

Saint Luke Lutheran Church
Sixth Sunday of Easter
A Blessed Mother's Day

Sunday, May 10, 2026
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.

"Happy Mother's Day to every woman who loves like a mother! We celebrate all those whose impact on a child's life is immeasurable. Your strength, sacrifice, and unwavering support as a mom, aunt, mentor, or caregiver shows true dedication and is the loveliest masterpiece of a heart dedicated to nurturing others!"

Her children arise up, and called her blessed
~Proverbs 31:28

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

Jesus does not abandon his followers. Through the Holy Spirit, Jesus comes to abide with his disciples of every generation. As Pentecost draws near, we are reminded that the risen Christ dwells in us as the Spirit of truth. We receive this Spirit in baptism and pray that in our gathering around the Lord's table the Spirit will transform us to be the body of the risen Christ in the world.

PRESERVICE MUSIC

"A Joyful Ring", Barbara Kenyon. St. Luke Handbell Choir.
(c) 1990 Agape

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Take Time to Be Holy", George Stebbins, arr. Tom Fettke.
Bud Esper, piano. (c) 2004 Alfred Music Publishing.

Congregation stands

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

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

C **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN "Come Thou, Almighty King", #408

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.**

KYRIE S-147 (front of hymnal)

HYMN OF PRAISE: "Worthy" S-149 (front of hymnal)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

WA Let us pray.

C Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Congregation sits

FIRST READING: Acts 17:22-31

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 66:8-20

L ⁸ Bless our God, you peoples; let the sound of praise be heard.

C ⁹ Our God has kept us among the living and has not allowed our feet to slip.

L ¹⁰ For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us just as silver is tried.

C ¹¹ You brought us into the net; you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.

L ¹² You let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and water, but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

C ¹³ I will enter your house with burnt offerings and will pay you my vows—

L ¹⁴ those that I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.

C ¹⁵ I will offer you burnt offerings of fatlings with the smoke of rams; I will give you oxen and goats.

L ¹⁶ Come and listen, all you who believe, and I will tell you what God has done for me.

C ¹⁷ I called out to God with my mouth, and praised the Lord with my tongue.

L ¹⁸ If I had cherished evil in my heart, the Lord would not have heard me;

C ¹⁹ but in truth God has heard me and has attended to the sound of my prayer.

L ²⁰ Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, nor withheld unfailing love from me.

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3:13-22

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Congregation stands

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION “Alleluia” S-151a (front of hymnal)

GOSPEL: John 14:15-21

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

P **[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you. ¹⁸“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”**

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: “O Christ, What Can It Mean for Us”, #431

NICENE CREED

WA Let us confess the faith of the church.

C **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from**

true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,* who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

WA ...Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

P A Prayer for Mothers

P God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

C Amen.

PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

Congregation sits

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "In Christ Alone", Getty, Townend, Craig and Koch, arr. Harlan. St. Luke Voice Choir.

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Congregation stands

OFFERING HYMN "Create In Me a Clean Heart", #186

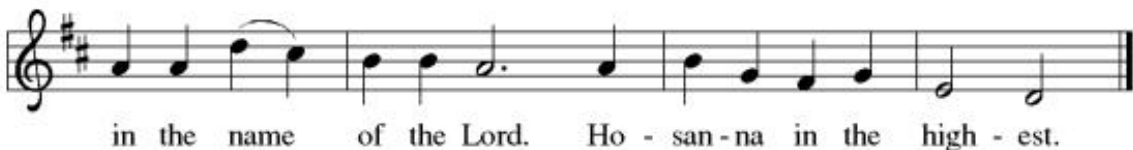
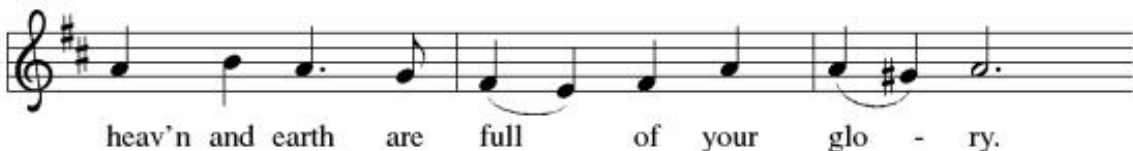
OFFERING PRAYER

P Let us pray.

C **Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus, Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING S-152 (front of hymnal)

P ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn: S-153



P ...With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

P ...Grace our table with your presence.

C **Come, Holy Spirit.**

P ...Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

C **Come, Holy Spirit.**

P ...O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

C **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 Come to the table of new life. Receive the Risen Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Congregation sits

DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD AND WINE

Holy Communion, the Sacrament of the Altar, is open to all baptized Christians who receive Communion in their home church. All others are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing.

LAMB OF GOD (Agnus Dei) S-154 (front of hymnal)

COMMUNION HYMNS

“Come, My Way, Truth, My Life”, #816

“Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross”, #335

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 “Thankful Hearts and Voices Raised”, #204

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus,

C **Amen.**

BLESSING

P God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, ✚ bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN

“Thine the Amen”, #826

DISMISSAL

WA Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

C Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

--Thank you for worshiping with us today--

The following members assisted with today’s worship service with live streaming:
Altar Guild: Cindy Hathaway, Faye Arvonio | 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: Kathy Rose, Marie Keating | Crucifer: Jim Drake | Eucharistic Minister: Karen Reynolds | Greeters: Dianne Ward, Joan Zimmerman | Lector: Emil Gnam
Ushers: Ray & Cindy Eaton, Emil Gnam, Chris Hawkins
Worship Assistant: Kristen Killoran

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: May 24 | June 7,21,28 | July 5,12,19,26

PRAYER LIST MAY 3, 2026

Wyman Shaw, Walt Eccard, Amy Freck, Ronald Ateshian, Judy Pusey

LUTHERAN LIFE

WELCOME VISITORS ~ We are delighted you visited St. Luke today. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall after worship services for light refreshments.

FRIENDLY REMINDERS

Saint Luke members, please sign in so we can accurately report attendance to our synod and to our guests/visitors, we can show our appreciation to you. We love you and thank you for being a part of today’s service!

SUPPORTING ST. LUKE MINISTRIES

- ❖ **Note of Thanks:** Dot Schieber wants to tell her loving Saint Luke church family how much you all meant to her as she celebrated her 94th birthday. It was a lovely day, and sharing this milestone with everyone brought her so much joy. Thank you for a wonderful day and a birthday to remember! Love and blessings, Dot.
- ❖ **Pelican's Baseball Game:** Gates open at 6pm; game at 7pm. Judy P will coordinate with those who have paid and are attending.
- ❖ **SPRING NEWS from The Listening Group:** The "LISTENING GROUP" is utilizing the book, The Cup of Our Life, by Joyce Rupp. This group meets from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon on Tuesdays in room #3 of the Fellowship Building. Specific dates are May 12, and 19. We'd love to have you join us!
- ❖ **Help Us Extend Our Reach!** 🇺🇸 We are seeking volunteers to join a rotational team responsible for uploading our Sunday livestream service to the website. Other website maintenance tasks are also available. Basic laptop navigation skills are required. To learn more or to volunteer, please contact **Lori Schneider (910) 232-7558**.
- ❖ **Cookie Emergency!** We need cookies! Fellowship Cookies are running low – please bring your favorite treats to help feed the flock!
- ❖ **Update on Preschool/Children's Room in the Administrative building:** We are currently refreshing and reorganizing the Preschool/Children's room. During this process, items are being temporarily placed around the room to be sorted. If you have personal items, materials, or resources stored in this room, please take a moment to check it on Sundays to claim your belongings. Going forward, this space will be transitioning into a Ministerial and Committee Gathering Room, which will house information on committees, prayer shawls, and other ministry resources. If you have any questions regarding this cleanup or the relocation of items, please reach out to the Sharon Tulio or the Parish Administrator. Thank you!
- ❖ **Come & See Go & Tell – NC Synod Gathering:** May 28-30, 2026 Lenoir-Rhyne University. Hear from NC Synod Bishop Emily Hartner! Learn about the life-giving things God is up to in congregations and ministries across the synod! Make new friends and catch up with old friends at the block party! Learn from experts or experience spiritual renewal in workshops! Learn more and register by Tuesday, May 5. Log into the North Carolina Synod website: nclutheran.org.
- ❖ **More than just a Meeting – Join the Lutheran Men's Ministry!** Looking for a place to hang out, grab a great meal, and enjoy yourself on a weekday? Our Men's Ministry isn't about formal agendas or sitting in pews – it's about fellowship, food, and plenty of laughs. Whether we're heading out to dinner, sharing a joke, or planning our next big adventure, this is a group where you can just be yourself. No pressure, no prep- just good company! Come see what we're about at our next gathering on Monday, June 1 at 5pm in the Fellowship Hall. We'd love to have you at the table! (May's meeting falls on Memorial Day, so it has been changed to June 1.)
- ❖ The **WOSL** will be meeting on Monday May 18th at 5:00 in Fellowship Hall. After our meal we will have a presentation concerning all the services available to us provided by the Brunswick County Sheriff's Department. ~Joyce Charity.

- ❖ **File of Life:** Social Ministry is offering free “file of Life” kits for your refrigerator and wallet. These help first responders access your medical info quickly in an emergency. To receive yours, please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the narthex.
- ❖ "WOSL would like to give a **huge thank you** to everyone who made this year's charity luncheon a **tremendous** success. We were able to raise \$5,157, and our selected charities, Street Reach and Waves4Kids, will certainly benefit from your generosity. Our patriotic theme was a hit—blessings to you all!"

This Week at Saint Luke ~ May, 2026

Sunday, May 10	9am	Adult Sunday School
Sixth Sunday of Easter	10am	Worship Service with live streaming
Happy Mother's Day	11am	Fellowship ~ All are welcome!
Monday, May 11	3pm	MexTrain
Tuesday, May 12	10:30am	Listening Group
	1pm	Bridge
	2pm	CM Meeting - Library
Wednesday, May 13	10am	Morning Prayer
	11am	Social Committee Meeting - Library
	6pm	Handbell Choir
	7pm	Voice Choir
Friday, May 15	11am	Worship & Music Meeting - Library
Saturday, May 16	11am	A Celebration of the Resurrection of Life of Doris Peterson
	9am-Noon	The Lord's Food Pantry
Sunday, May 17	9am	Adult Sunday School
Seventh Sunday of Easter	10am	Worship service with live streaming
	11am	Fellowship - All Are Welcome!

Scripture Readings ~ May 17, 2026 ~ Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:6-14 | Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35 | 1st Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11 | John 17:1-11



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