



Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 20, 10:00 AM

Saint Luke Lutheran Church and School

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In Isaiah we hear that God's house shall be a house of prayer for all people and that God will gather the outcasts of Israel. The Canaanite woman in today's gospel is a Gentile, an outsider, who is unflinching in her request that Jesus heal her daughter. As Jesus commends her bold faith, how might our church extend its mission to those on the margins of society? In our gathering around word and meal we receive strength to be signs of comfort, healing, and justice for those in need.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Jesus Shall Reign

Aaron Shows (b. 1989)

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 434

Jesus Shall Reign

1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -
 2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
 3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue dwell on his
 4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - 'ners
 5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar

ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
 throng to crown his head; his name like sweet per -
 love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es
 leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -
 hon - ors to our king; an - gels de - scend with

shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
 fume shall rise with ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.
 Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

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

Leader

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

Assembly

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have

For the reign of God, and for

mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

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

Lord. For your

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

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

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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.

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CANTICLE OF PRAISE • ELW 167

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 - er - more!

1 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

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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!

2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and

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glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.

3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of

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God; to make all things new.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

The prophet calls upon Israel to do justice in view of God's imminent intervention to save. Righteousness and obedience define who belongs to the Israelite community—not race, nationality, or any other category.

Thus says the Lord: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant—these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. Thus says the Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY

Psalm 67

Please sing the refrain after the organ introduction. Please sing all the verses.

Let all the peo - ples praise you, O
God, let all the peo - ples praise you.

- ¹May God be merciful to | us and bless us;
may the light of God's face | shine upon us.
- ²Let your way be known | upon earth,
your saving health a- | mong all nations.
- ³Let the peoples praise | you, O God;
let all the | peoples praise you.
- ⁴Let the nations be glad and | sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the na- | tions on earth. **R**
- ⁵Let the peoples praise | you, O God;
let all the | peoples praise you.
- ⁶The earth has brought | forth its increase;
God, our own | God, has blessed us.
- ⁷May God | give us blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth | stand in awe. **R**

SECOND READING

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

God has not rejected Israel. Rather, the call and gifts of God are irrevocable so that, while all have been disobedient, God has mercy upon all.

[Paul writes:] I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION • ELW 169

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

The proper verse may be sung, or all may sing this verse. *Repeat alleluia*

All: *Alleluia.* Jesus | preached the good news of the kingdom* and cured every sickness a- | mong the people. *Alleluia.* (Matt. 4:23)

GOSPEL

Matthew 15:[10-20] 21-28

The holy gospel according to Saint Matthew, the fifteenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus teaches his disciples that true purity is a matter of the heart rather than outward religious observances. Almost immediately, this teaching is tested when a woman considered to be a religious outsider approaches him for help.

[Jesus] called the crowd to him and said to them, “Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.” Then the disciples approached and said to him, “Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?” He answered, “Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.” But Peter said to him, “Explain this parable to us.” Then he said, “Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.”]

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” But she

came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

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

SERMON

Pastor Miller

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

Confident that God receives our joys and concerns, let us offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation.

After each portion of the prayers:

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

The prayers conclude:

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, in the name of the one who reconciled all creation to himself, Jesus Christ our Savior.

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

MUSIC DURING THE OFFERING

Healer of Our Every Ill

Franklin Ashdown (1942-2023)

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 al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
might; heav - en and earth are filled with your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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 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

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.

Text: Claire Cloninger, b. 1942

Music: COME TO THE TABLE, Martin J. Nystrom, b. 1956

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Refrain



One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of



bless-ing which we bless, and we, though man-y



through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.



1	Gen - tile	or	Jew,	ser - vant	or	free,
2	Man - y	the	gifts,	man - y	the	works,
3	Grain	for	the	scat - tered	and	grown,



Refrain

wom - an	or	man,	no	more.	
one	in	the	Lord	of	all.
gath - ered	to	one	for	all.	

Text: John Foley, sr, b. 1939

Music: ONE BREAD, ONE BODY, John Foley, sr

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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



1 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -
 2 From of old you loved and sought us: thanks be to you for -
 3 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -



ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:
 ev - er! Truth and jus - tice you have taught us:
 ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:



thanks be to you for - ev - er!
 thanks be to you for - ev - er!
 thanks be to you for -



Strong is your faith - ful-ness, strong is your love, re -



mem - b'ring your cov - e - nant of life with us.



ev - er! Thanks be to you for - ev - er!

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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 650

In Christ There Is No East or West

1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
2 In Christ shall true hearts ev-'ry-where their high com - mu - nion find;
3 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what-e'er your race may be.
4 In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north;

but one com - mu - ni - ty of love through-out the whole wide earth.
his ser - vice is the gold - en cord close bind - ing hu - man - kind.
All chil - dren of the liv - ing God are sure - ly kin to me.
all Christ-ly souls are one in him through-out the whole wide earth.

The musical score consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment line on a bass clef staff. The first system contains the first four lines of the hymn, and the second system contains the remaining lines. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a clear melody and harmonic support.

Text: John Oxenham, 1852–1941, alt.
Music: MCKEE, African American spiritual; adapt. Harry T. Burleigh, 1866–1949

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the harvest.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Fanfare on 'McKee'

Matthew Corl (b. 1965)

WORSHIP LEADERS

PRESIDING MINISTER

The Connie A. Miller, *Senior Pastor*

ASSISTING MINISTER

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

READERS

Katie Bassein and Raj Roy

MUSICIAN

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



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; by the Province family in remembrance of the life and witness of Philip Province, beloved husband, father, and grandfather, on the anniversary of his birth. (August 20); and by Janeth Mgeni in grateful remembrance of her parents, Dr. Samuel Stima Mgeni and Nimwindael Samuel Mgeni.

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This week at Saint Luke Lutheran Church

SUNDAY, Aug. 20—12th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 AM Holy Communion
11:00 AM Reception
1:00 PM Young Adult Ministry: Women's
World Cup Watch

MONDAY, August 21

10:00 AM God's Work. Our Hands. Meeting
6:00 PM Yoga

TUESDAY, August 22

8:00 AM CDS Classroom Set Up
4:30 PM Piano Lessons
7:00 PM Girl Scouts

WEDNESDAY, August 23

7:00 AM Faith Connections (Zoom)
8:00 AM CDS Classroom Set Up
7:30 PM AA

THURSDAY, August 24

8:00 AM CDS Classroom Set Up
7:30 PM Centering Prayer (Zoom)

FRIDAY, August 25

5:00 PM Quilters

SATURDAY, August 26

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

SUNDAY, Aug. 27—13th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 AM Holy Communion
11:00 AM Welcome Gathering
5:00 PM San Lucas Misa Español (Hybrid)
6:00 PM Reception

*NB: Worship Services are in person and
livestreamed*

Upcoming Commemorations

Bernard, Abbot of Clairvaux, died 1153

Sunday, August 20, 2023

Bernard, a Cistercian monk, was a man of great spirituality who wrote mystical works and criticized those whom he thought took an overly intellectual approach to the faith. He became an abbot, and wrote several hymns that are still beloved today.

Bartholomew, Apostle

Thursday, August 24, 2023

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.

Saint Luke Update 8/20/2023 Edition

SCHOOL SUPPLIES PROJECT

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 \$3700.00, and Pastor Miller and La Sagrada Familia leaders 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. You may still give today at www.saintlukegive.us or via checks payable to Saint Luke, and note School Supplies Project. Thank you for caring.

45 ALIVE HAS BEGUN

It is all about “45 Alive.” Have you seen the videos showing the ministry and mission outreach of Saint Luke? It is amazing! As of August 1m we have begun 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.

****HOMECOMING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10****

FAITH, FUN, FELLOWSHIP

Worship, 8:45 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. English, 5:00 p.m. (Spanish)

Children friendly, surprise for the children! And Adults!

Installation of Council Members, New Program Year Celebration

10:00 a.m. Faith Formation Class Introductions...

Scavenger Hunt for all...Delicious food on the patio...

Live music—Fun!! And Fun!!

Saint Luke Update (Continued) 8/20/2023 Edition

MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES: WOW!

The program year is fast approaching. Dr. Truche announces that we are adding two new groups to our music ministry line-up, Novices and Genesis Bells. Both groups are training groups and both will occasionally participate in Worship Services. All choirs and bell groups need you or someone you know who might be interested to join. It's a worn out saying, but it is true "the more the merrier!" If interested, please contact Dr. Truche at atruche@saintluke.us for more information.

Choirs

Novices: (k), 1st and 2nd grades

Rehearsal is on Sundays 11:15-11:45 AM

Starts Sunday September 10th

Choristers: Treble voices grades 3 through 12, boys until voice change

Rehearsal is on Wednesdays 5 PM to 6:40 PM

Starts Wednesday September 6th

Schola Cantorum (adults)

Rehearsal is on Wednesdays 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM

Starts Wednesday August 30th

Bells

Genesis Bells: grades 3 through 8

Rehearsal is on Mondays 5:15 to 6:15 PM

Starts Monday September 11th

Reformation Bells: High School and adults

Rehearsal is on Tuesdays 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM

Start date TBD

GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS SUNDAY

God's Work Our Hands Sunday will be October 15. We are changing this date from September 10 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! This is the 10th anniversary of the ELCA celebrating God's Work Our Hands!

WILD FIRES

How our hearts and prayers go out to all in Maui and the Big Island as we see such devastation. Please know our own Lutheran Disaster Response is in touch with the Pacifica synod partnering to help with so many needs. 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 Wildfires. You may also make checks out to Saint Luke Lutheran Church and note *Lutheran Disaster Relief: US Wildfires*. Thank you.

Today's Music

Organist and composer **Matthew H. Corl**, AAGO is a graduate of Westminster Choir College in Princeton, New Jersey, where he received the Bachelor of Music degree in Church Music in 1987. His teachers at Westminster included Joan Lippincott (organ), Robin Leaver (Church Music), and Allen Crowell (choral conducting). **“Jesus shall reign”** is a paraphrase of the second part of Psalm 72, entitled “Christ’s Kingdom among the Gentiles.” A missionary hymn, it was written fifty years before the birth of the modern missionary movement. Here is an example of Christianizing the psalms, for there was no doubt in **Isaac Watts’ (1674-1748)** mind that the “King” of the psalm was Christ, whose kingdom would stretch around the world. – Hymn Notes for Church Bulletins

Franklin D. Ashdown (1942–2023) was an American composer and physician. He was born in Logan, Utah and began piano study at a young age. At age 13, he was recruited to play the organ for a local congregation. He later studied organ with Judson Maynard and James Drake and was privately coached in composition by Fred Tulan (San Francisco) and Leonard Raver (The Juilliard School). Based for much of his life in Alamogordo, New Mexico, Ashdown pursued dual careers for more than three decades (1971–2007) as an internist and organist/composer. – Lorenz.com

His setting on Marty Haugen’s hymn **“Healer of Our Every Ill”** is peaceful and quiet. A brief introduction leads to the statement of the hymn tune played on the oboe stop of the organ. After another brief transition, the melody is played on a contrasting solo sound. The second half of the melody is repeated on the oboe, and the piece ends quietly.

The text and tune of **“One Bread, One Body”** by **John Foley (b. 1939)** first appeared in *Wood Hath Hope* (1978). It is based on 1 Corinthians 10:16-17, where Paul speaks about the cup of blessing and the bread we break as a sharing in the body and blood of Christ. Stanza 1 comes from Galatians 3:28, and stanza 3 draws on imagery from the *Didache* (a brief anonymous early Christian treatise (ancient church order) written in Koine Greek, dated by modern scholars to the first[2] or (less commonly) second century AD – Wikipedia). – ELW Hymnal Companion

The text of our sending hymn **“In Christ there is no east or west”** was written by **John Oxenham (1852-1941)** for a pageant presented by the London Missionary Society and is an example of a prophetic hymn – one that states the ideal to be achieved rather than the present situation. Unity and mission are combined, for the mark of a disciple is love for every person and the willingness to serve all humankind. – Hymn Notes for Church Bulletins

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His **“Fanfare on ‘McKee”** ornaments the melody throughout and fanfare-like figuration renders the piece festive.