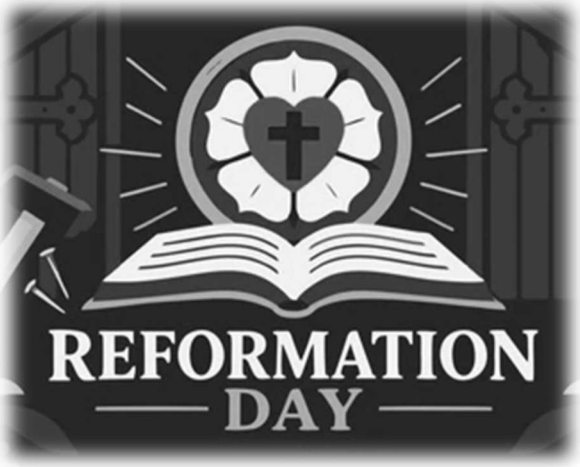
Saint Luke Lutheran Church
Twenty Second Sunday after Pentecost
Reformation Sunday
Order of Welcome & Rite of Installation

Sunday, October 25, 2026

The Reverend Dr. Beth Spitzner Neubauer, Interim 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 **Reformation Sunday**, celebrating **His enduring grace and faith**. With joyful hearts, we also dedicate these flowers to **welcome Reverend Dr. Beth Neubauer** to our church family, praying for God's brightest blessings on her ministry among us.

"For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God..." ~Ephesians 2:8

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.

PRESERVICE MUSIC

We are thrilled to welcome The Reverend Phil Tonnesen, Assistant to the Bishop. He will be participating in the Order of Welcome & Rite of Installation for Pastor Beth Neubauer as we celebrate and pray for her as she begins her ministry with us at Saint Luke.

ORDER OF WELCOME & RITE OF INSTALLATION FOR THE INTERIM PASTOR

Congregational Representative:
Karen Barnhart, Council President

KB Today we begin a new pattern in our faith journey here at St Luke Lutheran Church as we welcome Pastor Beth Neubauer as our interim pastor. In the coming days, let us support her and one another by our continued presence at worship, our sharing in the means of grace, and our words of welcome!

All May God strengthen our community and relationships with power and new insight.

KB Let us seek a renewal of our ministries through the naming of our talents and strengths as we prepare for the future God intends us to have.

All May God help us to identify one another's gifts and open ourselves to their presence and challenge.

KB Let us rejoice in the fruits of partnership as our Church Council continues to lead, our Call Committee forms and begins its work, our Bishop's representative, Pastor Phil Tonnesen, lends his experience and guidance, and Pastor Beth cares for the pastoral needs of our congregation.

All May God in this transition grant us faith, patience, a sense of humor, and the courage to speak the truth in love.

KB Let us ask God's empowerment of all leadership positions: St. Luke's church staff, its committees and organizations, those who do good deeds and those who perform necessary tasks in this congregation.

All Help us, Lord, to work together in harmony of Spirit and purpose.

Bishop's Representative:
The Reverend Phil Tonnesen, Assistant to the Bishop

PT Pastor Beth, will you lead, comfort and reflect with St. Luke during this holy time of transition?

Pastor Beth I will by God's help.

PT Members of St. Luke, will you support Pastor Beth in your ministry together, knowing that even in this brief interim, the results of your labor can be enduring?

All We will by God's help.

PT Bless you in this interim. Be reminded that your mission as Christ's Church continues, our Lord calls on you to serve as his disciples wherever you go, and the Holy Spirit empowers you each and every day.

All Lord, enable us to live our days in praise of your glory. Amen.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Good morning! (welcome those in-house/online)**

- **A special Thank You to The Reverend Phil Tonnesen, Assistant To The Bishop joining us today.**

- **A heartfelt thank you to** Timothy Brown and Jim Hughes for filling in for Bud while on sabbatical. Bud returns next Sunday.

- **TODAY~ Fall Festival & Congregational Survey!** As we enjoy our Fall Festival after our worship service, Pastor Phil Tonnesen will conduct our Congregational Survey also in the Fellowship Hall. The Congregational Survey is the next required step in our call process. **This is your opportunity to be heard, to participate in St. Luke's future, and to have input into the call process.** Please plan to attend and participate!!

- **Council meeting Thursday, October 29th Library**

- **Crop Walk** –Signup to donate or walk **today** after services w/Sara Hart.

- **St. Luke Blood Drive** - Wednesday, October 28 from 10:00am-3:00pm in the Fellowship Hall.

- **Coat Collection** – due in next Sunday, Nov 1.

- **Invite Ron Clark up to speak on LMM's upcoming Breakfast & rescheduled Fall Clean Up Day.**

- **BFA Christmas Gift Program – fill the sleigh Christmas gift program – starts today!**

- **All announcements/detailed info are in the back of the bulletin and remember to sign up on community board.**

PRELUDE

"For The Beauty of the Earth". by Folliat Pierpoint, Hymn tune Dix, Arr. Anna L. Page. Organ, Tim Brown

Congregation stands

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS FOR REFORMATION SUNDAY

P Friends in Christ, today we remember what Paul proclaimed to be true, that all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; yet we are justified by the gift of God's grace through the redemption that is ours in Christ Jesus. Trusting in God's mercy, let us boldly confess our unworthiness and claim the forgiveness that sets us free. Together we pray these words, said to have been written by Martin Luther:

C **Behold in me, Lord, an empty vessel that needs to be filled. My Lord, fill it. I am weak in the faith; strengthen me. I am cold in love; warm me and make me fervent, that my love may go out to my neighbor. I do not have a strong and firm faith; at times I doubt and am unable to trust you altogether. O Lord, help me. Strengthen my faith and trust in you. In you I have sealed the treasure of all I have. I am poor; you are rich and came to be merciful to the poor. I am a sinner; you are upright. With me, there is an abundance of sin; in you is the fullness of righteousness. Therefore, I will remain with you, from whom I can receive, but to whom I may not give.**

Silence for reflection

P Lift up your hearts and hear the Good News. The Lord forgives our iniquity and remembers our sin no more. The Lord writes God's law upon our hearts so we may live as God's people. Receive the gift of God's grace and live with that freedom, in the name of the Father, the Son, and he Holy Spirit.

C Amen. Thanks be to God!

GATHERING HYMN "A Mighty Fortress is Our God", #505

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 *(front of hymnal)*
(Music on next page)

Queue Lectern mic (Cantor will sing)



PRAYER OF THE DAY

WA Let us pray.

C Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Congregation sits

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34

L 31 The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will
make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the
house of Judah. 32 It will not be like the covenant that I
made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand
to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that
they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord.
33 But this is the covenant that I will make with the house
of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my
law within them, and I will write it on their hearts, and I
will be their God, and they shall be my people. 34 No
longer shall they teach one another or say to each other,
"Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the
least of them to the greatest, says the Lord, for I will
forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 46

L [1] God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

C [2] Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;

L [3] though its waters rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

C [4] There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

L [5] God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken; God shall help it at the break of day.

C [6] The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake; God speaks, and the earth melts away.

L [7] The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

C [8] Come now, regard the works of the Lord, what desolations God has brought upon the earth;

L [9] behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world; who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.

C [10] "Be still, then, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."

L [11] The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

SECOND READING: Romans 3:19-28

L [19] Now we know that, whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world may be held accountable to God. [20] For no human will be justified before him by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin. [21] But now, apart

from the law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed and is attested by the Law and the Prophets,
[22] the righteousness of God through the faith of Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction,
[23] since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God;
[24] they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, [25] whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; [26] it was to demonstrate at the present time his own righteousness, so that he is righteous and he justifies the one who has the faith of Jesus. [27] Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. Through what kind of law? That of works? No, rather through the law of faith. [28] For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Congregation stands

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION "Alleluia" S-142a



GOSPEL: John 8:31-36

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

P [31] Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, [32] and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." [33] They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?" [34] Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. [35] The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. [36] So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Congregation sits

✢ SERMON ✢ "Here We Go Again"

✢ The Reverend Dr. Beth Spitzner Neubauer, Interim Pastor ✢

Silence for reflection

Congregation stands

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Church's One Foundation", #654

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 Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new, we pray for the church and the world.

WA As we celebrate Reformation Sunday, we remember the witness of Martin Luther and the reformers of the church in every generation. Empower us to continue the work of reform and renewal in our own day. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

WA We pray for our criminal justice systems and all those whose lives are affected by them. Give wisdom and discernment to police, probation officers, judges, and attorneys; give courage and peace to prisoners and the formerly incarcerated. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

WA We ask your blessing upon all people who have been harmed by the church and its leaders, that the truth may make them free. We pray for the relief of all those who are sick or suffering Carol Vigna, Simphiwe Hlophe **(pronounce it Mr. Simpeeway),** Nancy Parker, and the family of Joe Stumph. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

WA We give thanks for those exploring or returning to a life of faith. Encourage and guide them, that they may find their hope in you. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

WA With gratitude, we remember those disciples who paved the way for us and all of our beloved dead. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

WA Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through 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 "Psalm 67" text by Henry F. Lyte (1793-1847), arrangement by Charles Callahan, based on an ancient Hebrew melody. St. Luke Choir, Tim Brown piano.

Congregation stands

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

OFFERING PRAYER

P Let us pray.

C God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always. Amen.

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

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

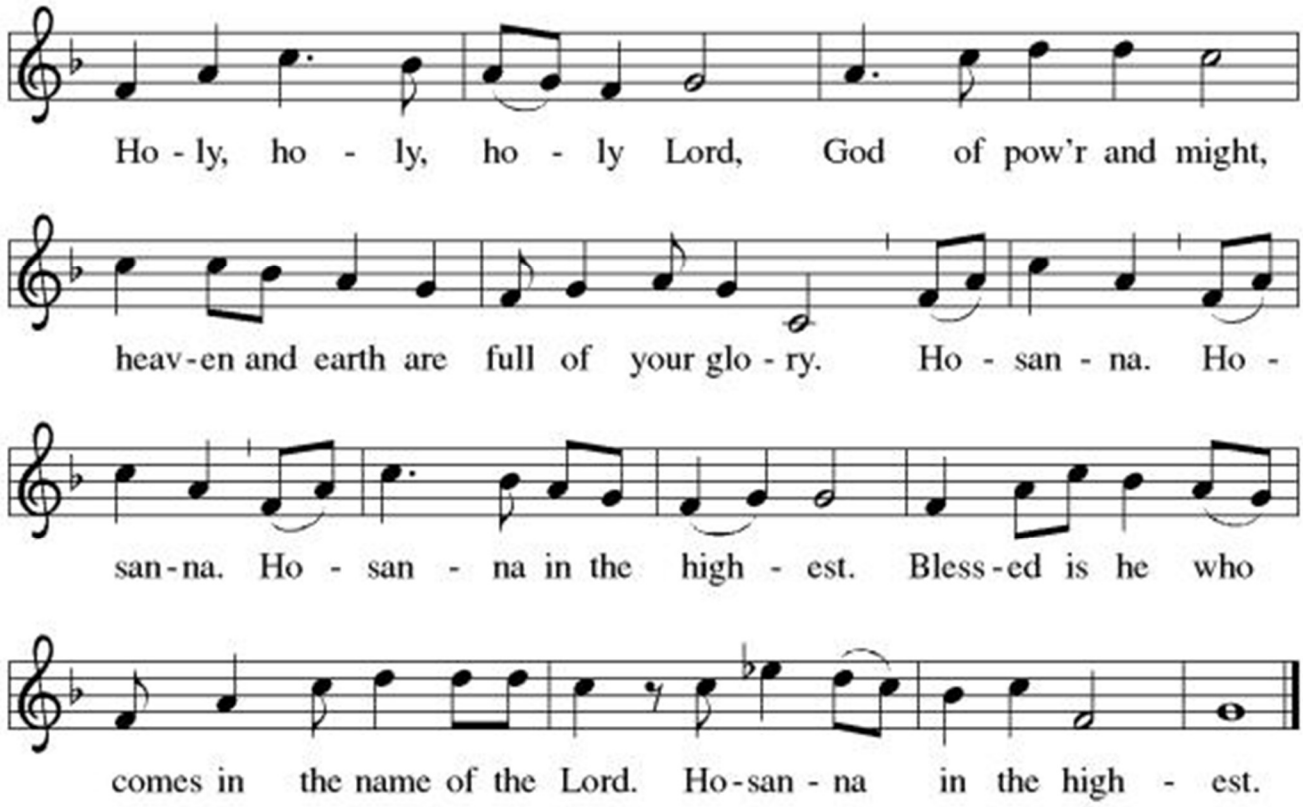
P Life up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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-144b



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

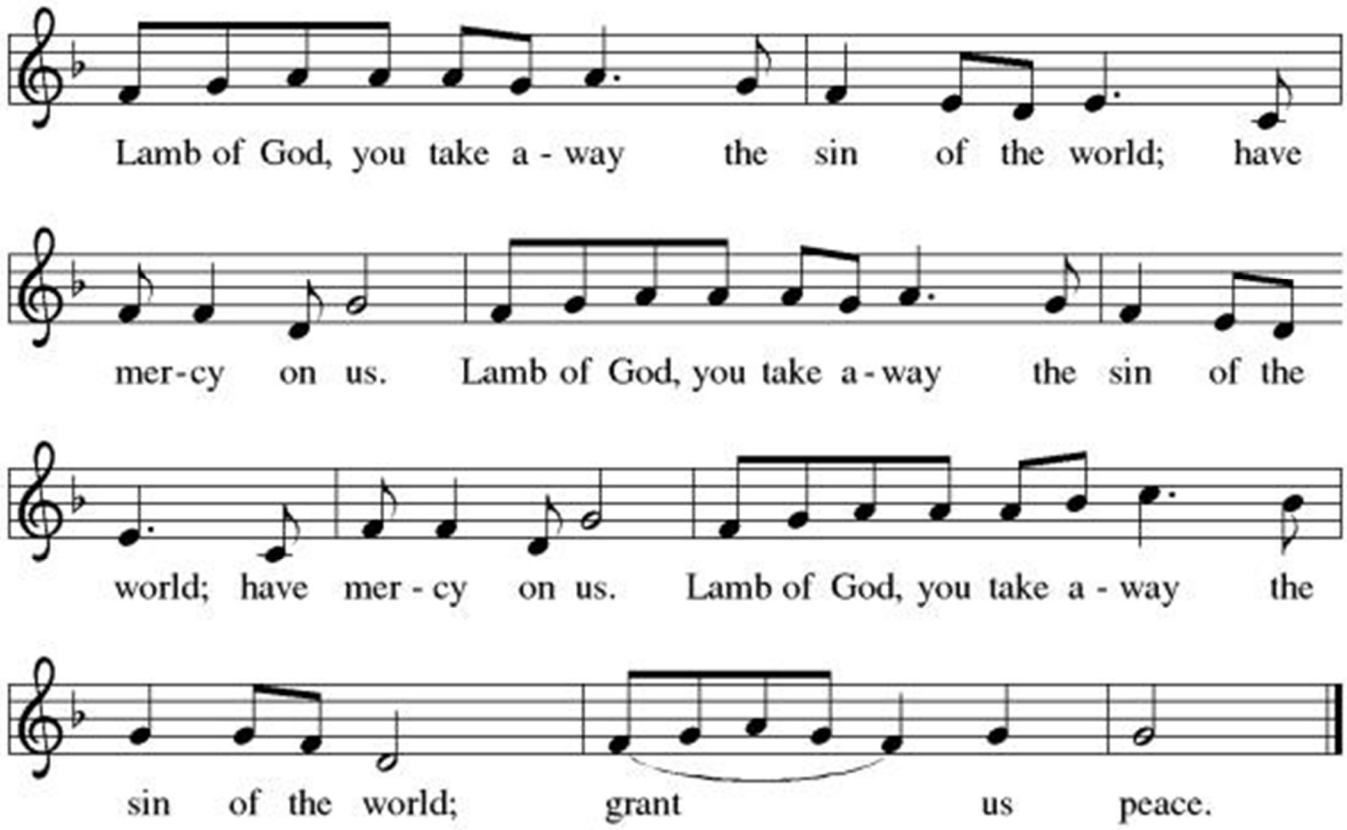
P Christ invites you to this table. All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

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)*
(music on next page)



COMMUNION HYMNS
"Built on a Rock", #652
"Thy Strong Word", #511

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)*
(music on next page)



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray.

C Amen.

BLESSING

P The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind, in the body of Christ Jesus.

C Amen.

P The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the interceding of the Spirit.

C Amen.

P The God of grace ☩ bless you now and forever.
C Amen.

SENDING HYMN "Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me", #767

FALL FESTIVAL PRAYER & CONGREGATIONAL SURVEY | THE REVEREND PHIL TONNESEN

DISMISSAL

WA Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.
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: Lori Schneider, Dianne Ward | AV Team: Ron & Karen Clark
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: Lori Schneider, Dianne Ward | Crucifer: Emil Gnam
Eucharistic Minister: Sue Heitmuller | Greeters: Bob & Kathy Rose
Lector: Katherine Moore | Ushers: John & Anna Borchert, 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 r the Church office.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Please contact the church office to sponsor Sunday altar flowers.
Upcoming availability: November 8, 22, 29

PRAYER LIST October 25, 2026

Carol Vigna, Simphiwe Hlophe, Nancy Parker, the family of Joe Stumph

LUTHERAN LIFE

WELCOME, THE REVEREND DR. BETH SPITZNER NEUBAUER, INTERIM PASTOR The Church Council and the parishioners of Saint Luke gather our hearts today in celebration as we formally welcome **Dr. Beth Neubauer** as our **Interim Pastor**. Please join us in prayer and thanksgiving as we share this blessing for her new path with us

WELCOME, THE REVEREND PHIL TONNESEN, ASSISTANT TO THE BISHOP. We are incredibly grateful for his presence, leadership, and words of wisdom as he shares in this special service with our community. Thank you, Pastor Phil, for blessing us with

your ministry today and parishioners, please join us in greeting him warmly and thanking him for his ministry among us today.

A Heartfelt Thank You to Timothy Brown & Jim Hughes
The Church Council and the entire Saint Luke congregation extend our deepest gratitude and highest praise to **Timothy Brown & Jim Hughes** for their extraordinary leadership during Bud's sabbatical. Timothy stepped into our music ministry seamlessly, doing an absolutely awesome job providing beautiful piano and organ music that lifted our spirits each week. Furthermore, we are profoundly grateful for Jim Hughes stepping in to direct and lead our choir with such grace and energy. Timothy and Jim, your immense talent, flexibility, and servant's heart have been a true blessing to our worship life during this season. Thank you for sharing your gifts so generously with us!

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. We look forward to saying hello!
SUPPORTING ST. LUKE MINISTRIES

- **Congregational Survey & Fall Festival 🍎 TODAY.** As we enjoy our Fall Festival after our worship service, Pastor Phil Tonnesen will conduct our Congregational Survey also in the Fellowship Hall. The Congregational Survey is the next required step in our call process. **This is your opportunity to be heard, to participate in St. Luke's future, and to have input into the call process.** Please plan to attend and participate!!
- The Social Ministry group is holding our annual **coat collection** from October 11th to November 1st. All donations will be delivered to St. James the Fisherman Episcopal Church in Shallotte, where they will be distributed to those in need. Children's sizes are especially needed this year, though all other sizes are greatly appreciated. Drop off in the **Admin Building**. Thank you for your continued warmth and generosity!
- **St. Luke Blood Drive!** Did you know that there is a critical need for blood at this time? Every 2 seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood. You can help by donating blood to the Red Cross. St. Luke will be hosting a Blood Drive on Wednesday, October 28 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. To sign up visit: **RedCrossBlood.org and enter: Luke to schedule an appointment.** Please tell your friends and neighbors and together we can give the gift of life.
- 🎄 **Annual Christmas Show Outing: "Christmas on Main"** Get into the holiday spirit with our annual Christmas show outing! This year, we are traveling to the Greg Rowles Legacy Theatre in North Myrtle Beach for the spectacular matinee performance of "Christmas on Main." Join us on Tuesday, December 8, for the 1:30 PM show, followed by a delicious dinner together at Carrabba's Italian Grill. Tickets for the theatre are $34 per person, and dinner will be self-pay at the restaurant. Because seats are limited, the hard deadline for both sign-up and payment is Sunday, November 29. Don't miss this wonderful afternoon of festive music, food, and fellowship! For more details or to secure your spot, please contact Karen Nelson at 910-269-3095.
- **BFA Christmas Gift Program-Fill the Sleigh Christmas gift program - Starts TODAY!** You may help make Christmas brighter for a senior or child by taking a tag from the tree in the fellowship lobby. RECORD YOUR NAME on the list of numbers by your tag number. RETURN THE TAG and the unwrapped gift(s) no later than Nov. 22 to

the lobby. The social ministry committee will take them to Brunswick Family Assistance for distribution in December. Thank you for caring about others! Joan Eccard.

- **Crop Walk Nov 1st…**Matthew 25: "35 For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, 36 I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.' 37 "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? 38 When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? 39 When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?' 40 "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.' Over the years the participation from St Luke has grown. Please consider supporting the CHW. If you would like to walk and/or donate, I will be in the old Narthex 10/18 and 10/25…Thanks, Sara Hart, St Luke CHW representative. PS if you would like to contribute using a check, please make the check payable to CWS, memo line CHW.
- **Help Us Extend Our Reach!** 💻 We are seeking volunteers to join a rotational team responsible for uploading our Sunday livestream service to the website. Other website maintenance tasks are also available. Basic laptop navigation skills are required. To learn more or to volunteer, please contact **Lori Schneider (910) 232-7558**.
- **All Saints Sunday Men's Breakfast** 🤗Mark your calendars for **Sunday, November 1st**—it's All Saints Sunday, and our Lutheran Men in Mission are hosting a special Men's Breakfast. You can look forward to a delicious meal of **eggs, biscuits and gravy, and bacon**, and best of all, the men will be waiting on you! Tickets are just **$10**. Sales start **this coming Sunday, October 18th**, so be sure to find an **LMM member** after the service to buy yours. Thank you!
- **Fall Clean Up Rescheduled for Saturday, November 7th, 9am – Noon.**
- **WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA (WAA)** ~ Wreaths Across America honors fallen veterans by placing wreaths on their graves nationwide. The American Legion Auxiliary will again participate in WAA this year. Wreaths are $17/each. Please make your check payable to SLLC "memo line WAA" and turn into the collection plate or drop off at the church office. The deadline to purchase a wreath is Sunday, November 16. *~Thank you, Glenn Christiansen.*
- If you receive greeting **cards** from charities and do not plan to use them, please place them in mailbox #111 or drop them off at the church office. We are especially in need of Christmas cards! *~Thank you, Cindy Hathaway.*
- **In Loving Memory of Preston C. Huffman:** The services for Preston C. Huffman will be held privately for family members only. If you would like to express your condolences, support, and shared memories, cards and comforting notes may be sent to his beloved family at: **Alean *(Sissy)* Huffman (Preston's wife)** 6041 Piedmont Row Drive, South, Apt. 5007, Charlotte, NC 28210.

This Week at Saint Luke ~ October, 2026

Sunday, October 25	9am	Adult Sunday School
Twenty Second Sunday after Pentecost	10am	Worship Service with live streaming
	11am	Fellowship & Fall Festival - All Are Welcome!
Monday, October 26	3pm	MexTrain
	4pm	Property
	5pm	LMM Dinner & Meeting
Tuesday, October 27	10:30am	Listening Group
	1pm	Bridge
Wednesday, October 28	10am	Morning Prayer & Coffee ~ Fellowship Hall
	6pm	Handbells
	7pm	Voice Choir
Thursday, October 29	11:30am-1pm	The Barefoot Queen Riverboat Outing
	1pm	Council Meeting - Library
Sunday, November 1	9am	Adult Sunday School
All Saints Day	10am	Worship with live streaming
Twenty Third Sunday after Pentecost	11am	Fellowship - All Are Welcome!

Scripture Readings ~ November 1, 2026 ~ Twenty Third Sunday after Pentecost

Micah 3:5-12 | Psalm 43 | 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13 | Matthew 23:1-12

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A Service of Welcome and Transition

Today, Saint Luke celebrates a beautiful new season of grace.
We extend our warmest welcome to Rev. Dr. Beth Neubauer, our Interim Pastor,
and invite our church family to join in this prayer of blessing and
dedication for her ministry.

We are thrilled to welcome Rev. Dr. Beth Neubauer as our Interim Pastor. As you step across our threshold to guide us through this season of transition, the Church Council and your entire new family of parishioners gather our hearts to offer our warmest welcome, deepest joy, and highest blessing. We extend our profound gratitude to you for answering the call to tend this piece of God's vineyard, bringing your faithful ministry, dedicated service, and seasoned spiritual leadership to Saint Luke.



Your arrival among us is a beautiful season of grace, and we pray that you will find here a true partnership in the sacred calling of the gospel. We look forward with joyful anticipation to the ways you will shepherd this flock—guiding us with wisdom, comforting us in our times of need, and modeling a steadfast devotion to the Lord. We trust that your gifts, kindness, and spiritual vision will leave an indelible mark on the very fabric of our church family as you walk with us through this next chapter, feeding our souls with the Word, sustaining our homes with prayer, and maintaining this community as a sanctuary of Christian love.

While we embark on this fresh journey together, we rejoice in the steady presence and leadership you bring to our daily lives. We bid you a loving welcome and Godspeed as you take up the mantle of pastoral care among us, praying that this season of interim ministry is filled with abundant joy, fruitful labor, and the deep peace of Christ. We pray that your path with us is securely engraved with mutual affection, that our shared impact will endure for years to come, and that your name will forever remain uplifted in our daily prayers.

Joyful Praise and Continuous Blessings on Your Path of New Ministry

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."
~Jeremiah 29:11

May the blessings of family, friends, and health, and the shared excitement of a new beginning fill your life with happiness. God bless your ministry among us, and may He crown this next chapter of our lives together with His greatest joys!

We love and cherish you as you begin your ministry with us! Love and blessings,
Saint Luke Church Council & family of parishioners…