



SAINT LUKE CHURCH

Welcome

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.

All baptized Christians are welcome at the Lord's table. We all need what only Christ can give.

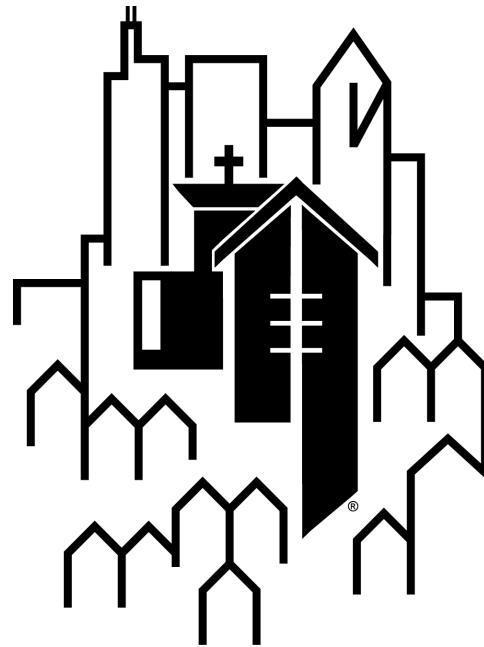
For your convenience, there are *large print copies* of the Sunday bulletin and *individual sound enhancement devices*.

Wheelchair accessible entrances are located on Greenview Avenue and Belmont 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.

Free parking is available in the parking garage behind the church. Enter from Melrose Street (one block north of Belmont).

Please let the ushers know if there is anything else they can do to assist your worship experience.



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Sunday, September 25, 2022
Time after Pentecost – Lectionary 26

PRAYER CONNECTION AND REFLECTION

Time to reflect and pray individually as you prepare for worship

THE PRAYER FOR THE DAY

O God, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, 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>Scott Jurkas</i>	<i>Abigail Zhang</i>	<i>Patricia Grunde</i>	<i>Eva Scheffler</i>	<i>Christian Long</i>
<i>Marina Kostina</i>	<i>Judith Hoyer</i>	<i>Margaret Spolec</i>	<i>Calvin Clements</i>	<i>Tammy Crisman</i>
<i>Anita Fuchs</i>	<i>Laurie Strohmayer</i>	<i>Debbie Dilauro</i>	<i>Mark Van Scharrel</i>	<i>Sally Usmani</i>
<i>Julie Reilly</i>	<i>Marvel DeLaCruz</i>	<i>Alison Long</i>	<i>William Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>Lisa Schneider</i>
<i>Janet Bouman</i>	<i>Rosemarie Morgen</i>	<i>Jennifer Moreno</i>	<i>Jeanette Geweke</i>	<i>Alex Rose</i>
<i>Vernon Sarasin</i>	<i>Family of Marley Robinson</i>			

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

CREATION'S PRAISE

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* *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

Show us your mercy, O Lord; And grant us your salvation. Clothe your ministers with righteousness; Let your people sing with joy. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world; For only in you can we live in safety. Lord, keep this nation under your care; And guide us in the way of justice and truth. Let your way be known upon earth; Your saving health among all nations. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten; Nor the hope of the poor be taken away. Create in us clean hearts, O God; And sustain us by your Holy Spirit. Amen.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

TIME AFTER PENTECOST -- LECTIONARY 26

THE BLESSING OF ANIMALS

9:30 AM

GATHERING

Sit Prelude: "Adagio e dolce"

J.S. Bach

Welcome

Stand Entrance Hymn #835

All Creatures, Worship God Most High

Please turn and 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

Let us pray. Most high, omnipotent good Lord, grant your people grace to renounce gladly the vanities of this world; that, following the way of blessed Francis, we may for love of you delight in your whole creation with perfectness of joy. O God, you have made us and all living things. You are even more wonderful than what you have made. We thank you for giving us these pets who bring us joy. As you take care of us, so also we ask your help that we might take care of those who trust us to look after them. By doing this, we share in your own love for all creation. We ask this in Jesus' name.

Amen

Sit BLESSING OF ANIMALS

The animals of God's creation inhabit the skies, the earth, and the sea. They share in the fortunes of human existence and have a part in human life. God, who confers his gifts on all living things, has often used the service of animals or made them symbolic reminders of the gifts of salvation.

Animals were saved from the flood and afterwards made a part of the covenant with Noah. The paschal lamb brings to mind the Passover sacrifice and the deliverance from the bondage of Egypt; a giant fish saved Jonah; ravens brought bread to Elijah; animals were included in the repentance enjoined on humans. And animals share in Christ's redemption of all of God's creation.

We therefore invoke the divine blessing on these animals. As we do so, let us praise the Creator and thank God for setting us over other creatures of the earth. Let us also ask God that, remembering our human dignity, we may walk always in God's law.

May God bless us and all pets and companion animals in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Hymn

All Things Bright and Beautiful

The congregation sings the hymn continuously while the animals are blessed.

Refrain



All things bright and beau - ti - ful, all crea - tures great and small,
all things wise and won - der - ful, the Lord God made them all.

1 Each lit - tle flow'r that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,
2 The pur - ple-head - ed moun - tains, the riv - er run - ning by,
3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas - ant sum - mer sun,
4 God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell

Refrain

God made their glow - ing col - ors, God made their ti - ny wings.
the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright - ens up the sky.
the ripe fruits in the gar - den, God made them ev - 'ry one.
how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well.

Let us pray.

Most high, almighty Lord, our creator, you are the praise, the glory, the honor and all blessings. To you alone do all things belong. Be praised for giving us the animals, birds and fish which fill your world. May we think of you and thank you when we play with and care for our pets. Be praised for making us so happy to have our pets and to have them to play with. We ask you, Lord, that we may be good to our pets always, so that they may be happy also. Help us always to take care of them so that they will be healthy. O God, your world is wonderful. May we all come into your even greater world of the kingdom of heaven where we shall see even more wonderful things and where we shall live and love forever. This we ask to your eternal praise, and to our blessing. **Amen.**

WORD _____

First Reading

Amos 6:1a, 4-7

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

Psalm Anthem "Make Joyful Noise"

Apple Crisol

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord all the earth, make a joyful noise unto the Lord.
Make a loud noise, and rejoice sing praises, make a joyful noise unto the Lord.

Second Reading

1 Timothy 6:6-19

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



Stand HOLY GOSPEL

Please turn to face the cross as the procession moves to the center of the church. The congregation sings:



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 St. Luke the 16th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

✠ SAINT LUKE 16:19-31 ✠

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit Sermon

Stand Hymn of the Day #879 For the Beauty of the Earth

Kneel Prayers of Intercession
After each petition: Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

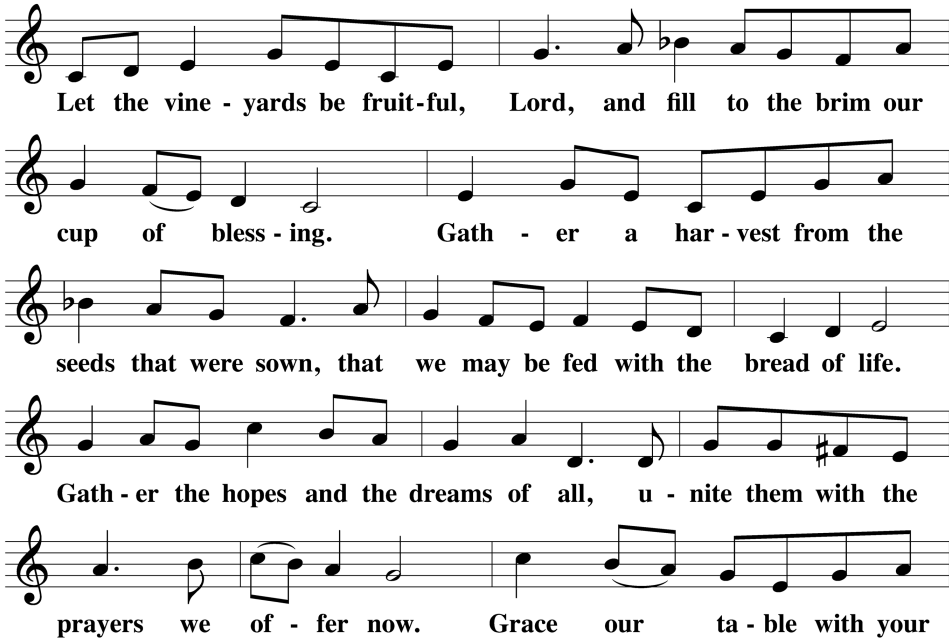
Stand Sharing of the Peace
The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.
The congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

MEAL

Sit Gathering of the Gifts Offering for the Congregation

Antem “The eyes of all, wait upon Thee” Jean Berger
The eyes of all, wait upon Thee, for Thou givest them their meat in due season.
Thou openest Thy hand and satisfieth the desires of every living thing.

Stand Offertory Hymn Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful, Lord



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.

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

September 25, 2022



SENDING _____

Stand Table Blessing

Prayer after Communion

Blessing

Prayer for Peace

Recession

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude: “Allabreve”

J.S. Bach

Stephen Bouman, *Presiding Minister*
 Timothy Colón-Geistlinger, *Assisting Minister*
 Children of Saint Luke Academy, *Lectors*
 Maia Surace, *Cantor*
 Don Mead, *Organist and Choir Director*

Today

Sundays after Pentecost – Pet Blessing

This morning we mark the Day of St. Francis with a rite for the blessing of companion animals. St. Francis is the patron saint of animals. As we honor his memory through the animals that enrich our lives, we give thanks to God for the blessings of all creation and pray that we may be good stewards of the created realm with which God has entrusted us.

The color green in the worship environment and the colors on the altar indicate our participation in the Church’s “season of growth.” Each week this “growing section” expands, its colors mirroring the greens of the season. As the strips spread over the altar, they will form a cross that will ultimately enfold the entire space and include 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

Consideration of and care for those in need (especially those “at our gate,” visible to us, of whom we are aware) is an essential component of good stewardship. It is in the sharing of wealth that we avoid the snare of wealth. It is the one whom death could not hold—who comes to us risen from the dead—who can free us from the death grip of greed.

Today at Saint Luke Voters’ Meeting

There will be a meeting of the Voters Assembly this morning immediately following the 9:30 a.m. service in the church. The meeting will also be live-streamed. Please use this link:

<https://bit.ly/3BUQyXY>

Sunday School and Bible Class

Sunday School for children 3 and up meets in the Taste of PreSchool classroom (Room 101) on the first floor at 8:30 a.m.

Bible Class meets this morning at 8:30 a.m. in Founders Hall. The group is continuing a study of the book of Acts. All are welcome.

Welcome

Please welcome Eric Beck to the staff at Saint Luke. Eric will be the evening custodian cleaning the school and opening the building for guests. Welcome, Eric, we’re glad to have you here!

Congratulations

Congratulations to Lucy Baker (our former Cantor). Lucy, currently a student at the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia, PA, will be joining the Ryan Opera Center Ensemble for their 2023-2024 season. It will be great to have her back in Chicago.

Many Thanks

Last Sunday was a busy day at Saint Luke.

- Gardeners were deployed to the gardens of Saint Luke and Greenview Place to weed and clean-up in preparation of the Fall and Winter seasons.
- Acolytes came early to practice for Holy Cross Day and stayed after church for their first training session with Timothy Colón-Geistlinger.

Many thanks to both these groups for their dedication and care of Saint Luke.



October Worship A Red Letter Month of Special Events October 2- Celebration

Next **Sunday, October 2**, Saint Luke will mark the 62nd anniversary of the dedication of the current church building with thanksgiving for our past blessings and commitment to service in the future.

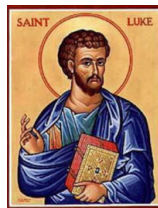
The congregation will also honor the young people who serve in worship as acolytes.

The Festival Eucharist at 9:30 a.m. will be followed by a gallery opening and reception celebrating the anniversary and honoring the acolytes in Founders Hall. Please plan to attend!

October 16 – Saint Luke Day

On **Sunday, October 16**, the congregation will mark the *Day of Saint Luke*. Saint Luke was an evangelist, the writer of the Gospel that bears his name and a physician.

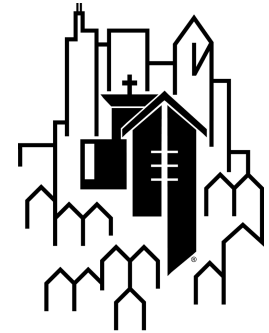
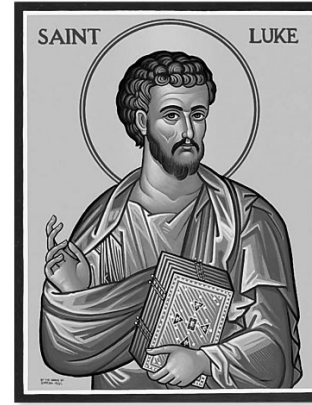
Members and friends are asked to submit the names of their health care providers, caregivers and those individuals who follow in the footsteps of our patron saint to be remembered by name in the prayers at the service on that day.



October 30 - Reformation

On **Sunday, October 30** the congregation celebrates the anniversary of the beginning of the movement that would result in the Reformation of the Church. The children of Saint Luke Academy will participate at the 9:30 AM festival service.

SAINT LUKE MONTH Celebrating the Healing Ministries



In October Saint Luke is honored as Physician and Evangelist and remembered by many as the “Dear and Glorious Physician.” When we remember Saint Luke the Physician, we celebrate the many facets of the Church’s ministry of healing and remember especially the work of health professionals amongst our Saint Luke family.

On **Sunday, October 16**, in our regular Sunday morning service, we will commemorate the Day of Saint Luke by remembering *by name* those in the *healing professions*—doctors, nurses, technicians, caregivers and all others whose love and care encourage healing. If you would like a special health professional remembered in the prayers on this day, please fill out his/her name and return the form to the church office.

Name of Health

Care Professional _____

Address _____

Your
Name _____

Phone
Number _____

THIS WEEK *at Saint Luke Church*



SUNDAY, September 25, 2022 – Pet Blessing

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

Room 101 – First Floor
Founders Hall
Church
Church

MONDAY-FRIDAY, September 26-30, 2022

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
4th Floor

TUESDAY, September 27, 2022

BookBugs 10:00 a.m.
Coffee Break 6:30 p.m. Link: <https://bit.ly/3Pye5l4>

Room 101
via Zoom

WEDNESDAY, September 28, 2022

Worship Service 9:00 a.m.
Administrative Staff Meeting 12:00 p.m.
Academy Faculty Meeting 3:30 p.m.
Yoga Group 6:00 p.m.

Church
Church Office
School Office
Gym

THURSDAY, September 29, 2022

Time for Two Tots Class 9:00 a.m.
Bible Class 12:00 p.m. Link: <https://bit.ly/39AbHrQ>

Room 101 – First Floor
via Zoom

GRANDPERSON’S DAY - FRIDAY, September 30, 2022

Grandperson’s Day 9:00 a.m.
Grandperson’s Day 10:00 a.m.

Church
Memorial Hall

BUILDING ANNIVERSARY - SUNDAY, October 2, 2022

Sunday School 8:30 a.m.
Bible Class 8:30 a.m.
Holy Communion 9:30 a.m.
Gallery Opening and Reception 10:30 a.m.

Room 101 – First Floor
Memorial Hall
Church
Founders Hall