



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.

Please enter the church using the Courtyard entrance.

Out of an abundance of caution everyone is required to wear a mask in the church and during the service.

Everyone must sign in and have their temperature taken, which will not be recorded. Please go right to your seat after you have signed in.

There will be no singing by the congregation and responses and prayers should be spoken quietly.

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.

Following the service an usher will dismiss you from your seat. Please exit immediately. Pastor will greet people in the courtyard, weather permitting.

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 2020

8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.



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November 15, 2020

Time after Pentecost – Lectionary 33

PRAYER CONNECTION AND REFLECTION

Time to reflect and pray individually as you prepare for worship

THE PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through 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>Eve Scheffler</i>	<i>Maryann Palermo</i>	<i>Peter Burkhart</i>	<i>Danny Horth</i>	<i>Steve Mead</i>
<i>Patricia Grunde</i>	<i>Janet Hagberg</i>	<i>Christian Long</i>	<i>David Horne</i>	<i>Dale Peters</i>
<i>Shauna Stiglich</i>	<i>Jan Nyberg</i>	<i>John Horth</i>	<i>Amyyah Robinson</i>	<i>Rosie Diaz</i>
<i>MaryJo McCawley</i>	<i>Neva Geweke</i>	<i>Michael Holman</i>	<i>Linda Planekowsky</i>	<i>Dan Horton</i>
<i>David Ploger</i>	<i>Laurie Strohmayer</i>	<i>Donna Karaklasch</i>	<i>Mark Van Scharrel</i>	<i>Martha Kastigar</i>
<i>Rosemarie Morgen</i>	<i>Albester Hall Jones</i>			

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

PRAYER DURING A PANDEMIC

As the coronavirus affects our world, we invite you into our hearts, Lord - hearts that have so much on them right now. Amidst our fear, confusion, and, uncertainty we invite you in, Lord. May we be given a peace and understanding of all that is happening. May we act with humility to preserve our own safety and health, but, also, to look beyond ourselves and think of how our actions will affect others. Open our ears to hear your voice in these troubled times. 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 no longer leads people 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 AFTER PENTECOST – LECTIONARY 33

NOVEMBER 15, 2020

8:30 A.M. & 10:30 A.M.

GATHERING

Sit Prelude: Pastorale

J.S. Bach

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**

Sit Hymn Oh, Happy Day When We Shall Stand

Oh, happy day when we shall stand amid the heav'nly throng;
And sing with hosts from ev'ry land the new celestial song,
The new celestial song.
O Lord, your grace is ev'rything; your love has made us free to stand
among the saints and sing the glory that we see,
The glory that we see.

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

First Reading Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

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

Silence

Psalm 90:1-12

Lord, you have been our refuge
from one generation to another.
Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the earth were born,
from age to age you are God.
You turn us back to the dust and say,
"Turn back, O children of earth."

For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when ¹ it is past
and like a watch in the night;
you sweep them away like a dream,
they fade away suddenly like the grass:
in the morning it is green and flourishes;
in the evening it is dried up and withered.
For we are consumed by your anger;
we are afraid because of your wrath.
Our iniquities you have set before you,
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.
When you are angry, all our days are gone;
we bring our years to an end like a sigh.
The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength even eighty;
yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow,
for they pass away quickly and we are gone.
Who regards the power of your wrath?
Who rightly fears your indignation?
So teach us to number our days
that we may apply our ¹ hearts to wisdom.

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

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

Silence

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 Matthew, the 25th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

✠ SAINT MATTHEW 25:14-30 ✠

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sit Sermon

Silence

Hymn of the Day Light Dawns on a Weary World
Light dawns on a weary world when eyes begin to see all people’s dignity.
Light dawns on a weary world: the promised day of justice comes.

Refrain
The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs; the hills and mountains shall break forth with singing! We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace, as all the world in wonder echoes shalom.

Hope blooms in a weary world when creatures, once forlorn, find wilderness reborn. Hope blooms in a weary world: the promised green of Eden comes.
Refrain

Stand Apostle’s 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,
and the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Sit Prayers of Intercession
After each petition: Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Stand Sharing of the Peace
The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.
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MEAL

Sit Meditation on God’s Grace: “Christ, Be Our Light”
Longing for light, we wait in darkness, Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.

Refrain
Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness. Christ be our light! Shine in your church, gathered today.

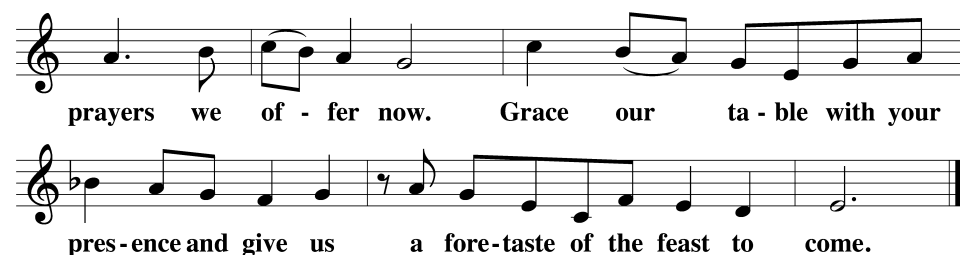
Longing for peace, our world is troubled, Longing for hope many despair. Your word alone has pow’r to save us. Make us your living voice. *Refrain*

Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong. Let us be servants to one another, signs of your kingdom come. *Refrain*

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



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

Communion will be through use of the bread only. The pastor will consecrate a chalice of wine and enough wafers to serve those at worship and those who will receive the consecrated bread during the week. Ushers will lead us to the altar, socially distanced, to receive the sacrament. We will receive and consume the bread from a paten by a communion assistant wearing gloves and saying: "The Body of Christ for you." Then stop by the chalice, bow and hear the pastor say: "The Blood of Christ for you."

Communion Hymn

For the Fruit of All Creation

For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.

For these gifts to ev'ry nation, thanks be to God.

For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,

Future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.

For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.

For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.

For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us,

Most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

SENDING

Stand Table Blessing

Prayer after Communion

Blessing

Prayer for Peace

Recession

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Improvisation on "Lord of Glory You Have Brought Us"

Please remain seated until an usher dismisses you.

You may place your offering in the box provided at the entrance to the church by the courtyard.

Stephen Bouman, *Presiding Minister*
Dennis Grabowski, *Assisting Minister*
Lucy Baker, *Cantor*

Linda Strohmayer, 8:30 a.m. *Lector*
Robert Kleisch, 10:30 a.m. *Lector*
Don Mead, *Organist*

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

November 15, 2020



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Introduction to the Day

Our readings during November speak of the end times. Zephaniah proclaims that the coming day of the Lord will be filled with wrath and distress. Paul says it will come like a thief in the night and urges us to be awake and sober. Jesus tells the parable of the talents, calling us to use our gifts, while we still have time, for the greater and common good. In a world filled with violence and despair, we gather around signs of hope – word, water, bread and wine – eager to welcome the good news of Christ’s coming among us.

Today

This morning, the “growing season” we have been watching on the altar all summer and fall has finally been completed. The altar hues now comprise the full spectrum of humanity—all nations, ages, races, times, and places. We are in our yearly “end-time,” a season in which we reflect on transitions and transformations, endings and beginnings. We will focus on Christ’s promised return and the new life that awaits his saints. We are reminded that we are all God’s harvest, the saints on earth and the saints above, in the mystical union of the body of Christ.

Sunday Services

Beginning Monday, November 16, at 6:00 a.m. the city of Chicago has issued a “stay at home” advisory, limiting gatherings to only 10 people, including worship services. Saint Luke will suspend in person services while the advisory is in place. Services will be streamed online beginning Sunday, November 22, and also includes the Thanksgiving Service on November 26, 2020. Please pray for our country and the world as we fight this pandemic.

Next Week

The Voters Assembly meeting, scheduled for next Sunday, November 22, 2020 has been cancelled.

Mobile or Text Giving

Supporting Saint Luke Ministries is just a click away. We offer convenient **online giving**, so you never have to worry about leaving your cash or checkbook at home. You can make a one-time contribution or set up recurring gifts – a great option for members who travel. Get started by visiting our online donation page at www.stlukechicago.org.

You can also text your donation! Simply send a **text message to 833.988.0613** with the amount you would like to contribute.

Commitment Sunday Today

Today the congregation will have the opportunity to make **Commitments for 2021**. Stewardship of time, talent and money is very important, and you will discover great satisfaction when you join with other members of Saint Luke to advance the work of the Lord in this place. Commitment forms are included in the bulletin. Be prepared to make your commitment for the Lord’s work. **Please put your commitment card in the offering box in the side narthex.**



Caring and Sharing

During November we invite Saint Luke members to bring **canned goods** for sharing through our own emergency pantry and the LakeView Pantry. You may put your canned goods in the alcove at the front of the church.

Winter Warmth

November is the month for the annual coat drive in which we collect used, **warm, winter coats** for distribution to the homeless. Coats for men, women, and children will be distributed through the New Hope Community Closet. Bring your old coats to the collection barrel in the Church.

St. Luke Evening Tea!

St. Luke Evening Tea will meet tonight at 6:00 p.m. You're invited! The link for "**St. Luke Evening Tea**" can be found on the website at stlukechicago.org. Click on "Evening Tea" or enter the following URL into your browser: Join Zoom Meeting: <https://bit.ly/2IxEzGw>
Passcode: saintluke See you this evening!

Thanksgiving Worship

The worship service for Thanksgiving, November 26, 2020 will be online only. The service will be available at www.stlukechicago.org, premiering at 10:00 a.m.

Add canned goods to your thanks! Leave your non-perishable donations to Saint Luke's food pantry at the foot of the Christ figure in the back of the church.



Bible Class

Bible Class is continuing virtually and will meet this week on **Thursday, November 19 at 12 p.m.** Bring your lunch and join Pastor Bouman to discuss the lessons and Gospel for Christ the King Sunday.

The lessons are: *Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24, Ephesians 1:15-23, St. Matthew 25:31-46.*

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Passcode: saintluke.

The Freedom of a Christian

Amid the pandemic of COVID-19 and the ongoing pandemic of racism and xenophobia, our communities and world are ravaged by illness, death and injustice. We are tempted to turn inward in despair. Five hundred years ago, Martin Luther wrote a treatise titled ***The Freedom of a Christian***. In it, he offered his most compelling summary of the Christian life: In Christ we are completely free and at the same time completely bound in love and service to our neighbors. The Lakeview Lutheran Parish (LLP) is sponsoring a study of *The Freedom of the Christian* on Wednesday mornings 10:00 – 11:00 am continuing November 11. Join via zoom: <https://bit.ly/3luyyJm>. Meeting ID: 987 432 464. Password: 029091.
Call-in: 312.626.6799.

Watch a brief video from Bishop Eaton, download the study guide and a free copy of the *Freedom of the Christian* at elca500.org.



This **Thursday, November 19 at 7:00 p.m.** the Lakeview Lutheran Parish will have a Zoom meeting "They Are Us: Lutherans and Immigration". Immigration is in the spiritual DNA of Lutherans in the United States and in Lakeview. Yet this may be the harshest public climate for immigrants, asylum seekers, refugees, economic migrants that we have experienced in a long time. Through "Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Resource and Opportunities" and the declaration of the ELCA as a "Sanctuary: church body, we are making an important witness in our mission and advocacy. Pastor Stephen Bouman and Ralston Deffenbaugh (former director of Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services) have written a second edition of "They Are Us: Lutherans and Immigration," which is being released this fall by Augsburg Fortress. Pastor Bouman will convene this 3rd Thursday Conversation which will include an update on this issue as well as a panel of members of our congregations who are involved in these issues.

Join this conversation: <https://bit.ly/35slq1A>. Meeting ID: 440 750 769, Passcode: 40206



Next Sunday, November 22 from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. Four Lutheran (ELCA) congregations in Lakeview (Holy Trinity, LakeView, Resurrection, and Saint Luke) invite you to join us for a festive Thanksgiving Gathering. We will sing hymns, pray together, and hear sacred and seasonal readings.

Join via Zoom: <https://bit.ly/36Cv4Oy>