



## SAINT LUKE CHURCH

**A 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.

## SAINT LUKE CHURCH LENT 3



SAINT LUKE CHURCH

Sunday, March 23, 2025

Third Sunday in Lent

PRAYER CONNECTION AND REFLECTION

*Time to reflect and pray individually as you prepare for worship*

THE PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. 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:

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|-------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| <i>Patricia Grunde</i>  | <i>Christine Heck</i> | <i>Dennis Hadden</i>     | <i>Joan Palumbo</i>    | <i>Anthony Leonard</i> |
| <i>Joyce Grosse</i>     | <i>Curtis Holland</i> | <i>Mark Van Scharrel</i> | <i>John Grosse</i>     | <i>Achen Moreno</i>    |
| <i>Laurie Strohmayr</i> | <i>Ayanna Moreno</i>  | <i>Dieter Moll</i>       | <i>Michael Kessler</i> | <i>Bill Liedholm</i>   |
| <i>Barbara Lans</i>     | <i>Blakely Gurgul</i> | <i>Owen Reardon</i>      |                        |                        |

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

ON OUR JOURNEY THROUGH LENT AND LIFE

O God, we commit and commend ourselves to you, in whom we live and move and have our being. Be the goal of our pilgrimage, and our rest by the way. Give us refuge from the turmoil of worldly distractions beneath the shadow of your wings. Let our hearts, so often a sea of restless waves, find peace in you, O God; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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:

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| <i>Nicholas Bakulinski</i> | <i>Jeremy Strohmayr</i> | <i>Ashley Bakulinski</i> | <i>Lucas Kratz</i> | <i>Nicky Relias</i> |
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Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

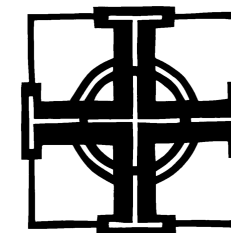
PRAYER FOR PEACE

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.

# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

9:30 AM



GATHERING\_\_\_\_\_

*Sit* Welcome

Prelude “Communion”

Cesar Franck

*Stand* Confession and Forgiveness

Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking, in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess to you, that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against you by thought, word, and deed. Therefore, we flee for refuge to your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring your grace, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen**

*Kneel* O most merciful God,

**who gave your only Son to die for us, have mercy on us, and for his sake grant us forgiveness of all our sins; by the power of the Holy Spirit, increase in us true knowledge of you and of your will, and true obedience to your Word, that by your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

The Almighty and merciful God grant to you, being penitent, pardon and remission of all your sins, time for amendment of life, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Stand Hymn #445

Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

*The congregation responds: Amen*

WORD

Sit First Reading

Isaiah 55:1-9

*The reading concludes:*

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 63:1-8

*Chanted responsively*

O God, you are my God; eager-ly I seek you;  
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,  
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.  
Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place,  
that I might behold your power and your glory.

**For your steadfast love is better than life itself;  
my lips shall give you praise.  
So will I bless you as long as I live  
and lift up my hands in your name.**

My spirit is content, as with the richest of foods,  
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,  
when I remember you upon my bed,  
and meditate on you in the night watches.

**For you have been my helper,  
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.  
My whole being clings to you;  
your right hand holds me fast.**

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

*The reading concludes:*

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Stand HOLY GOSPEL



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and



mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in



stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

+ SAINT LUKE 13:1-9 +

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sit Sermon

“Wait until next year”

Stand Hymn of the Day #592

Just As I Am, without One Plea

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation**

**he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the  
virgin Mary and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;**

**he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
who with the Father and the Son  
is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen**

*Kneel* Prayers of Intercession

*After each petition:* Hear us, O God,  
**your mercy is great.**

*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

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*Sit* Gathering of the Gifts

Anthem "O for a closer walk with God"

O for a closer walk with God, a calm and heavenly frame'  
A light to shine upon the road that leads me to the Lamb!

*Offering for the Congregation*

C.V. Stanford

Return, O holy dove, return, sweet messenger of rest;  
I hate the sins that made thee mourn, and drove thee from my breast

So shall my walk be close with God, calm and serene my frame;  
So purer light shall mark the road that leads me to the Lamb.

*Stand* Hymn #188

Create in Me a Clean Heart

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal -  
va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

Offertory Prayer

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 also 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.**

We give you thanks ... both 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.*

Lamb of God

O Christ, thou Lamb of God that tak-est a-way the sin of the world,  
have mer-cy up-on us! O Christ, thou Lamb of God that tak-  
est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us!  
O Christ, thou Lamb of God that tak-est a-way the sin of the world,  
grant us thy peace! A - men.

SENDING

*Stand* Table Blessing

Hymn after Communion

On My Heart Imprint Your Image

On my heart im - print your im-age, bless-ed Je - sus, king of grace,  
that life's trou-bles nor its plea-sures ev - er may your work e-raise.  
Let the clear in - scrip-tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,  
is my life, my hope's foun-da-tion, all my glo-ry and sal-va - tion!

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

**We thank you, O God, for this heavenly food. Make straight our road,  
guard our life, make firm our steps, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
May his baptism protect us, his cross be a bridge for us, his body and  
blood us on the path to heaven. Amen**

Benediction

Recessional Hymn #624

Jesus, Still Lead On

Prayer for Peace

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: Meditation on Psalm 90

Lester Groom

# NEWS AND INFORMATION

March 23, 2025



## Worship Space

During the season of Lent, changes in the liturgy serve to emphasize the reflective and penitential nature of this season: The *joyful Hymn of Praise “Glory to God in the Highest”* is omitted. Finally, the *Alleluia* is absent. It was “buried” on Shrove Tuesday and will not be sung until the announcement of the resurrection when we again shout that ancient and joyful acclamation.

The colors on the altar and vestments point us toward our journey’s end. Violet is the traditional color for penitential seasons, times when we concentrate on amending our lives. Purple is the ancient color of royalty. On the altar these two colors are formed into the cross identified with the city of Jerusalem.

A thorn-wrapped purple heartwood cross leads the procession

On the pulpit is a *Tapestry of Remembrance*: a woven net is entwined with symbols of the Passion. This physical symbol prompts recall of the events of the final week of our journey as our Lord makes his way to the cross. What symbols do you see?

**The Lenten environment at Saint Luke is a pilgrim’s road.** With each entry into the sanctuary we re-create our spiritual journey, adjusting our direction to better follow the One whose sacrifice restores our loss.

In the chancel, the space that shined brightly at Christmas is now replaced with a dead tree.

The way of the cross is our focus for this season. The way of the cross is our focus for this season. It is our discipline and our destination. We are going up to Jerusalem to meet death. In the cross, we are confident we will return the victors.

## Introduction to the Day

The warnings are plentiful and blunt on the third Sunday in Lent. Cut it out or get cut down! The warnings are accompanied by God’s invitation to attentiveness: “Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live.” The landowner’s ultimatum is forestalled by the gardener’s readiness to till the ground one more year. That is good news for all of us. Thanks be to God!



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Reverend Dr. David Nelson, *Presiding Minister*  
Terry Duchow, *Assisting Minister*  
Maia Surace, *Cantor*  
Don Mead, *Organist*



# Lent

## Wednesdays in Lent

### 9:00 a.m. Holy Communion

Everyone is invited to join with the children of Saint Luke Academy for Holy Communion and to gather in the lobby for Coffee and Chat afterward.



### 6:30 p.m. Soup Supper

A simple soup and bread meal will be served by volunteers in the lobby.

### 7:00 p.m. Holden Evening Prayer

Sing/learn “Holden Evening Prayer” a liturgical service written by Marty Haugen. The origins of the Holden Evening Prayer can be traced back to the mid-20th century, to Holden Village, a small village located in the heart of Washington’s North Cascades Mountains.

The structure of the Holden Evening Prayer encompasses a series of carefully curated elements, including psalms, readings, prayers, and a unique blend of contemporary and traditional hymns.

Centering the evening will be a brief meditation on “The Jesus Prayer”

*March 26 – “Make Haste to Help Me”*

*Day after the Annunciation (Visit of the Angel Gabriel to Mary)*

The Evening Prayer Service will be livestreamed. Please go to our website: [stlukechicago.org](http://stlukechicago.org) and click on ‘online worship’.

## Today

**Bible Class** (in person) meets weekly (also from 8:30 – 9:15 a.m.) on Sundays and virtually on Thursdays at 12:00 p.m.

**Coffee Hour** begins immediately after the 9:30 a.m. service and needs you to make it a success. Come for the coffee, snack and conversation! The conversation is great, the coffee hot and the treats delicious. We supply the coffee and a volunteer brings the treat! Come and see what delicious offering is in store for you this week!

## Let’s Do Lunch! - TODAY

Let’s walk over to Whole Foods (yes, they have a buffet and serve a wide variety of foods) today, grab lunch, have great conversation and enjoy a change of scenery. We will gather in the Lobby and walk over after Coffee Hour.

## Take Those Boxes

Founders Hall is almost back to it’s original glory, but now there are boxes filled with treasures that are ready to go to resale shops. *Can you take a box or two to your local place?* Boxes are ‘ready for pick-up’ and waiting for you in the Church Lobby AND downstairs in Founders Hall. Let us know, drive your car to Belmont and we’ll help put the boxes in your car. *Thank you in advance for your assistance.*

## Bible Class



Bible Class will meet this week on **Thursday, March 27 at 12 p.m.** Please join the group to discuss the lessons and Gospel for the Fourth Sunday in Lent.

The lessons are: *Joshua 5:9-12, 2 Corinthians 5:16-21, Saint Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32.*

The link for **"Bible Class"** can be found on the website at [stlukechicago.org](http://stlukechicago.org). Click on “Bible Class” or enter the following URL into your browser: <https://bit.ly/39AbHrQ>

## Caring and Sharing

The specialty items for our March collection are **breakfast cereals and raisins**. Your donations in the barrel in the church lobby are distributed through relief agencies in the LakeView area and provide limited income families with nutritious breakfasts.

## Mealtimes in Lent

**Lenten Offering Folders** are available in both lobbies today. Families and individuals are invited to take these folders home and make an offering at mealtimes throughout Lent. The folders will be collected after Lent and the money will be donated to *World Central Kitchen*, an organization founded by Chef José Andrés. They respond to natural disasters, man-made crises, and humanitarian emergencies around the world, calling themselves food first responders.

## The Knight and Day Gala

The Knight and Day Gala is a couple of weeks behind us, but we are still receiving donations toward our \$30,000 goal. To date, ticket sales, auction proceeds, and donations towards the fundraiser amount to \$24,234.57. If you would like to help move the needle to \$30K, every dollar and every prayer for the ministry of Saint Luke Academy is appreciated. Please put what you can in a Saint Luke giving envelope and label it *Saint Luke Academy-Campaign* or see *Elisabeth Stampfl* if you would like to donate online Thank you for supporting God’s work at Saint Luke Academy.

**God's House  
Your Home**



**Thrive in '25**

**Stewardship – Our Giving – February 2025**

*“Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.”*

**1 Peter 4:10**

You, as a member of Saint Luke Church, play a key role in sharing God’s love throughout our community. Thank you for all you do in support of this work.

Today’s report shows our giving results and expenses for the first two months of 2025 and outlines the serious work we need to continue.

Let us work together to invite others to join us for worship on Sundays and Wednesdays in Lent, for Bible Study in person or on-line, for casual fellowship at Martinis & Ministry, and with our LLP family in the Hot Soup Mission.

Please mention these wonderful opportunities to your friends, family members, and work colleagues, and in your social media networks and in line at the grocery store. All are welcome! Growing our attendance numbers will help our ministry thrive and deepen our relationship with our community.

	<b>February</b>	<b>YTD</b>
Congregation Giving	\$17,642.	\$34,551.
Expenses	\$33,482.	\$66,807.
<b>Difference</b>	<b>-\$15,840.</b>	<b>-\$32,256.</b>
<i>Other Church Income</i>		
Building Use	\$0.	\$885.
Memorials and Bequests	\$0.	\$0.
Other Income	\$50.	\$50.
<b>Other Church Income Subtotal</b>	<b>\$50.</b>	<b>\$935.</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>-\$15,790.</b>	<b>-\$31,321.</b>

# HOT SOUP MISSION

**JOIN  
US!**



*For I was hungry and you gave me food,  
I was thirsty and you gave me drink,  
I was a stranger and you welcomed me.*

Matthew 25:35

## POT LUCK DINNER

Join us in celebrating four fantastic years of our Hot Soup Mission! Share a meal with our volunteers while learning more about our mission.

(Soup, bread & dessert will be provided!)

Together, let’s honor the positive impact we’ve made in our community!

# 04.08.2025

6:00 P.M. AT SAINT LUKE CHURCH  
1500 W. BELMONT AVE.  
PARKING IN GARAGE & STREET

For More Info :

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# THIS WEEK *at* Saint Luke Church

## SUNDAY, March 23, 2025

Bible Class 8:30 a.m.  
Holy Communion 9:30 a.m.  
Coffee Hour 10:30 a.m.  
Lunch at Whole Foods 11:00 a.m.

*Founders Hall  
Church  
Church Lobby*

## MONDAY - FRIDAY, March 24 - 28, 2025

Saint Luke Academy – Spring Break

## WEDNESDAY, March 26, 2025

Soup Supper 6:30 p.m.  
Holy Communion 7:00 p.m.

*Church Lobby  
Church*

## THURSDAY, March 27, 2025

Bible Class 12:00 p.m. <https://bit.ly/39AbHrQ>

*via Zoom*

## SUNDAY, March 30, 2025

Bible Class 8:30 a.m.  
Holy Communion 9:30 a.m.  
Coffee Hour 10:30 a.m.

*Founders Hall  
Church  
Church Lobby*



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## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### SUNDAYS

8:30 AM  
9:30 AM

Bible Class  
THE HOLY EUCHARIST

### WEDNESDAYS

9:00 AM

Worship with Saint Luke Academy  
*Coffee and Chat* immediately following

6:30 PM  
7:00 PM

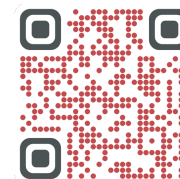
Soup Supper  
Evening Prayer

### THURSDAYS

12:00 PM

Bible Class

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