

Saint Luke Lutheran Church

Twenty Third Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, November 16, 2025

The Reverend Dr. Christian Eichorn, Pastor



SAINT LUKE WELCOMES ALL TO WORSHIP!

We are grateful for your presence in today's worship! Your participation truly makes a difference. We hope you feel encouraged, blessed, and welcomed!

In preparation for worship, please silence all electronic devices when entering the sanctuary in reverence to God and respect for others.

Members and visitors ~
kindly remember to sign in using the
friendship binders in your pew.

The altar flowers are given to the
Glory of God and in loving memory of
our parents and Pam Femrite
given by John Grunewalder and
his beloved late wife, Beth

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

The end is near. There is no doubt about it. The warnings are dire. The tone of today's texts is ominous. But the baptized know how to live in the meantime. The baptized are strengthened for the living of these days in word and sacrament. The baptized rally around the invitation of the apostle: "Do not be weary in doing what is right."

PRESERVICE MUSIC

"Vårvindar friska" ("O Living Breath of God", Swedish tune), arr. Frederick Frahm.
Bud Esper, piano.

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WELCOME

PRELUDE Fanfare on "Duke Street" ("Jesus Shall Reign", hymnbook #434),
John Hatton, arr. John Dixon. 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 ...Most merciful God,

C **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.**

P ...name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN "Lead On, O King Eternal", #805

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-204a (*Front of hymnal, page 204a*)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

WA Let us pray.

C **O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Congregation sits

FIRST READING Malachi 4:1-2a

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 98

- L ¹ Sing a new song to the Lord, who has done marvelous things,
whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.
- C ² **O Lord, you have made known your victory, you have
revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.**
- L ³ You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to
the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the
victory of our God.
- C ⁴ **Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; lift up your voice,
rejoice, and sing.**
- L ⁵ Sing to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the voice of
song.
- C ⁶ **With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout with joy
before the king, the Lord.**
- L ⁷ Let the sea roar, and all that fills it, the world and those
who dwell therein.
- C ⁸ **Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills ring out
with joy before the Lord, who comes to judge the earth.**
- L ⁹ The Lord will judge the world with righteousness and the
peoples with equity.

SECOND READING 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

- L The Word of the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

Congregation stands

"Alleluia" S-205a (*Front of hymnal, page #205a*)

GOSPEL Luke 21:5-19

- 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, PASTOR
Silence for reflection

Congregation stands

HYMN OF THE DAY "We Sing to You, O God", #791

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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P Gathered with one voice, we offer our prayers for the church,
the world, and all who are in need.

WA ...Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

P We offer these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting in
your grace and unyielding love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

Congregation sits

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

LEE & GINNY HAMMOND

Sponsored by Pat Shoda

DENNIS & KRISTINA MOYNIHAN

Sponsored by John & Anna Borchert

DAVID & BETH ANN NELSON

Sponsored by Wayne & Judy Huffman

P The following people desire to be received as members of St.
Luke Lutheran Church....The congregation rejoices in receiving
you as new members today.

P And to you members of St. Luke church, will you support these
new sisters and brothers? Will you pray for them, rejoice with
them, and together share in the ministry of Jesus Christ? If so
answer, yes by the help of God.

C **Yes by the help of God.**

P Let us pray. We thank you Lord for these new members. By
your life-giving power, bind us to each other in you, strengthen
us for service, support us each day, and bring us to the day
when all your children will be one in you.

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

ANTHEM "Parable", M.D. Ridge. St. Luke Women's Chorus.

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Congregation stands

OFFERING HYMN “Let the Vinyards Be Fruitful”, #184

OFFERING PRAYER

P Let us pray.

C **God of healing and hope, you bless those who are hungry, promising to fill them with good things. Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts. Nourish us with the abundance of your feast and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior, now and forever. Amen.**

“THE GREAT THANKSGIVING” S-206 (*Front of hymnal, page #206*)

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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

“Holy, Holy, Holy” S-207 (*Front of hymnal, page #207*)

P ...we proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

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

P ...to share with us the great and promised feast.

C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P ...receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

C **Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

P ...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 There is a place for you at the table of God. Come, receive the food that does not perish, a taste of life eternal.

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-208 (*Front of hymnal, page #208*)

COMMUNION HYMNS

“O Jesus, I Have Promised”, #810

“Come, We That Love the Lord” (Marching to Zion), #625

Congregation stands

TABLE BLESSING

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

C **Amen.**

“POST COMMUNION CANTICLE”, S-113 (*Front of hymnal, page 113*)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P God of field and flower, wheat and grape, you have nourished us with the bread of heaven that gives life to the world. Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son, send us out to gather your good gifts for all who hunger and thirst, and embolden us to love and serve in Christ’s 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 “Jesus, Still Lead On”, #624

DISMISSAL

WA Go in peace. Share the harvest.

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: Karen Barnhart, Sara Hart | AV Team: Ron & Karen Clark
Bulletin: Dawn Plyler ~ Cover Art: Lori Schneider | Cantor: Joan Eccard
Music: Bud Esper, Director of Church Music; Kim Hawkins, conductor, St. Luke Handbell Choir; St. Luke Voice Choir and St. Luke Handbell Choir | Communion Assistants: Beverly Werner, Marie Keating | Crucifer: Doug Snively | Eucharistic Minister: Marie Keating | Greeters: Faye Arvonio, Cindy Hathaway | Lector: Karen Nelson
Worship Assistant: Kristen Killoran | Ushers: Karen Reynolds, Doug Snively, Beverly Werner, Richard Wood

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: November 23; December 28 (1 vase).

PRAYER LIST NOVEMBER 16, 2025

Rudy Voit, Judy Arton, Sheryl Wisniewski, the family of Virginia Gardner

For Your Information

WELCOME VISITORS ~ We are delighted you visited St. 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!

WELCOME ST. LUKE'S NEWEST MEMBERS ~ We are excited you are part of our St. Luke Faith Family. We warmly welcome you! ~*Pastor Eichorn, Rodney Stinson, Council President and the Church Council.*

Lee & Ginny Hammond

Dennis & Kristina Moynihan

David & Beth Ann Nelson

"Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God." ~Romans 15:7

WOSL MEETING & DINNER ~ Join us for a special holiday fire talk! Our local Fire Department will be visiting us tomorrow night, November 17 at 5pm to share important tips for keeping your family safe during the season. Join the fun as we assemble gift baskets to give to the firefighters. Some items to bring that night are small bags of nuts, protein bars, or individual servings of Gatorade type powder. Oh, what fun this will be! ~*So excited to see you! Joyce Charity.*

CONGREGATION ANNUAL MEETING ~ DECEMBER 7

SUPPORTING ST. LUKE MINISTRIES

- ❖ New Hymnals ... The cost is \$35/each.
- ❖ Food Lion gift cards available in the Fellowship Hall after worship services.
- ❖ Prayer Shawl Group ~ accepting donations of yarn. Drop off in the Fellowship Hall in the labeled box.
- ❖ BFA Gift Program ~ last Sunday to pick up a tag from the Christmas tree in the Fellowship Hall. All unwrapped gifts are due back next Sunday, November 23.
- ❖ WOSL sells books for 25 cents. Check the FH and Room 4. Place money in the basket in the FH Narthex.

- ❖ Commitment cards and Time & Talent forms may be returned to the Stewardship box in the Sanctuary Narthex or placed in the offering plate.

Source of Information	St. Luke Finance Summary		
	October 2025		
		Month	Year to Date
Monthly and annual from the Budget Performance Report pg. 1	Revenues	\$ 19,696	\$ 275,957
Monthly and annual from the Budget Performance Report pg. 4	Expenditures	\$ 24,727	\$ 282,477
	Surplus (Deficit)	(\$ -5,031)	(\$ -6,520)
Total of the monthly/annual mortgage principal (included in Expenditures above)	Mortgage Principal	\$ 3,558	\$ 34,790
Total of the monthly/annual mortgage interest (included in Expenditures above)	Mortgage Interest	\$ 2,245	\$ 23,244
	Mortgage Balance	\$ 630,322	
	Average Sunday Service Participation		
Attendance taken by Ushers, averaged monthly and year to date	Attendance	131	132
From YouTube, averaged monthly and year to date. Note: this is devices connected to YouTube, total people would be more depending on household.	YouTube Views	70	65
	Beth Grunewalder	Church 161	YouTube 77
	NOTE: Although expenses were slightly below the budgeted amount, receipts were significantly (~\$8,500) below the budgeted amount.		

This Week at Saint Luke ~ November 2025

Sunday, November 16	9am	Adult Sunday School
Twenty Third Sunday after Pentecost	10am	Worship Service with live streaming
Welcome New Member Sunday	11am	Fellowship ~ Join us for cake today! All are welcome!
Monday, November 17	3pm	MexTrain
	5pm	WOSL Dinner & Meeting
Tuesday, November 18	10:30am	Listening Group
	1pm	Bridge
Wednesday, November 19	10am	Prayer Service
	6pm	Handbell Choir
	7pm	Voice Choir
Thursday, November 20	10am	Prayer Shawl Ministry
	1pm	Church Council
Sunday, November 23	9am	Adult Sunday School
Twenty Fourth Sunday after Pentecost	10am	Worship service with live streaming
	11am	Fellowship ~ All are welcome!

Scripture Readings ~ November 23 ~ Twenty Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Jeremiah 23:1-6 | Psalm 46 | Colossians 1:11-20 | Luke 23:33-43



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