



SAINT LUKE CHURCH

WARM WELCOME to all who gather in the name of Christ this morning. If you are looking for a church home, we hope you will consider Saint Luke Church.

All **BAPTIZED CHRISTIANS** are welcome at the Lord's table. We all need what only Christ can give.

The people of Saint Luke Ministries, called by God's grace in Jesus Christ, are committed to share God's gifts of Word and Sacrament, to care for one another, and to serve those in need. As a **RECONCILING IN CHRIST CONGREGATION**, we welcome all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions based on our belief in a radically inclusive Jesus who loved all people regardless of gender, ethnicity, race, religion, economic, social status, or physical abilities. Saint Luke Ministries strives to be a place "where all are welcomed."

Saint Luke Ministries acknowledges that it is built on the land of which many First Nation people called their home. Members of this community continue to contribute to the life of this city and to celebrate their heritage, practice, traditions, and care for the land and waterways. Therefore, we **EMBRACE OUR COMMITMENT** to Indigenous rights, racial justice, and cultural equity.

For your convenience, there are *large print copies* of the Sunday bulletin and *individual sound enhancement devices*.

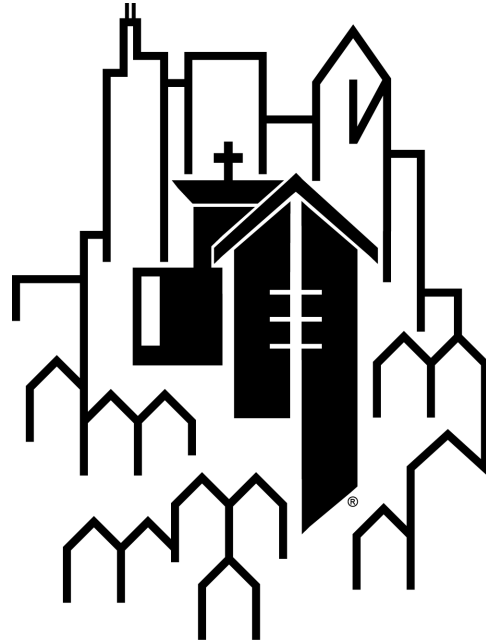
The *wheelchair accessible entrance* is located on Greenview Avenue and the *wheelchair accessible lavatory* is off the left side of the church.

A section for parents with very young children is located in the back of the church. *Rocking chairs, floor cushions* and *children's booster seats* may be found in that area. *Church Activity Bags* with books and coloring materials for the very young are available from the ushers.

Sharing of the Peace is done in the way that is most comfortable to you.

Free parking is available in the parking garage behind the church. Enter from Melrose St. (one block north of Belmont).

If there is anything else we can do to assist your worship experience, please let the ushers know.



The HOLY EUCHARIST

SAINT LUKE CHURCH Summer 2024

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

GATHERING

Sit Prelude

Stand Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,
all 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. **Amen**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Kneel *Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

Most merciful God,
**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**

In the mercy of almighty God,
Jesus Christ was given to die for us,
and for his sake God forgives us all our sins.
As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ,
and by his authority, I therefore declare to you
the entire forgiveness of all your sins,
in the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Stand Entrance Hymn

(see service notes)

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

Let us pray...

The congregation responds: Amen



WORD

Sit First Reading

The reading concludes: The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalmody

(see service notes)

Second Reading

The reading concludes: The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Stand Alleluia Verse

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.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Reading

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit Sermon

Stand Hymn of the Day

(see service notes)

Sit Gathering of the Gifts

Offering for the Congregation

Stand Apostles Creed

**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,
and the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Kneel Prayers of Intercession

After each petition: Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Stand Sharing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

The congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord in a way that is most comfortable to you.

MEAL

Sit Gathering of the Gifts *(Last Sunday of the Month)*

Offering for Missions

Stand Presentation of the Gifts

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.

Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all, u - nite them with the
 prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
 pres - ence and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts; our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

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...
 ...with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
 we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
 Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
 san - na. 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.

The presiding minister gives thanks and praise to God, remembering the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and his promise and command to celebrate this meal.

The Prayer concludes: "...now and forever. **Amen.**"

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit,
 let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
 your kingdom come, your will be done,
 on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
 now and forever. Amen**

Sit Communion

All baptized Christians are welcome at the Lord's table. At the invitation of an usher, please proceed to communion at the front of the church by the center aisle and return via the side aisles.

Hymn

(see service notes)

SENDING _____

Stand Table Blessing

Prayer after Communion

Blessing

Hymn

(see service notes)

Prayer for Peace

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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SERVICE NOTES August 4, 2024

Hymns: 461, 614, 487, 485

PSALMODY

Psalm 78:23-29

Chanted responsively

So God commanded the clouds above
and opened the doors of heaven,
raining down manna upon them to eat
and giving them grain from heaven.

So mortals ate the bread of angels;

God provided for them food enough.

**The Lord caused the east wind to blow in the heavens
and powerfully led out the south wind,**

raining down flesh upon them like dust
and flying birds like the sand of the seas,

letting them fall in the midst of the camp

and round about the dwellings.

So the people ate and were well filled,

for God gave them what they craved.

LESSONS

First Lesson: 2 Samuel 11:26-12:13

Second Lesson: Ephesians 4:1-16

Gospel: Saint John 6:24-35

Reverend Dr. David Nelson, *Minister*

Terry Duchow, *Assisting Minister*

Don Mead, *Organist*



SAINT LUKE CHURCH

Sunday, August 4, 2024

Sundays after Pentecost-Lectionary 18

PRAYER CONNECTION AND REFLECTION

Time to reflect and pray individually as you prepare for worship

THE PRAYER FOR THE DAY

O God, eternal goodness, immeasurable love, you place your gifts before us; we eat and are satisfied. Fill us and this world in all its need with the life that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

REMEMBER THOSE WHO ARE ILL

O God, the strength of the weak and the comfort of sufferers: Mercifully hear our prayers and grant to your servants

<i>Patricia Grunde</i>	<i>Christian Long</i>	<i>Neil Wagner</i>	<i>William Beilstein</i>	<i>Laurie Strobmayer</i>
<i>Steve Taylor</i>	<i>Alison Long</i>	<i>Katie Lynch</i>	<i>Marge Mead</i>	<i>Mark Van Scharrel</i>
<i>Jeanette Geweke</i>	<i>Jablia McCain</i>	<i>Blanche Stewart</i>	<i>Samantha Lackey</i>	<i>Rosemarie Morgen</i>
<i>Thetis Cromie</i>	<i>Marge Spolec</i>	<i>Jeanette Schwarz</i>	<i>Bridget Irving</i>	<i>Barbara Washington</i>
<i>Erika Erbacci</i>	<i>Carlos Rogal</i>	<i>Dave Greenwald</i>	<i>Courtney McCormick</i>	<i>Curtis Holland</i>
<i>Dianne Holland</i>	<i>Joseph Glorioso</i>	<i>Sandra Glorioso</i>	<i>Juanita Siivonen</i>	<i>Tammy Crisman</i>
<i>Blake Murphy</i>	<i>Ariana Toland</i>	<i>Anthony Leonard</i>	<i>Diane Gil</i>	<i>Patty Lumsden</i>
<i>Daniel Murov</i>				

the help of your power, that illness may be turned into health and our sorrow into joy; through Jesus Christ. Amen

FOR LEADERS OF THE WORLD

Compassionate God, help government leaders of this world unite for peace and justice. Humble all who hold authority, that power is directed toward a more just society. Amen.

REMEMBER THOSE SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES

Almighty God, we commit to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad:

Nicholas Bakulinski *Jeremy Strobmayer* *Ashley Bakulinski* *Lucas Kratz* *Nicky Relias*

Defend them with your heavenly grace and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER FOR PEACE

O God, it is your will to hold both heaven and earth in a single peace. Let the design of your great love shine on the waste of our wraths and sorrows, and give peace to our church, peace among nations, peace in our homes and peace in our hearts; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



Today: Sundays after Pentecost – Lectionary 18

Our long liturgical season of growth continues. On the altar, the pale green shoots -- so thin and pale against the bold green background-- is but a promise of the lush growth this season will eventually produce. Each week this sapling will grow, its colors mirroring the greens of the season. As the strips extend across the altar, they will form a cross that will ultimately enfold the entire space with every color of the growing season. We, the baptized congregation, are like these diverse strips: together we form the Body of Christ—one body composed of many diverse members.

Introduction to the Day

Apparently not satisfied by Jesus' feeding of thousands, some who were there press him for a sign of his power; perhaps it is daily manna they want. As always in John's gospel when people want a sign, Jesus offers himself. He is the bread come from heaven to give life to the world. He calls us to come to him and believe in him, and through that relationship to know the one who sent him.

Today - Voters Meeting

There will be a meeting of the **Voters Assembly** this morning immediately following the 9:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion. Please plan to attend and participate in the important work of the congregation. To participate in the meeting online the link is: <https://bit.ly/4fCoDuT>.

If you would like to go to lunch at Whole Foods following the Voters Meeting, please meet in the lobby and we'll walk over together.

Sunday Coffee Hour

Hosting Coffee Hour is as easy as bringing a treat and striking up a conversation with someone! Sign up today on the sheet in the lobby! Remember – we supply the coffee!

Thank you Kathy Kleisch, Coffee Hour hosts this morning!

School Bells are Ringing!

Saint Luke Academy Classes start Wednesday, August 21!

Join us Sunday, August 18, 2024, for a special Sunday church service to welcome back our Academy students and their families and to install our staff. Look for a kid-friendly service (30-40 minutes) and sermon, followed by a lite brunch, before teachers bring students and their families into the classrooms to get familiar with their new surroundings.

Pastor Nelson is blessing backpacks for all students in the congregation, both our Academy students and all other students. Everyone is invited to bring school supplies to share with children in need.

School begins at 8:30 on August 21. *The Service for the beginning of the school year will begin at 9:00 a.m. with "Coffee and Chat" for adults immediately following the service.* School dismissal will be at 11:45 a.m.

Still looking for an awesome school??? We are a nurturing, faith-based Lakeview school, rooted in the Lutheran tradition, that offers classes from PK 3 through Grade 2. In addition to academic development, our child-focused philosophy also supports a students' Social Emotional development. There are still a few spaces available in select classes; please reach out to Kim Froning, Director of Admissions & Marketing, at admissions@stlukechicago.org or contact Principal Comella: 773-472-3383 or ccomella@stlukechicago.org.

Coffee Break

Coffee Break online will meet **tomorrow, August 5 at 1:00 p.m.** *The discussion is light and lively.* Join the Coffee Break group even if it's only for a few minutes. The link for **"Coffee Break"** is on the website at stlukechicago.org. *See you tomorrow!*

Bible Class

Bible Class **will** meet this Thursday, August 8, 2024 at 12:00 p.m. Join the group to discuss the lessons and Gospel for Lectionary 19.

The lessons are: *1 Kings 19:4-8, Ephesians 4:25—5:2, Saint John 6:35, 41-51*

The link for **"Bible Class"** is on the website at stlukechicago.org. *See you Thursday!*

Caring and Sharing

During the month of August the items for our **monthly gifts collection** is packaged **macaroni and cheese** dinners and **canned meats** (Spam, for example). These items, easy to prepare sources of protein, are distributed locally.

Martinis and Ministry

Martinis and Ministry will be **Tuesday, August 13 at 7:00 p.m.** The conversation is light in a relaxed environment. Meet at Bitter Pops, 3357 N. Lincoln Ave. See you the 13th!



Generosity in 2024 – Summer Surge

We are well on our way to meeting our goal of achieving 100% of this Matching Funds Challenge!

Donors have already given extra Summer Surge contributions of almost 70% of our goal!

Please consider joining these donors, **before August 31st**, with your special Summer Surge contribution.

As a reminder, **Summer Surge is a Matching Funds Challenge campaign, where each new dollar you give in July and August, over and above your regular weekly contribution, will be matched by a Target Fund provided by generous but anonymous donors in the amount of \$5,000.00.**

This automatic doubling of your contribution gives Saint Luke the *potential of a Summer Surge of (at least) \$10,000.00!*

With your special contribution – be it \$10 or \$1,000 - the traditional Summer Slump will be defeated by our Summer Surge campaign.

Summer Surge donors have already led the way and we all need to consider following their example by participating, over and above our usual offerings, in this Summer Surge campaign.

With four weeks to go, let's work together and make the Summer Surge an **overwhelming success**.

Please make your new contribution to the Summer Surge before August 31st, so that we not only meet, but **SMASH**, our Matching Funds Goal!

Thank you for your kind consideration and thanks to all of our Summer Surge donors as Saint Luke continues to move forward with all of our regular offerings and special contributions.