



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*.

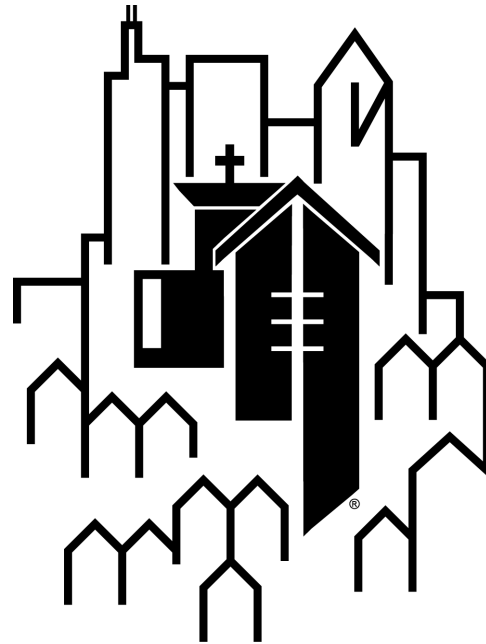
The *wheelchair accessible entrance* is located on Greenview Avenue and the *wheelchair accessible lavatory* is off the left side of the church.

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.



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Sunday, November 10, 2024

Sundays after Pentecost – Lectionary 32

PRAYER CONNECTION AND REFLECTION

Time to reflect and pray individually as you prepare for worship

THE PRAYER FOR THE DAY

O God, you show forth your almighty power chiefly by reaching out to us in mercy. Grant us the fullness of your grace, strengthen our trust in your promises, and bring all the world to share in the treasures that come through your Son, 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 Strohmayer</i>
<i>Steve Taylor</i>	<i>Alison Long</i>	<i>Katie Lynch</i>	<i>Marge Mead</i>	<i>Marcia Young</i>
<i>Mildred Wilson</i>	<i>Jablia McCain</i>	<i>Blanche Stewart</i>	<i>Samantha Lackey</i>	<i>Anthony Leonard</i>
<i>Thetis Cromie</i>	<i>Marge Spolec</i>	<i>Jeanette Schwarz</i>	<i>Bridget Irving</i>	<i>Barbara Washington</i>
<i>Joyce Grosse</i>	<i>Carlos Rogal</i>	<i>Dave Greenwald</i>	<i>Courtney McCormick</i>	<i>Curtis Holland</i>
<i>Dennis Hadden</i>	<i>Joseph Glorioso</i>	<i>Sandra Glorioso</i>	<i>Juanita Siivonen</i>	<i>Tammy Crisman</i>
<i>Blake Murphy</i>	<i>Diane Gil</i>	<i>Patty Lumsden</i>	<i>Daniel Murov</i>	<i>Nate Ward</i>
<i>Joan Palumbo</i>	<i>Herbert Kleisch</i>	<i>Mark Van Scharrel</i>		

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

FOR VETERANS

O God, by whose mercy the faithful departed find rest, look kindly on your departed veterans who gave their lives in the service of their country. Grant that through the passion, death, and resurrection of your Son they may share in the joy of your heavenly kingdom and rejoice in you with your saints forever. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

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 Strohmayer 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

Give us, O God, the vision which can see your love in the world in spite of human failure. Give us the faith to trust your goodness in spite of our ignorance and weakness. Give us the knowledge that we may continue to pray with understanding hearts. And show us what each one of us can do to set forward the coming of the day of universal peace. Amen

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

SUNDAYS AFTER PENTECOST – LECTIONARY 32

NOVEMBER 10, 2024 • 9:30 A.M.

GATHERING

Sit Prelude: Fanfare for the Common Man

Aaron Copeland

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.

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**

Entrance Hymn #893

Before You, Lord, We Bow

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

1 Kings 17:8-16

The reading concludes: The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 146

Chanted responsively

Hal-^llelujah!

Praise the Lord,^l O my soul!

I will praise the Lord as long^l as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I^l have my being.

Put not your^l trust in rulers,

in mortals in whom there^l is no help.

When they breathe their last, they re-^lturn to earth,

and in that day^l their thoughts perish.

Happy are they who have the God of Jacob^l for their help,

whose hope is in the^l Lord their God;

who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that^l is in them;

who keeps promis-^les forever;

**who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food
to^l those who hunger.**

The Lord sets the^l captive free.

**The Lord opens the eyes of the blind; the Lord lifts up those
who^l are bowed down;**

the Lord^l loves the righteous.

The Lord cares^l for the stranger;

the Lord sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the
way^l of the wicked.

The Lord shall^l reign forever,

your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.^l Hallelujah!

Second Reading

Hebrews 9:24-28

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.

HOLY GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark, the 12th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

+ SAINT MARK 12:38-44 +

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit Sermon

Stand Hymn of the Day #678

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

Apostles Creed

God has made us his people through our baptism into Christ.

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 will come again 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

Kneel Prayers of Intercession

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

Litany for Peace

O God, the Father of all,

Have mercy upon us.

O Christ, the Prince of Peace,

Have mercy upon us.

O Holy Spirit, enlightener of all

Have mercy upon us.

Eternal God of Love,

Receive our prayer.

Remember, O Lord, the peoples of the world divided into many nations and tongues; deliver us from every evil which obstructs your saving purpose; and fulfill your promises of old to establish your kingdom of peace. From the curse of war and all chaos.

Good Lord, deliver us.

From believing and speaking lies against other nations,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From narrow loyalties and selfish isolation,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From fear and distrust of other nations, from all false pride, vain glory, and self-conceit.

Good Lord, deliver us.

From the lust of the mighty for riches, that drives peaceful peoples to slaughter.

Good Lord, deliver us.

From putting our trust in the weapons of war, and from lack of faith in the power of justice and goodwill,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From every thought, word, and deed which divides the human family and separates us from the perfect realization of your love,

Good Lord, deliver us.

Eternal God, you show your people the way in which they should go, turn our feet from the city of destruction toward the city of God, and redirect our desires and labors in accordance with your will, that we may achieve the new world for which your Son was content to die, even Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

That nations may seek to serve each other and not seek domination,

Hear us, O God.

That science may be the constant handmaid of life and never the henchman of death,

Hear us, O God.

That the treasure now spent on the engines of war may be used for the arts of peace,

Hear us, O God.

That your people may rejoice to endure labor and want and death to win, not a war, but your kingdom,

Hear us, O God.

That we may love not only our country but also the whole family of nations,

Hear us, O God.

That ancient enmities may pass away and that you will make all things new,

Hear us, O God.

O Christ, at whose word the wind and waves were still, rebuke, we pray you; the violence of humanity, and usher in the day of community, that we may truly serve you; who with the Father and the Holy Spirit lives and works for us unceasingly, now and forever.

Amen.

Lord of life, master of all, pattern of gentleness,

Hear us, Lord Jesus.

By the prophets' dream of old,

Grant us victory over war.

By the angels' song of peace,

Raise up leaders of good will.

By the gospel's words of love,

Help us to love our enemies.

By your sacrificial death,

Teach the nations self-denial.

By the kingdom you have promised,

Come to rule the hearts of humanity.

By the kingdom you have promised,

Make the nations one.

God of the future years, we pray for all your family on earth and for every agency of world co-operation that it may grow in usefulness and power;

Hear us, O Lord.

For the United Nations,

Hear us, O Lord.

For the Court of International Justice,

Hear us, O Lord.

For international federations of labor, industry, and commerce,

Hear us, O Lord.

For the departments of state, for all ambassadors, minister, diplomats, and statesmen, for veterans, active duty military and all service personnel who preserve the peace,

Hear us, O Lord.

For the prophets and pioneers who have seen the promised land afar off and dedicated their lives to its service,

Hear us, O Lord.

For the common folk in every land who live in peace and quietness.

Hear us, O Lord.

Eternal God, to you we commit ourselves; use even us with our ignorance and frailty to accomplish your holy will; and hasten the day when all will dwell together in mutual helpfulness and love; for yours in the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever.

Amen.

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

Offering for the Congregation

Anthem: "I heard the voice of Jesus say"

Charles Harriss

I heard the voice of Jesus say: come unto me and rest;
Lay down Thou weary one, lay down Thy head upon my breast
I came to Jesus as I was so weary worn and sad
I found in him a resting place and he has made me glad

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold I freely give
the living water thirsty one, stoop down and drink and live"
I came to Jesus and I drank of that life-giving stream
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived and now I live to him

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light
Look unto me, thy morn shall rise, and all thy day be bright"
I looked to Jesus and I found, in Him my star my Sun
In that light of life I'll walk till traveling days are done

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 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 ad praise.

It is indeed right our duty and our joy, that we should at all times ...

... 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.**"



NEWS and INFORMATION

November 10, 2024

Today

Throughout the church, the bounty of nature's harvest becomes our symbol for the final gathering of the saints. We are in our yearly "end-time," a season in which we reflect on transitions and transformations, endings and beginnings. As we focus on Christ's promised return and the new life that awaits his saints, we are reminded that we are all God's harvest, the saints on earth and the saints above, in the mystical union of the body of Christ.

Introduction to the Day

Widows are visible everywhere in today's readings. Jesus denounces those scribes who pray impressive prayers but devour widows' houses. He commends the poor widow who in his view gave far more than the major donors. Jesus doesn't see her simply as an object of compassion or charity. She, like the widow of Zarephath who shares her last bit of food with Elijah, does something of great importance.

This Morning

Saint Luke will observe **Veterans Day** this morning with a *Litany of Peace and Remembrance* during the Prayer of the Church.

Coffee Hour and Dedication

Stop in the Church Lobby **after church** today for coffee and a sweet treat. Come for the conversation and to see what delicious offering is in store for you this week!

Today we will **dedicate a plaque** in memory of Daniel Norton in the Church Lobby. Scott Matheney, Chaplain and Dean of Religious Life at Elmhurst University will join us for the dedication. Please come to the Lobby immediately following the service.

Bible Class

Bible Class (in person) begins at 8:30 a.m. this morning and meets in Memorial Hall. The group is reading and studying the themes for the Sunday lessons.

Thank you

The following people stayed after church last Sunday and helped move items (treasures) to Founders Hall in preparation for the big sale coming up in December: John Bareither, Terry Duchow, Mark, Grant and Willa Godecke, Robert Kleisch, John Lopatkiewicz, Lisa Maggiore, Don Mead, Adam Mead, Julie Ryan, Karen Sarasin, Nancy Stalder, and Linda Strohmayer.

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 #887

This Is My Song

SENDING _____

Stand Table Blessing

Prayer after Communion

Blessing

Closing Hymn #888

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

Prayer for Peace

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude: God is our refuge and strength

Lester Groom

Reverend Dr. David Nelson, *Minister*
Robert Kleisch, *Assisting Minister*

Maia Surace, *Cantor*
Don Mead, *Organist*

Worship and Fellowship

Worship with the children of Saint Luke Academy is celebrated **weekly on Wednesdays** at 9:00 a.m. You are invited to join the children. Holy Communion will be celebrated each week. Following the service, you are invited for “Coffee and Chat” in the Church Lobby.

Voters Meeting

There will be a meeting of the **Voters’ Assembly** next Sunday, November 17, 2024 immediately following the church service. Please plan to attend this important meeting as we discuss the business of the church.

Coffee Break



Coffee Break will meet **tomorrow, November 11 at 1:00 p.m.** The discussion is light and lively. *You’re invited, even if you can only stay a few minutes. The ‘regulars’ would love to see new people.* The link for “**Coffee Break**” is on the website at stlukechicago.org. *See you tomorrow!*

On-Line Bible Class

Bible Class **will** meet this Thursday, November 14 at 12:00 p.m. Join the group to discuss the lessons and Gospel for Lectionary 33.

The lessons are: *Daniel 12:1-3, Hebrews 10:11-25, Saint Mark 13:1-8*

The link for “**Bible Class**” is: <https://bit.ly/39AbHrQ> or on the website at stlukechicago.org. *See you Thursday!*

Shopping Bag Sale

Fill your bag with Christmas goodies by buying a Saint Luke bag today! This versatile shopping bag is available in the lobby for purchase. The long handled shopping bag is only \$10 (or more if you’re feeling the holiday spirit)! *Proceeds of the sale will go to Generosity in 2024.*



Winter Warmth

November is the month for the annual **coat drive** in which we collect used, warm, winter coats for distribution to the homeless. Coats for men, women, and children will be distributed through the Community Closet at New Hope Christian Community, Round Lake Heights. Bring your old coats to the collection barrel in the Church Lobby.

7th Annual Hymn Sing and Pie Reception

This year’s annual hymn sing and pie reception will take place on **Sunday, November 24, 2024** at 4 p.m. The host congregation this year is **Saint Luke Church**, located at 1500 West Belmont Ave, at the corner of Belmont and Greenview Avenues. Parking entrance is located on Melrose Avenue. *If you would like to provide a pie for the pie reception following the service at Saint Luke please let Elisabeth Stampfl (773.472.3383 or estampfl@stlukechicago.org) know.*

Sunday, November 24
4:00 p.m.

Please join us for a

THANKSGIVING HYMNSING & PIE RECEPTION

Saint Luke Church
1500 West Belmont Ave
Enter Parking Garage on Melrose Ave

THIS WEEK *at* Saint Luke Church

Hot Soup Mission

Our next Hot Soup Mission is scheduled to take place at Saint Luke on **Wednesday, November 20, at 5:30 p.m.** to pack and deliver food to our unhoused neighbors living under the viaducts at LSD and Lawrence & Wilson, as well as those living at Marine Drive and Irving Park. We would be delighted if you could join us as we embody God's mission of serving others.

High school students can also earn community service hours by participating.

If you have any questions or would like to donate or volunteer in another capacity, please contact Lisa Maggiore at 773-960-5125 or Rader at 407-516-0147. We hope you can join us in supporting our neighbors!

Call Committee Members Needed

Saint Luke continues to be engaged in the work of calling a new pastor. A Call Committee is being newly formed as part of this process. We invite all members of Saint Luke to consider volunteering to serve as a member on the 2025 Call Committee.

After receiving guidance from the Metropolitan Chicago Synod (the Synod) representative, the Call Committee will organize itself, edit the existing Ministry Site Profile (as needed), and elect a Chairperson or Co-Chairpersons. The Call Committee will receive a slate of candidates recommended by the Synod. Then, following the Synod's guidelines, the Call Committee will conduct a series of interviews of this slate of candidates. They will evaluate and recommend the candidate it believes God desires this congregation to have as its pastor. That candidate would be able to accept or decline the offer of a call. Additional slates of candidates would be considered, as required.

Serving on the Call Committee will require a significant time commitment, both for meetings and prayerful discernment. If you would like to serve on the Call Committee, please get a form in the church lobby and return it to the office by November 24, 2024. You will be contacted by the Nominating Committee for an interview to complete this process. The Nominating Committee will present a complete Call Committee slate to the Ministry Board for ratification. The Call Committee members' names are expected to be announced in January 2025.

Positions on the call committee are limited, and we will strive to create a committee that represents the entire congregation. We greatly appreciate the desire to serve expressed by all applicants. You must be a member of Saint Luke in order to apply. It is not mandatory that you are a voting member.

SUNDAY, November 10, 2024

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

*Founders Hall
Church
Church Lobby*

MONDAY – FRIDAY, November 11 - 15, 2024

Extended Care 7:30-8:00 a.m. and 3:30 – 6:00 p.m.
School in Session 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

3rd Floor

MONDAY, November 11, 2024

Coffee Break 1:00 p.m. Link: <https://bit.ly/3Pye5L4>

via Zoom

TUESDAY, November 12, 2024

BookBugs 9:00 a.m.
Time for Two 10:30 a.m.

*Room 101
Room 101*

WEDNESDAY, November 13, 2024

Worship Service 9:00 a.m.
Coffee and Chat immediately following the Worship Service
Administrative Staff Meeting 12:00 p.m.
Soccer Stars 3:30 p.m.

*Church
Church Lobby
Gym*

THURSDAY, November 14, 2024

BookBugs 9:00 a.m.
Time for Two 10:30 a.m.
Bible Class 12:00 p.m. Link: <https://bit.ly/39AbHrQ>
Ministry Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.

*Room 101
Room 101
via Zoom
Church Lobby*

FRIDAY, November 15, 2024

St James Basketball Practice 3:15 p.m.

Gym

SUNDAY, November 17, 2024

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

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