



23rd Sunday after Pentecost

November 13, 11:15AM

**Saint Luke Lutheran Church and School**

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*The end is near. There is no doubt about it. The warnings are dire. The tone of today's texts is ominous. But the baptized know how to live in the meantime. The baptized are strengthened for the living of these days in word and sacrament. The baptized rally around the invitation of the apostle: "Do not be weary in doing what is right."*

## GATHERING

### PRELUDE

Meditation – Vaclav Nelhybel ed. Richard Crawford  
Foundation – Early American tune arr. Karen Thompson

### 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,  
who redeems us in Christ Jesus,  
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.*

Most merciful God,  
**we confess that we have sinned against you and our neighbors. We have ignored voices that call for your justice. We have neglected actions that witness to your righteousness. We have spoken and acted in ways that disrupt your beloved community. We truly repent of things we have done and left undone. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Restore our troubled spirits, so that we may live in newness, follow the way of the Spirit, and build up the body of Christ. Amen.**

Rejoice and be glad! God hears the prayers of all who cry out, and restores us to life through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Therefore, I declare to you the forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## GATHERING HYMN • ELW 553

*Christ, whose glory fills the skies*



1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true and on - ly light,  
2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - pa - nied by thee;  
3 Vis - it then this soul of mine, pierce the gloom of sin and grief;



Sun of righ-teous-ness, a - rise, tri - umph o'er the shades of night;  
joy-less is the day's re - turn, till thy mer-cy's beams I see,  
fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine, scat - ter all my un - be - lief;



Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap - pear.  
till they in - ward light in - part, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.  
more and more thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788

Music: RATISBON, J. G. Werner, *Choralbuch*, 1815

## 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, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## PRESENTATION OF BIBLES

Anna Gray  
Elise Kampia  
Zeke Piacsek  
Ernest Shomari  
Eli Sorrell

When your parents brought you to the font for baptism, they promised to live with you among God's faithful people, to bring you to the word of God and the holy supper, to teach you the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, to place in your hands the holy scriptures, and to nurture you in faith and prayer, so that you may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace. On that same day, this or another congregation promised to help your parents fulfill that promise. Today, we join together in taking an important step toward fulfilling these promises.

The Bibles that your parents are about to present to you are gifts from your congregational family. These are study Bibles, which are meant to be read and used for making notes.

*Parents present the Bibles to their children, saying **The Word of the Lord.**  
They respond, **Thanks be to God!***

*Parents place their hands on the heads of their children for the prayer.*

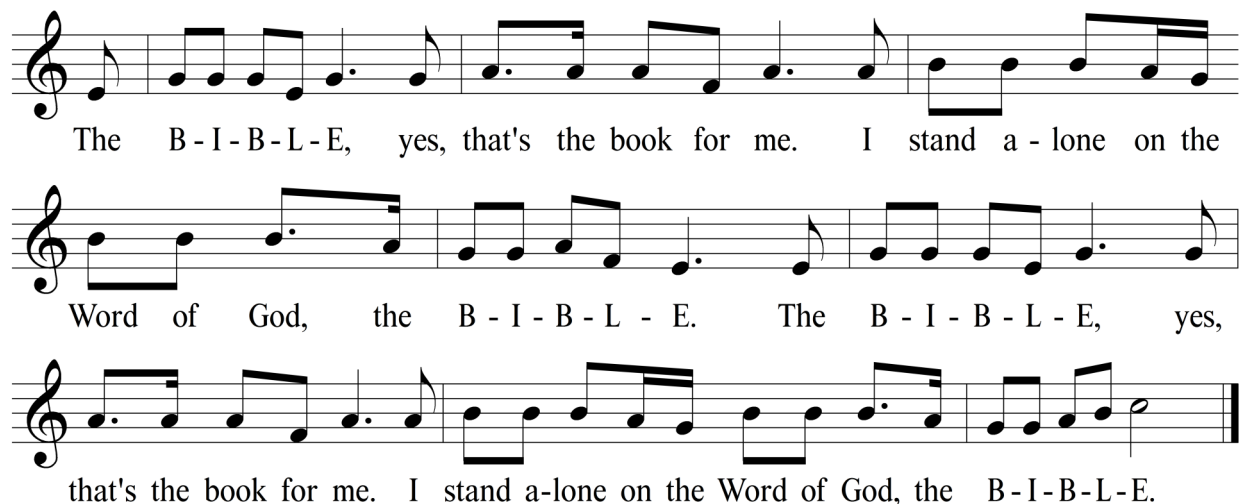
Let us pray.

Gracious God, your word is a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path. Bless these Bibles, the parents who give them, and the young people who receive them. Speak your word to them, so that they may know the promise of your love, trust the goodness of your grace, follow the way that leads from darkness into light, and live as your children, now and forever, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## SONG OF RESPONSE

*THE B-I-B-L-E*



The B - I - B - L - E, yes, that's the book for me. I stand a - lone on the  
Word of God, the B - I - B - L - E. The B - I - B - L - E, yes,  
that's the book for me. I stand a-lone on the Word of God, the B - I - B - L - E.

*Please be seated.*

# WORD

## FIRST READING

Malachi 4:1-2a

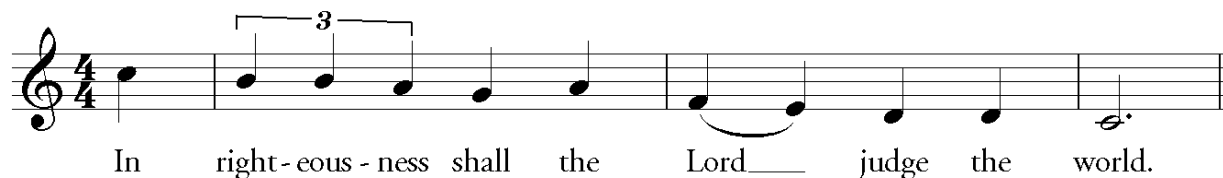
*Malachi, whose name means "my messenger," warns that "the day is coming." On that day, the evil will be destroyed like stubble in a fire, but the "sun of righteousness" will shine on those who honor God.*

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The refrain is introduced by the Organ. Please sing the refrain the 2nd time. Please sing all the verses.*



Sing to the [Lord a] new song,\*  
 for he has done [marv]-'lous things.  
 With his right hand and his [ho]-ly arm\*  
 has he won for him-[self] the victory.  
 The Lord has made [known] his victory;\*  
 his righteousness has he openly shown in the [sight of] the nations.  
 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the [house] of Israel,\*  
 and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory [of] our God.

### *Antiphon*

Shout with joy to the [Lord all] you lands;\*  
 lift up your voice, ... re-[joi]ce and sing.  
 Sing to the [Lord with] the harp,\*  
 with the harp and the [voice] of song.  
 With trumpets and the [sound of] the horn\*  
 shout with joy before the [king] the Lord.  
 Let the sea make a noise and [all that] is in it,\*  
 the lands and those who [dwell] therein.

### *Antiphon*

Let the rivers clap their hands, ...  
 and let the hills ring out with joy be-[fore] the Lord,\*  
 when he comes to [judge] the earth.  
 In righteousness shall he [judge] the world\*  
 and the [peoples] with equity.

### *Antiphon*

## SECOND READING

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

*Some members of the Thessalonian community, because of their belief in the nearness of Christ's return, had ceased to work, living off the generosity of other members of the community. The writer of this letter warns them bluntly that if they want to eat, they need to work.*

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

The word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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.

## GOSPEL

Luke 21:5-19

The holy gospel according to Saint Luke, the twenty-first chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*As history moves toward God's fulfillment there will be frightening signs and events. Before the end, believers will draw strength from their relationship to God and will be given the words they need to testify and to endure without fear.*

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, [Jesus] said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" 8And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.

"When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful

portents and great signs from heaven.

“But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.”

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

**SERMON**

Pastor Morales

*Please stand as you are able.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY • ELW 769**

*If You But Trust in God to Guide You*



1 If you but trust in God to guide you with gen - tle  
2 What gain is there in anx - ious weep - ing, in help - less  
3 The Lord our rest - less hearts is hold - ing, in peace and  
4 Sing, pray, and keep God's ways un - swerv - ing, of - fer your



hand through all your ways, you'll find that God is there be -  
an - ger and dis - tress? If you are in your Sav - ior's  
qui - et - ness con - tent. We rest in God's good will un -  
ser - vice faith - ful - ly. Trust heav - en's word; though un - de -



side you when cross - es come, in try - ing days. Trust then in  
keep - ing, in sor - row will he love you less? For Christ who  
fold - ing, what wis - dom from on high has sent. God, who has  
serv - ing, you'll find God's prom - ise true to be. This is our



God's un - chang - ing love; build on the rock that will not move.  
took for you a cross will bring you safe through ev - 'ry loss.  
cho - sen us by grace, knows ver - y well the fears we face.  
con - fi - dence in - deed: God nev - er fails in time of need.

Text: Georg Neumark, 1621–1681; tr. composite  
Music: WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT, Georg Neumark  
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## APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**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

United with your saints across time and place, we pray for our shared world.

*After each portion of the prayers:*

Lord in your mercy,  
**Receive our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude:*

Accept these prayers, gracious God, and those known only to you; through Jesus Christ; our Lord.  
**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](http://saintlukegive.us)

You may also mail your checks to:

Saint Luke Lutheran Church  
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### ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Wen nur den lieben Gott lässt walten, BWV 647

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)



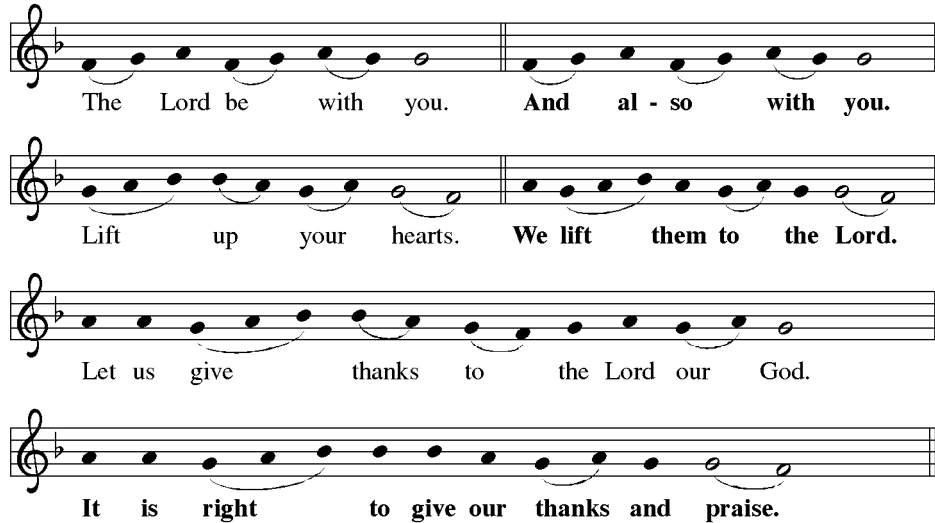
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## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

**Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all. 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

Christ spreads a table before us.  
Let us gather here with all the saints.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*Please be seated.*

## COMMUNION

*All are invited to the Lord's table, a table of grace and mercy. There are two stations at the foot of the chancel steps. Please stretch out your hand, palm up, to receive the host, the body of Christ. (Gluten-free wafers are available; please ask your server) Then receive in the individual cup the blood of Christ. You may deposit your cup in the basket near the side wall. Those who wish to receive a blessing instead of the Lord's supper are also encouraged to come forward. Those who wish to receive the sacrament in the pew please inform an usher. All are welcome to the Lord's table.*

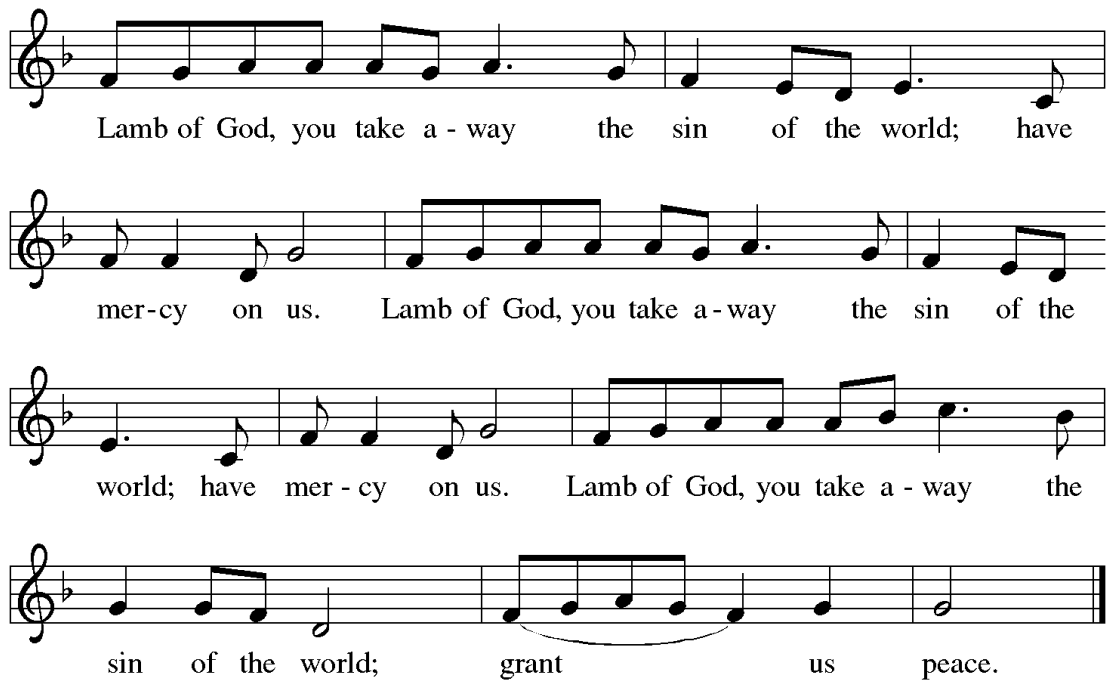
*When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say:*

The body of Christ, given for you.  
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

*The communicant may say:*

**Amen.**

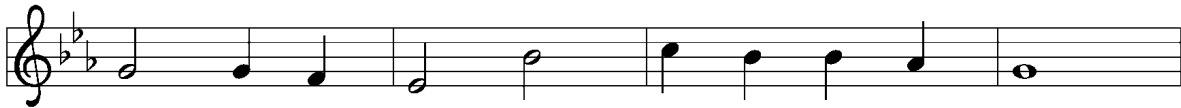
## LAMB OF GOD



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.

# COMMUNION HYMN • ELW 629

*Abide with Me*



1 A - bide with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.  
2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;  
3 I need thy pres - ence ev - 'ry pass - ing hour;  
4 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;  
5 Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes,



The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.  
earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;  
what but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r?  
ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness.  
shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;



When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,  
change and de - cay in all a - round I see;  
Who like thy - self my guide and stay can be?  
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?  
heav'n's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee;



help of the help - less, oh, a - bide with me.  
O thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.  
Through cloud and sun - shine, oh, a - bide with me.  
I tri - umph still, if thou a - bide with me!  
in life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793–1847  
Music: EVENTIDE, William H. Monk, 1823–1889

*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



Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.



Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks-giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980  
Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923  
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## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

God of the abundant table, you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Amen.**

## SENDING

### BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

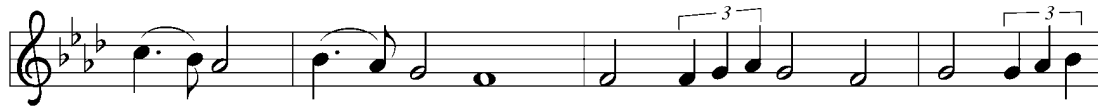
**Amen.**

SENDING HYMN • ELW 327

*Through the night of doubt and sorrow*



1 Through the night of doubt and sor - row, on - ward  
 2 One the light of God's own pres - ence on the  
 3 One the strain that lips of thou - sands lift as  
 4 On - ward, there - fore, sis - ters, broth - ers; on - ward,



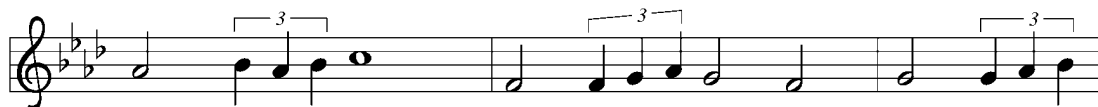
goes the pil - grim band, sing - ing songs of ex - pec -  
 ran - somed peo - ple shed, chas - ing far the gloom and  
 from the heart of one; one the con - flict, one the  
 with the cross our aid. Bear its shame, and fight its



ta - tion, march - ing to the prom - ised land. Clear be -  
 ter - ror, bright - 'ning all the path we tread. One the  
 per - il, one the march in God be - gun. One the  
 bat - tle till we rest be - neath its shade. Soon shall



fore us through the dark - ness gleams and burns the  
 ob - ject of our jour - ney, one the faith which  
 glad - ness of re - joic - ing on the far e -  
 come the great a - wak - 'ning; soon the rend - ing



guid - ing light; pil - grim clasps the hand of  
 nev - er tires, one the ear - nest look - ing  
 ter - nal shore, where the one al - might - y  
 of the tomb! Then the scat - t'ring of all



pil - grim step - ping fear - less through the night.  
 for - ward, one the hope our God in - spires.  
 Fa - ther reigns in love for - ev - er - more.  
 shad - ows, and the end of toil and gloom.

Text: Bernhardt S. Ingemann, 1789–1862; tr. Sabine Baring-Gould, 1834–1924, alt.  
 Music: EBENEZER, Thomas J. Williams, 1869–1944

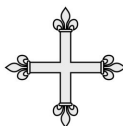
## DISMISSAL

Go in peace.  
Be a blessing in the world.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

Fantasia sopra *Wer nur den lieben Gott lässt walten*

Johann Ludwig Krebs (1713-1780)



## WORSHIP LEADERS

### PRESIDING MINISTER

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

### PREACHING MINISTER

The Rev. Franklin Morales, *Associate Pastor*

### ASSISTING MINISTER

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

### COMMUNION SERVER

The Rev. Richard Zawistoski, *Confirmation Pastor*

### READER

Jordan Gerth

### MUSICIANS

Dr. Alain Truche, *Director of Music and Organist*  
Reformation Bells—Edie Venit, *Director*



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## This week at Saint Luke Lutheran Church

### SUNDAY, Nov. 13—23rd Sunday After Pentecost

8:45 AM Holy Communion  
10:00 AM Sunday School  
10:00 AM Affirmation of Baptism Class  
10:00 AM SLSHY  
10:00 AM Sunday School  
10:00 AM Reception  
11:15 AM Holy Communion  
12:15 PM Thanksgiving Bag Service Project

7:30 PM Schola Cantorum Rehearsal  
7:30 PM AA

### MONDAY, November 14

8:00 AM CDS Classes  
10:00 AM Emergency Drill  
1:30 PM CDS Staff Meeting  
6:00 PM Yoga  
7:00 PM ESL

### THURSDAY, November 17

8:00 AM CDS Classes  
4:00 PM CARing Project  
7:30 PM Zoom Centering Prayer

### FRIDAY, November 18

8:00 AM CDS Classes  
12:00 PM Food Ministry

### SATURDAY, November 19

9:00 AM Quilters  
9:30 AM AA  
11:00 AM Al-Anon

### TUESDAY, November 15

8:00 AM CDS Classes  
10:00 AM Mary/Martha Circle (Hybrid)  
1:30 PM Program Staff Meeting  
4:30 PM Piano Lessons  
7:00 PM ESL  
7:00 PM Congregation Council Zoom  
7:00 PM Reformation Bells  
7:00 PM Girl Scouts

### SUNDAY, Nov. 20—Christ the King Commitment Sunday

8:45 AM Holy Communion  
10:00 AM Sunday School  
10:00 AM Affirmation of Baptism Class  
10:00 AM SLSHY  
10:00 AM Sunday School  
10:00 AM Special Congregation Meeting Hybrid  
10:00 AM Reception  
11:15 AM Holy Communion  
3:00 PM San Lucas Gospel Meditation online

### WEDNESDAY, November 16

7:00 AM Zoom Faith Connections  
8:00 AM CDS Classes  
10:00 AM CDS Chapel  
10:00 AM Women in Community  
3:00 PM En Camino  
5:00 PM Choristers RSCM program  
5:30 PM Zoom Sara/Lydia Circle  
6:00 PM CDS Board Meeting  
7:00 PM ESL

*NB: Worship Services are in person and livestreamed*

## Upcoming Commemorations

### Elizabeth of Hungary, renewer of society, died 1231

*Thursday, November 17, 2022*

Born in Hungary, Elizabeth was betrothed to the son of the Landgrave of Thuringia, and at age four was taken to be raised with him at the Wartburg Castle. Ten years later they were married. She was very generous to the poor, and after her husband's death she lived in cruel hardship until her own death at age twenty-four.

## Saint Luke Update

11/13/2022 Edition

**MASKS ARE ENCOURAGED INDOORS AT SAINT LUKE. THANK YOU FOR STAYING SAFE AND WELL.**

### HAVE YOU COMPLETED YOURS?

Have you complete a **Faith Commitment Card**? All worshippers are asked to completed a Faith Commitment Card no later than this week. This is an estimate of giving for 2023. This can be changed at any time but thank you for your help with this as we plan for the mission and ministry. You may do this electronically at [Saintlukecommitment.us](http://Saintlukecommitment.us) or simply through the paper card available today as you enter worship. Thank you so much.

### SPECIAL CONGREGATION MEETING

Pastor Morales is on a two year term call. This ends this month. The Council has recommended to the congregation that we renew Pastor's call for another two years. To vote on this motion the Council has called a special congregation meeting for November 20, 10:00 a.m., in person and online. The meeting will be brief and voting will be open for a few days through Friday, November 25.

### CHRIST THE KING + COMMITMENT SUNDAY

Next week, November 20, we celebrate the eternal reign of Jesus Christ, the kingdom of God and we dedicate our Faith Commitments for 2023. We also dedicate this day the Personal Care Kits from God's Work our Hands Sunday, Quilts from our amazing quilting ministry, baby blankets—all going to Lutheran World Relief, and then to those in need around the world.

### LAST DAY FOR TURKEYS AND HENS

#### FOOD DISTRIBUTION THIS WEEK

Saint Luke food ministry distributes about \$12,000 in food cards to over 250 individuals/families each month on the third Friday. To help with this ministry, you may purchase a turkey or hen. No, you don't have to shop and bring the bird to the church. Simply go to [www.saintlukegive.us](http://www.saintlukegive.us) and see Thanksgiving Turkey or Thanksgiving Hen. Or take a "paper" turkey or hen from the basket on the credenza, place your donation in the envelope provided and place in the offering plate. A \$20 donation is suggested. Help make someone's holiday meal complete! Today is the last day so all can be coordinated to distribute to our referred clients this week. Thank you.

### LA SAGRADA CHILDREN'S GIFTS, POINSETTIAS, WREATHS.....

Ideas for giving to help others are here. Make sure to pick up a brochure, *Opportunities for Sharing*. They are located on the credenza's in the narthex. Also ,you may go to the electronic link. Simply go to [www.saintluke.us](http://www.saintluke.us) and see the left hand column. What a way to shop for the holidays and at the same time give to those in need.

### THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP

Mark your calendar for a beautiful evening worship service as we give thanks to God who blesses us each day—Wednesday, November 23, 7:00 p.m.



# Today's Music

## HYMN NOTES

### **Christ, whose glory fills the skies**

*Charles Wesley, 1707-1788*

Wesley's "Morning Hymn" makes no reference to our rest of the night nor the perils of the day ahead, but instead focuses on Christ whose glory fills the skies (Psalm 19:1), who is "the true light" (I John 2:8), the "sun of righteousness" with healing rays (Malachi 3:20), the "dayspring" or dawn chasing the shades of night (Luke 1:78), and the "day star" rising in our hearts (II Peter 1:19). If Christ's presence is with us all of our deepest needs for the day will be met.—Hymn Notes for Church Bulletins

### **If you but trust in God to guide you**

*George Neumark, 1621-1681*

Based on Psalm 55:22 ("Cast thy burden on the Lord, and he shall sustain thee,") this hymn reminds us that God will care for and preserve his own in his own time. It does not promise that evil will never befall us, but it does promise to provide us with the strength to carry us through the evil days. Trust and faith in such times are difficult, but God will not forsake us in our time of need - Hymn Notes for Church Bulletins

### **Abide with me**

*Henry Lute, 1793-1847*

Although the hymn is often considered an evening hymn, it is really about the eventide of life. The author suffered from severe illness most of his life, and yet this hymn faces death with strength and hope. This positive hymn continues to be an inspiration to Christians throughout the English-speaking world.—Hymn Notes for Church Bulletins

### **Through the night of doubt and sorrow**

*Bernhardt Severin Ingemann, 1789-1862*

The Danish author of this hymn was both a scholar and a writer of popular historical novels modeled after those by Sir Walter Scott. He also edited the official Danish hymnal of 1859, where the hymn first appeared. The imagery is that of the Israelite's journey to the promised land, given a Christian interpretation, and applied to the pilgrim Church on earth. The use of the word "one" is paramount: one goal, one faith, one hope, one song, one conflict, one march, and one song of gladness at the end of the journey—Hymn Notes for Church Bulletins

## MUSIC NOTES

### **Prelude:**

#### **Choral Anthem: Steal Away—arr. Earlene Rentz**

Earlene Rentz received her Bachelor's degree in Music Education from the University of Montevallo in Alabama and both Master and Doctoral degrees in Music Education from Florida State University. She is a native of Moultrie, Georgia, and taught choral music for seven years in Georgia public schools at elementary, junior high, and high school levels. She has taught music education courses at California State University, Long Beach, The University of Texas at Austin, and Baylor University.

In addition to her current work as a freelance choral writer, she is a popular speaker and clinician in choral music education and choral arranging techniques. She frequently conducts choral ensembles in district and regional honor choirs, and has conducted All-State choruses in Florida, Georgia, and Kentucky.—Lorenz.com

This arrangement of the famous African-American spiritual "Steal Away" is simple yet effective for three-part chorus.

#### **Postlude: Fantasia sopra *Wer nur den lieben Gott lässt walten* - Johann Ludwig Krebs (1713-1780)**

The most prominent member of a family of musicians that included his father and his three surviving sons, Johann Ludwig Krebs was born in Buttelsdorf, Germany on October 12, 1713. He began his musical instruction on the organ when he was 11 years old. He entered the Thomasschule in Leipzig, Austria, a few years later, taking up the lute and violin in addition to the keyboard. There he met J.S. Bach, who became teacher, mentor, and friend to Krebs. The fantasy is written for 2 manuals and with the melody played in the pedals.

