



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*.

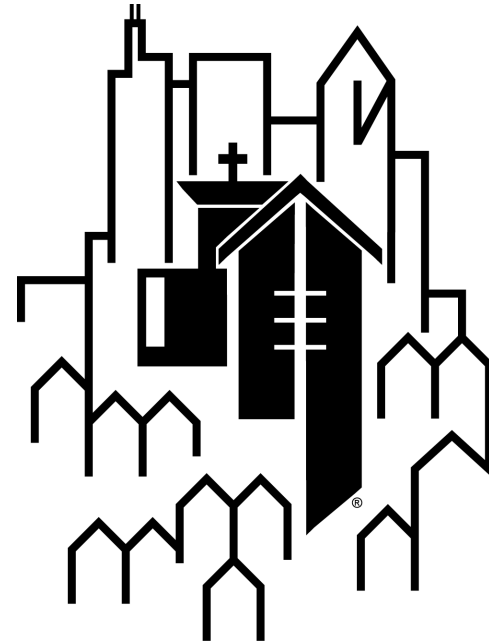
The *wheelchair accessible entrance* is located on Greenview Avenue and the *wheelchair accessible lavatory* is off the left side of the church.

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.



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 Sunday, February 23, 2025
 The Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

PRAYER CONNECTION AND REFLECTION

Time to reflect and pray individually as you prepare for worship

THE PRAYER FOR THE DAY

O Lord Jesus, make us instruments of your peace, that where there is hatred, we may sow love, where there is injury, pardon, and where there is despair, hope. Grant, O divine master, that we may seek to console, to understand, and to love in your name, for you live and reign with the Father 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

Patricia Grunde Christine Heck Dennis Hadden Joan Palumbo Anthony Leonard
Joyce Grosse Curtis Holland Mark Van Scharrel John Grosse Achen Moreno
Laurie Strohmayer Ayanna Moreno Martin Marty Michael Kessler Bill Liedholm
Barbara Lans

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

FOR JUSTICE AND PEACE

Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may move every human heart; that the barriers dividing us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; and that, with our divisions healed, we might live in justice and peace; through your Son, Jesus Christ our 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:

Nicholas Bakulinski Jeremy Strohmayer Ashley Bakulinski Lucas Kratz Nicky Relias
 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

Gracious God, grant peace among nations. Cleanse from our own hearts the seeds of strife: greed and envy, harsh misunderstandings and ill will, fear and desire for revenge. Make us quick to welcome ventures in cooperation so that there may be woven the fabric of a common good too strong to be torn by the evil hands of war. In the time of opportunity make us be diligent; and in the time of peril, let not our courage fail; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
 9:30 AM

GATHERING

Sit Prelude: *Diferencias sober La Gallarda Milanenca* Antonio Cabezon

Welcome

Stand Processional Hymn #831 (*stanzas 1-4, 8*) The God of Abraham Praise

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.

Hymn of Praise

Assisting Minister

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

All

Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther:

We wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.

Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,

Lamb of God: You take a - way the sin of the world;

have mer-cy on us. You are seat - ed at the right hand of the

Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer. For you a - lone are the
 Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the
 Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,
 in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray...

The congregation responds: Amen

WORD _____

Sit First Reading Genesis 45:3-11, 15
The reading concludes: The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40

Do not be provoked by¹ evildoers;
 do not be jealous of those¹ who do wrong.
 For they shall soon wither¹ like the grass,
 and like the green grass¹ fade away.
Put your trust in the Lord¹ and do good;
dwel in the land and¹ find safe pasture.
Take delight¹ in the Lord,
who shall give you your¹ heart's desire.

Commit your way to the Lord; put your trust¹ in the Lord,
 and see what¹ God will do.

The Lord will make your vindication as clear¹ as the light
 and the justice of your case like the¹ noonday sun.

Be still before the Lord and wait¹ patiently.

**Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the one who
 succeeds in¹ evil schemes.**

Refrain from anger, leave¹ rage alone;

do not be provoked; it leads on-¹ ly to evil.

For evildoers shall¹ be cut off,

but those who hope in the Lord shall pos-¹ sess the land.

In a little while the wicked shall¹ be no more;

even if you search out their place, they will¹ not be there.

But the lowly shall pos-¹ sess the land;

they will delight in abun-¹ dance of peace.

But the deliverance of the righteous comes from¹ you, O Lord;

you are their stronghold in¹ time of trouble.

You, O Lord, will help them and¹ rescue them;

you will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them, because in

you¹ they seek refuge.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50
The reading concludes: The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Stand HOLY GOSPEL

Please turn to face the star as the procession moves to the center of the church. As the procession moves, the congregation sings Hymn #173 "Hallelujah"

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke the 6th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

+ SAINT LUKE 6:27-38 +

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit Sermon

Stand Hymn of the Day #771

God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

Sit Gathering of the Gifts

Offering for Missions

Stand 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.**

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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: Lord, listen to your children pray.

Send us love, send us peace, send us grace.

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.

M E A L _____

Sit Gathering of the Gifts
Anthem "Love Divine"

Offering for the Congregation

Eric Thiman

(Words: ELW #631)

Stand Presentation of the Gifts
Hymn #686

We Give Thee but Thine Own

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.

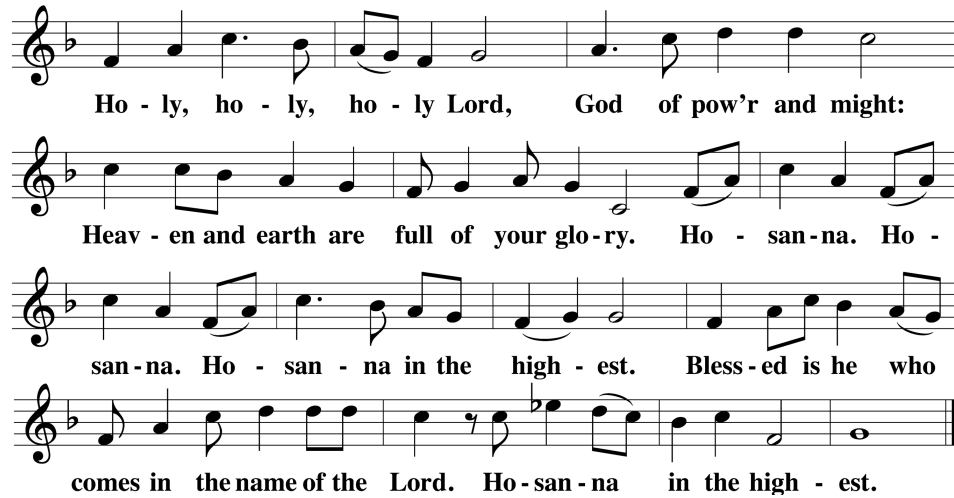
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

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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 . . .
. . .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.

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 #608 Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

SENDING _____

Stand Table Blessing

Canticle



Lord, now you let your ser-vant go in peace; your word has been ful-filled.
My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which you have pre-pared in the
sight of ev-'ry peo - ple: A light to re-veal you to the
na-tions and the glo-ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.
Glo-ry to the Fa-ther, and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it,
as it was in the be-gin - ning is now, and will be for-ev-er. A-men.

Prayer after Communion

Benediction

Recessional Hymn #707

Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us

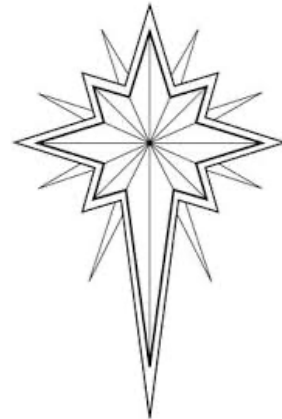
Prayer for Peace

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: Canzona Quarta

Girolamo Frescobaldi



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

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

February 23, 2025



Today

The joy of Christmas continues! Environmental features remain from that festive season to remind us that we continue in our joy at the birth of God’s Son. During the Sundays after the Feast of the Epiphany, the star leads the procession into the church to remind us that we are the modern day Wise Ones who still seek the infant king and, finding him, bring his message to all the nations. This “Light to the Nations” now continues his epiphany through his earthly ministry which we follow in the Gospel readings for this season.

Introduction to the Day

Mercy. Mercy. Mercy. Joseph lives it in Egypt. Jesus preaches it in the gospel. The Spirit guides us into merciful lives with the power of forgiveness to reconcile what is fractured and divided. Such merciful living is the baptismal blessing of having put on Christ. It is the gift of the life-giving Spirit. It is a reflection of God’s glory revealed in Christ.

Assisting Minister



Please consider volunteering to be an Assisting Minister. Hours are great and the rewards plentiful. See Elisabeth Stampfl for more information.

Coffee Hour

Please stop in the Church Lobby after service today for Coffee Hour. 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!

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. Following the service, you are invited for Coffee and Chat in the Church Lobby.

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.

**God's House
Your Home**



Thrive in '25

TODAY IS THE DAY!

Turn in your "God's House – Your Home" Thrive in '25 Intention Forms
in either of the offering plates as they are passed.

An Intention Form is in the bulletin for your use.

Thank you for your commitment to Saint Luke Ministries.

Please return your **Saint Luke Church 2025 Intention Form today**, if you have not already done so.

In February, we invited everyone to respond to God's call for financial stewardship by committing to weekly or monthly donations for 2025. A heartfelt THANK YOU to everyone who has already answered the call and submitted your Intention Forms.

To submit your form now, please place it in the collection basket when the offering is taken. Or simply hand the form to an Usher at the end of today's service.

We will log all of the Intention forms this week and celebrate the successful end of this endeavor during the Mardi Gras activities after Service next Sunday."

Your pledge is not just important; it is vital for us to create a responsible budget and ensure transparency as we prepare to welcome a new pastor into our community. Your generosity truly makes a transformative difference!

Remember, God's House, Your Home. Together, let's Thrive in '25!



Poinsettias

Yes, our poinsettias still look really good but they have to be removed to prepare for Lent. Would you like to take some poinsettias home with you? It's your lucky day. Today after church you may take as many poinsettias as you like. They will make beautiful green plants in your summer garden. Take one or more today!

Bible Classes



Bible Class (in person) meets weekly (also from 8:30 – 9:15 a.m.) on Sundays in Memorial Hall.

Online Bible Class will meet this week on **Thursday, February 27 at 12 p.m.** Bring your lunch and join the group to discuss the lessons and

Gospel for the Transfiguration of our Lord.

The link for "**Bible Class**" can be found on the website at stlukechicago.org. Click on "Bible Class" or enter the following URL into your browser: <https://bit.ly/39AbHrQ>
Meeting ID: 992 4691 2627 Passcode: saintluke See you Thursday!



*Rend your hearts and not your
garments and return to the Lord your God.*

Ash Wednesday and the Beginning of Lent

Ash Wednesday, March 5,

marks the beginning of Lent. During this season, Christians undertake special disciplines to focus their minds and prepare their hearts for the holy joy of Easter. Morning and evening services offer the opportunity to begin your season of penitence with Holy Communion and ashes, the visible sign of the penitent.

8:15 a.m.

Ashes on the Way
(Greenview Avenue)

9:00 a.m.

Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes

7:00 p.m.

The Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes

**God's House
Your Home**



Thrive in '25

Stewardship – Our Giving – January 2025

"Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing"

Isaiah 43:18-19

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.

Together we begin a new year! Today's report shows our giving results and expenses for the first month of the new year. Let us work individually and collectively to invite others to join us in worship on Sundays, in study throughout the week, and through our 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 grow our giving results, therefore deepen our relationship with our community.

	January
Congregation Giving	\$16,909.
Expenses	\$33,325.
Difference	-\$16,416.
<i>Other Church Income</i>	
Building Use	\$885.
Memorials and Bequests	\$0.
Other Income	
Other Church Income Subtotal	\$885.
Grand Total	-\$15,531.



The biggest party of the year for Saint Luke Academy is coming up! The annual Knight & Day Fundraiser will be held on **Friday, February 28th from 6:30 - 10:00 p.m. at the Tied House**, 3157 N. Southport Ave. Tickets are on sale now for \$125/per person and include wine, beer, mixed drinks, appetizers, dessert, Silent Auction and great times with your fellow parishioners & Academy parents!

Ticket price is \$125.00. If you would like to help with the event in any way please reach out to academyoffice@stlukechicago.org
Our fundraising goal is \$30,000!

Ways you can help:

BUY A TICKET using the QR code:



SnowballFundraising.com

MAKE A DONATION:

Share this QR code with family and friends to donate to the event:



SnowballFundraising.com

THIS WEEK *at* Saint Luke Church

RETURN INTENTION CARDS - SUNDAY, February 23, 2025

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

*Founders Hall
Church
Church Lobby*

MONDAY - FRIDAY, February 24 - 28, 2025

Morning Care 7:30-8:00 a.m.
School in Session 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
After Care 3:30-6:00 p.m.

*Room 206
Room 206*

MONDAY, February 24, 2025

Player Sports and Social Club 6:30 p.m.

Gym

TUESDAY, February 25, 2025

Teacher In-Service/ No School
Bookbugs 9:00 a.m.
Time for Two 10:30 a.m.
Player Sports and Social Club 6:30 p.m.

*Room 101
Room 101
Gym*

WEDNESDAY, February 26, 2025

Worship Service 9:00 a.m.
Potluck 11:00 a.m.
Player Sports and Social Club 6:30 p.m.

*Church
Memorial Hall
Gym*

THURSDAY, February 27, 2025

Bookbugs 9:00 a.m.
Time for Two 10:30 a.m.
Bible Class 12:00 p.m. <https://bit.ly/39AbHrQ>
Player Sports and Social Club 6:30 p.m.

*Room 101
Room 101
via Zoom
Gym*

SUNDAY, March 2, 2025

Bible Class 8:30 a.m.
Holy Communion 9:30 a.m.
Mardi Gras Party 10:30 a.m.

*Founders Hall
Church
Church Lobby*



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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SUNDAYS

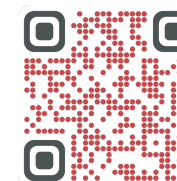
8:30 AM Bible Class
9:30 AM THE HOLY EUCHARIST

WEDNESDAYS

9:00 AM Worship with Saint Luke Academy
Coffee and Chat immediately following

THURSDAYS

12:00 PM Bible Class
Go to www.stlukechicago.org, click on "Bible Class"
or use Link: <https://bit.ly/39AbHrQ>



Please use this QR code to donate to Saint Luke Church