

Saint Luke Lutheran Church
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Happy Graduation Sunday!

Sunday, June 28, 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 by
Walt & Joan Eccard in thanksgiving
for God's glorious creation.

Happy Graduation Day
to all our incredible graduates!
As you celebrate this milestone and step out
into your next adventure, carry the love and
blessings of your Saint Luke family with you!

*"Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he
will establish your plans." Proverbs 16:3*

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

The welcome of baptism is for all God's children. This baptismal gift sets us free from the power of sin and death. In today's gospel, Christ promises that the disciple who gives a cup of cold water to the little ones serves Christ himself. From worship we are sent on our baptismal mission: to serve the little ones of this world and to be a sign of God's merciful welcome.

PRESERVICE MUSIC

Medley, "Take My Life and Let It Be" with "I Surrender All", Henry Malan, Winfield Weeden, arr. Tom Fetteke. Bud Esper, piano. (c) 2004 Alfred Music.

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 "O Zion Haste", #668

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 **O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Congregation sits

FIRST READING: Genesis 22:1-14

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 13

L ¹How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me?

C ²**How long shall I have perplexity in my mind, and grief in my heart, day after day? How long shall my enemy triumph over me?**

L ³Look upon me and answer me, O Lord my God; give light to my eyes, lest I sleep in death;

C ⁴**lest my enemy say, "I have defeated you," and my foes rejoice that I have fallen.**

L ⁵But I trust in your unfailing love; my heart is joyful because of your saving help.

C ⁶**I will sing to the Lord, who has dealt with me richly.**

SECOND READING: Romans 6:12-23

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 10:40-42

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: "Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song", #808

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 A prayer for our Graduates & *concludes with Graduate names.*

C Amen.

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 Voluntary on "Praise My Soul the King of Heaven" (Lauda anima), John Gross, arr. Robert Lau. Bud Esper, organ. (c) 2013 Lorenz.

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.

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.

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 ...be all honor and 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

"What Wondrous Life is This", #666

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

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 ...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 “To Be Your Presence”, #546

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: Rodney & Leigh Ann Stinson
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: Sue Dompkowski
Eucharistic Minister: Karen Reynolds | Greeters: TBD | Lector: Katherine Moore
Ushers: Jim Drake, Steve Kirby, Dan Mardis, Bob Regan
Worship Assistant: Pam Eichorn

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: July 5,12,19

PRAYER LIST June 28, 2026

Sandy, Kelly & Paige Lopez, Amy Golden, Doug Muller

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.

Reflecting the Light of Christ! True graduation is not defined by a diploma alone, but by a willingness to learn, grow, and lead as God calls us. Today, we celebrate every graduate from the Saint Luke family — whether starting high school, finishing school, embarking on a new career, or stepping into a new season of life — who has dedicated themselves to growth and stood firm in faith. You are a seeker of truth, a builder of dreams, and a bright beacon of hope in a changing world. We honor the hard work, the resilience, and the joy you bring to our church family. Thank you for reflecting the wisdom of the greatest Teacher of all! We love you and are praying for God’s richest blessings on your next chapter! ~Pastor Eichorn, Church Council, Church staff & parishioners.

2026 Graduates ~ We are beyond proud of you!

Jean-Marc Gerard Durand, Sebastien Richard Durand, Abigail Mary Eichorn, Bella Rae Ford, Victoria Ellen Halka, Megan Harvey, Madison Bailey Jones, Antonio Kuebler, Madeline Keubler, Ashlyn Mattingly, Bailey Meadows, Kiersten Haley O'Connor, Kiera Ogea, Ian Edward Summers and Ava Victoria Wood.

A Joyful Noise: Welcoming the North Strand Ensemble! 🎵 ✨

Mark your calendars for a spectacular, music-filled morning on **Sunday, July 5!** We are absolutely thrilled to welcome the **North Strand Ensemble** to St. Luke. We are anticipating a magnificent group of seven talented string players who will lift our spirits and fill our beautiful sanctuary with glorious sound. Weather and logistics permitting, they will be filling the choir loft, creating a truly heavenly canopy of music above us. While the final program details are still brewing in the creative pot, this incredible ensemble will be weaving their magic throughout our entire morning. Arrive a few minutes early to catch their beautiful **pre-service music and prelude**. They will also be enriching our worship by playing the **offertory, postlude**, and providing rich, sweeping string accompaniments for our **hymns and liturgy**. It promises to be a deeply moving and celebratory service you won't want to miss. Bring a friend, open your heart, and prepare to make a joyful noise together! 🎸 ❤️

A Special Thank You: Dear members of Saint Luke, I want to thank you for helping me remember and celebrate my 40th anniversary of ordination. I was surprised at all the cards, the lunch, the letter from the Bishop, etc. And a big thank you to Karen Barnhart, Marie Keating, Deb Mardis and the Nurture and Fellowship committee for all their behind the scenes work. And then baptizing Avery was the cherry on the top of that special day. Pam and I thank God for you all and we hold you in our hearts.

SUPPORTING ST. LUKE MINISTRIES

- ❖ **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! *The Fellowship Committee will meet Friday, July 3 at 10am to set up for the picnic.*
- ❖ The **Listening Group** will gather informally on four Tuesdays in July (**July 7, 14, 21, and 28**) from **10:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.** We do not have a specific topic or program; instead, our focus is simply staying in contact throughout the summer. We will share scripture, pray, and get to know one another on a deeper, more personal level. Both regular attendees and new participants are warmly welcome—just show up! If you have any questions, please call **Katherine Moore at 336-687-1008**.
- ❖ **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*.

- ❖ **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.*
- ❖ **File of Life:** If you sign up to receive the File of Life, please pick them up from your church mailbox. If you haven't signed up and would like one for yourself or a loved one, call or stop by the church office to request one.

This Week at Saint Luke ~ June, 2026

Sunday, June 28		
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost	9am	Adult Sunday School
Happy Graduation Sunday!	10am	Worship Service with live streaming
	11am	Fellowship ~ All are welcome!
Monday, June 29	3pm	MexTrain
Tuesday, June 30	10:30am	Listening Group
	1pm	Bridge
Wednesday, July 1	10am	Morning Prayer
		<i>Voice & Handbell Choir ~ Summer Hiatus</i>
Friday, July 3	10am	Fellowship Committee setup for Sunday Picnic
Sunday, July 5	9am	Adult Sunday School
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost	10am	Worship Service with live streaming
	11am	Fellowship & Happy 4 th Picnic - 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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