventure! Some spots are still available for Weeks 4-6. Contact Academy Principal Chris Comella: ccomella@stlukechicago.org if you would like to join the fun.