



Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 26, 8:45 & 11:15 AM

Saint Luke Lutheran Church and School

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We have no good apart from God. That makes Jesus' call to follow him an invitation to freedom. This is freedom to revel in the Spirit's fruit: love, joy, peace, and patience. This is freedom to not be imprisoned by anything that would keep us from the fullness of the life God has given us. This is the path of life.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

O Jesus, I Have Promised

Setting, Aaron David Miller (b. 1972)

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
whose steadfast love endures forever.
Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,
we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.

Hear the good news! God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy. In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love as God loves.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN • ELW 810

O Jesus, I have promised



1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;
2 Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ev - er near.
3 Oh, let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still
4 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you



re - main for - ev - er near me, my mas - ter and my friend.
I see the sights that daz - zle, the tempt-ing sounds I hear.
a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will.
that where you are in glo - ry your ser - vant shall be too.



I shall not fear the bat - tle if you are by my side,
My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;
Now speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;
And Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;



nor wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.
but, Je - sus, then draw near - er to shield my soul from sin.
now speak and make me lis - ten, O Guard-ian of my soul.
oh, give me grace to fol - low, my mas - ter and my friend.

Text: John E. Bode, 1816–1874, alt.

Music: MUNICH, *Neuvermehrtes Gesangbuch*, Meiningen, 1693

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.

KYRIE

Leader

In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have

For the reign of God, and for

mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peace through-out the world, for the u-ni-ty of all, let us pray to the

Lord.

For your

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peo - ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your

word, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Lord, have

Help, save, and de-fend us, O God.

mer - cy. A - men.

Text: *Lutheran Book of Worship*, adapt. Marty Haugen, b. 1950
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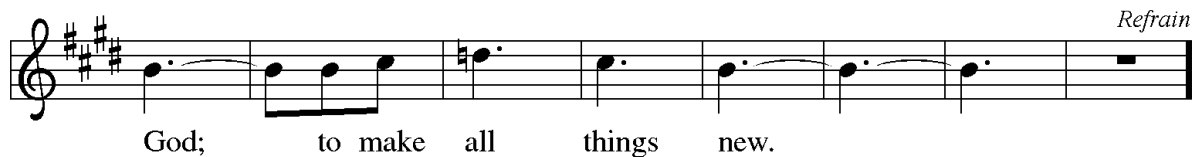
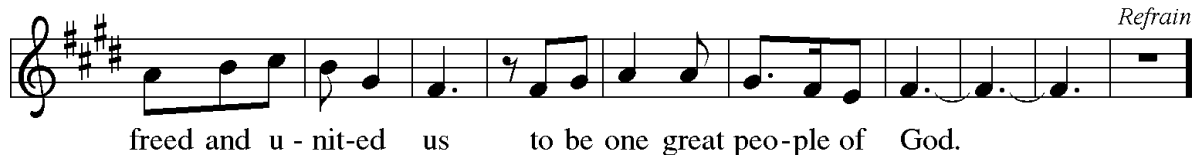
CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Refrain

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion

sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;

praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Sovereign God, ruler of all hearts, you call us to obey you, and you favor us with true freedom. Keep us faithful to the ways of your Son, that, leaving behind all that hinders us, we may steadfastly follow your paths, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING

1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21

In the story preceding today's reading, the prophet Elijah flees for his life to the security of God's mountain. There God reveals to Elijah that there are still other faithful people in Israel and commissions him to anoint new leaders, including his own successor, Elisha.

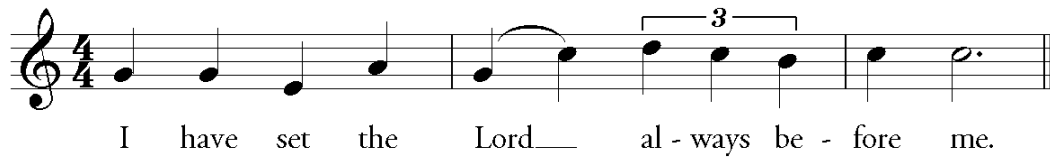
Then the Lord said to [Elijah,] "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place.

So he set out from there, and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was plowing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him. He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, "Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." Then Elijah said to him, "Go back again; for what have I done to you?" He returned from following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled their flesh, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out and followed Elijah, and became his servant.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The organ introduces the refrain. Please sing the 2nd time. Please sing all the verses.



- 1 Protect me O God, ... for I take [refuge] in you;*
- I have said to the LORD, ... "You are my Lord, ... my good a-[bove] all other."
- 2 All my delight is upon the godly that are [in] the land,*
- upon those who are noble a-[mong] the people.
- 3 But those who run after [oth]-er gods*
- shall have their [troub]-les multiplied.
- 4 Their libations of blood I [will] not offer,*
- nor take the names of their gods up-[on] my lips.

Antiphon

- 5 O LORD you are my portion [and] my cup;*
- it is you who up-[hold] my lot.
- 6 My boundaries enclose a [pleas]-ant land;*
- indeed I have a [good]-ly heritage.
- 7 I will bless the LORD who [gives] me counsel;*
- my heart teaches me [night af]-ter night.
- 8 I have set the LORD [always] before me;*
- because he is at my right hand I [shall] not fall.

Antiphon

- 9 My heart therefore is glad, ... and my [spirit] rejoices;*
- my body also shall [rest] in hope.
- 10 For you will not abandon me [to] the grave,*
- nor let your holy one [see] the pit.
- 11 You will show me the [path] of life;*
- in your presence there is fullness of joy, ...
- and in your right hand are pleasures for-[ev]-ermore.

Antiphon

SECOND READING

Galatians 5:1, 13-25

For Paul, the freedom Christ gives is not permission to do whatever we want. It is the invitation to be what we could not be otherwise. The power and guidance of Christ's Holy Spirit produce a different kind of life, one marked by the fruit of this Holy Spirit.

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Repeat alleluia

All: *Alleluia.* Lord, to whom | shall we go?* You have the words of e- | ternal life.
Alleluia. (John 6:68)

GOSPEL

Luke 9:51-62

The holy gospel according to Saint Luke, the ninth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus is unwavering in his commitment to his mission in Jerusalem and will not be swayed by pettiness. In a series of striking cases in point, he calls his disciples to a similar single-mindedness.

When the days drew near for [Jesus] to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" But he turned and rebuked them. 56 Then they went on to another village.

As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Miller

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY • ELW 768

Lead Me, Guide Me

Refrain

Lead me, guide me, a - long the way;

for if you lead me, I can - not stray.

Lord, let me walk each day with thee.

Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

1 I am weak and I need thy strength and pow'r

2 Help me tread in the paths of righ - teous - ness,

3 I am lost if you take your hand from me,

to help me o - ver my weak - est hour.

be my aid when Sa - tan and sin op - press.

I am blind with - out . . . thy light to see.

Help me through the dark - ness thy face to see.

I am put - ting all . . . my trust in thee.

Lord, just al - ways let me thy ser - vant be.

Refrain

Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

Text: Doris Akers, 1922–1995

Music: Doris Akers

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LEAD ME, GUIDE ME

Irregular

APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 he will come 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.

VBS COMMISSIONING (11:15)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (8:45)

United in Christ and guided by the Spirit, we pray for the church, the creation, and all in need.

After each portion of the prayers:

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

God of every time and place, in Jesus' name and filled with your Holy Spirit, we entrust these spoken prayers
and those in our hearts into your holy keeping.
Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

Please be seated.

MEAL

OFFERING

We invite you to give your offering online at saintlukegive.us.
You may also mail your checks to:

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Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

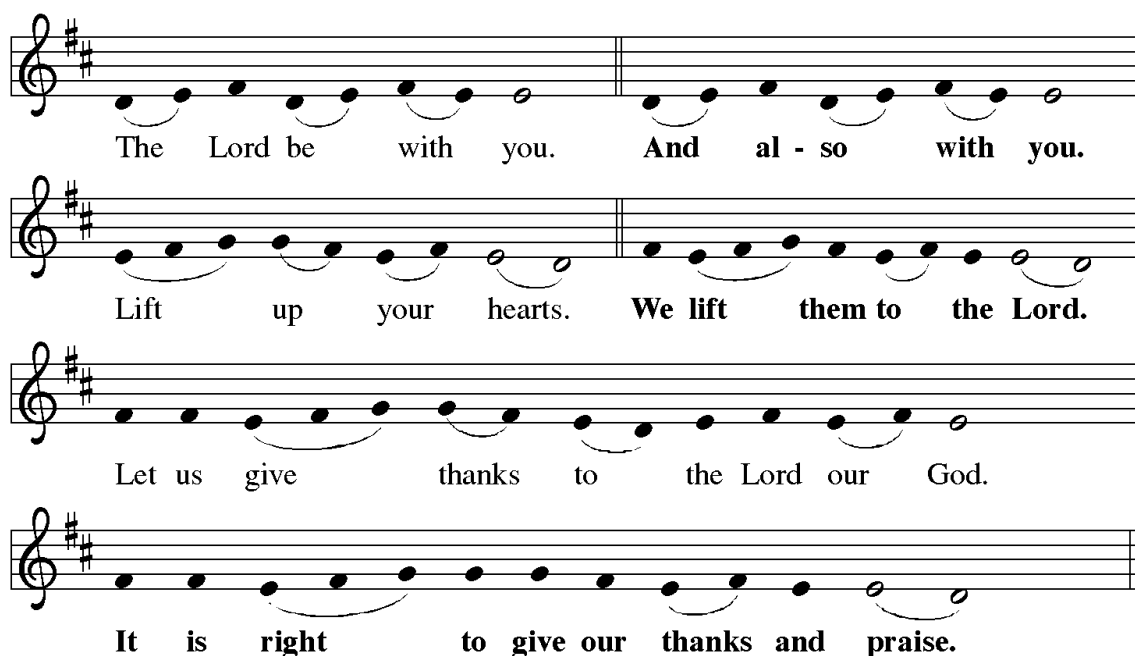
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OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of abundance: you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING



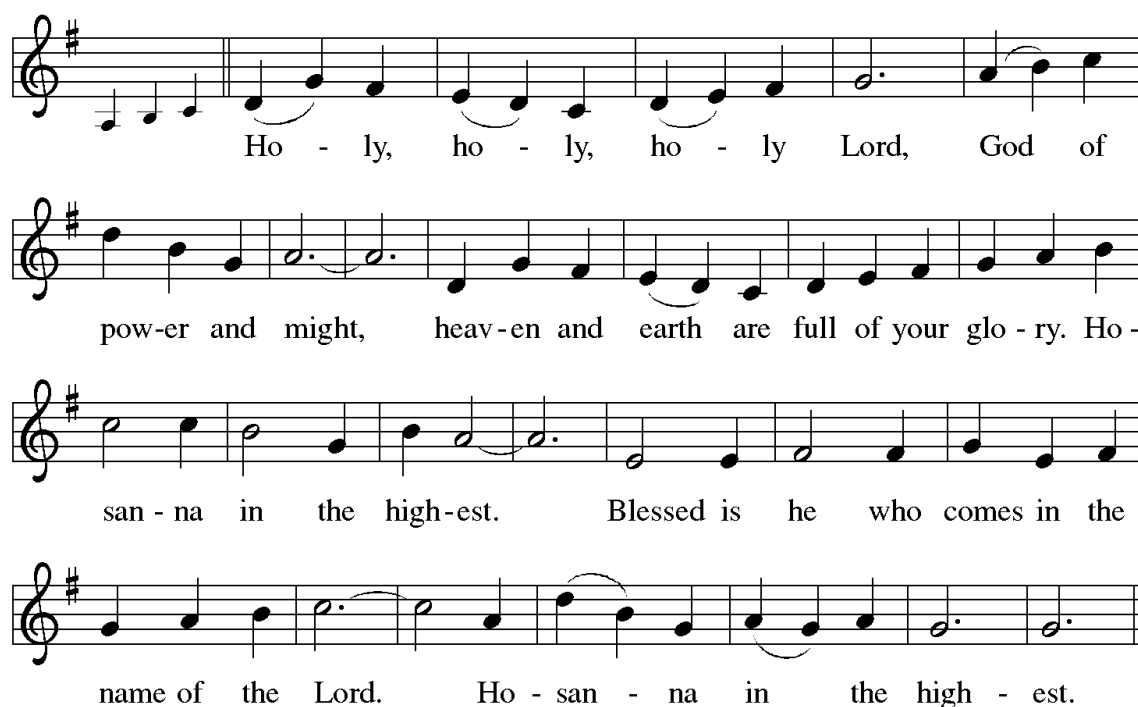
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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 to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



God, Creator of all time and space, in this, our own time and place, we give you thanks and praise for giving us life, and inviting us to share in the history of a people who are blessed by your faithfulness, challenged by your prophets, forgiven by your mercy, and ever surprised by your power to do more, working in us, than we can ask or imagine.

We thank you for your life manifest in Jesus, whose life, death and resurrection reveal you fully: your love for humanity, your desire for human freedom, your passion for justice.

We remember that Jesus, gathered at table with his friends in a time of struggle and fear, took bread, gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim together the mystery of our faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again!

Come now, Holy Spirit of God. As you were present at creation, be present now, and let these gifts of bread and cup become for us the Bread of Life and the Cup of Blessing. As you were sent by Jesus to accompany us on our journey of faith, be present now, and make this community, in receiving this bread and cup, one body in Christ.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Please pray in your own preferred language.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

Padre Nuestro Que estas en los cielos
Santificado sea tu Nombre
Venga a nosotros tu Reino
Hagase tu voluntad asi en la tierra como en el cielo
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada dia
Perdona nuestras ofensas
Como nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden
Y no nos dejes caer en la tentacion mas libranos del mal
Porque tuyo es el reino, el poder y la Gloria
Por los siglos de los siglos. Amen

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy.

Come to the banquet.

Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.

COMMUNION

When communing, kindly receive the communion elements from the servers. The servers will then step back. At that time, please remove your mask and partake of the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Then proceed to the appropriate station to deposit your individual cup. If you wish gluten free bread, simply let the server know .

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say:

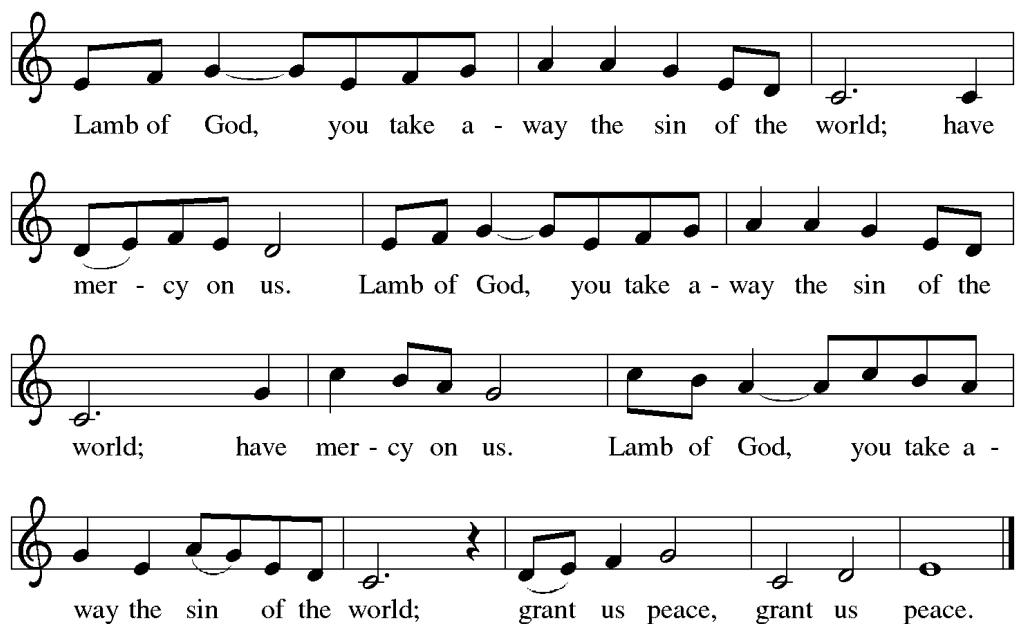
The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

The communicant may say:

Amen.

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN • ELW 767

Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me



1 Lord, take my hand and lead me up - on life's way;
2 Lord, when the tem - pest ra - ges, I need not fear;
3 Lord, when the shad - ows length - en and night has come,
di - rect, pro - tect, and feed me from day to day.
for you, the Rock of A - ges, are al - ways near.
I know that you will strength - en my steps toward home,
With - out your grace and fa - vor I go a - stray;
Close by your side a - bid - ing, I fear no foe,
then noth - ing can im - pede me, O bless - ed Friend!
so take my hand, O Sav - ior, and lead the way.
for when your hand is guid - ing, in peace I go.
So, take my hand and lead me un - to the end.

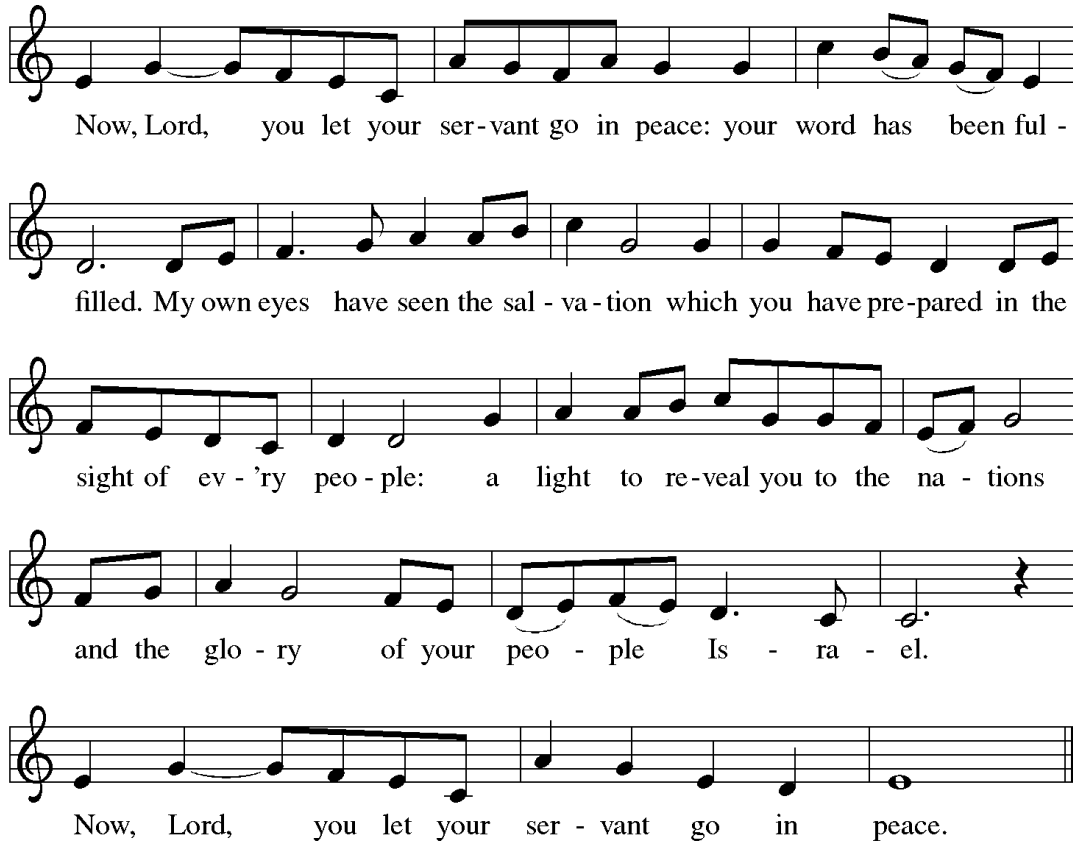
Please stand as you are able.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



Now, Lord, 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.

Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus.

Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

The God of peace,
Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you, comfort you,
and show you the path of life
this day and always.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN • ELW 805

Lead On, O King Eternal!



1 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal! The day of march has come;
2 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
3 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal: we fol - low, not with fears,



hence-forth in fields of con - quest your tents will be our home.
and ho - li - ness shall whis - per the sweet a - men of peace;
for glad-ness breaks like morn - ing wher - e'er your face ap - pears.



Through days of prep - a - ra - tion your grace has made us strong;
for not with swords loud clash - ing, nor roll of stir-ring drums,
Your cross is lift - ed o'er us; we jour - ney in its light;



and now, O King e - ter - nal, we lift our bat - tle song.
but deeds of love and mer - cy the heav'n - ly king - dom comes.
the crown a - waits the con - quest; lead on, O God of might!

Text: Ernest W. Shurtleff, 1862–1917

Music: LANCASHIRE, Henry T. Smart, 1813–1879

DISMISSAL

Go in peace.
Love your neighbor.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Festival Postlude on “Lancashire”

Charles Callahan (b. 1951)

WORSHIP LEADERS

PRESIDING MINISTER

The Rev. Connie A. Miller, *Senior Pastor*

ASSISTING MINISTER

Deacon Kyle Warfield, *Director of Discipleship and Senior High Ministries*

READERS

8:45 Aled Greville

11:15 Richard Ahlberg, Jr.

MUSICIANS

Dr. Alain Truche, *Director of Music and Organist*

Summer Choir (11:15)



THE FLOWERS ABOUT THE ALTAR are given to the glory of God by Nancy, Kurt and Eric Einwaechter, in remembrance and thanksgiving of William Einwaechter, on what would have been Nancy and Bill's 62nd wedding anniversary.

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This week at Saint Luke Lutheran Church

SUNDAY, June 26—The 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

8:45 AM Holy Communion
10:30 AM Summer Choir Rehearsal
11:15 AM Holy Communion
5:00 PM San Lucas Misa

MONDAY, June 27

9:00 AM Vacation Bible School
6:00 PM Yoga

TUESDAY, June 28

9:00 AM Vacation Bible School
7:00 PM Reformation Bells

WEDNESDAY, June 29

6:30 AM Zoom Faith Connections
9:00 AM Vacation Bible School
10:00 AM Women In Community

THURSDAY, June 30

9:00 AM Vacation Bible School
7:00 PM VBS Celebration
7:30 PM Zoom Centering Prayer

FRIDAY, July 1

9:00 AM Vacation Bible School

SATURDAY, July 2

9:30 AM AA

SUNDAY, July 3—The 4th Sunday after Pentecost

8:45 AM Holy Communion
10:30 AM Summer Choir Rehearsal
11:15 AM Holy Communion
3:00 PM San Lucas Gospel Meditation (Zoom)

NB: Worship Services are in person and livestreamed

Upcoming Commemorations

Cyril, Bishop of Alexandria, died 444

Monday, June 27, 2022

Cyril defended the orthodox teachings about the person of Christ. After a conflict involving all of the major Christian leaders of the time, it was decided that Cyril's interpretation, that Christ's person included both divine and human natures, was correct.

Irenaeus, Bishop of Lyons, died around 202

Tuesday, June 28, 2022

This important early church leader tried very hard to hold to the faith handed down by the apostles. An opponent of the movement known as gnosticism, Irenaeus was one of the first to speak of the church as catholic, or linked together.

Peter and Paul, Apostles

Wednesday, June 29, 2022

These two strong-willed apostles are the pillars of the church in the first generation after Christ. Peter was one of the Twelve, one who both offered a glorious confession of faith and later denied knowing Jesus. Paul once led the persecution of Christians, then was converted and helped bring the faith to non-Jewish people.

Catherine Winkworth, died 1878; John Mason Neale, died 1866; hymn translators

Friday, July 1, 2022

Neale was an English priest who specialized in the translation of Latin and Greek hymns into English. Winkworth lived in Manchester, England, and devoted herself to translating German hymns. Almost all English-speaking hymnals include many of their translations.

Saint Luke Update 6/26/2022 Edition

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND PRAYERS for Vacation Bible School this week. The theme is *Food Truck Party: On A Roll With God* and we look forward to a wonderful week. All are invited to the Closing Program, Thursday evening, 7:00 p.m. Come and enjoy! We commission all the staff and volunteers today at the 11:15 a.m. worship service today. Again, thank you to all for the support for this amazing outreach!

COUNCIL OFFICERS WERE ELECTED THIS past Tuesday at the Council meeting. We congratulate President. Matt Shugert, Vice-President, Benjamin Gray, Treasurer, Rick Ahlberg, Financial Secretary, Scott McKay and Conservator, Darrell Neily.

SUMMER CHOIR—Are you too busy to join choir during the school year? You are invited to sing at the 11:15 Holy Communion Service. Just come down to the music room at 10:30 a.m. robe up, and we'll get ready to sing for the service. No need to commit for the entire summer!

PRESCHOOL OPENINGS! Saint Luke Christian Day School (CDS) is still enrolling for the 2022-2023 school year. CDS is a part-time, play-based program serving children ages 2, 3, Pre-K. The first day of school is September 6, 2022. CDS has space available for all age levels.

To learn more and apply on-line, visit www.saintlukekids.org. Students will be accepted on a first come, first served basis.

MIGHT YOU CONSIDER serving as an usher (8:45 or 11:15 a.m.), a member of the Altar Guild, a Carillon player, a reader on Sunday morning? If you might be able to help in any way, please email stluke@saintluke.us Thank you for prayerfully considering these possibilities. More to come. Gradually we

HAVE YOU EVER GIVEN FLOWERS to someone you love? Well, imagine sitting in church, gazing up at the cross, and thinking of the most amazing love of all, the one who loved us unto death and into new life. How wonderful to adorn this holy space as we worship.

Can you give flowers one Sunday? Altar flowers can be give in honor or in memory of someone, in thanksgiving for God's blessings in our lives, or simply to the glory of God. The cost for the flowers in the Nave is \$55.00. (When the pandemic is behind us we will start using the chapel as well.)

Soon a form for flower dedications will be out on the website, but for now, kindly send your dedication and date to stluke@saintluke.us and you can easily pay the \$55.00 at www.saintlukegive.us where it says *Flowers*. Thank you so much for considering this.

LOOKING AHEAD:

Vacation Bible School

June 27-July 1

September 11 God's Work, Our Hands + Homecoming Sunday

Today's Music

HYMN NOTES

O Jesus, I have promised

John Ernest Bode, 116-1874

Based on Luke 9:57, “Lord, I will follow thee whithersoever thou goest,” the hymn was written by the author for the confirmation of his three children. But it says much more and is a prayer for Christ’s presence at all times—in the struggle against sin, in the midst of the world’s temptations, and the struggles with the “storms of passion.” Jesus has promised us to be with him in glory, but we must also promise to follow and serve him to the end.—Hymn Notes for Church Bulletins

Lead Me, Guide Me

Doris Akers, 1922-1995

Akers wrote this text and its music in 1953 in Oakland, California. The hymn is an African American gospel counterpart of the choral tradition’s “If you but trust in God to guide you.” This hymn appears on the surface to be more personal—and it surely does not lack that quality, but the first person singular of the African American tradition is profoundly communal—ELW Hymnal Companion

Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me

Julie von Hausmann, 1826-1901

This version of this hymn in our hymnal combines two English translations of the original hymn written in German. The author worked with the poor and wrote poetry, sometimes conceiving poems while she was awake at night with migraines and then writing them down in the morning. This hymn was extensively used for confirmations in some American German congregations with a Lutheran heritage, especially on Palm Sunday in the Evangelical Synod of North America.—ELW Hymnal Companion

Lead on, O King eternal

Ernest W. Shurtleff, 1862-1917

For his graduation from Andover Theological Seminary in 1887, Shurtleff was asked by his classmates to write an appropriate hymn. Graduation is never an end—merely a road marker on the path of life. SO the hymn is an appropriate call for us to be prepared to pitch our tents and to follow wherever God leads. The rousing marching tune by the self taught English organist and composer, Henry Smart, adds to the excitement of the call to march.—Hymn Notes for Church Bulletins

MUSIC NOTES

Prelude : Setting on “O Jesus, I Have Promised” - Aaron David Miller (b. 1972)

Miller’s arrangement of the hymn tune “Munich” starts with a quiet free-flowing melody accompanied by the string sounds of the organ. The melody proper is played in the feet accompanied by the strings while the introductory melody is superimposed on top. A brief section featuring imitation between two voices serves as bridge to the next full statement of the melody, this time played in the left hand. Again the introductory free-flowing melody is played on top of the melody. The piece ends with the original material in a quiet manner.

Postlude: Festival Postlude on “Lancashire” - Charles Callahan (b. 1951)

This arrangement of the hymn tune “Lancashire” starts with a fanfare followed by a harmonized statement of the melody. The fanfare material comes back before another statement of the melody this time played in the left hand. The piece ends with the opening fanfare material.