

Saint Luke Lutheran Church

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, August 2, 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.

We give glory to God today through the beauty of our altar flowers, which celebrate two special blessings in our community.

We join **Sharon Flecha** in thanksgiving for the prayers, cards, and care she received from her church family.

We also celebrate with **Barbara Klein**, who gifts these flowers to everyone here at Saint Luke as a thank-you for truly being God's bright light.

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

In today's first reading God invites all who are hungry or thirsty to receive food and drink without cost. Jesus feeds the hungry multitude and reveals the abundance of God. At the eucharistic table we remember all who are hungry or poor in our world today. As we share the bread of life, we are sent forth to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry.

PRESERVICE MUSIC

"My Faith Looks to Thee", Lowell Mason, arr. Tom Fettke. Bud Esper, piano.
(c) 2004 Alfred Music.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Sing the Glad Song", Franklin Ritter. Bud Esper, organ.
(c) 1992 Lorenz Music.

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 "All People That On Earth Do Dwell", #883

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 **Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Congregation sits

FIRST READING: Genesis 32:22-31

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 17:1-7, 15

- L ¹Hear a just cause, O Lord; give heed to my cry; listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.
- C ²**Let my vindication come forth from your presence; let your eyes be fixed on justice. ‘**
- L ³Examine my heart, visit me by night, melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.
- C ⁴**I have not regarded what others do; at the word of your lips I have avoided the ways of the violent.**
- L ⁵My footsteps hold fast to your well-worn path; and my feet do not slip.
- C ⁶**I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me; incline your ear to me and hear my words.**
- L ⁷Show me your marvelous lovingkindness, O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand from those who rise against them.
- C ¹⁵**But at my vindication I shall see your face; when I awake, I shall be satisfied, beholding your likeness.**

SECOND READING: Romans 9:1-5

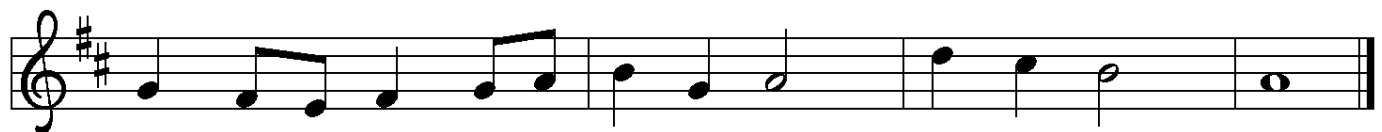
- L The word of the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

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 14:13-21

- 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: "When the Poor Ones", #725

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 With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

WA ...Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

P Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Bob & Cheryl Bates

Sponsored by Jim & Judy Drake

Linda Bodenhamer

Sponsored by Bob & Kathy Rose

Tom & Carol Eanes

Sponsored by Chris & Kim Hawkins

Barbara Klein

Sponsored by Katie Wallace

John & Nancy Malone

Sponsored by Hugh & Becky Overcash

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

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

Congregation sits

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Take, Lord, Receive", John Foley. John Malone, guitar/vocal. (c) 1975 John Foley, S.J., and North American Liturgy Resources.

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

(Music on next page)

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 ...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. We will commune around the Altar.

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

COMMUNION HYMNS

"Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life", #719

"O God, My Faithful God", #806

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 “When Peace Like a River (It Is Well With My Soul)”, #771

DISMISSAL

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

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

--Thank you for worshiping with us today--

The following members assisted with today’s worship service with live streaming:

Altar Guild: Sharon Tulio, Sue Dompkowski | AV Team: Ron & Karen Clark

Cantor: Rod Peterson | 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 Hand, Mike Applegate | Crucifer: Sue Dompkowski

Eucharistic Minister: Karen Barnhart | Greeters: Joyce Charity, Florence Asmund

Lector: Kim Hawkins | Ushers: Jim Drake, Dan Mardis, Becky Overcash, Bob Regan

Worship Assistant: Emil Gnam

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: 16 (1 vase), 23

PRAYER LIST August 2, 2026

Rebecca Sirginson, Tiva Thornberg, Allen & Diane Zeeck, David Cloninger,
the family of Steve Miranda

LUTHERAN LIFE

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY ~ AUGUST 2, 2026

We will receive new members during the service today. We extend a warm welcome to each of you and are happy you are part of the St. Luke Faith Community! Please join us for light refreshments in the Fellowship Hall after the service to meet our new members.

WELCOME VISITORS ~ We are delighted you chose to worship with us at St. Luke today. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall right after worship for light refreshments and cake and to welcome and celebrate you and our new members. We look forward to saying hello!

SUPPORTING ST. LUKE MINISTRIES

- ❖ **The Listening Group, WOSL, and LMM** will take a Summer hiatus in August.
- ❖ **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.*
- ❖ **Pantry Food of the Month – Pasta - all types are welcome.**
- ❖ **File of Life:** We have plenty of File of Life packets available! If you previously signed up to receive one, please pick it up from your church mailbox. If you haven't signed up yet but would like a packet for yourself or a loved one, simply call or stop by the church office to request one.
- ❖ **School Supplies Needed for Children:** As a new school year approaches, we are again collecting school supplies for children at Union Elementary School. Collection bins will be in the church entrance throughout the month of August for your donations. Items requested: Ticonderoga pencils; Crayola markers and colored pencils; ink pens; Pink Pearl erasers; black Expo dry-erase markers and erasers; highlighters; two-pocket folders; Post-It Notes; white cardstock; Clorox wipes; tissues; clear tape for tape dispensers; packing tape; and scissors. There are two bins located in the Narthex for collectibles. We will run this collection throughout August, with the final day to drop off items being Sunday, August 30. ~*Thank you, Faye Arvonio.*
- ❖ **Lutheran Disaster Response in Texas:** Devastating flash floods have recently swept through the Texas hill country region that is still reeling from last year's flooding. This is a heartbreaking disaster for families who have already endured so much. As followers of Christ, we know that when our neighbors suffer, our faith calls us to respond with compassion. Our Humanitarian Action team has been working day and night to coordinate our response. We are moving quickly to reach the families who need your help most, and **we need your help!** At this time, we know that our response will include: Providing **cash cards** so that families can purchase urgently needed food, water, transportation, diapers — whatever they need to keep going and distributing **Lutheran World Relief Quilts & Kits** for comfort and practical support. You can give directly to Lutheran Disaster Relief at [elca.org/Lutheran Disaster Response](http://elca.org/Lutheran%20Disaster%20Response) or make a check out to the church and in the memo line for Lutheran Disaster Response.

This Week at Saint Luke ~ August, 2026

Sunday, August 2	9am	Adult Sunday School
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost	10am	Worship Service with live streaming
<i>New Member Sunday</i>	11am	Fellowship - All Are Welcome!
Monday, August 3	2pm	German Club
	3pm	MexTrain
Tuesday, August 4		<i>Listening Group ~ Summer hiatus</i>
	1pm	Bridge
Wednesday, August 5	10am	Morning Prayer
		<i>Voice & Handbell Choir ~ Summer hiatus</i>
Saturday, August 8	9am-Noon	The Lord's Food Pantry
Sunday, August 9	9am	Adult Sunday School
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost	10am	Worship Service with live streaming
	11am	Fellowship - All Are Welcome!

Scripture Readings ~ August 9, 2026 ~ Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 19:9-18 | Psalm 85:8-13 | Romans 10:5-15 | Matthew 14:22-33



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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

A Warm Welcome to Our Newest Family Members! ☀️

We are absolutely thrilled to officially welcome some wonderful new faces into our church family! God continues to bless our community with incredible people who bring unique stories, diverse talents, and hearts eager to serve. Please take a moment to read about our newest brothers and sisters in Christ listed below. When you see them in the pews, at fellowship, or out in the community, please extend a warm handshake, a big smile, and a loving welcome to make them feel right at home! ~Pastor Eichorn

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

"Therefore, encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing." ~1 Thessalonians 5:11

"You are all one in Christ Jesus." ~Galatians 3:28

Meet **Bob and Cheryl Bates**, two familiar, smiling faces who have been such a staple in our community that you probably thought they were official members already! Traveling all the way from Minnesota, this wonderful couple now calls Longs, South Carolina, home, where they are the proud parents of two daughters. Cheryl proudly served in the Army National Guard and later worked for National Tube Supply, bringing that same dedication to church life by previously assisting with the food pantry and jumping into fun activities with the Women's group. Bob spent his career making a difference through Generations on Aging, a government program, and shares Cheryl's heart for service by staying active in the Men's group and the food pantry—though you can also find him enjoying his time outdoors doing yard work. Together, Bob and Cheryl bring a beautiful energy and a deep love for community wherever they go!

Sponsor: Jim & Judy Drake

Meet **Linda Bodenhamer**, a joyful resident of Ocean Isle Beach who fills her community with warmth and dedication! Originally from Brooklyn, New York, Linda and her husband made the move down south, bringing their vibrant energy and a proud family foundation that includes their two wonderful sons. Professionally, Linda shone as an exceptional legal assistant with the David & Hamrick law firm, where her sharp intellect and reliable nature made her a truly invaluable asset. Beyond her career, Linda has a beautiful heart for community connection; she previously loved being an active, enthusiastic part of the local Women's group, where her bright presence and eager participation brought everyone closer together.

Sponsor: Bob & Kathy Rose

Meet ***Tom and Carol Eanes***, a wonderful couple who join us from Hempstead, North Carolina, bringing a beautiful, shared journey of faith along with them! While Tom grew up Presbyterian, Carol lovingly swayed him over to the Lutheran faith, and together they have always poured their hearts into active ministry. Carol spent her career molding minds as a high school English teacher and has shared her leadership skills on the church council. Tom is a dynamic educator who is still actively shaping young lives as a weight training physical education teacher and head football coach. Even with his busy schedule, Tom always makes time to serve his church family as a welcoming usher. The couple currently resides in Hempstead, where Tom will finish out his current football season, before they officially make their way to Ocean Isle Beach to enjoy a beautiful, well-deserved retirement!

Sponsor: Chris & Kim Hawkins

Meet ***Barbara Klein***, a vibrant resident of Carolina Shores who brings a beautiful blend of heart and leadership wherever she goes! Originally from Lorain, Ohio, Barbara built a meaningful career balancing the dynamic world of commercial real estate with the deeply compassionate calling of a nursing home administrator. Together with her beloved husband—who has since gone home to be with the Lord—Barbara dedicated her life to being the hands and feet of Jesus across the Carolinas, from Garden City, South Carolina, to Arden and Asheville, North Carolina. A truly indispensable part of her church families, Barbara has lovingly poured her time into nearly every corner of ministry, serving on funeral, hospitality, and social committees, managing the food pantry, guiding finance boards, serving as a Eucharistic minister, and assisting during services. Barbara's life is a beautiful testament to faith, community spirit, and a heart that simply loves to serve others.

Sponsor: Katie Wallace

Meet ***Nancy and John Malone***, a wonderful couple who bring a wealth of love, dedication, and community spirit all the way from Brooklyn, New York, to their home in Longs, South Carolina! Blessed with two sons, Nancy and John have spent their lives lifting others up—Nancy through her rewarding career as a retired teacher molding young minds, and John through his proud service in the National Grid Utility. Their shared faith journey has left a lasting impact on their church families, where they historically poured their hearts into youth ministry and served across multiple committees, including the church council and at the synodical level. A man of many talents, John beautifully shared his gifts by singing in the choir, playing the guitar, and serving as a deacon. Together, Nancy and John represent a beautiful lifetime partnership rooted in service, family, and a genuine joy for helping others thrive.

Sponsor: Hugh & Becky Overcash