

Saint Luke Lutheran Church

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, August 16, 2026

The Reverend Dr. Christian Eichorn, Pastor

Pastor's Version



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 and in loving memory of Bud Wallace. They are placed by Katie Wallace.

The altar flowers are also given to the glory of God in loving memory of Jim Bowling. They are placed by Jim's sister, Karen Clark and her husband, Ron.

I thank my God upon every remembrance of you. ~ Philippians 1:3

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

In Isaiah we hear that God's house shall be a house of prayer for all people and that God will gather the outcasts of Israel. The Canaanite woman in today's gospel is a Gentile, an outsider, who is unflinching in her request that Jesus heal her daughter. As Jesus commends her bold faith, how might our church extend its mission to those on the margins of society? In our gathering around word and meal we receive strength to be signs of comfort, healing, and justice for those in need.

PRESERVICE MUSIC

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us", William Bradbury, arr. Tom Fettke. Bud Esper, piano.
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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ **Good morning!**
- ❖ **Steve Jewell passing. Service Saturday, August 29 at 1pm**
- ❖ **Worship & Music Meeting – Tuesday, August 18, 3pm, Library**
- ❖ **Council Meeting – Thursday, August 20, 1pm, Library**
- ❖ **Sign up for Labor Day Picnic on Fellowship board by August 30th.**
- ❖ **New Member Sunday, August 23 – reach out by Wednesday, August 19**

PRELUDE

"Immortal Invisible, God Only Wise", (St. Denio) (Welsh), arr. Matt Limbaugh. 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 Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, and desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

P 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 God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C Amen.

GATHERING HYMN “Immortal, Invisible”, #834

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)
(Music on next page)



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

WA Let us pray.

C God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Congregation sits

FIRST READING: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

L ¹Thus says the Lord: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come and my deliverance be revealed. ⁶And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, all who keep the Sabbath and do not profane it and hold fast my covenant—⁷these I will bring to my holy mountain and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. ⁸Thus says the Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel: I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 67

L ¹May God be merciful to us and bless us; may the light of God's face shine upon us.

C ²Let your way be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations.

L ³Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

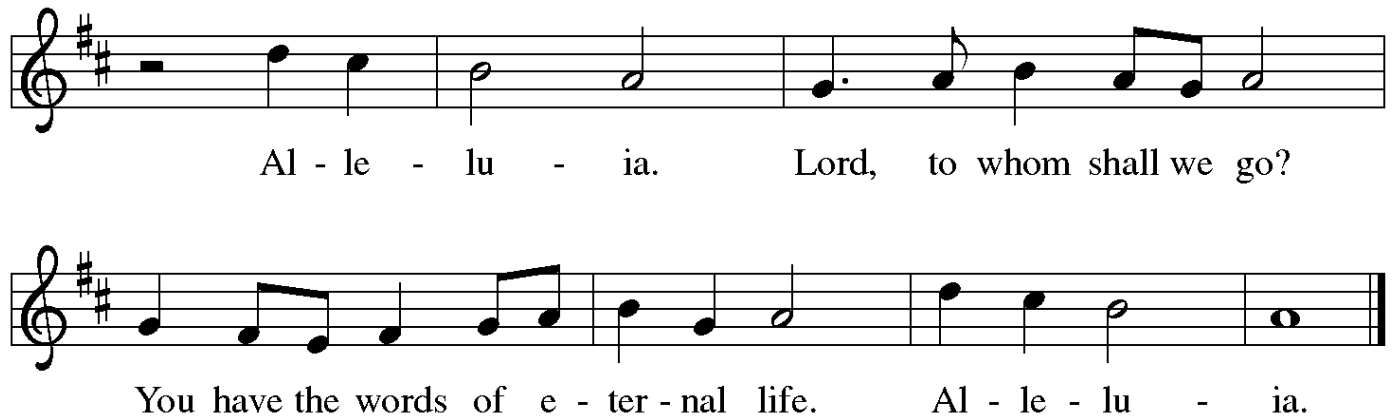
- C ⁴Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations on earth.
- L ⁵**Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.**
- C ⁶The earth has brought forth its increase; God, our own God, has blessed us.
- L ⁷**May God give us blessing, and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.**

SECOND READING: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

- L [Paul writes:] ¹I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ^{2a}God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. ²⁹For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹so also they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they also may now receive mercy. ³²For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.
- L **The Word of the Lord.**
- C Thanks be to God.

Congregation stands

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION "Alleluia" S-151a
(Music on next page)



GOSPEL: Matthew 15:21-28

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

P ²¹ Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²² Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." ²³ But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." ²⁴ He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵ But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶ He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷ She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed from that moment.

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, think on Me”, #599

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 For believers around the world who stream to your holy mountain, that all be united in faith and harmony in the body of Christ. Let your church on earth be a witness to the beloved community of your heavenly kingdom. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

WA For your wondrous creation, that it thrives and flourishes as you intend. Raise up wise stewards to defend the natural world against carelessness and

destruction. Safeguard endangered species and their habitats. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

WA For the nations of the world and all in authority, that they heed the cry of the outcast and ensure care for the most vulnerable. Give wisdom to leaders of countries, congregations, and communities, that they lead and serve justly. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

WA For all who are lonely, grieving, or struggling with chronic pain, that they find comfort, community, and hope. Send relief to all who struggle with illness of any kind (*especially Stephanie Ruth, Walt Eccard, Dianne Jewell, Marcia Shaw, Debbie Bosman, Lori Burns, Walt Eccard, Miriam Wilson, and the families of Steve Jewell, Patrick McCarthy, Stephanie Ruth and Jim Bowling*). Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

WA For the saints before us whose work is done, that their faithful example continues to direct your church. May their witness remind us that your gifts and calling are irrevocable, whether in life or death. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

WA We give thanks for the faithful who have gone before us. Guide us in our earthly journey, that we may one day join them in your eternal kingdom. Merciful God,

C hear 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.

PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

Congregation sits

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "I Love to Tell the Story", William Fischer, arr. William Felton. Bud Esper, organ.

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Congregation stands

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

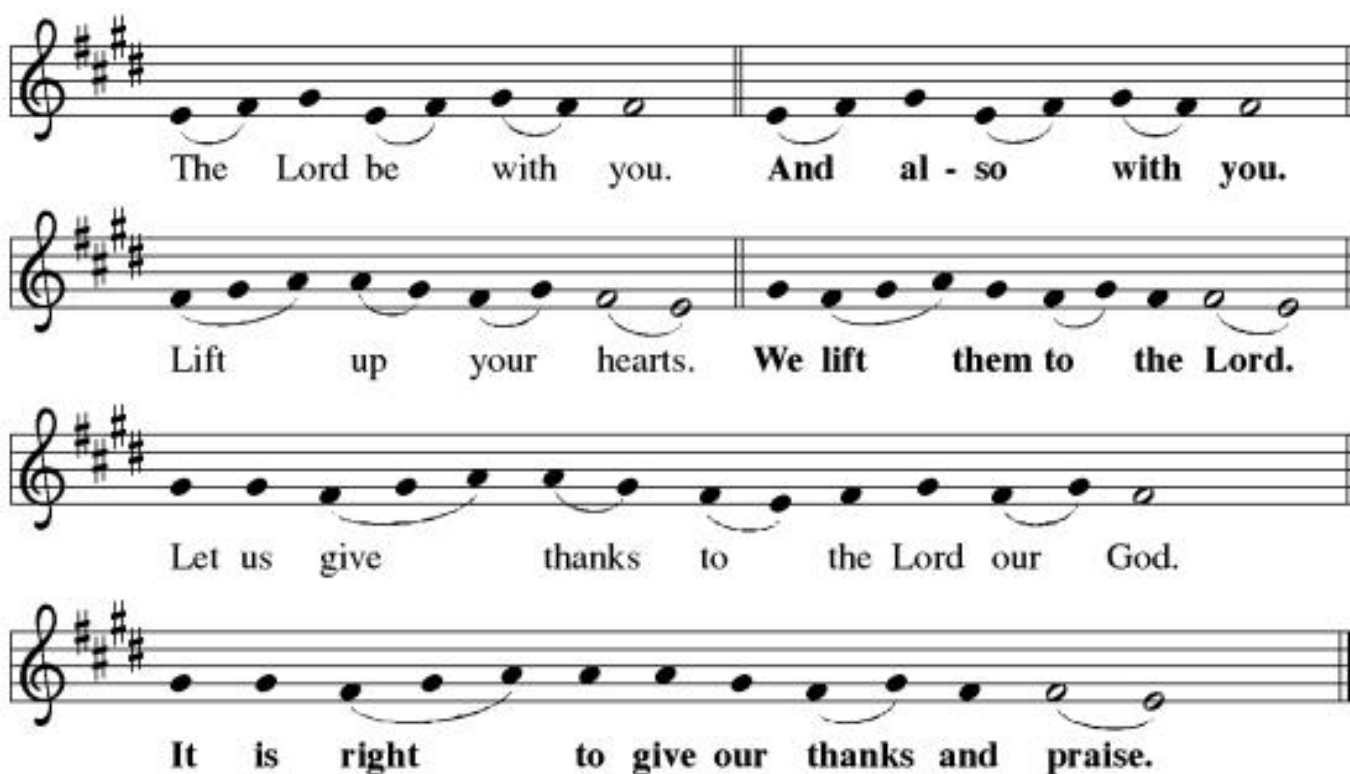
OFFERING PRAYER

P Let us pray.

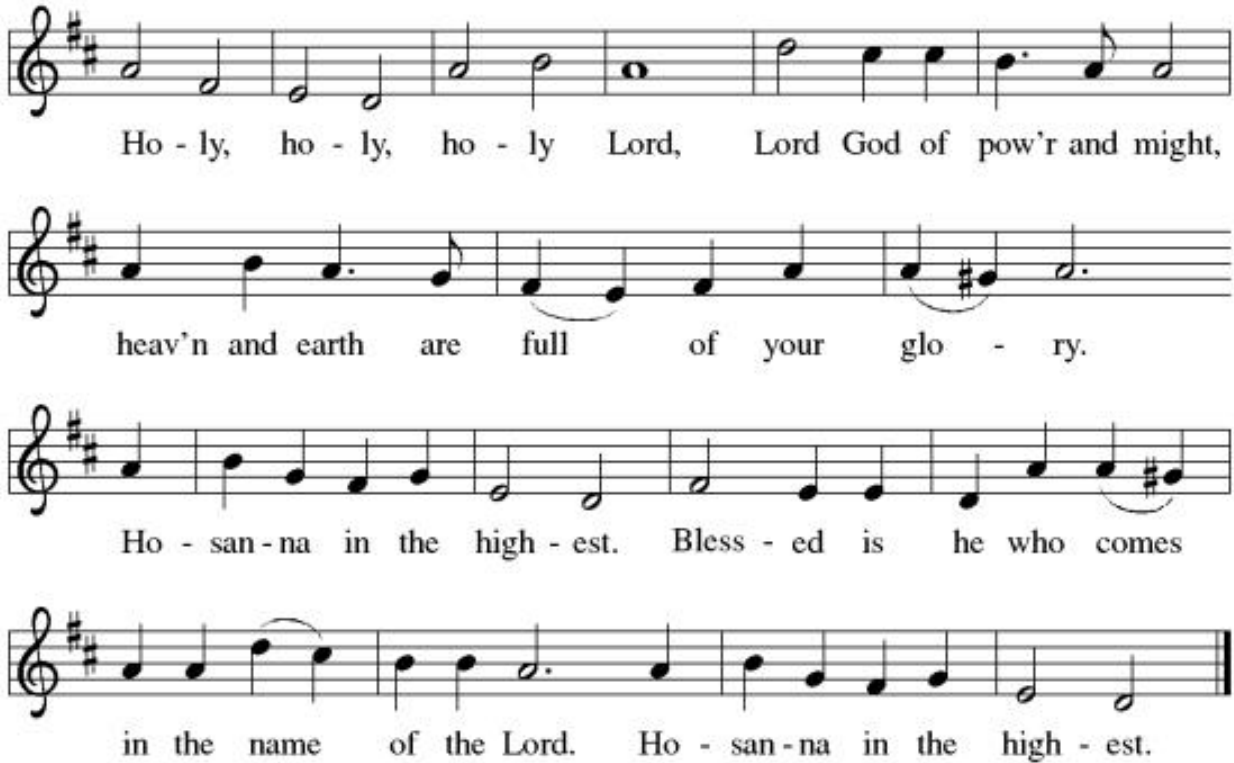
C Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING S-152

(Music on next page)



- P** It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You reveal your glory as the glory of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, one Lord, one God, ever to be adored in your eternal glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn: S-153
(Music on next page)



P You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

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 Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints. To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, 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)

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on

us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the

sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMNS

“God, When Human Bonds Are Broken”, #603

“You Satisfy the Hungry Heart”, #484

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



Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done.

Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.

Send us with your prom-is - es and lead your peo-ple forth in joy with

shouts of thanks-giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

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 “What a Fellowship”, #774

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: Cindy Hathaway, Sharon Tulio | AV Team: Ed & Marie Keating
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: Sara Hand, Sue Heitmuller | Crucifer: Dan Mardis
Eucharistic Minister: Marie Keating | Greeters: John & Teresa Klemmer
Lector: Sue Heitmuller | Ushers: Ray & Cindy Eaton, Bob Moore, Jim Meyer
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: August 23; September 6, 20, 27

PRAYER LIST August 16, 2026

Walt Eccard, Stephanie Ruth, Dianne Jewell, Marcia Shaw, Debbie Bosman,
Lori Burns, Miriam Wilson, several anonymous requests, and
the families of Stephanie Ruth, Patrick McCarthy, Jim Bowling, and Steve Jewell

LUTHERAN LIFE

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 to welcome and celebrate you. We look forward to saying hello!

SUPPORTING ST. LUKE MINISTRIES

- ❖ **Worship & Music Meeting:** Tuesday, August 18, 3pm, Library.
- ❖ **WOSL Dinner & Meeting:** Summer hiatus and will resume in September.
- ❖ **Listening Group:** Summer hiatus and will resume in September.
- ❖ **Handbells & Voice Choir:** Summer hiatus and will resume August 26.
- ❖ **Council Meeting:** Thursday, August 20, 1pm, Library.
- ❖ **Prayer Shaw Ministry:** Thursday, August 27, 10am, Fellowship Hall, Rm. 3.
- ❖ **CMM Meeting:** Thursday, August 27, 2pm, Library.
- ❖ **New Member Sunday:** Sunday, August 23. Those interested in joining, please contact the Pastor or the office by Wednesday, August 19.
- ❖ **Pantry Food of the Month – Pasta - all types are welcome.**
- ❖ **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, Social Ministry Committee.*

- ❖ **Labor Day Picnic:** The signup sheet for the picnic is on the Fellowship board. Please sign up by Sunday, August 30. ~*Thank you, Deb Mardis.*
- ❖ **Temple Talk with Kathy Hand, Sunday, August 23.** Mark your calendar to hear about God's mission work in Tanzania. Our fifth Sunday offering on August 30 will support this life-changing Tanzanian Missionary Fund by providing brand-new school desks for children in need. For many students, a proper desk is the first step toward a safe, focused, and dignified learning environment. Please join us in prayer and faithful giving to equip these children for success. ~*Kathy Hand.*
- ❖ **The Celebration of Life Services for Steve Jewell - Saturday, August 29, 1pm.**

This Week at Saint Luke ~ August, 2026

Sunday, August 16	9am	Adult Sunday School
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost	10am	Worship Service with live streaming
	11am	Fellowship - All Are Welcome!
Monday, August 17	3pm	MexTrain
		WOSL ~ <i>Summer hiatus</i>
Tuesday, August 18		<i>Listening Group ~ Summer hiatus</i>
	1pm	Bridge
	3pm	Worship & Music Meeting - Library
Wednesday, August 19	10am	Morning Prayer
		<i>Voice & Handbell Choir ~ Summer hiatus</i>
Thursday, August 20	1pm	Council Meeting ~ Library
	10am	Line Dancing
Sunday, August 23	9am	Adult Sunday School
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost	10am	Worship Service with live streaming
	11am	Fellowship - All Are Welcome!

Scripture Readings ~ August 23, 2026 ~ Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 51:1-6 | Psalm 138 | Romans 12:1-8 | Matthew 16:13-20