

Saint Luke Lutheran Church

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, June 21, 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 celebration of Alice Christiansen's birthday, with love from her husband!

Happy Father's Day to every man who loves with the heart of our Heavenly Father.

"See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!" 1 John 3:1

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

God does not promise that the path of the disciple will be easy. Jeremiah feels the pain of rejection from those who do not want to hear what he has to say. Jesus declares that his words may bring stark division. Even so, we need not be afraid for God accounts for each hair on our heads. Though we may experience rejection, frustration, division, and death, God's grace and love make us a new creation each day. Marked with the cross and filled with holy food, we are sent from worship to witness to Christ in the world.

PRESERVICE MUSIC

"Be Thou My Vision" (trad. Irish), arr. Tom Fettke. Bud Esper, piano.
(c) 2004 Alfred Music.

We are overjoyed to welcome The Reverend Dr. Beth Spitzner Neubauer back to worship today. It feels beautifully fitting that as you return, you are helping to tend and shepherd our community.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Hymn and Andante on "How Firm a Foundation"
("Foundation", 1832), arr. Hal Hopson. Bud Esper, organ
(c) 2013 Hope Publishing

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 "How Firm a Foundation", #796

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 **Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Congregation sits

FIRST READING: Genesis 21:8-21

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17

L ¹ Bow down your ear, O Lord, and answer me, for I am poor and in misery.

C ² **Keep watch over my life, for I am faithful; save your servant who trusts in you.**

L ³ Be merciful to me, O Lord, for you are my God; I call upon you all the day long.

C ⁴ **Gladden the soul of your servant, for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.**

L ⁵ For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, and abundant in mercy toward all who call upon you.

C ⁶ **Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer, and attend to the voice of my supplications.**

L ⁷ In the time of my trouble I will call upon you, for you will answer me.

C ⁸ **Among the gods there is none like you, O Lord, nor anything like your works.**

L ⁹ All the nations you have made will come and worship you, O Lord, and glorify your name.

C ¹⁰ **For you are great; you do wondrous things; and you alone are God.**

L ¹⁶ Turn to me and have mercy on me; give your strength to your servant, and save the child of your handmaid.

C ¹⁷ **Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be put to shame; because you, Lord, have helped me and comforted me.**

SECOND READING: Romans 6:1b-11

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Congregation stands

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION "Alleluia" S-151a

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

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

GOSPEL: Matthew 10:24-39

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. BETH SPITZNER NEUBAUER, PASTOR**+

Silence for reflection

Congregation stands

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said", #667

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

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 *A Prayer for Fathers*

P Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, 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 "Darwall's 148th", John Darwall, set. Joel Raney. Bud Esper, organ. (c) 2016 Hope Publishing

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 a musical score for 'The Great Thanksgiving S-152'. It consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. 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. 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.

The image shows a musical score for '...we praise your name and join their unending hymn: S-153'. It consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: '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.'

P ...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

“Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart”, #800

“O Word of God Incarnate”, #514

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 ...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 “Come Down, O Love Divine”, #804

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: Ron & Karen Clark
Cantor: Alice Christiansen | 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: Emil Gnam
Eucharistic Minister: Sue Heitmuller | Greeters: Cindy Hathaway, Faye Arvonio | Lector:
Rodney Stinson | Ushers: Wayne Huffman, Kenn Nelson, Ray & Cindy Eaton
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 28 | July 5,12,19,26

PRAYER LIST June 21, 2026

Walt Eccard, Sharon Flecha, Sharon Abbandanelo, Amy Golden

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.

Thank you~ Our hearts are full as we welcome The Reverend Dr. Beth Spitzner Neubauer back to worship today! We are so blessed by her willing heart to care for our church family while Pastor takes time to cherish his children and grandchildren."

Reflecting the Father’s Heart! True fatherhood is not defined by biology alone, but by a willingness to guide, protect, and love as God loves us. Today, we celebrate every man - whether a father, mentor, brother, or friend - who pours his life into others and serves as a steady anchor in a changing world. You are a teacher of quiet lessons, a builder of dreams, and a constant source of support. We honor the dedication, sacrifices, and laughter you bring to everyone you touch. Thank you for reflecting on the greatest Father of all! We love you! ~*Pastor Eichorn, Church Council, Church staff & parishioners.*

SUPPORTING ST. LUKE MINISTRIES

❖ **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!
- ❖ **ST. Luke Logo Shirts for Sale:** Orders will be taken for men's and women's golf shirts, T shirts and sweatshirts in the Fellowship Hall after the service. All shirts will have the St. Luke logo embroidered on them. Samples of the fabrics and many colors available will be on display. Sizes from XS to 3XL are available. ~*Emil Gnam.*

This Week at Saint Luke ~ June, 2026

Sunday, June 21	8am-9:15am	LMM Casserole Breakfast
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost		No Adult Sunday School
The Reverend Dr. Beth Spitzner Neubauer	10am	Worship Service with live streaming
Guest Pastor	11am	Fellowship ~ All are welcome!
Monday, June 22	3pm	MexTrain
Tuesday, June 23	10:30am	Listening Group
	1pm	Bridge
Wednesday, June 24	10am	Morning Prayer
		<i>Voice & Handbell Choir ~ Summer Hiatus</i>
Thursday, June 25	10am	Prayer Shawl Ministry
Friday, June 26	9am	Bible & Bagels
		<i>Line Dancing cancelled for month of June</i>
Sunday, June 28	9am	Adult Sunday School
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost	10am	Worship service with live streaming
Graduation Sunday	11am	Fellowship - All Are Welcome!

Scripture Readings ~ July 5, 2026 ~ Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49,58-67 | Psalm 45:10-17 | Romans 7:15-25a | Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

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