

Saint Luke Lutheran Church



**Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
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**The Reverend James Lockley
Guest Pastor**

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Altar Flowers are Dedicated to the Glory of God
By Rudy Voit in memory of his best friend and travel buddy, Arthur Trinks

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

Three weeks ago we heard Peter's confession of faith as told in John's gospel. This week we hear Mark's version, when Peter says, "You are the Messiah." In John, the stumbling block is Jesus' invitation to eat his flesh, given for the life of the world. In Mark too the scandal has to do with Jesus' words about his own coming death, and here Peter himself stumbles over Jesus' words. But Jesus is anointed (the meaning of *messiah*) in Mark only on the way to the cross (14:3); so we are anointed in baptism with the sign of the cross.

WELCOME

PRELUDE

"Immortal, Invisible" (St. Denio), Welsh melody, arr. Matt Limbaugh.

Bud Esper, organ.

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Congregation stands

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C **Amen.**

P 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.

C **Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Gracious God,

C **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we**

have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”, #834

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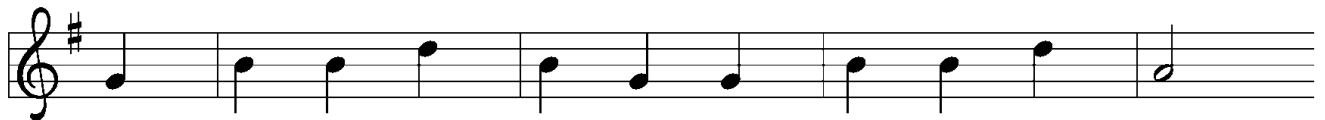
Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise



1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light;



in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;



most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
 we blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
 all laud we would ren - der; oh, help us to see



al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise!
 thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

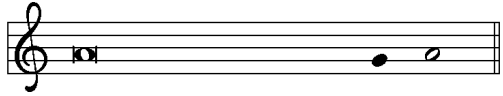
GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

KYRIE

Cantor led



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



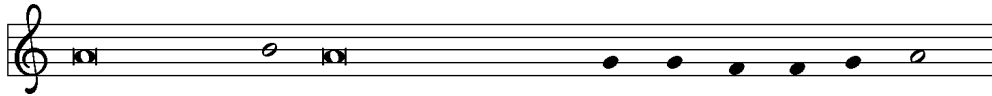
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.

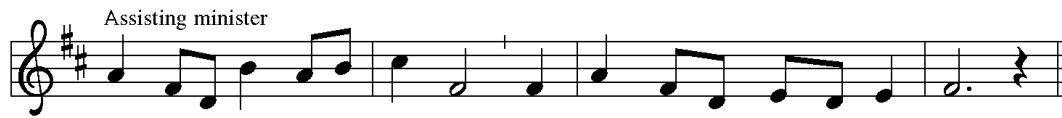


Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE "Gloria"

Cantor led

Assisting minister



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

WA Let us pray.

C **O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, And by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.

Congregation sits

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50: 4—9a

L ⁴The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens— wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. ⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. ⁶I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

⁷The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; ⁸he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. ^{9a}It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 116: 1—9 (to be spoken responsively)

L ¹I love the LORD, who has heard my voice, and listened to my supplication,

C ²**for the LORD has given ear to me whenever I called.**

L ³The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave came upon me; I came to grief and sorrow.

C ⁴**Then I called upon the name of the LORD: “O LORD, I pray you, save my life.”**

L ⁵Gracious is the LORD and righteous; our God is full of compassion.

C ⁶**The LORD watches over the innocent; I was brought low, and God saved me.**

L ⁷Turn again to your rest, O my soul, for the LORD has dealt well with you.

C ⁸**For you have rescued my life from death, my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling;**

L ⁹I will walk in the presence of the LORD in the land of the living.

SECOND READING: James 3: 1—12

L ¹Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ²For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. ⁴Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. ⁷For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, ⁸but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. ¹¹Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? ¹²Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Congregation stands

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: Mark 8: 27—38

P The Holy Gospel according to St Mark.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

P ²⁷Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” ²⁸And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” ²⁹He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” ³⁰And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

³¹Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful

generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

P The gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Congregation sits

+ **SERMON** + **PASTOR JAMES LOCKLEY** +

Silence for meditation

Please remain seated for Hymn of the Day

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Shine, Jesus, Shine”, #671

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Refrain



Shine, Je - sus, shine, fill this land with the Fa - ther's glo - ry;



blaze, Spir - it, blaze, set our hearts on fire.



Flow, riv - er, flow, flood the na - tions with grace and mer - cy;



send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!



1 Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing, in the midst of the
2 As we gaze on your king - ly bright-ness, so our fac - es dis -



dark - ness, shin - ing; Je - sus, light of the world, shine up - on us,
play your like - ness, ev - er chang - ing from glo - ry to glo - ry,



set us free by the truth you now bring us.
mir - rored here, may our lives tell your sto - ry.



Shine on me, shine on me:
Shine on me, shine on me:

Refrain

Congregation stands

APOSTLES' CREED

WA Let us confess the faith of the church.

C 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 into hell. 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

P Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

WA Revealing God, you have made yourself known through bread and wine, water and word. Continue to nurture your church, that it is a place where your presence is experienced and shared. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

WA Creating God, you brought life into being and called it good. Bring new creation to lands devastated by tornadoes, hurricanes, floods, fires, and other disasters (*recent destructive events may be named here*). Restore forests and curb overflowing waters. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

WA Protecting God, you desire all people to live in peace and safety. Provide for all who are in danger. Strengthen first responders to help meet to the complex needs of others. Provide care and compassion as they face trauma themselves. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

WA Transforming God, you announce release to the captives and freedom to the oppressed. Break chains of discrimination and injustice. Amplify voices that go unheard and inspire us to advocate for the those who are overlooked. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

WA Forming God, you gather this community together. Shape our communal life, that in our prayer, praise, and worship, we honor you and encourage one another. Keep our disagreements civil and increase our joy in working together. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

WA Redeeming God, you accompany your people through every stage of life. We give you thanks for the saints who now rest in your embrace (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

SHARE THE PEACE OF THE LORD



Without shaking hands, share the universal sign of peace with your neighbors.

Congregation sits

OFFERTORY

CHOIR ANTHEM

“Walk Worthy”, Joseph Martin

St Luke Voice Choir

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Congregation stands

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Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and common time. The melody consists of quarter and half notes. The lyrics are: "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost."

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all
crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711

Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561

OFFERING PRAYER

P Let us pray.

C **Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

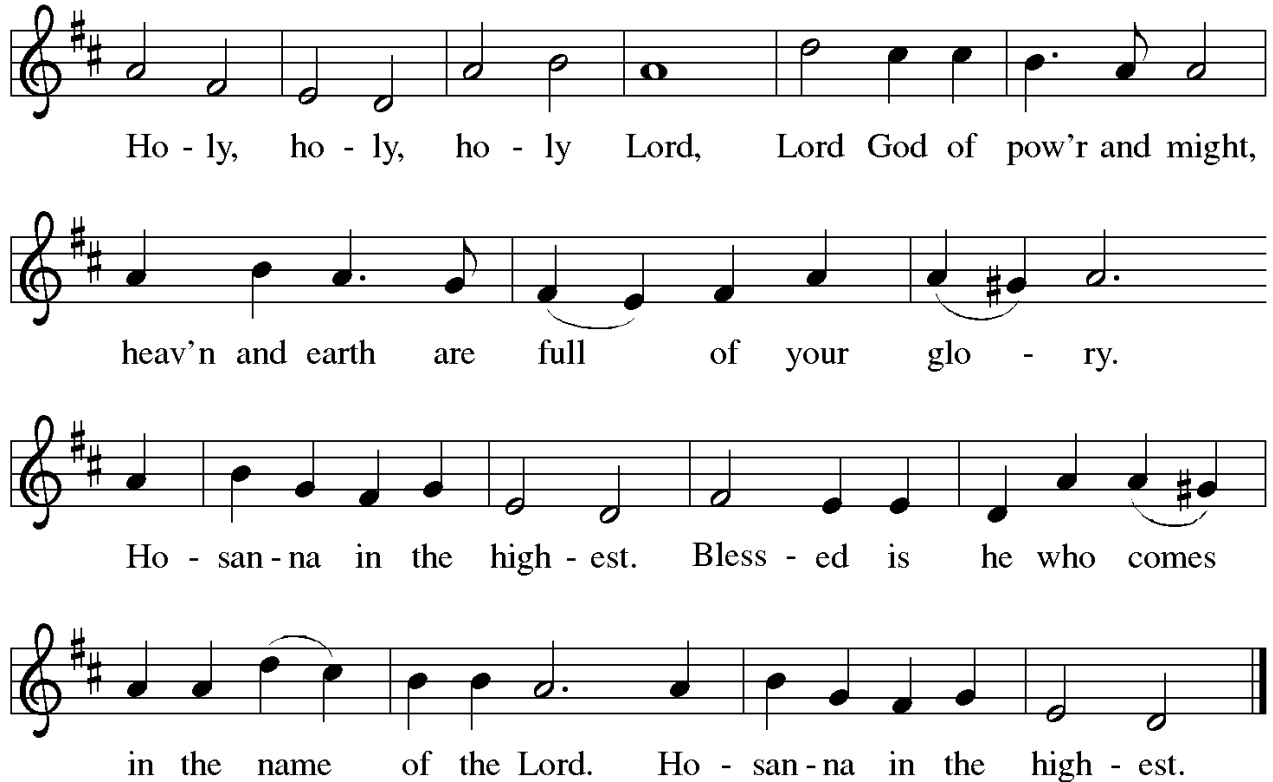
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The musical score consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. Each staff contains a single melodic line with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: 'The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.', 'Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.', 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.', and 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.' The music is simple and hymn-like, using quarter and eighth notes with slurs.

*Pastor continues with the Proper Preface for the
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost.
It is indeed right, our duty...and join their unending hymn.*

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.
You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.
You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.
We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.
In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

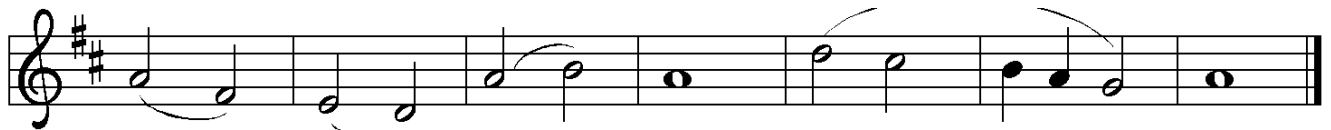
For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

P Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.



A - men, a - men, a - men.

LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

C **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

Congregation sits

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Taste and see that the Lord is good.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD AND WINE

Holy Communion, the Sacrament of the Altar, is open to all baptized Christians. All others are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing. When served by standing rows from the center aisle, receive the wafer from Pastor then move to the Communion Assistant to pick up cup of wine or clear grape juice from the tray. Return to your pew using the side aisle. When served at the chancel rail, please stand or kneel as you are able. Bread is broken and served, followed by trays of red wine (from the tray's outer rings) and clear grape juice (from the tray's inner rings). Communion will be brought to those who are uncomfortable navigating around the Sanctuary.

COMMUNION *Receive the Communion elements.*

LAMB OF GOD (Agnus Dei)



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMNS

“I Love to Tell the Story”, #661 (see page 19)

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“I Received the Living God”, #477 (see page 20)

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I Love to Tell the Story



1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,
2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat
3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best



of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.
what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!
seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest.



I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;
I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard
And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,



it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else would do.
the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.
I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

Refrain



I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry




to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

I Received the Living God

Refrain



I re - ceived the liv - ing God, and my heart is full of joy.



I re - ceived the liv - ing God, and my heart is full of joy.



- 1 Je - sus said: I am the bread, knead - ed long to give you life;
- 2 Je - sus said: I am the way, and my Fa - ther longs for you;
- 3 Je - sus said: I am the truth; come and fol - low close to me.
- 4 Je - sus said: I am the life, far from whom no thing can grow,



Refrain

you who will par - take of me need not ev - er fear to die.
so I come to bring you home to be one with us a - new.
You will know me in your heart, and my word shall make you free.
but re - ceive this liv - ing bread, and my Spir - it you shall know.

Congregation stands

TABLE BLESSING

P The body and blood of our lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Let us pray.

P We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

BLESSING

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

C **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

"Great is Thy Faithfulness", #733

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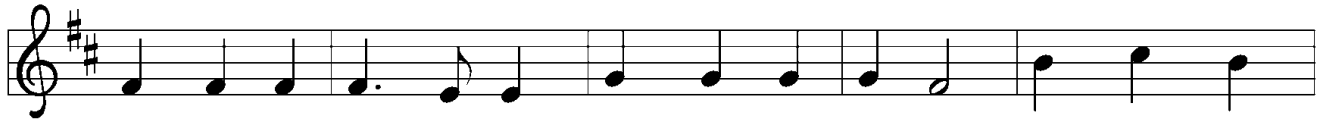
WA Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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Great Is Thy Faithfulness



1 Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no
2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest, sun, moon, and
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thine own dear



shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -
stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in
pres - ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright



pas - sions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.
man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Refrain



Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Morn - ing by



morn - ing new mer - cies I see; all I have need - ed thy



hand hath pro - vid - ed; great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me.

—Thank you for worshiping with us this Sunday—

Pastor Lockley was joined today by the following Saint Luke family members assisting in today’s live video-stream and onsite worship service:

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| Altar Guild | Faye Arvonio, Marcia Shaw |
| AV Team | Ron & Karen Clark |
| Bulletin | Diana Black |
| Cantor | Alice Christiansen |
| Church Music | Bud Esper, Director of Church Music St Luke Voice Choir |
| Communion Assistants | Marcia Shaw, Beverly Werner |
| Eucharistic Minister | Joyce Rivenburgh |
| Greeters | Jan & Juanita Heiser |
| Hospitality | TBD |
| Lector | Rod Peterson |
| Sacristan | Emil Gnam |
| Ushers | Jim Meyer, Steve Kirby |

NEW MEMBERS

Are you looking for a new church family? If you are thinking about joining our St Luke faith community and have not yet done so, please contact Pastor Eichorn at 610-393-7622 or pceichorn@gmail.com.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The following dates are currently available
to sponsor one or both vases for placement on the Altar:

November 7 (1 vase); December will be poinsettias

*Please contact the Church Office at
910-579-0107 or stlukeelca@stlukeoib.org*

Prayer List for Sunday, September 12, 2021

Please join with our Saint Luke family in prayer:

For those who are healing--

Bernadette Marino (added by Carolyn Gnam)
Bill Mealia
Bob Canning
Donald Mincher (friend, Rudy Voit)
Lauren Hirsch (daughter, Jim & Pat Meyer)
Linda Schiede (cousin, Sandra Abbondandolo)
Matthew Whitford (son, Karen Reynolds)
Natalie Chase (friend, Rudy Voit)
Posy Szmaja (2 months old, added by Joan Canning)
Terry Miller (added by Beverly Werner)

For those in need of long-term prayers --

Alex Brooker
Andy & Sherry Roseman
Barbara Ellenberger
Beth Blazek (added by Beverly Werner)
Carl Currey
Carrie McCroskey (friend of Elaine Kirby)
Carol Secan (friend of Joan & Walt Eccard)
Christine Bahr (daughter of Inge Wilson)
Chuck Beardall (neighbor of Florence Asmund)
David Green (added by Becky Overcash)
Dodie Niland
Donna Cutsforth
Doris & Ed Zack
Elizabeth Simon (friend of Rudy Voit)
Emily Bane (added by Carolyn Gardner)
Gary Peddicord (Pam Wright's brother-in-law)
Gary Roeder (cousin of Coral Mealia)
Grace Koch (sister of Deannie Currey)
Jackie Maden (friend of Florence Asmund)
Janet Buckley (friend, Linda Gallose)
Janice Merrill
Joan (sister of Dorothy Schieber)
John & Sheila Schmidt
Kate Bowman (added by Debi Hildebrand)
Key Norris (neighbor of Florence Asmund)
Mike Schafer
Pat & Jack Golden and daughter Kathleen Muldowney
Pat Long & daughter Amey (friends of Marjorie & Don Eisenman)
Paula Gore
Richard Romano (cousin of Florence Asmund)
Rylee Grace (Karen Drakulic's granddaughter)

Terrance Sheldon (added by Karen Reynolds)
Vera Walker
Victoria Newcomb-Tutty (family of Rudy Voit)

For those who are mourning—

The Family of Lavinia Eichorn (mother, Pastor Eichorn)
The Family of Rev. Dr. Steven Beverly (friend, Diana Black)

For our Men & Women serving in the Armed Forces, especially --

Brian McLaughlin, US Army, South Korea (Friend, Carol Lindquist)
Bryan Troy, US Air Force (Grandson, Dorothy Schieber)
Carter Hellesto, US Air Force (Grandson, Betty Ann & Chuck Johnson)
Clay Huffman, Lt Col, US Army (son, Wayne & Judy Huffman)
David Doyle, National Guard (nephew, Marica Shaw)
Edward Jones, Lt Col, US Army, (son-in-law, Wayne & Judy Huffman)
Eric Dompkowski, Captain, US Army, Fort Carson, CO (Son, Sue & Anthony Dompkowski)
Joe Dunn, US Air Force, Fort McGuire, New Jersey (Grandson, Ron & Karen Clark)
Jordan Nuber, US Marine Corp (Nephew, Karen & Gary Reynolds)
Joshua Bailey, US Army (Friend, Carol Lindquist)
Justin McLaughlin, National Guard, Lexington, KY (Friend, Carol Lindquist)
Mark Regan, US Air Force, Shepherd AB, TX (Grandson, Bob & Connie Regan)
Mason Hart, US Navy (Nephew, Sara & Bob Hart)
Susan Clark, SSgt US Army, Miami, FL. (Daughter, Ron & Karen Clark)
Tyler McLaughlin, US Army, Fort Sill, OK (Friend, Carol Lindquist)

For those coping with conflict, crisis or disaster—

- For those from Louisiana (landfall) to New York now coping with the devastation left in the path of Hurricane/Tropical Storm Ida.
- For those coping with the devastation caused by the floods in Tennessee.
- For the people of Mexico and Haiti as they cope with the aftermath of the recent earthquake.
- For the safety of the Afghan people our US troops have transitioned out.
- For those susceptible to the COVID Delta variant and their families, friends and associates.
- For the health and safety of all in the western US effected by the wildfires.
- Finally, for the first responders, search & rescue/recovery teams, medical staff, aid agencies/workers, and volunteers who are helping those in need throughout the US and the world.

Please help keep the Prayer List updated. Names in *italics* will be removed next week unless the office receives a request to continue it; names in **bold** are new this week.

This Week at Saint Luke

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| Sunday, September 12 | 9AM Adult Sunday School, Library 10AM Worship Service 10AM Live-stream Service on YouTube 11AM Fellowship after Service |
| Monday, September 13 | 10AM Property Meeting |
| Tuesday, September 14 | 10AM Finance Meeting |
| Wednesday, September 15 | 9:30AM Morning Prayer in Fellowship Hall |
| Thursday, September 16 | 10AM Council Meeting 6PM Pelican Picnic; 7:05PM Pelican Game |
| Friday, September 17 | |
| Saturday, September 18 | |
| Sunday, September 19 | 9AM Adult Sunday School, Library 10AM Worship Service 10AM Live-stream Service on YouTube 11AM Fellowship after Service |

Scriptures for next Sunday, September 19, 2021 ***Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost***

Jerimiah 11: 18—20 or Wisdom 1:16—2:1; 12—22

Psalm 54

James 3: 13—4: 3; 7—8a

Mark 9: 30—37

-- For Your Information --

THE LISTENING GROUP

The Listening Group plans to gather again for four sessions on the Psalms. The title has been modified to: "Revisiting the Psalms: Keeping Centered in a Going-Crazy World." This group will meet on four successive Tuesdays (September 21, 28 and October 5, 12) from 10:30am to Noon. Open to all (vaccinated, please!) and will meet in room 3 in the Fellowship building. Because this is a small group experience, space will be limited to a maximum of 10 people. Please register with Diana in the church office or call/text/email Katherine Moore at 336-687-1008; katmoore@att.net . You are encouraged to call Katherine with any questions you may have! (Be mindful that all plans are tentative due to current COVID situation).

GET READY TO SMILE FOR THE CAMERA!

It's been two years since our St. Luke Photo Directory has been updated with member photos. We will begin taking your portraits on Sunday, October 3rd and will run each Sunday through the month of October.

You can sign up in the church narthex beginning today Sunday, Sept. 12th for an appointment. Appointments are available from 9:15 to 9:50 before church and 11:15 to 12 noon after church. The pictures only take 5 minutes.

WOMEN OF ST LUKE

WOSL will meet on Monday, September 20 at 5:30pm in Fellowship Hall. Since dinner will be provided. If you are able to attend, please notify Judy or Elaine. Judy Drake at 513-608-0670; judydrake6@gmail.com
Elaine Kirby at 828-381-6937; elaine.kirby1967@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE

- Thursday, September 16: **Pelican Baseball Game** (7:05PM) with picnic (6PM); sign-up sheet is now posted in Fellowship Hall.
- Tuesday, December 14: **Alabama Theater Christmas Matinee Show** (1:30PM) with optional dinner afterward at Chestnut Hill restaurant. Show ticket \$31, Dinner ticket \$25 (optional). Last day to sign up and pay is November 14. Checks to be made out to Judy Pusey. For more info call Judy at 910-575-7848.

LOCKING DOORS

Please make it a habit to glance at the door as you leave to make sure it is closed flush with its partner door. Tip: if the door closure appears to be sticking, open the door and press on the horizontal bar several times. It should close smoothly.

COLUMBARIUM UPDATE

St. Luke is blessed to have a Columbarium on our campus, located behind the church in a peaceful setting that is great for meditation. Just an FYI for St. Luke members, prices for Columbarium space will be going up soon. If you would like to be grandfathered in at the current price (\$900 for a space holding two urns), you should do so before the end of September. Please call the church office to get more information.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Enjoy the remainder of your Summer, next meetings for the following groups begin again in September.

- September 13: Property Committee meets at 10am
- September 19: Nurture & Fellowship Committee meets after Service
- September 20: Women of St Luke/WOSL meet at 5:30pm; dinner provided; please rsvp if attending
- September 25: Social Ministry meeting at 10:30am
- September 27: Lutheran Men in Mission/LMM

NOTICE

Saint Luke congregation is over 90% vaccinated. However, we strongly recommend if you are not yet or cannot be vaccinated to wear a mask during worship. Masks are available in the narthex. Anyone else who feels the need to wear a mask due to personal health or preference certainly should. Thank you.

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