

Saint Luke Lutheran Church

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, October 5, 2025

The Reverend Dr. Christian Eichorn, Pastor



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INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

A little faith goes a long way is Jesus' point in the gospel. A mustard seed's-worth of faith has miraculous potential. The patience, tenacity, and endurance required for the life of faith are the blessings received in holy baptism, holy communion, and the word read and proclaimed in this assembly. Anticipate them. Receive them with thanksgiving.

PRESERVICE MUSIC

"Let Us Enter In", Ray Makeever, setting Sherri Hansen. Bud Esper, piano.

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WELCOME

PRELUDE ~ Prelude on “O Worship the King” (Lyons),
arr. Robert Lau. 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 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 “How Great Thou Art”, #856

APOSTOLIC 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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE “Gloria” S-139 (*Front of hymnal, page 139*)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

WA Let us pray.

C Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Congregation sits

FIRST READING ~ Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM ~ Psalm 37:1-9

L ¹ Do not be provoked by evildoers; do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

C ² **For they shall soon wither like the grass, and like the green grass fade away.**

L ³ Put your trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and find safe pasture.

C ⁴ **Take delight in the Lord, who shall give you your heart's desire.**

L ⁵ Commit your way to the Lord; put your trust in the Lord, and see what God will do.

C ⁶ **The Lord will make your vindication as clear as the light and the justice of your case like the noonday sun.**

L ⁷ Be still before the Lord and wait patiently. Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in evil schemes.

C ⁸ **Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; do not be provoked; it leads only to evil.**

L ⁹ For evildoers shall be cut off, but those who hope in the Lord shall possess the land.

SECOND READING ~ 2 Timothy 1:1-14

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Congregation stands

"Alleluia" S-142 (*Front of hymnal, page #142*)

GOSPEL ~ Luke 17:5-10

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Congregation sits

+ SERMON + THE REVEREND DR. CHRISTIAN EICHORN +

Silence for reflection

Congregation stands

HYMN OF THE DAY “Great is Thy Faithfulness”, #733

“THE APOSTLE’S CREED” S-105 (*Front of hymnal, page #105*)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P Renewed in God’s everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation.

WA ...God of grace,

C Receive our prayer.

P We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

PEACE & SHARE THE PEACE OF THE LORD

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

Congregation sits

OFFERTORY “Once Again”, Matt Redman, arr. Tom Fettke.

St. Luke Voice Choir. ©2023 Thank You Music.

Congregation stands

OFFERING HYMN “Create in Me a Clean Heart”, #186

OFFERING PRAYER

P Let us pray. Lord of the harvest,

C we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

“THE GREAT THANKSGIVING” S-144a (*Front of hymnal, page #144*)

P ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

“Holy, Holy, Holy” S-144b (*Front of hymnal, page #144*)

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

C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that we who share in Christ's body and blood may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

C Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

P Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all.

C Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. Come to this meal of mercy.

C Thanks be to God.

Congregation sits

DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD AND WINE Our communion is open to all who are baptized.

"LAMB OF GOD (Agnus Dei)" S-146 (*Front of hymnal, page #146*)

COMMUNION HYMNS

"How Firm a Foundation", #796

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee", #759

Congregation stands

TABLE BLESSING

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

C **Amen.**

“Thankful Hearts and Voices Raised”, #207

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus’ name.

C **Amen.**

BLESSING

P The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you, the Lord look upon you with favor, + and give you peace.

C **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN “To Be Your Presence”, #546

DISMISSAL

WA Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

--Thank you for worshipping with us today--

The following members assisted with today's worship service with live streaming:
Altar Guild: Lori Schneider, Dianne Ward | AV Team: Ed & Marie Keating
Bulletin: Dawn Plyler ~ Cover Art: Lori Schneider | Cantor: Rod Peterson
Church Music: Bud Esper, Director of Music | Communion Assistants: Lori Schneider, Dianne Ward | Crucifer: Dan Mardis | Eucharistic Minister: Sue Heitmuller
Greeters: Eaton & Kate Landon | Lector: Karen Nelson | Worship Assistant: Kristen Killoran |
Ushers: Ron & Karen Clark, Chris Hawkins, Steve Kirby

NEW MEMBERS

Are you looking for a new church family? We'd love to help you connect with others in the church and grow in our Faith Community together. If you are thinking about joining St. Luke, please contact Pastor Eichorn at 610.393.7622 or pastoreichorn@stlukeoib.org or the Church office.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Please contact the church office to sponsor Sunday altar flowers.
Upcoming availability: October 5, 19; November 2(1vase), 9, 23, 30

Prayer List October 5, 2025

Kathy Rose, Pat Golden, Ronald Ateshian, Keith Ensinger, William Kilmon, Mary Mason, Robert Borchert, Jr. Nancy Rottger, Karen Hagy, Steve & Dianne Jewell, Nancy Smith, Lori Pollard, Joseph Sesack, Sandra Abbondandolo, John M. Halliday, Ken Jobst, Rose Henshaw, Terri Boone, Rosemary Carlson, Jason Magalnick, Tom Shabluk, the family of Beth Grunewalder, the Shallotte community, and the hostages and people of Gaza.

For Your Information

WELCOME VISITORS ~ We are so delighted you came to Saint Luke today. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall after worship services for light refreshments and to say hello. We can't wait to meet you!

MURDER IN THE WILD WEST DINNER SHOW ~ OCTOBER 16, 6pm ~ LAST DAY to sign up and pay.

- ❖ See Patricia Shoda TODAY to finalize your spot! Cost is \$60.50 per person.
- ❖ Sunday, October 12, pick up an envelope from Judy. This includes directions and tickets for the show on October 16.

NOTE OF THANKS ~ Thank you to the *sweet little angel* that showered us with goodie bags recently during rehearsal. We were overjoyed with the treats and your thinking of us so warmly ~ it was a wonderful surprise! ~*Thank you, Bud Esper & St. Luke Choir.*

WALK TO END HUNGER WITH US! ~ The Crop Hunger Walk (CHW) funds vital hunger-fighting efforts both local and globally. By walking or donating, you will play an important part in ending hunger! See me after church in the entrance of the Fellowship Hall during October to sign up or donate! Let's make a difference together! ~*Thank you, Sara Hart, St. Luke CHW Representative.*

- ❖ Come together November 2 at 1pm at Mulberry Park in Shallotte. Choose a 1-mile or 5K walk.
- ❖ 75% of funds go to Crop Programs (10 countries); 25% stays local for TLFP.
- ❖ Can't walk? You can still donate! Make checks payable to SLLC, memo line "CHW".

SUPPORTING ST. LUKE MINISTRIES ~ Checks payable to SLLC with noted ministry, if applicable.

- ❖ Columbarium project landscaping ...any gift is welcome.

- ❖ New Hymnals ... The cost is \$35/each.
- ❖ Crop Hunger Walk 2025...any gift is welcome.
- ❖ Food Lion gift cards available in the Fellowship Hall after worship services.
- ❖ TLFP ~ 170 cans received to date/goal is 250. **Cran**, you help?

PRAYER SHAWL GROUP ~ Help us weave comfort and prayer with your yarn donations. We are seeking donations of yarn to help us provide comfort to those in our congregation and community. Our volunteers prayerfully knit and crochet each shawl, which is then blessed and given to those experiencing illness, grief, or other hardships. Your donation of yarn will allow us to provide tangible symbols of God's love and comfort.

- ❖ What we need: We welcome donations of new, soft, and washable worsted-weight yarn. Both acrylic and natural fibers are appreciated.
- ❖ How to donate: Please drop off your donations at the box located in the Fellowship Hall. For questions, please reach out to Cindy Eaton.

This Week at Saint Luke ~ October 2025

Sunday, October 5	9am	Adult Sunday School
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost	10am	Worship Service with live streaming
	11am	Fellowship
	11:05am	Fellowship Committee Meeting ~ Library
Monday, October 6	2pm	German Club
	3pm	MexTrain
Tuesday, October 7	10:30am	Listening Group
	1pm	Bridge
Wednesday, October 8	10am	Prayer Service
	6pm	Handbell Choir
	7pm	Voice Choir
Thursday, October 9	10:30am	Altar Guild Meeting ~ Library
	1pm	Stewardship Meeting
Friday, October 10	9am	Bibles & Bagels
	10am	Line Dancing
	4pm-6pm	The Lords Food Pantry
Saturday, October 11	9am-Noon	The Lords Food Pantry
Sunday, October 12	9am	Adult Sunday School
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost	10am	Worship service with live streaming
	11am	Fellowship

Scripture Readings ~ October 12, 2025 ~ Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c | Psalm 111 | 2 Timothy 2:8-15 | Luke 17:11-19



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