



Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

August 21, 8:45 & 11:15 AM

Saint Luke Lutheran Church and School

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Remember the sabbath day. Call the sabbath a delight. This is the Lord's day, and the Lord will do for us what the Lord does: feed us, forgive us, help and heal us. Rejoice at all the wonderful things God is doing.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Ricercar

J.P. Sweelinck (1562-1621)

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 796

How Firm a Foundation



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,
3 "When through fi - 'ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,
4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove



is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!
for I am your God and will still give you aid;
my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.
my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can he say than to you he has said
I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign
and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,



who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand."
your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."
like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."

Text: J. Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, alt.
Music: FOUNDATION, Early American

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

Detailed description: This block contains the first system of music. It features two staves in G major. The top staff is for the Leader, starting with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 3/4 time signature. The melody begins with a quarter rest, followed by a quarter note G, a quarter note A, a quarter note B, a quarter note C, a quarter note D, a quarter note E, a quarter note F#, and a quarter note G. The bottom staff is for the Assembly, starting with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. It begins with a whole rest for the first four measures, then has a quarter note G, a quarter note A, a quarter note B, and a quarter note C.

For the reign of God, and for

mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Detailed description: This block contains the second system of music. The top staff (Assembly) has a whole rest for the first three measures, followed by a quarter rest, a quarter note G, a quarter note A, a quarter note B, and a quarter note C. The bottom staff (Leader) has a quarter note G, a quarter note A, a quarter note B, a quarter note C, a quarter note D, a quarter note E, a quarter note F#, and a quarter note G.

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

Detailed description: This block contains the third system of music. The top staff (Leader) has a quarter note G, a quarter note A, a quarter note B, a quarter note C, a quarter note D, a quarter note E, a quarter note F#, and a quarter note G. The bottom staff (Assembly) has a whole rest for the first five measures, followed by a quarter rest, a quarter note G, a quarter note A, a quarter note B, and a quarter note C.

Lord. For your

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

Detailed description: This block contains the fourth system of music. The top staff (Leader) has a quarter note G, a quarter note A, a quarter note B, a quarter note C, a quarter note D, a quarter note E, a quarter note F#, and a quarter note G. The bottom staff (Assembly) has a quarter note G, a quarter note A, a quarter note B, a quarter note C, a quarter note D, a quarter note E, a quarter note F#, and a quarter note G.

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

Detailed description: This block contains the fifth system of music. The top staff (Leader) has a quarter note G, a quarter note A, a quarter note B, a quarter note C, a quarter note D, a quarter note E, a quarter note F#, and a quarter note G. The bottom staff (Assembly) has a quarter note G, a quarter note A, a quarter note B, a quarter note C, a quarter note D, a quarter note E, a quarter note F#, and a quarter note G.

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
 Music: *Now the Feast and Celebration*, Marty Haugen
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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!

Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has

freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.

Refrain

2 Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and might, all hon - or and
 glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.

3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo - ple of
 God; to make all things new.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God, mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 58:9b-14

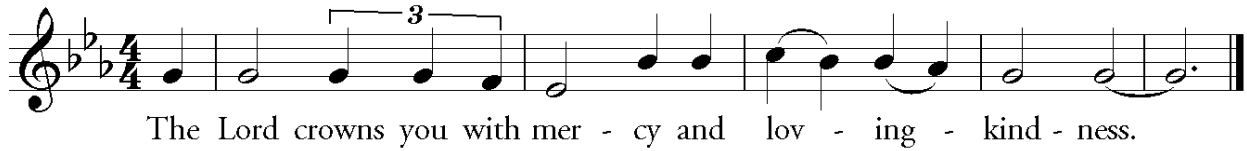
God promises those who have returned from exile that where justice and mercy prevail, the ruins will be rebuilt and light will rise in the darkness. It is a day for new beginnings.

If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

If you refrain from trampling the sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day; if you call the sabbath a delight and the holy day of the Lord honorable; if you honor it, not going your own ways, serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs; then you shall take delight in the Lord, and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



- 1 Bless the [LORD O] my soul,*
and all that is within me, ... bless his [ho]-ly name.
- 2 Bless the [LORD O] my soul,*
and forget not [all] his benefits.
- 3 He forgives [all] your sins*
and heals [all your] infirmities;
- 4 he redeems your [life from] the grave*
and crowns you with mercy and [lov]-ingkindness;
- 5 he satisfies you with [good] things,*
and your youth is re-[newed like] an eagle's.

Antiphon

- 6 The LORD [exe]-cutes righteousness*
and judgment for all who [are] oppressed.
- 7 He made his ways [known] to Moses*
and his works to the [children] of Israel.
- 8 The LORD is full of com-[passion] and mercy,*
slow to anger and of [great] kindness.

Antiphon

SECOND READING

Hebrews 12:18-29

Using images of Moses, the writer presents a striking vision of the new covenant of God made possible in Christ. There is no longer fear; only awe in the new promise in Christ into which we are invited.

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.") Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") But you have

come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, “Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven.” This phrase, “Yet once more,” indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



All: *Alleluia.* The crowd | was rejoicing* at the wonderful things that Je- | sus was doing.
Alleluia. (Luke 13:17)

GOSPEL

Luke 13:10-17

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus heals a woman on the sabbath, offering her a new beginning for her life. When challenged by a narrow reading of the sabbath command, Jesus responds by expanding “sabbath work” to include setting people free from bondage.

Now [Jesus] was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, “Woman, you are set free from your ailment.” When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, “There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day.” But the Lord answered him and said, “You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?” When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

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

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY • ACS 1062

Build a Longer Table



1 Build a long - er ta - ble, not a high - er wall,
 2 Build a saf - er ref - uge, not a larg - er jail;
 3 Build a broad - er door - way, not a long - er fence.
 4 When we lived as ex - iles, ref - u - gees a - broad,



feed - ing those who hun - ger, mak - ing room for all.
 where the weak find shel - ter, mer - cy will not fail.
 Love pro - tects all peo - ple, spar - ing no ex - pense.
 Christ be - came our door - way to the reign of God.



Feast - ing to - geth - er, strang - er turns to friend,
 For an - y place where jus - tice is de - nied,
 When we em - brace com - pas - sion more than fear,
 So must our ta - bles wel - come those who roam.



Christ breaks walls to piec - es; false di - vi - sions end.
 Christ will breach the jail wall, free - ing all in - side.
 Christ tears down our fenc - es: all are wel - come here.
 None can be ex - clud - ed; all must find a home.

Text: David Bjorlin, b. 1984

Music: NOËL NOUVELET, French carol

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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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.

After each portion of the prayers:

Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom.
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:

Saint Luke Lutheran Church
9100 Colesville Road
Silver Spring, MD 20910

MUSICAL OFFERING

Morning Has Broken

Please stand as you are able.

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 also with you.

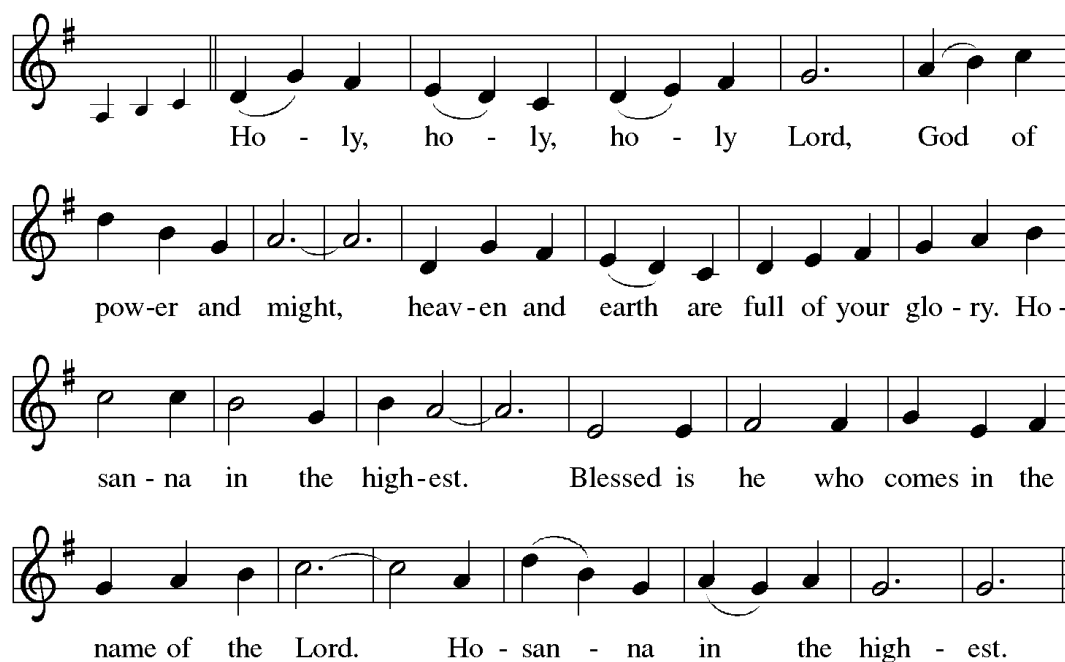
Lift up you hearts.

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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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 625

Come, We That Love the Lord



1 Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known;
2 Let those re - fuse to sing who nev - er knew our God;
3 The hill of Zi - on yields a thou - sand sa - cred sweets
4 Then let our songs a - bound, and ev - 'ry tear be dry;



join in a song with sweet ac - cord, join in a song with
but chil - dren of the heav'n - ly King, but chil - dren of the
be - fore we reach the heav'n - ly fields, be - fore we reach the
we're march - ing through Im - man - uel's ground, we're march - ing through Im -



sweet ac - cord and thus sur - round the throne, and thus sur - round the throne.
heav'n - ly King may tell their joys a - broad, may tell their joys a - broad.
heav'n - ly fields, or walk the gold - en streets, or walk the gold - en streets.
man - uel's ground, to fair - er worlds on high, to fair - er worlds on high.

Refrain



We're march - ing to Zi - on, beau - ti - ful, beau - ti - ful Zi - on:



we're march - ing up - ward to Zi - on, the beau - ti - ful cit - y of God.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, stanzas; Robert Lowry, 1826–1899, refrain
Music: MARCHING TO ZION, Robert Lowry

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 858

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!
2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won-drous-ly reign - ing
3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de - fend you;
4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a - dore him!



O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal - va - tion!
and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing.
sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend you.
All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him!



Let all who hear now to his tem - ple draw near,
Have you not seen all that is need - ful has been
Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do
Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain.



join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?
if with his love he be - friend you.
Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

Text: Joachim Neander, 1650–1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
Music: LOBE DEN HERREN, *Ernewerten Gesangbuch*, Part II, Stralsund, 1665

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Craig Phillips (b. 1961)

WORSHIP LEADERS

PRESIDING MINISTERS

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

The Rev. Franklin Morales, *Associate Pastor*

READER

Ruth Manchester, Parish Nurse, Director of Caring Ministries

MUSICIANS

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

Scott, Navek & Rekha Leonard

Summer Choir (11:15)



THE FLOWERS ABOUT THE ALTAR are given to the glory of God by Roy Sparks, in loving remembrance and thanksgiving for his beloved wife, Charlotte Sparks; the flowers are also given by Sarah Province in remembrance of her beloved husband, Phil Province, on the anniversary of his birth (August 20).

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This week at Saint Luke Lutheran Church

SUNDAY, August 21—11th Sunday After Pentecost

8:45 AM Holy Communion
10:00 AM Patio Fellowship
11:15 AM Holy Communion
3:00 PM San Lucas Gospel Meditation (Zoom)

MONDAY, August 22

6:00 PM Yoga

TUESDAY, August 23

8:00 AM CDS Staff Planning
5:30 PM COVID Advisory Group Zoom
7:00 PM Girl Scouts

WEDNESDAY, August 24

7:00 AM Zoom Faith Connections
8:00 AM CDS Staff Planning/ Classroom Prep
10:00 AM Women in Community
7:30 PM AA
7:30 PM Schola Cantorum Rehearsal

THURSDAY, August 25

8:00 AM CDS Staff Planning/Classroom Prep
7:30 PM Zoom Centering Prayer

FRIDAY, August 26

SATURDAY, August 27

9:30 AM AA
11:00 AM McIntyre Memorial Service
12:00 PM McIntyre Reception

SUNDAY, August 28—12th Sunday After Pentecost

8:45 AM Holy Communion
10:00 AM Patio Fellowship
10:30 AM Summer Choir
11:15 AM Holy Communion/Holy Baptism
2:30 PM Choristers Kick-Off Party
5:00 PM San Lucas Misa (Hybrid)

NB: Worship Services are in person and livestreamed

Upcoming Commemorations

Bartholomew, Apostle

Wednesday, August 24, 2022

Mentioned as one of Jesus' disciples in Matthew, Mark, and Luke, Bartholomew's name is replaced in John's gospel by Nathanael, leading many to believe that the two are different names for the same person. Little is known about his work, though some traditions place him later in India or Armenia.

Music Ministry Schedule Fall 2022

There has been changes since the pandemic hit. Now we are able to have the choir and bell choirs meet regularly again. The rehearsal schedule for choirs and bell choirs is a bit different than before the pandemic.

Why? We are trying something different to better utilize the faithful people we have. There are two musical ensembles that regroup high schoolers and adults, Schola Cantorum and Reformation Bells. This is to make each group a better musical experience than having separate groups. All groups meet in the Music Room. If you are interested in joining a choir and/or bell choir, please contact Dr. Truche at atruche@saintluke.us

Choirs

On Wednesdays:

Novices (k-2nd grade) is the training choir that leads up to the Choristers.

Meets from 4:30 to 5:00 PM (starts August 31)

Choristers (3rd—8th grade/voice change for boys)

Meets from 5:30 to 7:00 PM (starts August 31)

5:30 to 6:00 Voice for Life training

6:00 to 7:00 rehearsal

Schola Cantorum (high-school/adults)

Meet from 7:30 to 9:30 PM (starts August 24)

Bell Choirs

Reformation Bells (high school/adults)

Meets on Tuesdays from 7:00 to 8:30 PM (starts September 6)

Genesis Bells (3rd—8th grade)

Meets on Sundays from 11:15 AM to 12:00 PM (start date TBA)

Saint Luke Update 8/21/2022 Edition

THE COVID TRANSMISSION RATE in Montgomery County has for now decreased, so now masks are STRONGLY RECOMMENDED indoors at Saint Luke. Thank you for staying safe and well.

TODAY WE DEDICATE THE SCHOOL SUPPLIES gift cards. Thank you to all who have contributed to this very important outreach project. Gifts can still be received today as well. So far we have received approximately \$5000 and Pastor Morales will start to distribute to so many families who will be helped by this caring. Students need supplies, sometimes shoes, school clothing or uniforms and this will greatly help. Again thank you so much. We are so glad to dedicate these cards today during worship to the ministry of Jesus Christ.

PRAYER PARTNERS NEEDED. Can you spend a few minutes each day lifting up 7-10 individuals or families in prayer? What an amazing ministry to know someone is praying for us. Each day Prayer Partners pray for each member of Saint Luke and so many others. If you can be a Partner, contact Parish Nurse, Director of Caring Ministries, Ruth Manchester at rmanchester@saintluke.us

CHECK OUT THE NEW ELETRONIC LINK for Altar Flowers. What a wonderful way to adorn the altar on Sundays and at the same time honor or remember a loved one, an occasion, or certainly give to the glory of God. Simply go to www.saintluke.us and on the announcements see Give Flowers for the Altar. Thank you.

FLOOD WATERS HAVE CAUSED significant destruction and sadly, even deaths in Kentucky (also Illinois, Missouri, West Virginia, Indiana and other states.) Lutheran Disaster Response is in touch with these places, especially the Indiana-Kentucky synod of the ELCA, and on the ground and assisting. If you can help, LDR will use 100% of your gift for survivors and so many in need. Go to www.saintlukegive.us and click Lutheran Disaster Response—US Flooding. Thank you.

HOMECOMING SUNDAY is almost upon us. Yes, **September 11**, we hope many will be able to return in person. We will celebrate many ministries, receive new members, affirm our vocations in the world, install the Council and so much more. Yes, all begins again September 11.

GOD’S WORK OUR HANDS SUNDAY will be October 16. We are changing this date from September 11 to enable more people to be involved in the congregation service project that day. Faith Formation classes will be happening, and more people of all ages will be ready to celebrate this special day. This is also the Festival of St. Luke. What a grand time it will be!

POSITION OPENING—PASS THE WORD

SAINT LUKE CHRISTIAN DAY SCHOOL, believes that young children learn through play and exploration, supported by the active and intentional engagement of the adults in their lives. Classrooms are run by a collaboration of a Lead Teacher and an Assistant Teacher. CDS is looking for an Assistant Teacher and Substitutes to join the school family.

Please submit: (1) a letter of interest, (2) a resume of relevant experience, and (3) names and contact information of at least two professional references to Amy Zandarski-Pica ([cgs@saintlukekids.org](mailto:cds@saintlukekids.org)), Director. Applications will be accepted and reviewed immediately. Positions will remain open until filled.

Today's Music

HYMN NOTES

How firm a foundation

"K" in John Rippon "A Selection of Hymns," 1787

Since Richard Keen was the precentor (song leader) in Dr. Rippon's church in London, it is reasonable to assume that he was the author. There are many Scriptural references: Isaiah 43:1-5, 12; II Timothy 2:19, and Hebrews 13:5. It is basically about the promises of God, and hymnals use quotation marks for all of the stanzas in which various promises are quoted. The last line, "I'll never, no never, no, never forsake!" is a triumphant conclusion. —Hymn Notes for Church Bulletins

Come, We That Love the Lord

Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

The four stanzas of this hymn are taken from a hymn by Issac Watts. It originally had ten stanzas in Short Meter and was included in Watt's *Hymns and Spiritual Songs*, , Book II (Londond, 1707), titled "Heavenly Joy on Earth." The four stanzas in ELW come through *With One Voice*. The tune was composed by Robert Lowry for this text and added the refrain in 1867.—ELW Hymnal Companion

Praise to the Lord, the almighty, the King of Creation

Joachim Neander, 1650-1680

The hymn is based on Psalm 103:1-6 and Psalm 150:6, and is one of the most exuberant hymns of praise in the hymnal, due partly to its galloping dactylic rhythm which allows fourteen syllables in each of the first two lines. It is highly probable that the author, who only lived 30 years, knew the tune as associated with an earlier chorale and wrote his outpouring of praise to Almighty God as Creator and Sovereign to provide new words.—Hymn Notes for Church Bulletins

MUSIC NOTES

Prelude : Ricercar—Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck (1562-1621)

Sweelinck was a Dutch composer, organist, and pedagogue whose work straddled the end of the Renaissance and beginning of the Baroque eras. He was among the first major keyboard composers of Europe, and his work as a teacher helped establish the north German organ tradition. - Wikipedia

The Ricercar is built on a grand scale. Although there is one main theme, whose return in augmentation and then diminution marks the large-scale structure, it also generates several subsidiary ones. The richness of part-writing is maintained for a much greater proportion of the piece, with only a brief spell of two-part writing. We can also see cross-fertilisation with other forms, particularly the echo fantasia and an even greater variety of accompanimental figuration, including lively dotted and triplet rhythms. - Stephen Westrop