

Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 18, 10:00 AM

Saint Luke Lutheran Church and School

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Moses tells the Israelites that they are called to be a priestly kingdom and a holy people. Jesus sends out the disciples as laborers into the harvest. In baptism we too are anointed for ministry, sharing God's compassion with our needy world. From the Lord's table we go forth to proclaim the good news, to heal the sick, and to share our bread with the hungry.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Fantasia I Sopra Ut Re Mi Fa Sol La, FbWV 201

Johann Jacob Froberger (1616-1667)

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

In the name of the Father, and of the ▶ Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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

Silence for reflection and self-examination may follow.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Rejoice with all creation around God's throne! In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN • ELW 824

This is My Father's World



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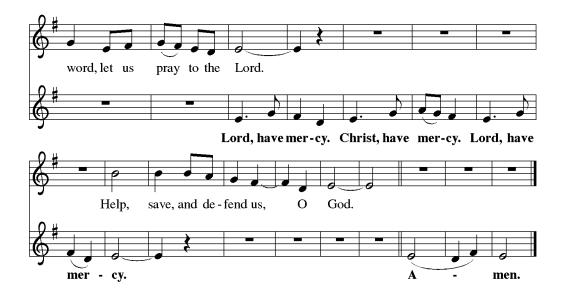
GREETING

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.**

KYRIE • ELW 157

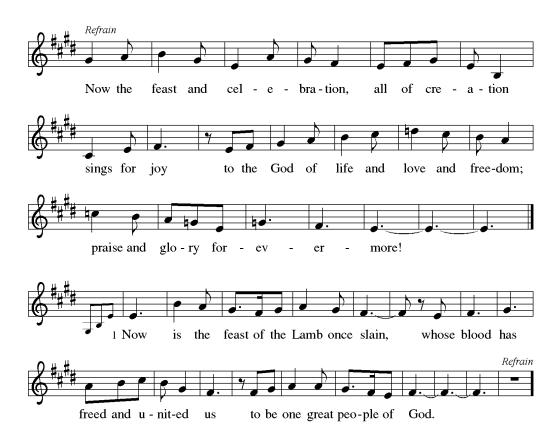


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CANTICLE OF PRAISE • ELW 167



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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

God of compassion, you have opened the way for us and brought us to yourself. Pour your love into our hearts, that, overflowing with joy, we may freely share the blessings of your realm and faithfully proclaim the good news of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated.

Word

FIRST READING Exodus 19:2-8a

At Sinai God assured Israel, "You shall be my treasured possession," and commissioned them to serve as mediating priests for the nations. The people commit themselves completely to God's will.

[The Israelites] had journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain. Then Moses went up to God; the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the Israelites: You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites."

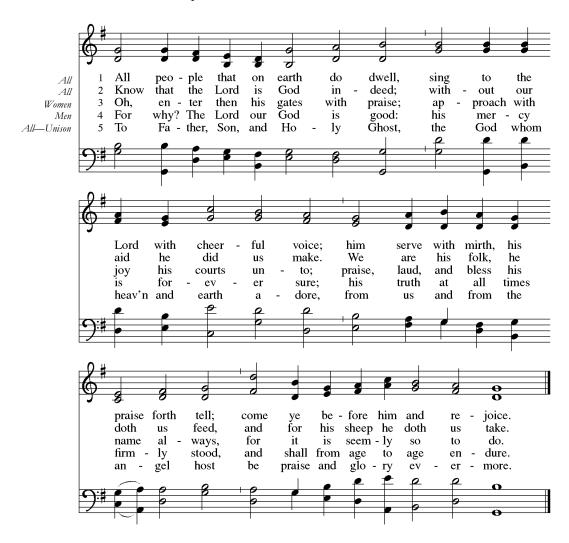
So Moses came, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the Lord had commanded him. The people all answered as one: "Everything that the Lord has spoken we will do."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY • ELW 883 All People That On Earth Do Dwell

Psalm 100



Text: William Kethe, d. c. 1594 Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561 SECOND READING Romans 5:1-8

We are no longer God's enemies but have peace with God because we were brought into a right relationship with God through Christ's death.

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION • ELW 169



All: Alleluia. The king | dom of God has come near;* repent, and believe in | the good news. Alleluia. (Mark 1:15)

GOSPEL Matthew 9:35—10:8 [9-23]

The holy gospel according to Saint Matthew, the ninth and tenth chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The mission of Jesus' followers is to continue the mission of Jesus himself. Here, he instructs his first disciples as to how they might proclaim the gospel through their words and deeds.

Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, "The kingdom of heaven has come near." Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. [Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for laborers deserve their food. Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. As you enter the house, greet it. If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town.

"See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next; for truly I tell you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes."

The gospel of the Lord.

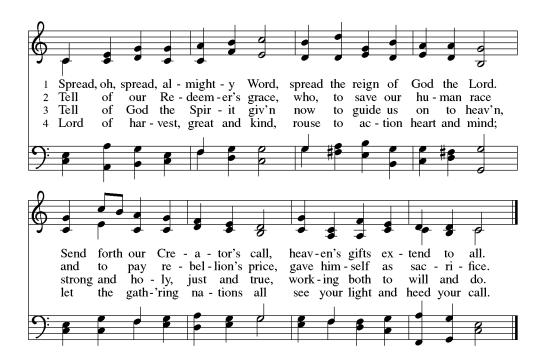
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Pastor Zawistoski

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY • ELW 663

Spread, Oh, Spread, Almighty Word



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APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe in Iesus Christ, God's only Section 1.

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 abundant mercy, let us offer our prayers for a world in need.

After each potion of the prayers:

God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

Receive our prayers and answer us, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

PEACE

Jesus says: Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. 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 <u>saintlukegive.us</u> You may also mail your checks to:

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MUSIC DURING THE OFFERING

On Eagle's Wings

1 You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who abide in this shadow for life, say to the Lord: "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!"

Refrain

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

2 The snare of the fowler will never capture you, and famine will bring you no fear; under God's wings your refuge, with faithfulness your shield. *Refrain*

Text and Music: Michael Joncas (b. 1951)

- 3 You need not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day; though thousands fall about you, near you it shall not come. *Refrain*
- 4 For to the angels God's given a command to guard you in all of your ways; upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.

Final refrain

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand;

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of field and forest, sea and sky, you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

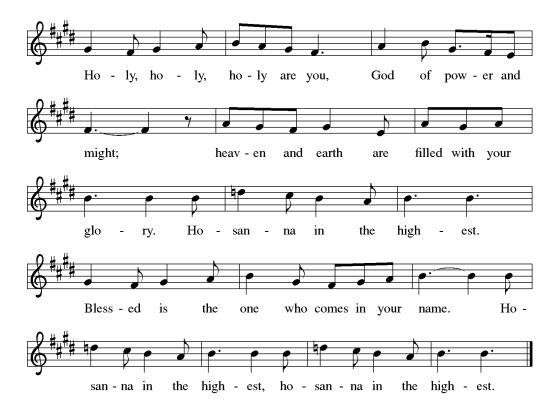
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks 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:



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Holy, living, and loving God, we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth. We bless you for bringing Noah and his family through the waters of the flood, for freeing your people Israel from the bonds of slavery, and for sending your Son to be our Redeemer. We give you thanks for Jesus who, living among us, healed the sick, fed the hungry, and with a love stronger than death, gave his life for others.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and 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.

Remembering, therefore, his life-giving death and glorious resurrection, we await your promised life for all this dying world.



Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup: carry us in your arms from death to life, that we may live as your chosen ones, clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.



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 nosostros 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

All people are called to Christ's table. Come, eat what is good. **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.



Come to the ta-ble of mer-cy, pre-pared with the wine and the bread.



All who are hun-gry and thirst-y, come, and your souls will be fed.



Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re-ceive from his nail-scarred hand.

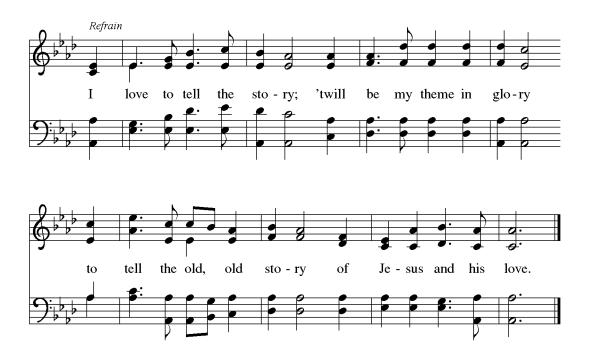


Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

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Text: Katherine Hankey, 1834–1911 Music: HANKEY, William E. Fischer, 1849–1936

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 • ELW 208



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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

We thank you, generous God, for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

The God who calls across the cosmos and speaks in the smallest seed

bless, keep, and sustain you now and to the end of the age.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN • ELW 858

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty



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. Share the harvest.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Craig Philips (b. 1961)

WORSHIP LEADERS

PRESIDING MINISTERS

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

The Rev. Richard Zawistoski, Confirmation Pastor

ASSISTING MINISTER

Deacon Kyle Warfield, Director of Discipleship and Senior High Ministries

READERS

First Lesson: Charles Gray Second Lesson: Ry Cobbs

MUSICIANS

Dr. Alain Truche, *Director of Music and Organist* Members from Schola Cantorum

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This week at Saint Luke Lutheran Church

SUNDAY, June 18—3rd Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 AM Holy Communion

11:00 AM Reception

3:00 PM San Lucas Gospel Meditation online

MONDAY, June 19

Juneteenth—Saint Luke Closed

6:00 PM Yoga

TUESDAY, June 20

12:00 PM Program Staff Meeting 3:30 PM Leisure World Vespers

4:30 PM Piano Lessons 7:00 PM Girl Scouts

WEDNESDAY, June 21

7:00 AM Zoom Faith Connections 10:00 AM Women in Community 5:30 PM Zoom Sara/Lydia Circle

7:30 PM AA

THURSDAY, June 22

7:30 PM Centering Prayer (Zoom)

FRIDAY, June 23

SATURDAY, June 24

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

SUNDAY, June 25—4th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 AM Holy Communion

11:00 AM Reception

5:00 PM San Lucas Misa Español

NB: Worship Services are in person and

livestreamed

Upcoming Commemorations

Onesimos Nesib, translator, evangelist, died 1931

Wednesday, June 21, 2023

Onesimos was born in Ethiopia. Captured, enslaved, and taken to Eritrea, he was there freed by Swedish missionaries. He translated the Bible into his native Oromo and returned to preach there.

John the Baptist

Saturday, June 24, 2023

John said, "[Jesus] must increase, but I must decrease." And so his birth is celebrated half a year before Jesus', just as the daylight in the northern hemisphere begins to wane. Jesus honored John as being the greatest prophet.

Saint Luke Update 6/18/2023 Edition

CONGRATULATIONS PASTOR Z!

How we give thanks for our Confirmation Pastor, Pastor Z! Yesterday, June 17, was Pastor Zawistoski's 50th anniversary of his ordination. How wonderful! Pastor Z has served the church in many capacities, as a congregation pastor, a campus pastor, an assistant to the bishop, ELCA churchwide associate director of Campus Ministry, hospital chaplain and more. We are so thankful to have him in the role of Confirmation Pastor. Congratulations Pastor Z! We give thanks for you and Patsy!

RECEPTION THIS MORNING

Come to the Fireside Room after worship and congratulate Pastor Z and Patsy. We are so blessed to have them here at Saint Luke. Come and enjoy cake and all sorts of treats as we celebrate 50 years of Pastor Z's ministry!

THANK YOU FOR FATHERLY LOVE

Today we give thanks for all who provide fatherly love, so many special people among us. Blessings and thank you to all!

JUNETEENTH

Tomorrow, Juneteenth, the office at Saint Luke is closed. This observance dates back to June 19, 1865. This was two and a half years after President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation which legally put an end to slavery. This later date was the time when the U.S. troops at last arrived at Galveston, Texas, to officially finally announce the emancipation to the people there.

SUMMER WORSHIP

The Summer schedule is upon us now with morning worship at 10:00 a.m. followed by fellowship and refreshments. The 5:00 p.m. service on Sunday in Spanish, Misa Español, will continue on the second and fourth Sundays of the month. Thank you for spreading the word.

NEXT SUNDAY: FAREWELL TO PASTOR MORALES

As you know, Pastor Morales has accepted a call to serve in the Episcopal diocese in North Carolina, overseeing the Latino/Hispanic ministries. This is a wonderful opportunity and we are so proud of him. This also affords Yenny a place to be surrounded by medical schools, as she works on getting licensed to practice medicine in the United States. We are certainly sad to see Pastor, Yenny and Sarah go. We are glad though, for this opportunity for them.

We will be presenting a cash gift to Pastor Morales. To contribute, please go to www.saintukegive.us and click *Pastor Morales Gift*, or you may mail checks to Saint Luke or place in the offering plate. Deadline for contributions is Saturday, June 24. Thank you.

Next week, come to a very special reception for the Morales family after worship.

Saint Luke Update, Continued 6/18/2023 Edition

SAINT LUKE WORSHIP AT LEISURE WORLD

Do you live in Leisure World or know people who do? Please pass the word. Saint Luke will have a Vespers/Holy Communion service there at the Inter-Faith Chapel, this Tuesday, June 20, 3:30 p.m. The Caring Ministries team from Saint Luke, pastors, deacon, musician, will be there to lead and share in this time together. All are welcome. Bring family and friends. See you soon!



It is all about "45 Alive." Have you seen the videos showing the ministry and mission outreach of Saint Luke? It is amazing! As we look to a new fiscal year, the Stewardship Committee is asking each giving unit, household, to increase giving each month by \$45. Inflation is a very big factor. We have slimmed down the budget to have major cost savings and done the math—\$45 extra will greatly help to balance the budget. Some may not be able to do this but others may consider giving extra for those who cannot. We hope to begin this with the fiscal year starting August 1. Thank you for prayerfully considering "45 Alive." We can do it!

CHRISTIAN DAY SCHOOL

We are so blessed with such a wonderful school. Enrollment is happening for fall. Spots are still available.

Thank you for helping pass the word. Thank you for helping pass this word through your social media, neighborhood listservs and the like. To learn more and apply on-line, visit www.saintlukekids.org. Students will be accepted on a first come, first served basis. Call to schedule a tour today, 301-588-3866. Again thanks for passing this information along.

SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEERS—FELOWSHIP HOUR

Can you help one Sunday, with putting out the coffee, refreshments and the like and helping with clean-up? We have some very faithful people who help but they deserve a break now and then. Can you help one Sunday? If so, please contact Kathy Bergeron at bergeron25@gmail.com

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: ITEMS NEEDED

Needed items are canned beans, vegetables and/or fruit, rice/pasta, cereal, peanut butter, granola bars, antiseptic and/or alcohol wipes, band-aids, gauze pads, stretch medical wrap, and full-size toothpaste tubes. Donated items can be placed in the blue bins in the Fireside Room. Monetary donations can also be given to VBS Service Projects online at www.saintlukegive.us. If you have questions, contact Melissa Groen at mgroen@saintluke.us

Today's Music

Johann Jakob Froberger (baptized 19 May 1616 – 7 May 1667) was a German Baroque composer, keyboard virtuoso, and organist. Among the most famous composers of the era, he was influential in developing the musical form of the suite of dances in his keyboard works. His harpsichord pieces are highly idiomatic and programmatic. - Wikipedia

Johann Jakob Froberger's **Fantasia on "Ut, Re, Mi, Fa, Sol, La"** is a brilliant puzzle piece. In how many ways can one use the first six notes of the major scale, a simple but boring theme? Keyboard composers had already been playing with this idea for over fifty years; how could a young composer of the 1640's make it sound new and exciting? Froberger was working as a keyboard player for the court at Vienna, and gave it a try. It made him famous: this fantasia made it into a composition textbook as a supreme example of counterpoint, and Froberger was only 34 at the time. Publication of any sort was rare in those days, and expensive...so it was quite an honor for Froberger to make this splash.

And Froberger imposed a further rule on himself: the fantasia would be strictly in four parts, all playable on one keyboard, and of course have enough variation to be interesting. (He learned this game of writing music inside strict rules from his teacher, Frescobaldi: the imposed restrictions help to focus the mind.) How did he solve the puzzle? He created a vast structure of seven sections. In each one the theme goes at a different speed, enlivened by quirky ideas in the other voices. There is plenty of syncopation so there is always something unexpected happening somewhere in the texture. There are surprising stops and starts. The theme starts to overlap itself, more and more closely. He throws in a blatant but fake statement of the theme just to keep the listener off guard. Then, having exhausted the normal major scale, he starts filling in all the chromatic notes, letting the theme ooze upward. Enough, yes? No! The chromatic theme turns around and runs backward, accompanied by the original six notes in all the other voices, almost too fast and too closely overlapped to hear. And the piece suddenly ends in a key the listener doesn't expect.- Bradley Lehman

Maltbie Babcock (1858-1901), the author of "This is my Father's world," a handsome and popular Presbyterian minister, often used to leave his home for an early morning walk up a hill overlooking Lake Ontario saying, "I am going out to see my Father's world." The hymn text is one of the finest nature hymns and is enhanced by Franklin Sheppard's arrangement of an English folk tune. In some hymnals the last stanza has been replaced by a stanza written much later by the author's daughter, Mary Babcock Crawford. – Hymn Notes for Church Bulletins

Today's psalmody is a paraphrase of psalm 100 "All people that on earth do dwell." Having been exiled from Scotland during a religious persecution, William Kethe (d. 1594) was influenced by the style of psalm paraphrases sung in Geneva. He had in mind the famous "Doxology" tune (OLD HUNDREDTH) by Bourgeois, music editor for the Genevan Psalter of 1551. It is the oldest English metrical psalm in use today.

Jonathan Bahnmaier (1774-1841) wrote this hymn sometime before 1827, when it was printed separately. The next year it was included in *Kern des deutschen Liederschatzes* (Nuremberg, 1828), where it had seven stanzas. Catherine Winkworth translated it in her *Lyra Germanica*, second series (1858). Originally Bahnmaier wanted "Spread, Oh, Spread, Almighty Word" to be sung with the tune NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND. He may have had in mind Advent motifs that attend this text, or he may have seen some relation between the first and last lines of stanzas, which the tune's repeat of the first line as its last would emphasize. GOTT SEI DANK is somewhat more forthright and bolder. – ELW Hymnal Companion

Many people sing "I love to the story" vigorously but do little to go out and "tell the story" beyond the church walls. Katherine Hankey (1834-1911) startled England by the unheard-of thing by starting a Bible class for working girls in London. She also served as a nurse in South Africa, and turned over all proceeds from her writings to Christian missions. She lived what she wrote! – Hymn Notes for Church Bulletins

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" 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 **Joachim Neander (1650-1680)**, 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

The hymn prelude on "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" to the tune LOBE DEN HERREN by American composer and organist Craig Philips.(b. 1961) features large staccato chords set in irregular rhythm. The tune is then featured on the Great and pedal alternatively. The piece comes to an exciting finish on full "spicy" chords.