



Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 27, 10:00 AM

Saint Luke Lutheran Church and School

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In Isaiah the people are advised to look to their spiritual ancestors as the rock from which they were hewn. Jesus declares that the church will be built on the rock of Peter's bold confession of faith. God's word of reconciliation and God's mercy are keys to the church's mission. Paul urges us to not be conformed to this world but to offer our bodies as a living sacrifice, using our individual gifts to build up the body of Christ. From the table we go forth to offer our spiritual worship through word and deed.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Herr Jesus Christ, Dich Zu Uns Wend BWV 655

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

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 527

Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now

1 Lord Je - sus Christ, be pres - ent now; our
 2 Un - seal our lips to sing your praise in
 3 Then shall we join the hosts that cry, "O
 4 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, Son, and

hearts in true de - vo - tion bow. Your Spir - it send with
 end - less hymns through all our days; in - crease our faith and
 ho - ly, ho - ly Lord Most High!" And in the light of
 Ho - ly Spir - it, Three in One! To you, O bless - ed

light di - vine, and let your truth with - in us shine.
 light our minds; and set us free from doubt that blinds.
 that blest place we then shall see you face to face.
 Trin - i - ty, be praise through-out e - ter - ni - ty!

Text: attr. Wilhelm II, 1598–1662; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
 Music: HERR JESU CHRIST, DICH ZU UNS WEND, *Cantionale Germanicum*, Gochsheim, 1628

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



Refrain
glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.



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



Refrain
God; to make all things new.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 51:1-6

Just as God had called Abraham and Sarah and given them many descendants, so now God offers comfort to Zion. God's deliverance will come soon and will never end.

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the Lord. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. For the Lord will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song.

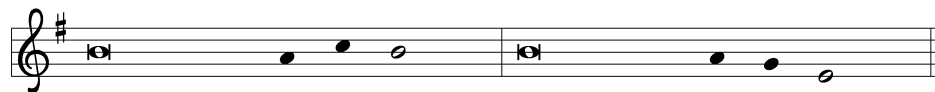
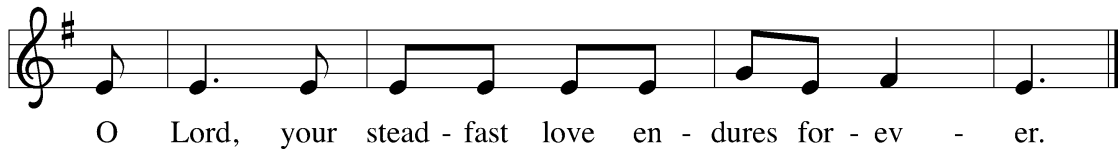
Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples. I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be forever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY

Psalm 138

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



¹I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with | my whole heart;
before the gods I will | sing your praise.

²I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast | love and
faithfulness;
for you have glorified your name and your word a- | bove all things.

³When I called, you | answered me;
you increased my | strength within me.

⁴All the rulers of the earth will praise | you, O LORD,
when they have heard the words | of your mouth. **R**

⁵They will sing of the ways | of the LORD,
that great is the glory | of the LORD.

⁶The LORD is high, yet cares | for the lowly,
perceiving the haughty | from afar.

⁷Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you | keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right | hand shall save me.

⁸You will make good your pur- | pose for me;
O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works | of your hands. **R**

SECOND READING

Romans 12:1-8

In response to God's merciful activity, we are to worship by living holistic, God-pleasing lives. Our values and viewpoints are not molded by the time in which we live but are transformed by the Spirit's renewing work. God's grace empowers different forms of service among Christians, but all forms of ministry function to build up the body of Christ.

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

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.* You are | the Messiah,* the Son of the | living God. *Alleluia.* (Matt. 16:16)

GOSPEL

Matthew 16:13-20

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

At a climactic point in Jesus' ministry, God reveals to Peter that Jesus is "the Messiah, the Son of the living God," and Jesus responds with the promise of a church that will overcome the very gates of Hades.

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY • ELW 652

Built on a Rock

1 Built on a rock the church shall stand, e - ven when stee - ples are
 2 Sure - ly, in tem - ples made with hands God the Most High is not
 3 Christ builds a house of liv - ing stones: we are his own hab - i -
 4 Yet in this house, an earth - ly frame, Je - sus the chil - dren is

fall - ing; crum - bled have spires in ev - 'ry land, bells still are
 dwell - ing— high in the heav'ns his tem - ple stands, all earth - ly
 ta - tion; he fills our hearts, his hum - ble thrones, grant - ing us
 bless - ing; hith - er we come to praise his name, faith in our

chim - ing and call - ing— call - ing the young and old to rest, call - ing the
 tem - ples ex - cel - ling. Yet God who dwells in heav'n a - bove deigns to a -
 life and sal - va - tion. Where two or three will seek his face, he in their
 Sav - ior con - fess - ing. Je - sus to us his Spir - it sent, mak - ing with

souls of those dis - tressed, long - ing for life ev - er - last - ing.
 bide with us in love, mak - ing our bod - ies his tem - ple.
 midst will show his grace, bless - ings up - on them be - stow - ing.
 us his cov - e - nant, grant - ing his chil - dren the king - dom.

5 Through all the passing years, O Lord,
 grant that, when church bells are ringing,
 many may come to hear your Word,
 who here this promise is bringing:
 "I know my own, my own know me;
 you, not the world, my face shall see;
 my peace I leave with you. Amen."

Text: Nikolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1783–1872; tr. Carl Doving, 1867–1937, adapt.
 Music: KIRKEN DEN ER ET GAMMELT HUS, Ludvig M. Lindeman, 1812–1887
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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:

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9100 Colesville Road
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MUSIC DURING THE OFFERING

Offertory in A Major, Op. 39, No. 2

Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911)

Please stand as you are able.

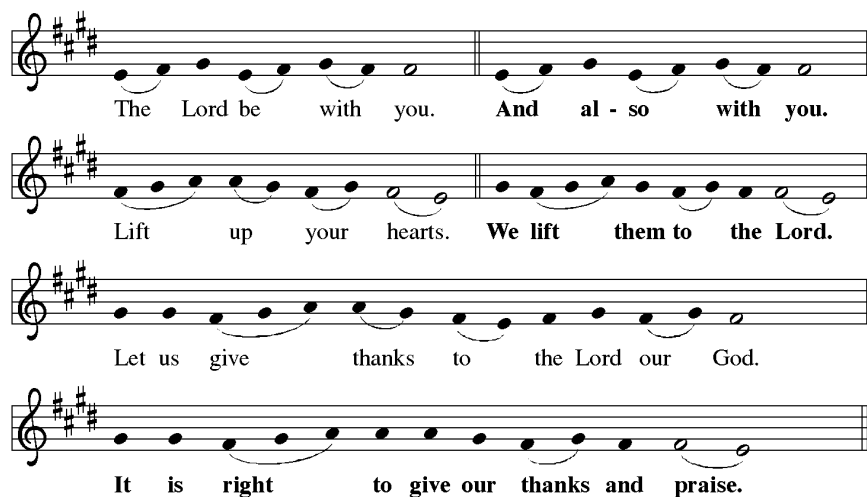
OFFERING PRAYER

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/Estrillo

To - ma, oh Dios, mi vo - lun - tad, y haz - la tu - ya, na -
 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord,

da más; to - ma, sí, mi co - ra - zón
 to thee; take my mo - ments and my days;

To stanzas *Last time*

y tu tro - no en él ten - drás. ten - drás.
 let them flow in cease - less praise. less praise.

1 Que mi vi - da en - te - ra es - té
 1 Take my hands and let them move
 2 Take my sil - ver and my gold,
 3 Take my voice and let me sing,
 4 Take my will and make it thine;

con - sa - gra - da a ti, Se - ñor;
 at the im - pulse of thy love;
 not a mite would I with - hold;
 al - ways, on - ly for my King;
 it shall be no lon - ger mine;

que a mis ma - nos pue - da guiar el im -
 take my feet and let them be swift and
 take my in - tel - lect and use ev - 'ry
 take my lips and let them be filled with
 take my heart, it is thine own; it shall

Refrain/Estrillo

pul - so de tu a - mor.
 beau - ti - ful for thee.
 pow'r as thou shalt choose.
 mes - sag - es from thee.
 be thy roy - al throne.

- 2 *Que mis pies tan sólo en pos de lo santo puedan ir, y que a ti, Señor, mi voz, se complazca en bendecir.* Estrillo
- 3 *Que mis labios al hablar hablen sólo de tu amor; que mis bienes dedicar yo los quiera a ti, Señor.* Estrillo

- 4 *Que mi tiempo todo esté consagrado a tu loor; que mi mente y su poder sean usados en tu honor.* Estrillo

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879, adapt.; Spanish text: Vincent Mendoza, 1875–1955
 Music: TOMA MI VOLUNTAD, William Dexheimer Pharris, b. 1956
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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 645

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ, our head and
2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O Lord of
3 Here be - stow on all your ser - vants what they seek from
4 Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, praise and hon - or

cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,
hosts, and stay; come with all your lov - ing - kind - ness,
you to gain; what they gain from you, for - ev - er
to the Son, praise and hon - or to the Spir - it,

bind - ing all the church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
hear your peo - ple as they pray; and your full - est
with the bless - ed to re - tain; and here - af - ter
ev - er three and ev - er one: one in might and

help for - ev - er and our con - fi - dence a - lone.
ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in these walls to - day.
in your glo - ry ev - er - more with you to reign.
one in glo - ry while un - end - ing a - ges run!

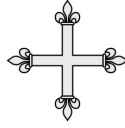
DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Carillon on “Westminster Abbey”

Ashley Grote (b. 1982)



WORSHIP LEADERS

PRESIDING MINISTERS

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

The Rev. Richard Zawistoski, *Confirmation Pastor*

ASSISTING MINISTER

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

READER

Annika O’Hara

MUSICIANS

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

THE FLOWERS ABOUT THE ALTAR are given to the glory of God by Annika O’Hara, in thanksgiving and remembrance of her dear mother who would have been 100 years of age this day; and by Carol Jacobson and Ed Fenstermacher to the glory of God in celebration of the marriage of their son, Alex Fenstermacher, to Amanda Wolin.

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This week at Saint Luke Lutheran Church

SUNDAY, Aug. 27—13th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 AM Holy Communion
11:00 AM Reception
5:00 PM San Lucas Misa Español
6:00 PM Reception

MONDAY, August 28

9:00 AM CDS Staff Training
6:00 PM Yoga

TUESDAY, August 29

9:00 AM CDS Set-Up and Staff Meeting
11:00 AM All Staff Gathering
1:00 PM CPR Training
4:30 PM Piano Lessons
7:00 PM Girl Scouts

WEDNESDAY, August 30

7:00 AM Faith Connections (Zoom)
8:00 AM CDS Classroom Prep
7:30 PM AA
7:30 PM Schola Cantorum Rehearsal

THURSDAY, August 31

9:00 AM CDS Playground Play Date
7:30 PM Centering Prayer (Zoom)

FRIDAY, September 1

SATURDAY, September 2

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

SUNDAY, Sept. 3—14th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 AM Holy Communion
11:00 AM Reception

*NB: Worship Services are in person and
livestreamed*

Upcoming Commemorations

Augustine, Bishop of Hippo, died 430

Monday, August 28, 2023

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

Monday, August 28, 2023

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

Saturday, September 2, 2023

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 **8/27/2023 Edition**

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

FAITH, FUN, FELLOWSHIP

Worship, 8:45 a.m. & 11:15 a.m. English, 5:00 p.m. (Spanish)

Children friendly, surprise for the children! And Adults!

Installation of Council Members, New Year Celebration

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

Scavenger Hunt for all...Delicious food on the patio... Live music—Fun!! And Fun!!

77 MILLION! WOW!

Did you know that Saint Luke is part of the Montgomery Conference of the Metro DC Synod of the ELCA? And, we are part of the Metropolitan DC Synod of the ELCA – which includes part of Maryland, Virginia, and Bermuda? Also, we are one of over 9000 congregations in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Even more global yet, we are part of the Lutheran World Federation, 149 Church bodies in the Lutheran tradition, 77 million people in 99 countries. Check it out at www.lutheranworld.org and click subscribe to the weekly newsletter.

The Thirteenth Lutheran World Federation assembly will be held, September 13-19, in Krakow, Poland. The theme is One Body, One Spirit, One Hope, and will be hosted by the Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession in Poland. Check out the highlights on the LWF website.

Wow! Yes, just imagine the ministry and mission that takes place in the name of Jesus Christ. Imagine.

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 1 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. 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.

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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!

Today's Music

When **J. S. Bach (1685-1750)** arrived in Leipzig to take up the post of Cantor at St. Thomas Church, he had not written any organ music for some time, and it seemed unlikely that he would do so again in a concentrated way. Years earlier in Weimar, Duke Wilhelm Ernst had encouraged him to produce vast quantities of organ music: innovative concerto transcriptions, ground-breaking preludes and fugues, and a wide variety of chorale preludes including the approximately forty pieces in the *Orgelbüchlein*. With all these marvelous pieces Bach brought organ music to new heights of artistic prowess.

Around 1740 Bach began assembling and revising a group of chorales dating back to his time in Weimar which has become known generally today as the Great Eighteen Organ Chorales. Over the course of the last ten years of his life he perfected these pieces adding the last work, *Vor deinen Thron tret ich hiermit* just before his death in July 1750.

The jubilant chorale trio, **Herr Jesu Christ, dich zu uns wend (Lord Jesus Christ, turn to us)**, BWV 655 closes this section leading the listener into pure joy and hope. Its swirling, jubilant figurations in the hands wonderfully set up the chorale tune stated in the pedals at the end of the piece. – Christopher Jacobson

Published anonymously in 1651, the text of **“Lord Jesus Christ, be present now”** was not ascribed to **Wilhelm II (1598-1662)** until 25 years later. During the Thirty Years' War the king was severely wounded, left for dead, and then taken a prisoner. Active in the Peace of Prague and the Peace of Westphalia, he later devoted his time to poetry and music. His hymn invites us to open our souls to Christ, to open our lips to praise, and to join with the angelic chorus in praising God. – Hymn Notes for Church Bulletins

Nicolai Grundtvig (1783-1872) was a contemporary of Søren Kierkegaard (with whom he disagreed theologically) and was more famous and influential during his lifetime. Based on the story of Christ calling Peter the rock on which the church is built, **“Built on a rock”** is a reminder that we are the building blocks, the living stones which comprise the church in which God deigns to dwell. It is our duty to make that temple holy and to lead our children to God's Kingdom. – Hymn Notes for Church Bulletins

Félix-Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911) was a French organist and composer. He was the organist of La Trinité from 1871 until 1901. A noted pedagogue, performer, and improviser, Guilmant helped found the Schola Cantorum de Paris. He was appointed as Professor of Organ at the Paris Conservatoire in 1896.

Guilmant was an accomplished and extremely prolific composer. Unlike Widor, who produced a great deal of music in all the main genres, Guilmant devoted himself almost entirely to works for his own instrument, the organ. His organ output includes: 'Pièces dans différents styles', published in 18 books; 'L'organiste pratique', published in 12 books; Eighteen 'Pièces Nouvelles'; and 'L'Organiste liturgique', published in 10 books. Guilmant's Eight Sonatas were conceived with the Cavaillé-Coll organ of La Trinité in mind, and are therefore symphonic in style and form, taking their place alongside the symphonic organ works of César Franck and the Organ Symphonies of Charles-Marie Widor. - Wikipedia

“Take My Life, That I May Be” was written by **Frances Havergal (1836-1879)**. In this version of the hymn, we get parts of life mentioned with synecdoche to suggest the whole that is celebrated in a dancing swirl. The tune was written by William Dexheimer Pharris when he heard this hymn in its Spanish translation in *Culto Cristiano* while he was in El Salvador. – ELW Hymnal Companion

“Christ is Made the Sure Foundation,” an ancient Latin hymn from the 7th century about blessed Jerusalem, is based on St. Paul's description of the church in Ephesians 2:20, 21: “build upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the chief corner-stone, in whom the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord.” As “living stones” we are joined together to form a “spiritual house” with Christ as the foundation of all. —Hymn Notes for Church Bulletins

Ashley Grote (born 1982) is Master of Music at Norwich Cathedral and a fellow of the Royal College of Organists. Grote grew up in Colchester and attended Eld Lane Baptist Church with his family, where he sang in the choir and first played the organ. He joined the Choir of King's College, Cambridge at the age of eight in response to a newspaper advertisement for voice trials. He then attended Uppingham School and returned to King's in October 2001 as an organ scholar. He won first prize in the 1999 Royal College of Organists Young Performers' Festival. In 2000 he was the first organist ever to win a place in the keyboard final of the BBC Young Musician of the Year Competition. Prior to appointment as Master of Music at Norwich Cathedral in 2012, Grote was Assistant Organist at Westminster Abbey, and Assistant Director of Music at Gloucester Cathedral. - Wikipedia

His setting on the tune 'Westminster Abbey' is a brilliant merging of the tune with the theme from Louis Vierne's *Carillon de Westminster* which you will hear between statements of the hymn-tune played in the pedal.