

Saint Luke Lutheran Church
Third Sunday after Pentecost

Baptism of Avery Larkin Brown

Sunday, June 14, 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.

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God in honor of our grandchildren, Rowan, Jonah, Eliza, and Avery by The Reverend Dr. Christian and Mrs. Pam Eichorn; and in honor of Pastor Eichorn's 40th Ordination Anniversary, given by the Council and church parishioners.

The rose on the altar is dedicated to the glory of God in celebration of the Baptism of Avery Larkin Brown.

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

Moses tells the Israelites that they are called to be a priestly kingdom and a holy people. Jesus sends out the disciples as laborers into the harvest. In baptism we too are anointed for ministry, sharing God's compassion with our needy world. From the Lord's table we go forth to proclaim the good news, to heal the sick, and to share our bread with the hungry.

PRESERVICE MUSIC

"Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus", William Kirkpatrick, arr. Carol Tornquist. Bud Esper, piano.

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE The Eichorn Sisters

"Gather Us In" by Marty Haugen 1982 GIA Publications, Inc.

Congregation stands

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose compassion endures forever.

C **Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin to God. Compassionate God,

C **We confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.**

P Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love.

C **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN "We Sing to You, O God", #791

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-148 (front of hymnal)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

WA Let us pray.

C **God of compassion, you have opened the way for us and brought us to yourself. Pour your love into our hearts, that, overflowing with joy, we may freely share the blessings of your realm and faithfully proclaim the good news of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Congregation sits

HOLY BAPTISM PRESENTATION (*Pastor, parents & sponsors*)

Congregation stands

PROFESSION OF FAITH

P I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Parents: We renounce them.

P Do you believe in God the Father?

C **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C **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.**

P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body**

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

P We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

P Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Congregation sits

BAPTISM

P Avery Larkin Brown is baptized in the name of the + Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Blessed be God, the source of all life, the word of salvation, the spirit of mercy. Let us pray. Sustain Avery with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

C **Amen.**

P Avery, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

C **Amen.**

WELCOME

Sponsors: Let your light so shine before others that they
may see your good works and glorify your
Father in heaven.

WA Let us welcome the newly baptized.

C **We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

Congregation sits

FIRST READING: Genesis 18:1-15[21:1-7]

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**



Date of Birth: Saturday, May 24, 2025

Place of Birth: Wynnewood, Pennsylvania

Parents: Christopher David Brown & Jennifer Elizabeth Eichorn Brown

*Grandparents: The Reverend Dr. Christian & Pamela Eichorn
David & Donna Brown*

Sibling: Rowan Henry Brown



PSALM: Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19

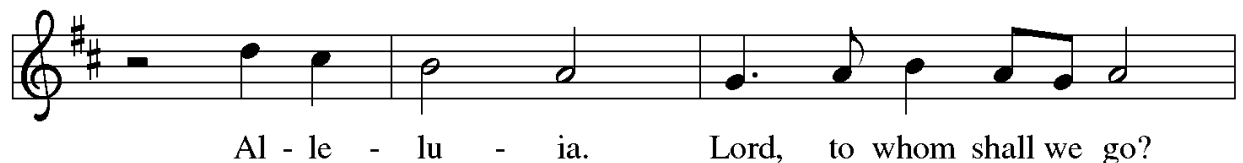
- L ¹I love the Lord, who has heard my voice, and listened to my supplication,
C ²**for the Lord has given ear to me whenever I called.**
L ¹²How shall I repay the Lord for all the good things God has done for me?
C ¹³**I will lift the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.**
L ¹⁴I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all God's people.
C ¹⁵**Precious in your sight, O Lord, is the death of your servants.**
L ¹⁶O Lord, truly I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.
C ¹⁷**I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call upon the name of the Lord.**
L ¹⁸I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all God's people,
C ¹⁹**in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!**

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

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

Congregation stands

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION "Alleluia" S-151a



GOSPEL: Matthew 9:35-10:8

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.
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: "O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts", #658

THE APOSTLE'S CREED S-105 (*Front of hymnal, page #105*)

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 to the dead. 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 Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world.

WA ...God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

P ...O God, through Jesus our Savior.

C Amen.

PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

Congregation sits

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song", Peter Cutts, set. John Carter. Bud Esper, organ.

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Congregation stands

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

OFFERING PRAYER

P Let us pray.

C Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING S-152

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 image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. Each staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. The first staff has two measures, the second and third have two measures each, and the fourth has two measures. 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.'

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

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.

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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 ...glory in your holy church, 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 Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!

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

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross", #803

"All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly", #461

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 Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our

hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.

C Amen.

BLESSING

P Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, † one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN “Lead On, O King Eternal”, #805

DISMISSAL

WA Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

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: Dianne Ward, Lori Schneider | AV Team: Terry & Debbie Hildebrand
Cantor: John Grunewalder | 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: Dianne Ward, Lori Schneider | Crucifer: Jim Drake
Eucharistic Minister: Marie Keating | Greeters: Wanda Green | Lector: Karen Nelson
Ushers: Ron & Karen Clark, Chris Hawkins, Emil Gnam
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: June 21,28 | July 5,12,19,26

PRAYER LIST June 14, 2026

Sharon Flecha, Laurie Louise, Carla Kazanjian, Donald Giroux, Michelle Montany,
Dennis Bengtson, Gary Reynolds, Walt Eccard, the family of Joyce Rivenburgh

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 and to celebrate the Baptism of Avery and our Pastor’s 40th Ordination Anniversary.

A Holy Wave of Grace ~ Today, we celebrate a beautiful milestone as **Avery Larkin Brown** is wrapped in the love of God through holy baptism. Just as the ocean waters refresh our shores, may God's grace continuously wash over Avery's life, guiding every step with peace, joy, and unconditional love. Welcome to the family of faith, little one! We love you and welcome to the family of faith! ~*Pastor Eichorn, Council, parishioners of St. Luke.*

A Lifelong Anchor of Grace ~ Today, we also celebrate a monumental milestone as The Reverend Dr. Christian Eichorn marks his 40th Ordination Anniversary. Just as the deep ocean waters steadily anchor our shores, your forty years of faithful ministry, compassionate leadership, and unwavering devotion have been a rock of strength for Saint Luke Lutheran Church. May God's abundant grace continuously wash over your life—just as you have selflessly poured it into our hearts—filling your path with profound peace, unmeasurable joy, and the proud legacy of a generation led by faith. We love you, we thank you, and we praise God for your forty years of shepherdly care! ~*Council and parishioners of St. Luke.*

"Deep calls to deep in the roar of your waterfalls; all your waves and breakers have swept over me. By day the Lord directs his love, at night his song is with me." ~Psalm 42:7-8

SUPPORTING ST. LUKE MINISTRIES

- ❖ **Gather with the WOSL!** Join us for an evening of fellowship and shared food on **Monday, June 18 at 5:00pm** in the **Fellowship Hall**. We look forward to gathering for a wonderful potluck dinner. If you plan to attend, please add your name and dish to the signup sheet on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board. This month, we are also gathering rolls of **toilet paper** to support our local Food Pantry. Your generous donations are deeply appreciated! ~*Thank you, Joyce Charity.*
- ❖ **LMM Father's Day Casserole Breakfast!** Celebrate Father's Day with us on **Sunday, June 21, 8am-9:15am!** The LMM are hosting this breakfast as a special "thank you" for your incredible support throughout the past year. Come enjoy delicious egg, cheese, and sausage casseroles, or satisfy your sweet tooth with our baked French toast casseroles. Join us for great food and fellowship right before Sunday services. Cost: *Free-will offering. RSVP: Please sign up on the community board so we can estimate food. ~*Thank you, Tony Dompkowski.*
- ❖ **Father's Day, Sunday, June 21:** All men are encouraged to wear Hawaiian shirts!
- ❖ **LMM Kitchen News:** We are excited to announce the donation of a new commercial-grade griddle and an assortment of cooking utensils! This wonderful addition will help us serve up better, hotter meals for our future breakfasts. The griddle is in the church kitchen and is available for use by all church members and groups. ~*Thank you, Tony Dompkowski.*
- ❖ **Graduation Sunday, June 28!** Graduation season is upon us! We want to celebrate the hard work and bright futures of our students. If someone in your family is graduating from high school, college, or graduate school, please share the news with the church office.
- ❖ **Worship & Music Committee:** As many of you know, our church organ is showing its age after many faithful years of service. It has developed internal performance issues that will soon require extensive maintenance, including a disabled amplifier section

and a main computer board that needs replacement. To ensure our music continues to thrive, we established the Beth Grunewalder Memorial Organ Fund late last year to fund a replacement. Memorials for Doris Peterson will also go toward this organ fund. Bud has been actively consulting with several organ manufacturers, and we expect to present a formal recommendation to the church council within the next few months. Contributions to this fund are warmly welcomed as we work toward this goal. ~*Thank you, Rusty Grunewalder.*

- ❖ **Annual 4th of July Picnic!** We are keeping the holiday weekend vibes going! Please join us for our annual 4th of July Picnic on Sunday, July 5th after worship service. Please sign up on the community board by June 30th. Reminder to wear red, white and blue!

*What does *free-will offering* mean to the Nurture & Fellowship committee? Your free will offerings do so much more than cover expenses—they nourish our church family. Every week, your donations help the Nurture & Fellowship Committee supply the coffee, tea, and treats that spark Sunday conversations. Your gifts buy the hamburgers for our 4th of July picnic, the cupcakes for Mother’s Day, and the doughnuts for Father’s Day. Ultimately, the heart of your generosity builds toward our annual Christmas Luncheon. By giving a little bit each week, you help us host a fully catered holiday meal where we can break bread and celebrate together. Thank you for your giving heart.

This Week at Saint Luke ~ June, 2026

Sunday, June 14		<i>No Adult Sunday School - will resume June 28</i>
Third Sunday after Pentecost	10am	Worship Service with live streaming
	11am	Fellowship ~ All are welcome!
	11:15am	Fellowship Meeting - Library
Monday, June 15	3pm	MexTrain
Tuesday, June 16	10:30am	Listening Group
	1pm	Bridge
Wednesday, June 17	10am	Morning Prayer
		<i>Voice & Handbell Choir ~ Summer Hiatus</i>
Sunday, June 21	8am-9:15am	LMM Casserole Breakfast
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost		<i>No Adult Sunday School - will resume June 28</i>
The Reverend Dr. Beth Spitzner Neubauer	10am	Worship service with live streaming
Guest Pastor	11am	Fellowship - All Are Welcome!
Men are encouraged to wear Hawaiian shirts!		
Scripture Readings ~ June 21, 2026 ~ Fourth Sunday after Pentecost		
Genesis 21:8-21 Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17 Romans 6:1b-11 Matthew 10:24-39		



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