



Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Homecoming Sunday

September 10, 8:45 & 11:15 AM

Saint Luke Lutheran Church and School

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GATHERING

PRELUDE

Scherzo Symphonique

Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911)

WELCOME

WELCOME HOME

Home is a welcome at the door

Home is acceptance

Home is laughter around the table, bread and cup

Home is remembering promises made in water and spirit

Home is continuing to see where God is leading

Home is going there together

Home is where God dwells

God dwells in each of us

Welcome home.



1 Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en; to his feet your trib - ute bring.
 2 Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to our fore-bears in dis - tress.
 3 Tend - er - ly he shields and spares us; well our fee - ble frame he knows.
 4 An - gels help us to a - dore him, who be - hold him face to face.



Ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more his prais - es sing.
 Praise him, still the same for - ev - er, slow to chide and swift to bless.
 In his hands he gent - ly bears us, res - cues us from all our foes.
 Sun and moon bow down be - fore him; all who dwell in time and space.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly as his mer - cy flows.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793–1847
 Music: PRAISE, MY SOUL, John Goss, 1800–1880

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.
 O God, overflowing with mercy and compassion, you lead back to yourself all those who go astray. Preserve your people in your loving care, that we may reject whatever is contrary to you and may follow all things that sustain our life in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

READING

Revelation 21: 1-5a

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, **“See, the home of God is among mortals.** He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.” And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -
- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

GOSPEL

John 15: 9-11

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that **my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.**

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

HOMECOMING REFLECTION

Pastor Miller

Please stand as you are able.

1 I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy,
 2 I've got the peace that pass - es un - der - stand - ing,
 3 I've got the love of Je - sus, love of Je - sus,

down in my heart, down in my heart, down in my heart;
 down in my heart, down in my heart, down in my heart;
 down in my heart, down in my heart, down in my heart;

I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy,
 I've got the peace that pass - es un - der - stand - ing,
 I've got the love of Je - sus, love of Je - sus,

down in my heart, down in my heart to stay.
 down in my heart, down in my heart to stay.
 down in my heart, down in my heart to stay.

APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Affirmation of Vocations of Christians in the World

Christian friends, we all are called by the Holy Spirit to offer ourselves to the God of creation in thanksgiving for what God has done and continues to do for us. Today at the start of the program year let us affirm and reaffirm all we do in the name of Christ.

You online, in kitchens, living rooms, those at work, and those here in person, who carry out their vocation as a Christian in the world, children, youth, adults, seniors, whether in classrooms, board rooms or caregiving rooms, places in life of so many varieties.

Whatever station in life, will you endeavor to pattern your life and service after our Lord Jesus? Will you hold firm and lift high the message of God's grace in Jesus Christ?

Yes with God's help.

Installation of 2023-24 Council

And you who are called to a specific ministry of leadership here at Saint Luke, the 2023-24 Council: You are to see that the words and deeds of this household of faith reflect the One in whose name we gather. You are called to be diligent in specific areas of serving, that the Lord who empowers you is glorified. You are to be examples of faith active in love, to help maintain the life and harmony of this community of faith.

Will you accept and faithfully carry out the duties of the positions to which you have been elected?

Response: Yes, by the help of God.

People of God, will you support these, your elected leaders, and will you share in the mutual ministry we have been given in Jesus Christ?

Yes, by the help of God.

I declare you installed as officers/council members of this congregation. God bless you as you prove to be faithful servants of Christ.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's good creation.

After each portion of the prayers:

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you; through 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

CHORAL ANTHEM (8:45)

Sing to the Lord

Sing to the Lord. Heaven and earth rejoice.
Sing praises. Heaven and earth rejoice.
Sing praises. All heaven and earth rejoice and sing.

Hear, O Israel. The Lord is a mighty God.
All earth rejoice and sing. All heaven and earth rejoice.
The Lord is a mighty God.

Text: Psalm 148

Music: Antonio Vivaldi (1678-1741), arr. Hal Hopson

MUSIC DURING THE OFFERING (11:15)

Concerto in D minor, BWV 592

3. Largo e spiccato

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

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

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And 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 right to give our thanks and praise, for in the night he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Please pray in your own preferred language.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

**Padre Nuestro, que estas en los cielos,
santificado sea tu nombre,
venga a nosotros tu reino,
hagase tu voluntad,
asi en la tierra como en el cielo.
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada dia;
perdona nuestras ofensas,
como nosotros perdonamos
a los que nos ofenden;
y no nos dejes caer en la tentacion,
mas libranos del mal.
Porque tuyo es el reino,
el poder, y la gloria,
por los siglos de los siglos. Amen**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ invites us home to the table.
Come, taste and see.
Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.

COMMUNION

When communing, kindly receive the communion elements from the servers. The servers will then step back. At that time, please remove your mask and partake of the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Then proceed to the appropriate station to deposit your individual cup. If you wish gluten free bread, simply let the server know .

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

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

The communicant may say:

Amen.

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION (8:45)

Sung by the choir

Psalm 119: 33-40—Anglican Chant by John Jones

Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes,
and I shall keep it to the end.

Give me understanding, and I shall keep your teaching;
I shall keep it with all my heart.

Lead me in the path of your commandments,
for that is my desire.

Incline my heart to your decrees
and not to unjust gain.

Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless;
give me life in your ways.

Fulfill your promise to your servant,
which is for you make to those who fear you.

Turn away the reproach that I dread,
because your judgments are good.

Behold, I long for your commandments;
by your righteousness preserve my life.

1 Draw us in the Spir-it's teth - er, for when hum - bly
 2 As dis - ci - ples used to gath - er in the name of
 3 All our meals and all our liv - ing make as sac - ra -

in your name two or three are met to - geth - er,
 Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the giv - er
 ments of you, that by car - ing, help-ing, giv - ing,

you are in the midst of them. Al - le - lu - ia!
 break the bread and bless the cup, Al - le - lu - ia!
 we may be dis - ci - ples true. Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Touch we now your gar - ment's hem.
 Al - le - lu - ia! so now bind our friend - ship up.
 Al - le - lu - ia! We will serve with faith a - new.

Text: Percy Dearmer, 1867–1936, alt.
 Music: UNION SEMINARY, Harold Friedell, 1905–1958
 Text from *Songs of Praise* Enlarged Edition, © Oxford University Press 1931.
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Please stand as you are able.

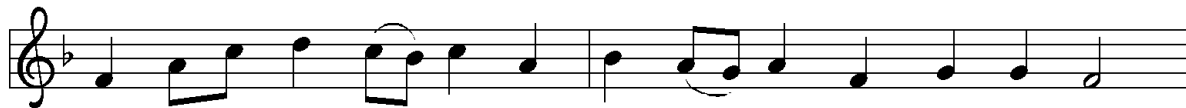
POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



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



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



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



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

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

Let us pray.

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

Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

God, creator of all things, finding us and holding us from eternity
Jesus Christ, savior of the world, raising the dead;
Holy Spirit, living voice, calling and enlightening the church:
Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

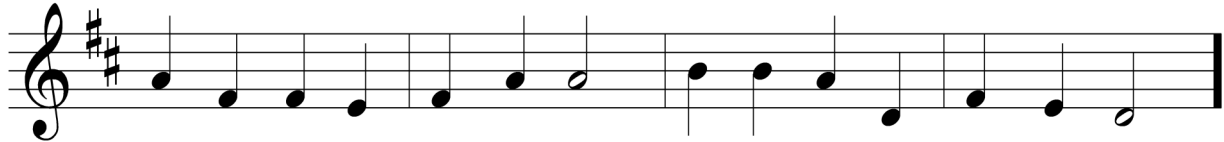
Amen.

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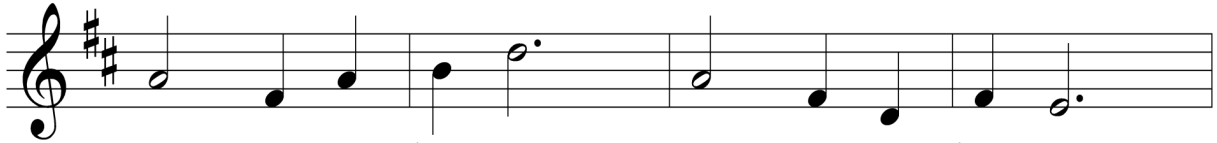
Jesus Loves Me! (Saint Luke version)



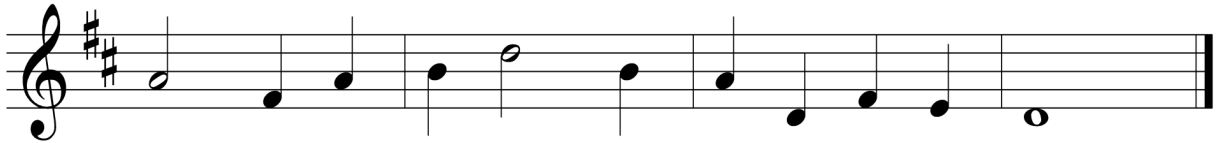
1. Je - sus loves me! this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so;
2. Je - sus loves me! he who died heav-en's gates to o - pen wide;
3. Je - sus loves me! still to - day walk - ing with me on my way;



Je - sus said so lov - ing - ly, "Let the chil-dren come to me."
he will wash a - way my sin, let his lit - tle child come in.
want - ing as a friend to give light and life to all who live.



Yes, Je - sus loves me, yes, Je - sus loves me,



yes, Je - sus loves me, the Bi - ble tells me so.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace and joy.
Christ dwells in you.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Toccata

Théodore Dubois (1837-1924)

WORSHIP LEADERS

PRESIDING MINISTERS

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

The Rev. Richard Zawistoski, *Confirmation Pastor*

The Rev. Gary Nuss, *Support Pastor*

ASSISTING MINISTER

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

READERS

8:45 Jacky Martin, Council President

11:15 Manju Bolleddu

MUSICIANS

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

Schola Cantorum (8:45)



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This week at Saint Luke Lutheran Church

SUNDAY, Sept. 10—Homecoming

8:45 AM **Worship/ Council Installation**
10:00 AM Celebration
10:00 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM SLSHY
10:00 AM Affirmation of Baptism Class
11:15 AM **Worship/ Council Installation**
11:15 AM Novices Rehearsal
1:00 PM Genesis Bells Rehearsal
5:00 PM **San Lucas Misa Español**
6:00 PM Reception

MONDAY, September 11

8:00 AM CDS Classes
8:00 AM Theological Consultation
1:30 PM CDS Staff Meeting
6:00 PM Yoga

TUESDAY, September 12

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

WEDNESDAY, September 13

7:00 AM Faith Connections (Zoom)
8:00 AM CDS Classes
10:00 AM Women in Community

1:00 PM Theological Consultation
5:00 PM Choristers Rehearsal
7:30 PM AA
7:30 PM Schola Cantorum Rehearsal

THURSDAY, September 14 Holy Cross Day

8:00 AM CDS Classes
8:00 AM Theological Consultation
7:30 PM Centering Prayer (Zoom)

FRIDAY, September 15

8:00 AM CDS Classes
8:00 AM Theological Consultation

SATURDAY, September 16

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

SUNDAY, Sept. 17—16th Sunday after Pentecost

8:45 AM **Worship**
10:00 AM Welcome Gathering
10:00 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM SLSHY
10:00 AM Affirmation of Baptism Class
10:15 AM Up For Discussion (Hybrid)
11:15 AM **Worship**
11:15 AM Novices Rehearsal
1:00 PM Genesis Bells Rehearsal

NB: Worship Services are in person and livestreamed

Upcoming Commemorations

John Chrysostom, Bishop of Constantinople, died 407

Wednesday, September 13, 2023

John was a priest in Antioch and an outstanding preacher. His eloquence earned him the nickname "Chrysostom" ("golden mouth"). Appointed bishop of Constantinople, seat of the empire, he criticized corruption in the court. As a result, he was exiled by the empress.

Holy Cross Day

Thursday, September 14, 2023

Helena, mother of Constantine, made a pilgrimage to the Holy Land and found what may be the actual site of Jesus' crucifixion. Her son built two churches there, and the dedication of one of them gave rise to this celebration of our Lord's victory on the cross.

Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage, martyr, died around 258

Saturday, September 16, 2023

Cyprian served as a bishop during a time of great persecution of Christians. He insisted on receiving back those who had left the faith under duress. He also provided medical care during a severe epidemic.

Saint Luke Update
9/10/2023 Edition

WELCOME TO ALL: HOMECOMING SUNDAY
CELEBRATION ON THE PATIO

We begin a new program year—wonderful!! Today we get an introduction to Faith Formation Classes during the 10:00 a.m. hour and at the same time a **reception is available on the patio**—a 5 piece band, delicious food, and fellowship. Come and enjoy!

INSTALLATION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Today at both services we install our 2023-24 Council members. Let us give thanks for these people and hold them each day in our prayers.

OFFICERS

President: Jacky Martin

Vice-President: Ed Fenstermacher

Treasurer: Rick Ahlberg

Financial Secretary: Scott McKay

MEMBERS

Rob Grace

Annika Dodrill

Nathaly Hernandez

Valerie Grussing

Jordan Gerth

Ry Cobbs

Sarah Aderholdt

Blake Danser

Sunday Shomari

Deacon Warfield

Pastor Miller

Today's Music

Alexandre Guilmant taught at the Paris Conservatory from 1896-1911, where his students included Marcel Dupré and Nadia Boulanger. His work editing and publishing the then forgotten works of such early composers as Titelouze, Grigny, Clérambault and Couperin, together with an insatiable curiosity regarding the music of his contemporaries, including Liszt, Schumann, Franck, Saint-Saëns, and Widor produced a performing repertory of unparalleled breadth. His programs also included Handel's organ concertos with orchestra, and Berlioz and Wagner transcriptions. Guilmant's formidable energy impelled him to undertake regular extensive recital tours throughout mainland Europe, Britain and America, making a strong impact in the English-speaking world with his wide-ranging breadth of taste, and versatility in managing a large range of instruments. *The Scherzo Symphonique* is aptly titled. A scherzo of symphonic proportions, it comes from a large collection of organ works Guilmant compiled between 1874 and 1883 as "L'organiste pratique," or, "The Practical Organist." Alternating between loud and soft sections, the work concludes with a rousing coda. – Eric Plutz

While earlier hymnodists made paraphrases of hymns, **Henry Lyte (1793-1847)**, who won the prize for poetry three years in a row at Trinity College, Dublin, added a new dimension by making them poetical interpretations. *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*, a version of Psalm 103, includes such memorable lines as "Ransome, healed, restored, forgiven," and "Father-like he tends and spares us." Unfortunately a stanza based on verses 15-17 beginning "Frail as summer's flower we flourish, Blows the wind, and it is gone" is usually omitted. —Hymn Notes for Church Bulletins.

Antonio Lucio Vivaldi (4 March 1678 – 28 July 1741) was an Italian composer, virtuoso violinist and impresario of Baroque music.[4] Along with Johann Sebastian Bach and George Frideric Handel, Vivaldi ranks amongst the greatest Baroque composers and his influence during his lifetime was widespread across Europe, giving origin to many imitators and admirers. He pioneered many developments in orchestration, violin technique and programmatic music. He consolidated the emerging concerto form into a widely accepted and followed idiom.

Sing to the Lord is an adaptation from *Deus in Adjuvatorium*, a larger work that sets the opening versicle of the Vespers prayer service, and is set to the text from Psalm 148. It is an inspiring anthem of joy and praise. The interplay of parts and phrases, along with a vigorous tempo, combine to produce an exciting musical presentation.

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether has had a strange career. **Percy Dearmer (1867-1936)**, the English hymnologist and hymnal editor, included it with the initials "B.R." (one of his pseudonyms) as the second part of a hymn by G.H. Bourne, "Lord enthroned in heavenly splendor" in the famous *Songs of Praise*. A popular anthem setting by the late Harold Friedell (1905-1958) was arranged as a hymn by the American Baptist church musician, Jet Turner (1928-1984), for the *Hymnbook for Christian Worship* (1970). The soaring melody is a perfect foil to the romantic and nostalgic text which unites us with the communion of the early disciples. – Hymn Notes for Church Bulletins

With good reason Edith Blumhofer says this is the "most popular of all Sunday school hymns." Written by Warner, *Jesus Loves Me!* appeared in the novel *Say and Seal* (1860). In that novel an ill young boy named Johnny asks his Sunday school teacher, Mr. Linden, to sing, and he sings this song in four stanzas. The tune was written by William Bradbury for this text and added the refrain. The version in our bulletin is the Saint Luke version - ELW Hymnal Companion

The word toccata comes from the Italian word *Toccare* meaning to touch. The *Toccata* from *Douze Pièces* (Twelve Pieces) was written by French organist and composer **Théodore Dubois (1837-1924)**. It has three sections, A and B, and A. Section A begins at a joyful speed and uses the mixtures and reeds. Then, section B begins in B major using the oboe. And finally, section A repeats and uses the full registration of the organ at the very end of the piece.