



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, September 22, 2024

Sundays after Pentecost – Lectionary 25

PRAYER CONNECTION AND REFLECTION

Time to reflect and pray individually as you prepare for worship

THE PRAYER FOR THE DAY

O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of 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>Mark Van Scharrel</i>
<i>Jeanette Geweke</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>Peggy 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>Diane Gil</i>	<i>Patty Lumsden</i>	<i>Daniel Murov</i>	<i>Nate Ward</i>
<i>Martin Marty</i>	<i>Joan Palumbo</i>	<i>Joyce Grosse</i>	<i>Mildred Wilson</i>	<i>Marcia Young</i>

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

REMEMBER THE UNEMPLOYED

God of Justice, we remember before you those who suffer want and anxiety from lack of work. Guide the people of this land so to use our wealth and resources that all people may find suitable and fulfilling employment and receive just payment for their labor; 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 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

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.

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**

En trance Hymn #514

O Word of God Incarnate

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

Jeremiah 11:18-20

The reading concludes: The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 54

Chanted responsively

Save me, O God, ¹by your name;

in your might, de-¹fend my cause.

Hear my ¹prayer, O God;

give ear to the words ¹of my mouth.

For strangers have risen up against me, and the ruthless

have ¹sought my life,

those who have no re-¹gard for God.

Behold, God ¹is my helper;

it is the Lord who sus-¹tains my life.

Render evil to those who ¹spy on me;

in your faithful-¹ness, destroy them.

I will offer you a ¹freewill sacrifice

and praise your name, O Lord, for ¹it is good.

For you have rescued me from ¹every trouble,

and my eye looks down ¹on my enemies.

Second Reading

James 3:13—4:3, 7-8a

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 9th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

+ SAINT MARK 9:30-37 +

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.



Sit Sermon

Stand Hymn of the Day #589

All Depends on Our Possessing

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.**

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 _____

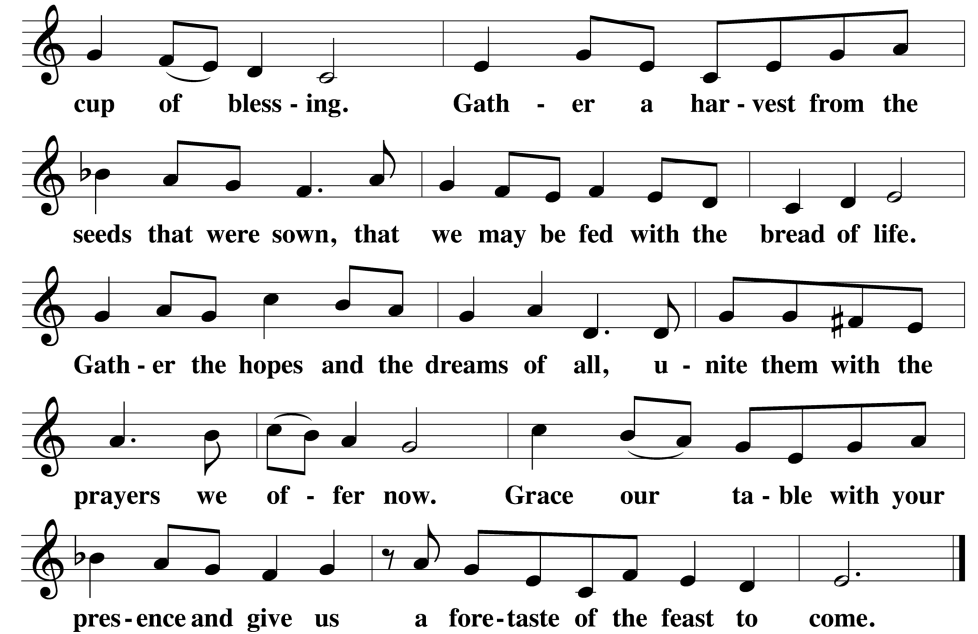
Sit Gathering of the Gifts
 Anthem: "Beautiful Savior"

Offering for the Congregation
 Herman Schroeder
 (Words: Hymn #838)

Stand Presentation of the Gifts



Let the vine - yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our



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.

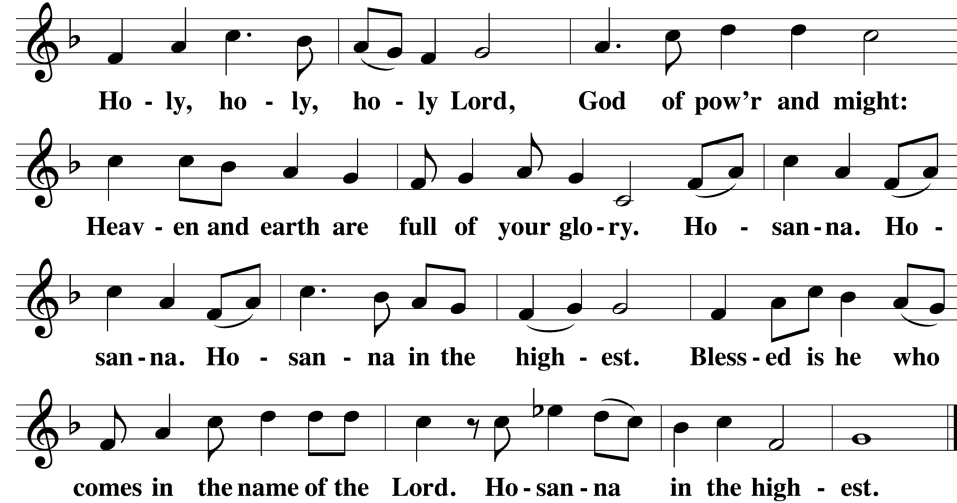
Lift up your hearts.

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.**"

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 #502

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

SENDING _____

Stand Table Blessing

Prayer after Communion

Blessing

Closing Hymn #551

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

Prayer for Peace

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Robert Johnson, *Presiding Minister*

Dale Hoiberg, *Assisting Minister*

Maia Surace, *Cantor*

Don Mead, *Organist*

NEWS and INFORMATION

September 22, 2024



Introduction to the Day

Today we hear James warn against selfish ambition, while the disciples quarrel over which one of them is the greatest. Jesus tells them the way to be great is to serve. Then, to make it concrete, he puts in front of them a flesh-and-blood child. We are called to welcome the children God puts in front of us, to make room for them in daily interaction, and to give them a place of honor in the assembly.

Today

Our long liturgical season of growth continues. On the altar, the green shoots are 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.

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.

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.

Coffee Break



Coffee Break will meet **tomorrow, September 23 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!*

Coffee Hour

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!

Thank you to the Mark Van Scharrel, Coffee Hour hosts this morning!

Cemetery Clean-Up Day

The **Fall cleanup day at the Cemetery** has been set! Get your gloves, bring your rakes and shovels on **Saturday, October 26 at 9:00 a.m.!** Please sign up in the lobby or call the church office 773.472.3383.



On-Line Bible Class

Bible Class **will** meet this Thursday, September 26 at 12:00 p.m. Join the group to discuss the lessons and Gospel for Lectionary 26.

The lessons are: *Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29, James 5:13-20, St. Mark 9:38-50*

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

Caring and Sharing

Thank you to everyone who continues to bring supplies and non-perishable food to our emergency pantry!

The September item for the **Monthly Gifts Collection** will be **soap – liquid or bars**. The soap collected will be distributed through LLP Missions.



The 7th annual Shop for Schools will be **October 9th + 10th!** Shop for Schools is a fundraiser where select businesses in both Lakeview and Roscoe Village pledge to give back 15% of their sales to our local participating schools. Shoppers will be able to choose the school they would like their donation to go to upon purchasing. **The Lakeview Roscoe Village Chamber of Commerce will donate up to \$6,000 to the top 6 placing schools.**

Support these local retailers and raise \$\$ for Saint Luke Academy

- ALICE & WONDER
- AURA CANDLE BAR
- BATIK CHICAGO
- CANDYALITY
- CINNAMON BOUTIQUE
- COLOR ME MINE
- CUBBINGTON'S CABINET
- ECODUNIA
- ELLIE THOMPSON + CO.
- EVEREVE
- EYE SPY OPTICAL
- GLAMRÛM
- GOBLIN MARKET
- HUSK (ONLINE ONLY)
- KENDRA SCOTT
- KENNETH LUDWIG CHICAGO LLC
- KRISTA K BOUTIQUE
- LITTLE CHARLIE
- LOVE, CHARLIE
- MINI WONDER
- MOONDANCE CHICAGO
- PINK MOON BAY BOUTIQUE
- ROSCOEBOOKS
- ROSCOE VILLAGE BIKES
- THE DEMIN LOUNGE
- THE DENIM LOUNGE FOR MEN
- THE LAZY DOG ANTIQUE STORE
- THREE AVENUES BOOKSHOP



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THIS WEEK *at Saint Luke Church*

September 2024

Dear Family Pet:

During the first week of October the Church celebrates the Day of Saint Francis of Assisi, the Patron Saint of Animals. Traditionally during this time congregations have conducted special services for the blessing of animals.

In keeping with that tradition, Saint Luke Ministries will host a blessing for animals at

Sunday, September 29

9:30 a.m.

(during the service in church)

or

Friday, October 4

3:15 p.m.

(in the courtyard – entrance on Greenview Ave)

You are cordially invited to attend along with your owner. Please remember you will need to be on your leash or in your favorite traveling kennel or tank/cage depending on your size and any other special requirements.

I hope you will join us for this special service.

Cordially,

Saint Luke Pets



SUNDAY, September 22, 2024

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

*Memorial Hall
Church
Church Lobby*

MONDAY – FRIDAY, September 23 - 26, 2024

Extended Care 7:30-8:15 a.m. and 3:30-6:00 p.m.
School in Session 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

3rd Floor

MONDAY, September 23, 2024

Coffee Break <https://bit.ly/3Pye5l4> 1:00 p.m.

via Zoom

TUESDAY, September 24, 2024

Bookbugs 9:00 a.m.
Two for Tots 10:30 a.m.
Pilgrim Volleyball Practice 6:00 p.m.

*Room 101
Room 101
Gym*

WEDNESDAY, September 25, 2024

Worship Service 9:00 a.m.
Coffee and Chat immediately following the service
Administrative Staff Meeting 12:00 p.m.

*Church
Church Lobby
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THURSDAY, September 26, 2024

Bookbugs 9:00 a.m.
Two for Tots 10:30 a.m.
Bible Class 12:00 p.m. <https://bit.ly/39AbHrQ>
Pilgrim Volleyball Practice 6:00 p.m.
Ministry Board meeting 6:30 p.m.

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FRIDAY, September 27, 2024

No School
Teacher In-Service 9:00 a.m.

School Office

PET BLESSING - SUNDAY, September 29, 2024

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

*Memorial Hall
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Church Lobby*