



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.

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 Lectionary 26



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September 26, 2021
Sundays after Pentecost-Lectionary 26

PRAYER CONNECTION AND REFLECTION

Time to reflect and pray individually as you prepare for worship

THE PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Generous God, your Son gave his life that we might come to peace with you. Give us a share of your Spirit, and in all we do empower us to bear the name of 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:

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| <i>Scott Jurkas</i> | <i>Abigail Zhang</i> | <i>Patricia Grunde</i> | <i>Janet Hagberg</i> | <i>Eva Scheffler</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>Alex Rose</i> | <i>Donna Jitchotvisut</i> |
| <i>Logan Berdacker</i> | <i>Debbie Clark</i> | <i>Mariam Usmani</i> | <i>Dan Norton</i> | |

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

FOR JUSTICE AND PEACE

Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may move every human heart; that the barriers dividing us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; and that, with our divisions healed, we might live in justice and peace; through your Son, Jesus Christ our 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

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 despite our ignorance and weakness. Give us the knowledge that we may continue to pray with understanding hearts. And show us what each one of us can do to set forward the coming of the day of universal peace. Amen

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

TIME AFTR PENTECOST – LECTIONARY 26
SEPTEMBER 26, 2021 • 9:30 AM

GATHERING

Sit Prelude: “Interlude in G”

Eric Thiman

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

Come, Ye Disconsolate

Come ye disconsolate, where'er ye languish;
come to the mercy seat, fervently kneel.
Here bring your wounded hearts, here tell your anguish;
earth has no sorrow that heav'n cannot heal.

Joy of the desolate, light of the straying,
hope of the penitent, fadeless and pure;
here speaks the Comforter, tenderly saying,
"Earth has no sorrow that heav'n cannot cure."

Here see the Bread of life; see waters flowing
forth from the throne of God, pure from above.
Come to the feast of love; come, ever knowing
earth has no sorrow but heav'n can remove.

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

WORD _____

Sit First Reading Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29
The reading concludes: The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 119:7-14

The teaching of the Lord is perfect and re-^lvives the soul;
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom^l to the simple.
The statutes of the Lord are just and re-^ljoice the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light^l to the eyes.
**The fear of the Lord is clean and en-^ldures forever;
the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous^l altogether.
More to be desired are they than gold, more than^l much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey^l in the comb.**

By them also is your ser-^lvant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is^l great reward.
Who can detect one's^l own offenses?
Cleanse me from my^l secret faults.
**Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get
dominion^l over me;
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a^l great offense.
Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be
acceptable^l in your sight,
O Lord, my strength and^l my redeemer.**

Second Reading

James 5:13-20

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 9th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

+ SAINT MARK 9:38-50 +

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit Sermon

Stand Hymn of the Day

Come Down, O Love Divine

Come down, O Love divine; seek thou this soul of mine
and visit it with thine own ardor glowing;
O Comforter, draw near; within my heart appear
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

Oh, let it freely burn, till worldly passions turn
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
and let thy glorious light shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

Let holy charity mine outward vesture be,
and lowliness become mine inner clothing –
true lowliness of heart, which takes the humbler part,
and o'er its own short comings weeps with loathing.

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.

MEAL

Sit Gathering of the Gifts

Offering for the Congregation

Anthem: "Love Divine"

Eric Thiman

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n to earth come down!
Fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation, enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Come, Almighty, to deliver; let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never, never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation, pure and spotless let us be;
 let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee!
 Changed from glory into glory, till in heav'n we take our place,
 till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise!

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 There Is a Balm in Gilead
Refrain: There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole; there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.

Sometimes I feel discouraged and think my work's in vain,
 but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again. *Refrain*

If you cannot preach like Peter, if you cannot pray like Paul,
 you can tell the love of Jesus and say, "He died for all" *Refrain*

Don't ever be discouraged, for Jesus is your friend;
 and if you lack for knowledge, he'll ne'er refuse to lend. *Refrain*

SENDING

Stand Table Blessing

Prayer after Communion

Blessing

Prayer for Peace

Recession

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude: “We are consumed by your anger” (Psalm 90)

Lester Groom

Stephen Bouman, *Presiding Minister*

Terry Duchow, *Assisting Minister*

Maia Surace, *Cantor*

Don Mead, *Organist*

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

September 26, 2021



Today

Sundays after Pentecost – Lectionary 26

The color green in the worship environment and the colors on the altar indicate our participation in the Church’s “season of growth.” On the altar, colors mirroring nature’s growing season are slowly reaching across the green frontal. The strips, added weekly, will eventually form a cross that enfolds the entire space with hues of the growing season. We, the baptized congregation, are like these diverse strips: growing together we form the Body of Christ—one body composed of many diverse members.

Introduction to the Day

Someone is casting out demons in Jesus’ name who isn’t part of Jesus’ own circle, and the disciples want him stopped. They appeal to Jesus, as Joshua did to Moses about the elders who prophesied without official authorization. Like Moses, Jesus refuses to see this as a threat. Jesus welcomes good being done in his name, even when it is not under his control. The circle we form around Jesus’ word must be able to value good being done in ways we wouldn’t do it, by people we can’t keep tabs on.

Voters Meeting

There will be a meeting of the **Voters Assembly** in Church **TODAY** immediately following the 9:30 a.m. service. Please plan to attend this important meeting for the business of the church.

Education for Saint Luke

Confirmation Class – There’s still time to sign-up

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.

Education Hour

Sunday School begins today!

Bible Class continues!

Education Time will be from 8:30 – 9:15 a.m.

- Sunday School will meet in Room 102 (First floor of school, to the left)
- Bible Class will meet in the Church Lobby

Bible Class will also continue meeting virtually on Thursdays at noon.

Bible Class

Bible Class **will continue** to meet on Thursdays virtually. The next session is September 30, 2021 at 12:00 p.m. Please join the group to discuss the lessons and Gospel for the Anniversary of Church Dedication.

The lessons are: *1 Kings 8:22-30, 1 Peter 2:1-9, Saint John 10:22-30*

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

Coffee Hour

Please come to the church lobby after the Voters Meeting for Coffee Hour. 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.

Coffee Hour Thoughts

Coffee Hour – in-person and online- has been a little difficult. However, both methods of Coffee Hour continue to be very important! One suggestion is to host a coffee hour during the week (perhaps as a "coffee break" around 10 am on a weekday). Please let Elisabeth know your thoughts on Coffee Hour and how to continue the online portion (estampfl@stlukechicago.org or 773.472.3383).

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.

Crop Walk/Picnic October 17

New this year--a combined fundraising and social event for the Lakeview Lutheran Parish.

The CROP Walk will be in our own neighborhood, beginning and ending in Lakeview Lutheran's parking lot. We'll walk a route through Lakeview that includes seeing all four churches. After the walk there will be a picnic for everyone to enjoy. For those who want to attend the picnic, but are unable to walk there will be hunger related service and learning opportunities to engage in while the walk is taking place.

Save the date now, October 17, 11:30-1:30 p.m. To register for the CROP WALK please go to our LLP team page: <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2021/team/lakeview-lutheran-parish>. Registering, raising money and walking is a great way to END HUNGER NOW and teens can use this as service hours if needed for school (hint hint).

If you have any questions or want to volunteer please contact Pastor Sevig msevig@htchicago.org

Caring and Sharing

During the month of October our Monthly Gifts Program collects **personal hygiene items** such as disposable razors, shaving cream, toothbrushes, toothpaste and hand lotion. These items will be given to the Lake View Emergency Shelter for use by their homeless guests. Please place your donations in the collection container in the church lobby.

Lutheran Disaster Response

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Give now for Disaster Relief

Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress, to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress" (Psalm 71:3).

Lutheran Disaster Response brings God's hope, healing and renewal to people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the United States and around the world. When the dust settles and the headlines change, they stay to provide ongoing assistance to those in need.

We pray that God's presence will be felt in the midst of suffering and bring comfort to those who are hurting. Together, we show our neighbors that they are not alone.

Ways to Give

Checks or money orders can be sent to:

Lutheran Disaster Response

**P.O. Box 1809
Merrifield, VA 22116-8009**

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

THIS WEEK *at* Saint Luke Church

SUNDAY, September 26, 2021

Sunday School 8:30 a.m.
Bible Class 8:30 a.m.
Holy Communion 9:30 a.m.
Voters Meeting 10:30 a.m.
Coffee Hour Link: <https://bit.ly/3pbTyFE>

Room 102 (School first floor)
Church Lobby
Church
Church
In-Person and via Zoom

MONDAY - FRIDAY, September 27 – October 1, 2021

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

4th Floor Classroom
4th Floor Classroom

WEDNESDAY, September 29, 2021

Administrative Staff Meeting 12:00 p.m.

Memorial Hall

THURSDAY, September 30, 2021

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

via Zoom

SUNDAY, October 3, 2021

Sunday School 8:30 a.m.
Bible Class 8:30 a.m.
Festival Eucharist 9:30 a.m.
IT Campaign Kick-Off 10:30 a.m.

Room 102 (School first floor)
Church Lobby
Church
Memorial Hall

**2021 CAPITAL CAMPAIGN
KICK-OFF EVENT**
and celebration of the anniversary of the
dedication of our church building with a
Champagne Toast

JOIN US
SUNDAY, OCT 3
FOLLOWING
9:30 A.M. WORSHIP
SAINT LUKE CHURCH ATRIUM

Celebrate our legacy. Build our future.

2021 Capital Campaign will provide the resources necessary to
upgrade and strengthen our current technology and ensure a
seamless connection to our local and global community.

RSVP info@stlukechicago.org

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Giving to Saint Luke

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.