

Saint Luke Lutheran Church

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, August 23, 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
on this beautiful Sunday.

*This is the day the Lord has made;
we will rejoice and be glad in it.*

~Psalm 118:24

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

In Isaiah the people are advised to look to their spiritual ancestors as the rock from which they were hewn. Jesus declares that the church will be built on the rock of Peter's bold confession of faith. God's word of reconciliation and God's mercy are keys to the church's mission. Paul urges us to not be conformed to this world but to offer our bodies as a living sacrifice, using our individual gifts to build up the body of Christ. From the table we go forth to offer our spiritual worship through word and deed.

PRESERVICE MUSIC

PRELUDE

"On Christ the Solid Rock I Stand" (Solid Rock), William Bradberry,
arr. Adam Mason. Bud Esper, organ.

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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 “Christ is Made the Sure Foundation”,
#645**

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-139 (“Feast” S-140)

(both front of hymnal)

(music on next pages)

Assisting minister



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All



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.

Refrain 5 140

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be

peo - ple of God. *Refrain* This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

WA Let us pray.

C O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Congregation sits

FIRST READING: Isaiah 56:1-6

L ¹Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness, you who seek the Lord. Look to the rock from which you were hewn and to the quarry from which you were dug. ²Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah, who bore you, for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. ³For the Lord will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. ⁴Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation, for a teaching will go out from me and my justice for a light to the peoples. ⁵I will bring near my deliverance swiftly; my salvation has gone out, and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. ⁶Lift up your eyes to the heavens and look at the earth beneath, for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats, but my salvation will be forever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 138

L ¹I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I will sing your praise.

C ²I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast love and faithfulness; for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.

L ³When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me.

C ⁴All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O Lord, when they have heard the words of your mouth.

L ⁵They will sing of the ways of the Lord, that great is the glory of the Lord.

C ⁶The Lord is high, yet cares for the lowly, perceiving the haughty from afar.

L ⁷Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.

C ⁸You will make good your purpose for me; O Lord, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands.

SECOND READING: Romans 12:1-8

L ¹I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. ²Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. ³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has

assigned. ⁴For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, ⁵so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Congregation stands

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION "Alleluia" S-142a

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 16:13-20

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

P ¹³Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴And they said, "Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living

God.” ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” ²⁰ Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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: “Built on the Rock”, #652

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 God, our rock, you are the foundation on which the church is built. Strengthen and encourage your faithful people everywhere they gather, that they boldly proclaim your word of life to all the world. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

WA You spoke and all creation came into being. Field and forest, wetland and wilderness—all reveal your glory. Sustain and nourish your creation. Teach us to be wise stewards of all you have made. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

WA You bring deliverance to nations and peoples. Come to the aid of nations experiencing war, conflict, disease, famine, and disaster. Guide the work of relief agencies and peacemaking organizations. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

WA You regard the lowly and hear us when we cry out to you. Be present among all who struggle with addiction, housing insecurity, incarceration, and mental illness, that they know they are not alone. Hear our prayers for all in need on this day (*especially Walt Eccard, Bryan Roberts, Katherine Anderson, the Claxton's of The Lord's Food Pantry and the families of Steve Jewell and Bill Huggins.*) Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

WA You draw together people with differing gifts. Lift up the many and varied gifts and talents of this

congregation and strengthen the bonds of fellowship that all may be united as the body of Christ. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

WA Your steadfast love endures forever. We give thanks for the faithful who died in the hope of this promise. Strengthen us in faith until the day we join them at your eternal banquet. 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 "Panis Angelicus", Cesar Franck, ed. Arthur Ryder. Alice Christiansen, solo.

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Congregation stands

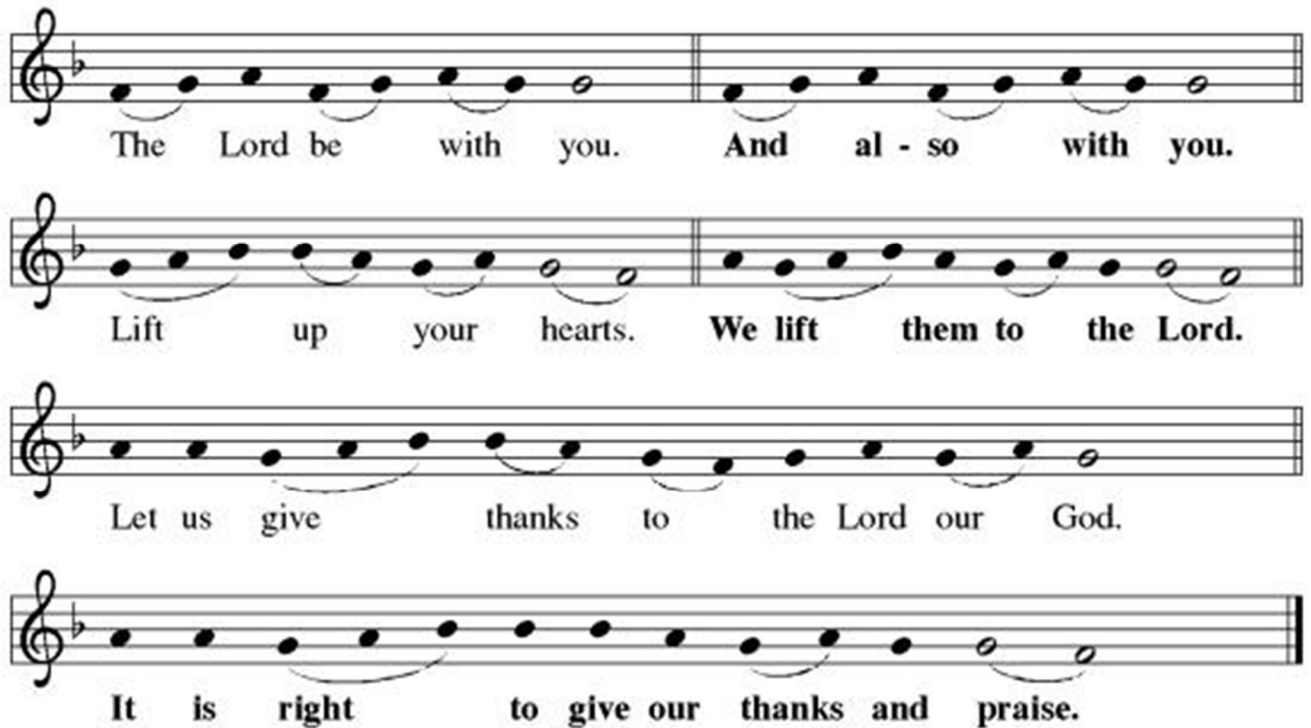
OFFERING HYMN "Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful", #184

OFFERING PRAYER

P Let us pray.

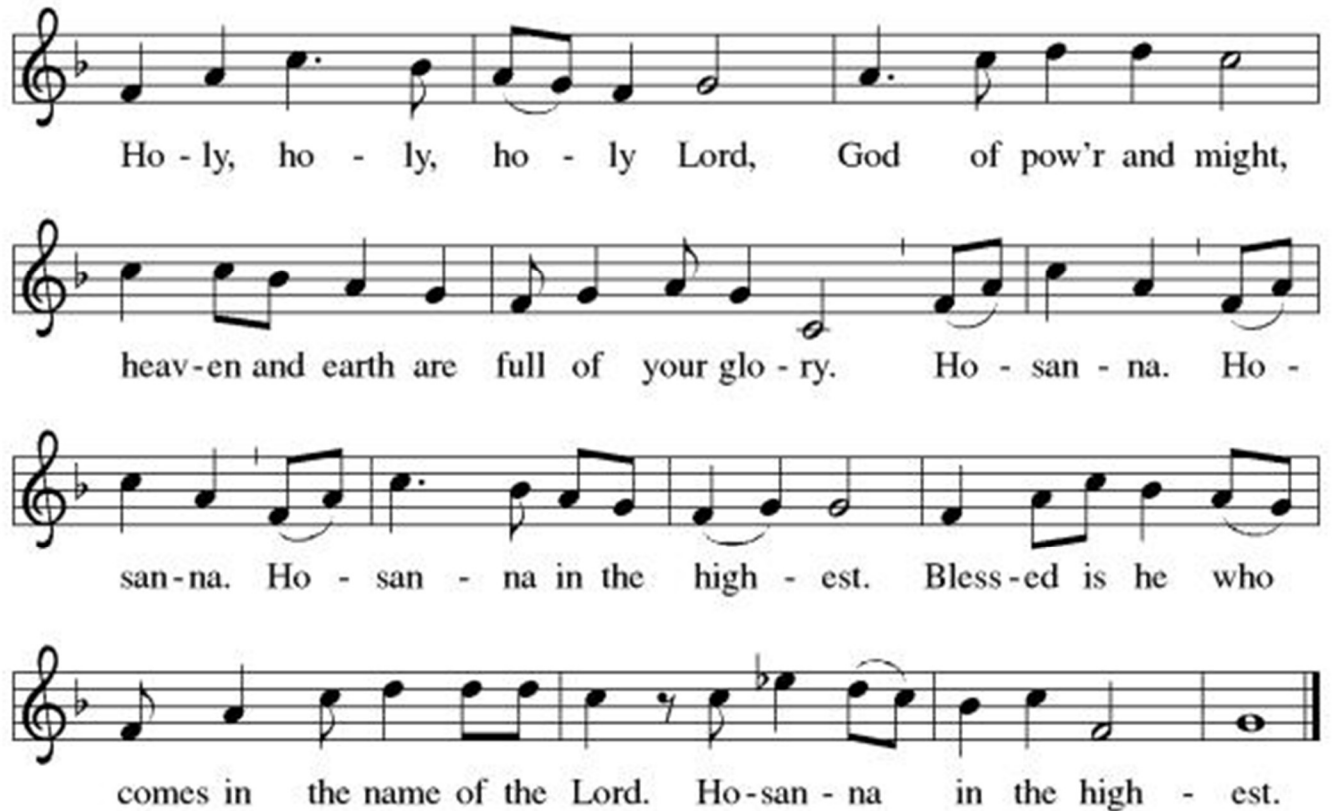
C Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING S-144a (front of hymnal)



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-146 (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.

COMMUNION HYMNS

“My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”, #596

“The Church’s One Foundation”, #654

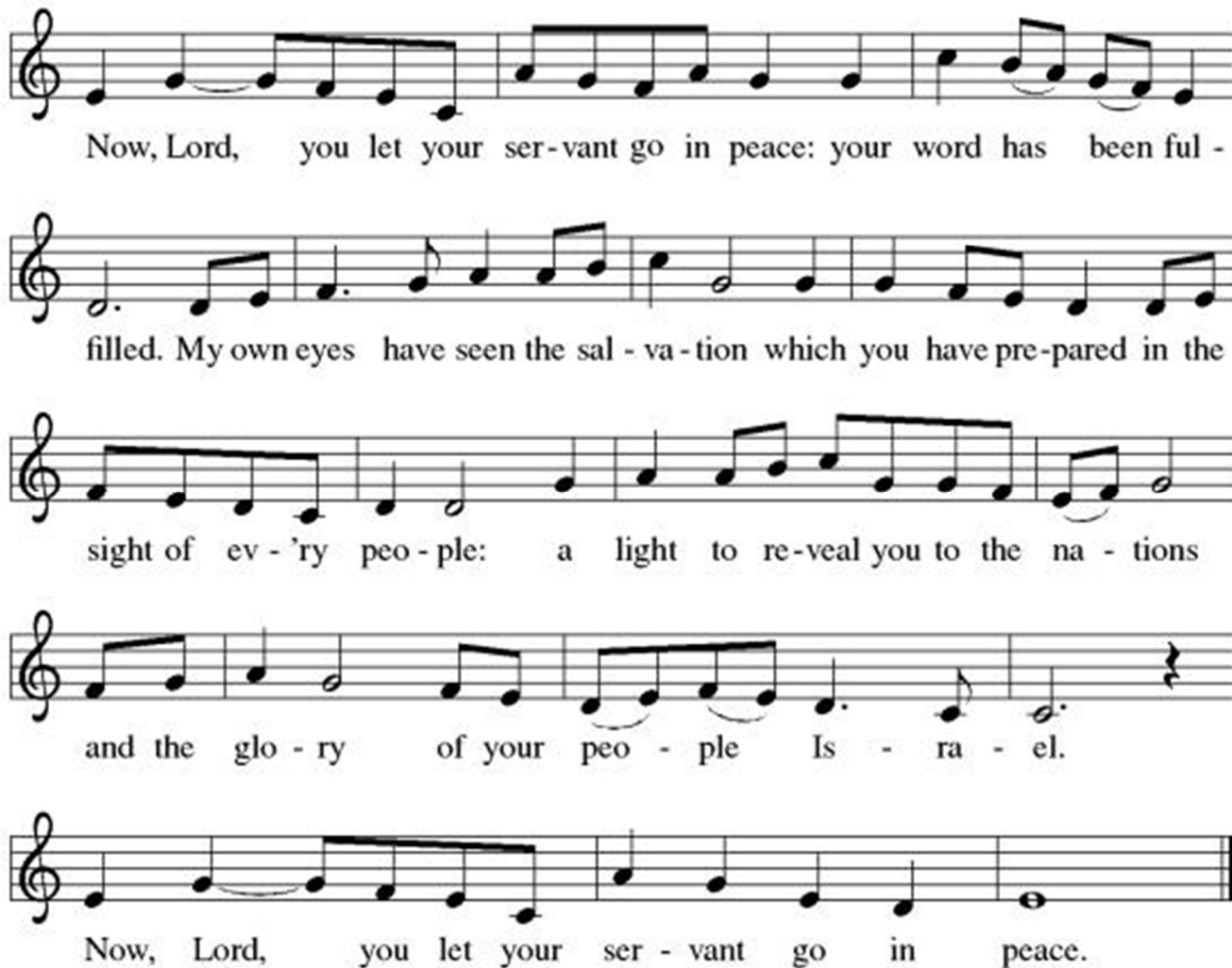
Congregation stands

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 S-113 (*front of hymnal*)



Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful -

filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre-pared in the

sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the na - tions

and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace.

The musical score is written on five staves in treble clef. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some phrases spanning across bar lines. The lyrics are aligned under the notes, with hyphens indicating words that span multiple notes or bars. The piece concludes with a double bar line on the fifth staff.

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 “We All Are One in Mission”, #576

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: Karen Barnhart, Marie Keating | AV Team: Dan & Deb Mardis
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: Dona Quinlan, Kathy Rose | Crucifer: Jim Drake
Eucharistic Minister: Karen Reynolds | Greeters: Cindy Eaton
Lector: Katherine Moore | Ushers: Ron & Karen Clark, Emil Gnam, Chris Hawkins
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: September 6, 20, 27

PRAYER LIST August 23, 2026

Walt Eccard, Bryan Roberts, Katherine Anderson, the Claxton's (TLFP),
and the families of Steve Jewell and Bill Huggins

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!

- ❖ **Join us at Fellowship to hear more about God's mission work in Tanzania.**

SUPPORTING ST. LUKE MINISTRIES

- ❖ **Property & LMM 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.
- ❖ **Prayer Shaw Ministry:** Thursday, August 27, 10am, Fellowship Hall, Rm. 3.
- ❖ **CMM Meeting:** Thursday, August 27, 2pm, Library.
- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **The Celebration of Life Services of Steve Jewell – Saturday, August 29, 1pm.**

This Week at Saint Luke ~ August, 2026

Sunday, August 23	9am	Adult Sunday School
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost	10am	Worship Service with live streaming
	11am	Fellowship - All Are Welcome!
Monday, August 24	3pm	MexTrain
		WOSL ~ Summer hiatus
Tuesday, August 25		Listening Group ~ Summer hiatus
	1pm	Bridge
Wednesday, August 26	10am	Morning Prayer
	6pm	Handbells
	7pm	Voice Choir
Thursday, August 27	10am	Prayer Shawl Ministry
Friday, August 28	9am	Bibles & Bagels
	10am	Line Dancing
Saturday, August 29	1pm	The Celebration of Life Services of Steve Jewell
Sunday, August 30	9am	Adult Sunday School
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost	10am	Worship Service with live streaming
	11am	Fellowship - All Are Welcome!

Scripture Readings ~ August 30, 2026 ~ Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 15:15-21 | Psalm 26:1-8 | Romans 12:9-21 | Matthew 16:21-28