



Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

August 28, 11:15 AM

Saint Luke Lutheran Church and School

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Invited and inviting—that is the nature of the church. By God's grace in holy baptism we have a place at Christ's banquet table. When, by the power of that same Spirit, humility and mutual love continue among us, the church can be more inviting still.

GATHERING

PRELUDE—Flute and Piano

from *Suite Antique*

John Rutter (b. 1945)

1. Prelude
4. Rondeau

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 532

Gather Us In



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
 bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,
 light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
 call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath - er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath - er us in, the
 Gath - er us in, the rich and the haugh - ty, gath - er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion, give us to eat the
 Gath - er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath - er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,
 bread that is you; nour - ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
 make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
 lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
 fire . . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

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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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING

Proverbs 25:6-7

The book of Proverbs is part of a collection of writings known as wisdom literature. Wisdom literature gave directions to Israel's leaders and people for the conduct of daily life. Today's reading is about humility.

Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence
or stand in the place of the great;
for it is better to be told, "Come up here,"
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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



tone: EVENTIDE



- 1 Hallelujah! ... Happy are they who [fear] the LORD*
and have great delight in [his] commandments!
- 2 Their descendants will be mighty [in] the land;*
the generation of the upright [will] be blest.
- 3 Wealth and riches will be [in] their house,*
and their righteousness will [last] forever.
- 4 Light shines in the darkness [for] the upright;*
the righteous are merciful and [full of] compassion.

Antiphon

- 5 It is good for them to be [generous] in lending*
and to manage their af-[fairs] with justice.
- 6 For they will [never] be shaken;*
the righteous will be kept in ever-[lasting] remembrance.
- 7 They will not be afraid of any [e]-vil rumors;*
their heart is right; ... they put their [trust in] the LORD.
- 8 Their heart is established and [will] not shrink,*
until they see their desire up-[on] their enemies.

Antiphon

- 9 They have given freely [to] the poor,*
and their righteousness stands fast forever; ...
they will hold up their [head] with honor.
- 10 The wicked will see it and be angry; ...
they will gnash their teeth and [pine] away;*
the desires of the [wicked] will perish.

Antiphon

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SECOND READING

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

The conclusion of the letter to the Hebrews contains suggestions for the conduct of a holy life, all of which are shaped by God's love toward us in Jesus Christ.

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper;
I will not be afraid.
What can anyone do to me?"

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

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.* Take my yoke upon you, and | learn from me;* for I am gentle and hum- | ble in heart. *Alleluia.* (Matt. 11:29)

GOSPEL

Luke 14:1, 7-14

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus observes guests jockeying for position at the table. He uses the opportunity to teach his hearers to choose humility rather than self-exaltation. Jesus also makes an appeal for hosts to imitate God's gracious hospitality to those in need.

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Miller

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY • ELW 523

Let Us Go Now to the Banquet



Va - mos to - dos al ban - que - te, a la
 Let us go now to the ban - quet, to the



me - sa de la crea - ción; ca - da cual con su ta - bu -
 feast of the u - ni - verse. The ta - ble's set and a place is



re - te tie - ne un pues - to y_u - na mi - sión.
 wait - ing; come, ev - 'ry - one, with your gifts to share.



1 Hoy me le - van - to muy tem - pra - no; ya me es -
 1 I will rise in the ear - ly morn - ing; the com -
 2 God in - vites all the poor and hun - gry to the
 3 May we build such a place a - mong us where all



pe - ra la co - mu - ni - dad; voy su - bien - do a - le - gre la
 mu - ni - ty's wait - ing for me. With a spring in my step I'm
 ban - quet of jus - tice and good where the har - vest will not be
 peo - ple are e - qual in love. God has called us to work to -



cues - ta, voy en bus - ca de tu a - mis - tad.
 walk - ing with my friends and my fam - i - ly.
 hoard - ed so that no one will lack for food.
 geth - er and to share ev - 'ry - thing we have.

2 Dios invita a todos los pobres a esta mesa común por la fe, donde no hay acaparadores y a nadie le falta el conqué. Estribillo

3 Dios nos manda a hacer de este mundo una mesa donde haya igualdad, trabajando y luchando juntos, compartiendo la propiedad. Estribillo

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THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

INTRODUCTION

In baptism God frees us from sin and death by uniting us to the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Through water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God, we are made members of the church, the body of Christ, and we are commissioned for Christ's ministry of justice and peace.

PRESENTATION

As you present Eloise Winnie for baptism, you are entrusted with gifts and responsibilities. You should therefore, faithfully bring her to the services of God's house, teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments. As she grows in years, you should place in her hands the Holy Scriptures and provide for her instruction in the Christian faith, that, living in the covenant of her baptism and in communion with the Church, she may lead a Godly life until the day of Jesus Christ.

Do you promise to fulfill these obligations?

Response: I do.

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture this child, reminding her at every step that she is God's treasured one, as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and also to help her live her life each day growing in faith?

Response: I do

People of God, do you promise to support Eloise Winne, and pray for her in this new life?

We do.

RENUNCIATION OF EVIL

I ask you to reject sin, profess your faith in Christ, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Response: I do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

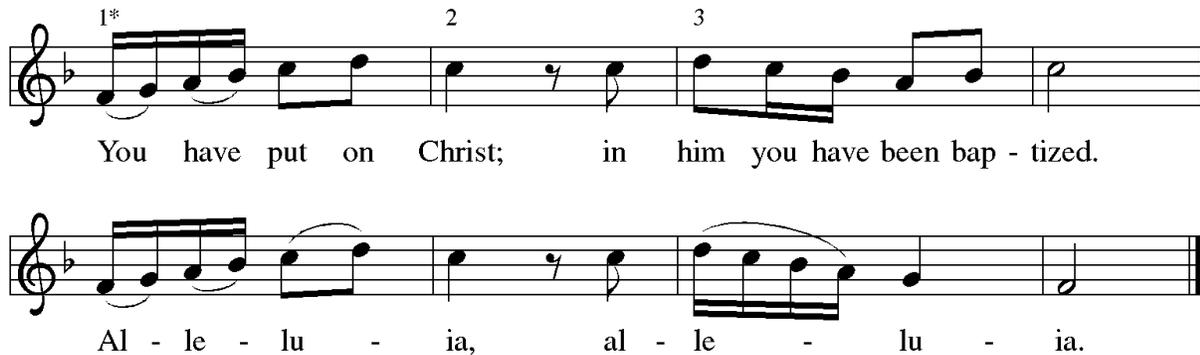
Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

BAPTISM

Eloise Winnie, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

The congregation sings:



You have put on Christ; in him you have been bap - tized.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

LAYING ON OF HANDS

Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, wash them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Eloise Winnie with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.**

SIGNING WITH THE CROSS

Eloise Winne, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF A BAPTISM CANDLE

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

WELCOME

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We welcome you into the body of Christ, and the mission we share; join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PEACE

The Peace is shared

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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CHORAL ANTHEM (11:15)

How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place

How lovely is thy dwelling place,
O Lord of hosts, to me!
My thirsty soul desires and longs
within thy courts to be;
my very heart and flesh cry out,
O living God, for thee.

Beside thine altars, gracious Lord,
the swallows find a nest;
how happy they who dwell with thee
and praise thee without rest,
and happy they whose hearts are set
upon the pilgrim's quest.

Goodness and mercy all my life
shall surely follow me.
And in God's house forevermore
my dwelling place shall be;
and in God's house forevermore,
my dwelling place shall be.

Text: Vs. 1&2, The Psalms of David in Meter, 1650 Vs. 3, Francis Rous, 1579-1659
Music: *Brother James' Air*, arr. Don Michael Dicie

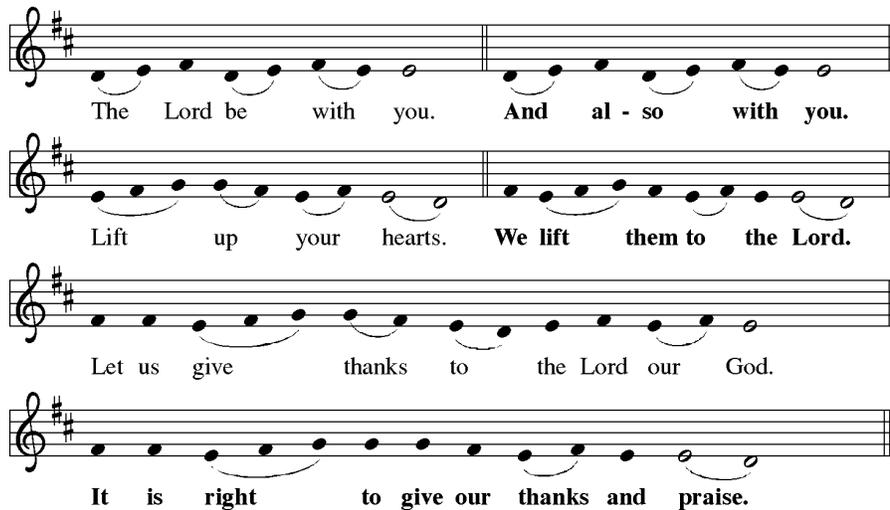
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OFFERING PRAYER

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 right to give our thanks and praise, for in the night he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus 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.

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 .

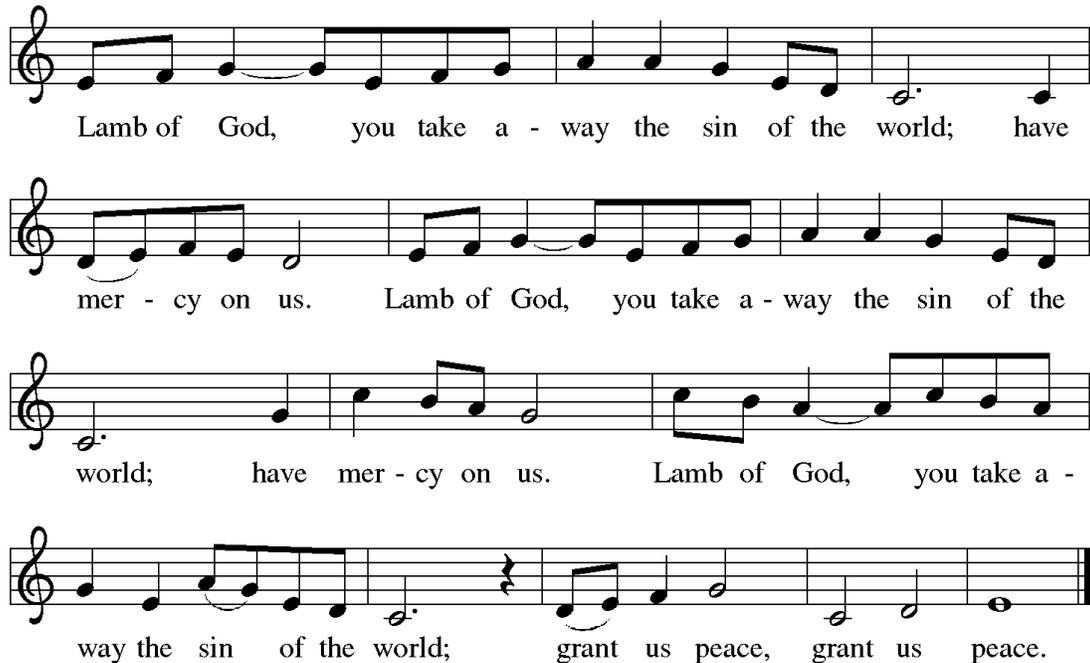
When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say:

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 461

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly



1 All who hun - ger, gath - er glad - ly; ho - ly man - na is our bread.
2 All who hun - ger, nev - er strang - ers; seek - er, be a wel - come guest.
3 All who hun - ger, sing to - geth - er, Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread.



Come from wil - der - ness and wan - d'ring. Here in truth we will be fed.
Come from rest - less - ness and roam - ing. Here in joy we keep the feast.
Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing. Here in peace we have been fed.



You that yearn for days of full - ness, all a - round us is our food.
We that once were lost and scat - tered in com - mu - nion's love have stood.
Blest are those who from this ta - ble live their days in grat - i - tude.



Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.
Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.
Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.

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 547

Sent Forth by God's Blessing



1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, our true faith con - fess - ing,
2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er - liv - ing,



the peo - ple of God from this dwell - ing take leave.
the tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face—



The sup - per is end - ed. Oh, now be ex - tend - ed
our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing,



the fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.
em - brac - ing God's chil - dren, the whole hu - man race.



The seed of Christ's teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls
With your feast you feed us, with your light now



reach - ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.
lead us; u - nite us as one in this life that we share.



Your grace shall in - cite us, your love shall u - nite us
Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing



to work for your king - dom and an - swer your call.
give hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.

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Music: THE ASH GROVE, Welsh folk tune

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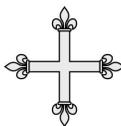
DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

Emma Lou Diemer (b. 1927)



WORSHIP LEADERS

PRESIDING MINISTERS

The Rev. Connie A. Miller, *Senior Pastor*
The Rev. Franklin Morales, *Associate Pastor*

ASSISTING MINISTER

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

READER

Carol Farrar

MUSICIANS

Dr. Alain Truche, *Director of Music and Organist*
JennaMarie, Warfield, *Flute*
Summer Choir



THE FLOWERS ABOUT THE ALTAR are given to the glory of God by Dee Clarkin in remembrance of Elaine and Phil Clarkin, who passed into God's eternal arms August 14, and 21, respectively. We give thanks for the great communion of saints.

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This week at Saint Luke Lutheran Church

SUNDAY, August 28—12th Sunday After Pentecost

8:45 AM Holy Communion

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)

7:30 PM Schola Cantorum Rehearsal

7:30 PM AA

THURSDAY, September 1

7:30 PM Zoom Centering Prayer

FRIDAY, September 2

SATURDAY, September 3

9:30 AM AA

SUNDAY, September 4—13th Sunday After Pentecost

8:45 AM Holy Communion

11:15 AM Holy Communion/Holy Baptism

3:00 PM Zoom San Lucas Gospel Meditation

NB: Worship Services are in person and livestreamed

MONDAY, August 29

9:00 AM CDS Staff Training/Classroom Prep

6:00 PM Yoga

TUESDAY, August 30

9:30 AM ALL Staff Meeting

10:30 AM CDS Staff Training /Classroom Prep

10:30 AM Program Staff Meeting

7:00 PM Girl Scouts

WEDNESDAY, August 31

7:00 AM Zoom Faith Connections

8:00 AM CDS PlayDates/Classroom Prep

10:00 AM Women in Community

4:30 PM Novices Rehearsal

5:30 PM Choristers RSCM program

Upcoming Commemorations

Augustine, Bishop of Hippo, died 430

Sunday, August 28, 2022

Augustine was one of the greatest theologians of the Western church. A native of North Africa, he recovered from a debauched young adulthood through the influence of his mother, Monica, and Bishop Ambrose of Milan. Besides writing influential theological books, he served as bishop of Hippo, in present-day Algeria.

Moses the Black, monk, martyr, died around 400

Sunday, August 28, 2022

Converted from life as a thief and a robber to Christianity, Moses was an Ethiopian who became a desert monk at Skete. The change in his heart and life had a profound impact on his native country. He was murdered when Berber bandits attacked his monastery.

Nikolai Frederik Severin Grundtvig, bishop, renewer of the church, died 1872

Friday, September 2, 2022

Grundtvig was, with Søren Kierkegaard, one of the two great Danish theologians of the nineteenth century. As a pastor, he battled the prevalent idea that Christianity was more a philosophy than divine revelation. He wrote over a thousand hymns.

Saint Luke Update 8/28/2022 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.

WELCOME

We welcome into God's family today, Eloise Winnie Kroiter, through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.(11:15) Eloise's Parents are Jenny Farrar and Jason Kroiter. God's blessings always, Eloise!

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

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, enjoy a special reception between the services, and so much more. Yes, all begins again September 11.

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.

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

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

Meet 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)

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

Genesis Bells (3rd—8th grade)

Meet on Sundays from 11:15 AM to 12:00 PM (start time TBA)

Today's Music

HYMN NOTES

Gather Us In

Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Haugen wrote this hymn in 1979 after he sang what he calls “The wonderful hymn from the Netherlands, ‘What Is This Place.’ This hymn celebrates “an incarnational understanding of God’s presence” in a physical place where people with flesh and bone come together in welcome. It is constructed in pairs. Fears and dreamings are brought where darkness vanishes as light streams from God, before whom are gathered the lost and forsaken, the blind and the lame, the rich and haughty, the proud and the strong. From all sorts and conditions of humanity, the community of faith gathers to sing around word, water, bread, and wine. It prays that the fire of God’s love will fashion it into hearts that are meek and courageous, and lives that are holy and true.—EWL Hymnal Companion

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

Sylvia Dunstan, 1955-1993

After hearing the tune HOLLY MANNA at a Hymn Society meeting in 1990, Dunstan worked out the text to the tune. The text picks up the title of the tune in connection with holy communion and then sets up a series of contrasts between before and after: from wilderness and wandering to truth and being fed, from restlessness and roaming to joy and feast, from loneliness and longing to peace and God’s leading.—ELW Hymnal Companion

Sent Forth by God’s Blessing

Omer Westendorf, 1916-1997

This is one of the hymns that Westendorf wrote using the pseudonym “J. Clifford Evers.” Some alterations have been made to the original text in an attempt to make the language inclusive. There is one word that has been retained “incite” near the end of the first stanza. Since this is a sending hymn about going out rather than coming in, the point is that grace not only invites us but incites us.—ELW Hymnal Companion

MUSIC NOTES

Prelude : Prelude and Rondeau from *Suite Antique*—John Rutter (b. 1945)

Rutter is an English composer, conductor, editor, arranger, and record producer, mainly of choral music. His *Suite Antique*, originally written for a chamber orchestra, is made up of six movements ranging from a 'Bach-like Aria' to a 'Richard Rodgers-style Waltz'. Evoking an 'antique' spirit, each movement is based on a Baroque or Classical style.

Choir Anthem: How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place—Don Michael Dicie

This gentle, Celtic setting of *Brother James' Air* is a paraphrase of Psalm 84. It features a piano and flute accompaniment.

Postlude: Sent Forth by God’s Blessing—Emma Lou Diemer (b. 1927)

This setting of *The Ash Grove*, written by American composer and Kansas City native, features the tune in various registers and keys.