



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 2, 2025

The Presentation of our Lord

PRAYER CONNECTION AND REFLECTION

Time to reflect and pray individually as you prepare for worship

THE PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Almighty and ever-living God, your only-begotten Son was presented this day in the temple. May we be presented to you with clean and pure hearts by the same Jesus Christ, our great high priest, 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

Patricia Grunde Christine Heck Jetta Strohmayr Dennis Hadden Joan Palumbo
Stella Lackey Anthony Leonard Joyce Grosse Curtis Holland Mark Van Scharrel
John Grosse Achen Moreno Laurie Strohmayr Ayanna Moreno Michael Strohmayr
Martin Marty

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

FOR COUNTLESS BLESSINGS

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, most merciful redeemer, for the countless blessings and benefits you give. May we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day praising you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. 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 Strohmayr 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 PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD

9:30 AM

GATHERING

Sit Prelude: Fuga in C D. Buxtehude

Welcome

Stand Processional Hymn #532 Gather Us In

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 Malachi 3:1-4
The reading concludes: The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalmody Psalm 84

The congregation repeats the refrain after the cantor and then joins in singing the refrain where indicated. The cantor sings the verses.

How love - ly is Your dwe - lling place O
 Lord of hosts O Lord of hosts

How lovely, Lord, is your dwelling place;
 I long to be in your house.
 My heart and soul sing out for joy,
 Sing out to the living God. **Refrain**

Even the sparrow finds a home,
 The swallow builds a nest.
 Yes, there at the altar they care for their young,
 O Lord, my King and my God. **Refrain**

Happy are they who dwell in your house,
 Who praise you all the day long.
 And happy are they who journey to Zion,
 Who enter the presence of God. **Refrain**

O Lord, I long to be in your house,
 If only for a day,
 For one day is better than a thousand elsewhere,
 O Lord, my King and my God. **Refrain**

The Lord is a sun, the Lord is a shield,
 No need the Lord will withhold.
 O happy are they who trust in the Lord,
 Whose trust is in God alone. **Refrain**

Second Reading Hebrews 2:14-18
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 2nd chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

+ SAINT LUKE 2:22-40 +

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

Sit Sermon

Stand Hymn of the Day #687

Come to Us, Creative Spirit

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: 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.

MEAL

Sit Gathering of the Gifts

Anthem "Song of Simeon", from VESPERS

Offering for the Congregation

S. Rachmaninov

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word. For mine eyes have seen Thy salvation which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.

Stand Presentation of the Gifts

Hymn #467

We Place upon Your Table, Lord

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.

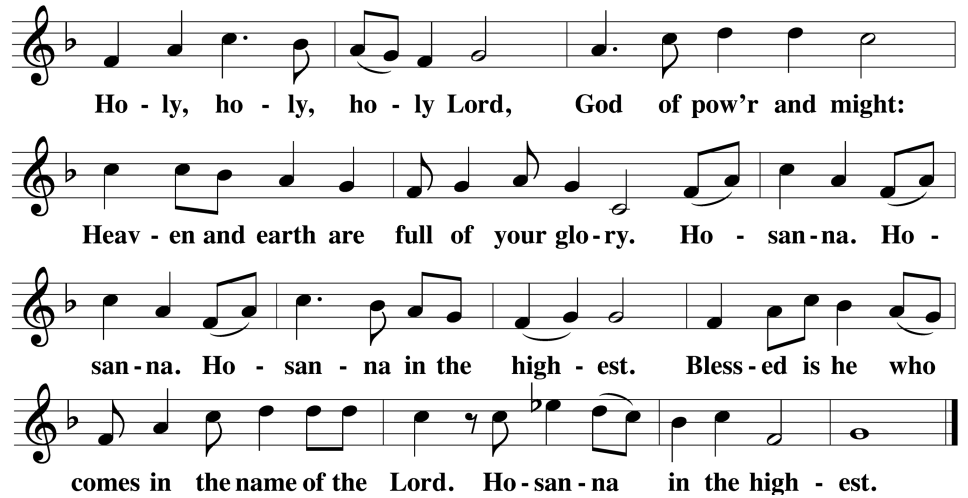
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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 #417 In His Temple Now Behold Him

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 #511 Thy Strong Word
 Prayer for Peace
 Dismissal
 Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: Prelude and Fugue in D Major D. Buxtehude

Julie Ryan, *Presiding Minister* Mia Surace, *Cantor*
 Robert Kleisch, *Assisting Minister* Don Mead, *Organist*

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

February 2, 2025



Today

The joy of Christmas continues! Several **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. We celebrate Simeon's rejoicing at the coming of the "Light to the Nations" with candles lit in the chancel and the Paradisum remembering that we are God's lights in the world.



Introduction to the Day

The Presentation of Our Lord is referred to in some corners of the church as Candlemas because of an ancient tradition of blessing all the candles to be used in the church in the coming year at the mass celebrated on that day. It was a way of underscoring the truth of Simeon's confession that this baby Jesus was "a light for revelation to the Gentiles" and a light for glory to Israel. Let the light of every candle in church be a little epiphany of the love of God for all people in the person of God's son, Jesus, the light of the world.



There will be a meeting of the Voters Assembly immediately following the Service **this morning**. Please plan to attend this important meeting. The online link for the meeting is: <https://bit.ly/4hhiwze>

Intention Forms

In the next few days you will receive, in the mail, the Intention Form for 2025: God's House, Your Home. Thrive in '25. The collection for the Intention Forms will be Sunday, February 23 and the celebration for the return of the forms will be March 2 – The Transfiguration of Our Lord. We will celebrate after church with a King's Cake! Mark your calendars now for both of these important dates.

Your Help Is Needed

The website is in need of a 'clean-up' and your help is needed. Please go to the website: www.stlukechicago.org and 'click around.' If you find outdated items or ANYTHING you see that needs to be corrected, please write it down or use the form on the website. The link to the form is at the **very** bottom of the page: **Provide Website Feedback**. You may also write your changes and corrections and submit them to the church office. Thank you in advance for your help.

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 6 at 12 p.m.** Bring your lunch and join the group to discuss the lessons and Gospel for the Fifth Sunday of Epiphany.

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!

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!

Coffee Break

Online Coffee Break is taking a break. Attendance has been low and the plan is to bring it back, online, with a different format. Watch this space...

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



Caring and Sharing

- During February we are asking for donations of **special treats**: foodstuffs that are not necessary for survival but add something special to meals -- condiments (ketchup, mustard, etc.), spices, jellies, syrup or honey, crackers and cookies - nice to have but not affordable on a limited income. Please leave your donations in the collection barrel in the church lobby. Items will be distributed through relief agencies in the LakeView area.
- Some of the residents of Saint Luke Renaissance--Greenview Place are in need of **new bed pillows, towels and twin-size sheets, blankets, waste baskets and shower curtains**. Household items should be in their original packaging. *Some residents could also use warm clothing – jackets, sweat pants and sweat shirts in large sizes.* If you are able to supply any of these items, please bring them to the Church Office.

Many thanks to people who have already donated towels, sheet, blankets...

Food for Thought

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



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!

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!

BUY A TICKET using the QR code:



THIS WEEK at Saint Luke Church

SUNDAY, February 2, 2025

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

Founders Hall
Church
Church
Church Lobby

MONDAY - FRIDAY, February 3 - 7, 2025

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

Room 206

MONDAY, February 3, 2025

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

Gym

TUESDAY, February 4, 2025

Bookbugs 9:00 a.m.
Time for Two 10:30 a.m.
Academy Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.
Player Sports and Social Club 6:30 p.m.

Room 101
Room 101
Church Lobby
Gym

WEDNESDAY, February 5, 2025

Worship Service 9:00 a.m.
Administrative Staff Meeting 12:00 p.m.
Player Sports and Social Club 6:30 p.m.

Church
Church Lobby
Gym

THURSDAY, February 6, 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, February 9, 2025

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

Founders Hall
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Church Lobby



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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SUNDAYS

8:30 AM

Bible Class

9:30 AM

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

WEDNESDAYS

9:00 AM

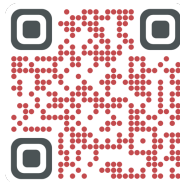
Worship with Saint Luke Academy
Coffee and Chat immediately following

THURSDAYS

12:00 PM

Bible Class

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



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