



HOMEcoming SUNDAY

September 8, 2024 at 10am

Saint Luke Lutheran Church and School

9100 Colesville Road, Silver Spring, MD

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THE GATHERING

PRELUDE • *Be Still*

Schola Cantorum

Jane Holstein (b. 1958)

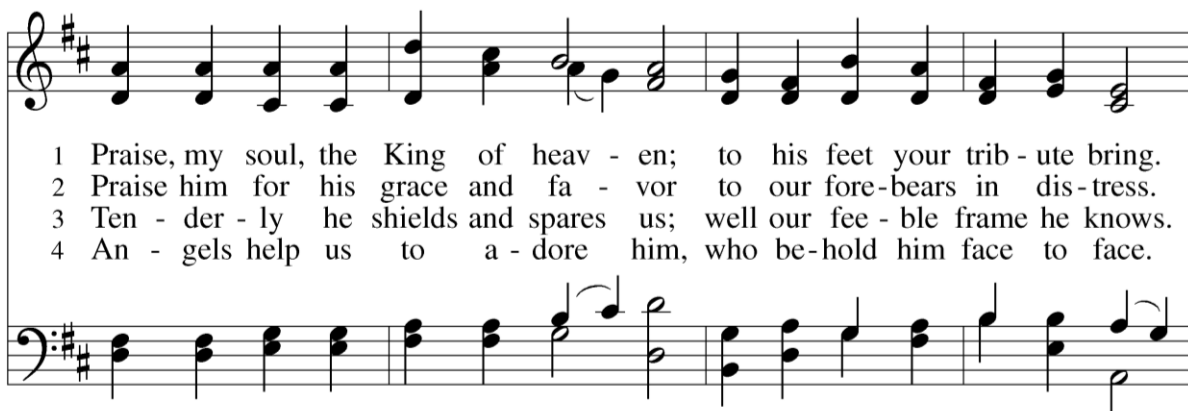
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WELCOME HOME

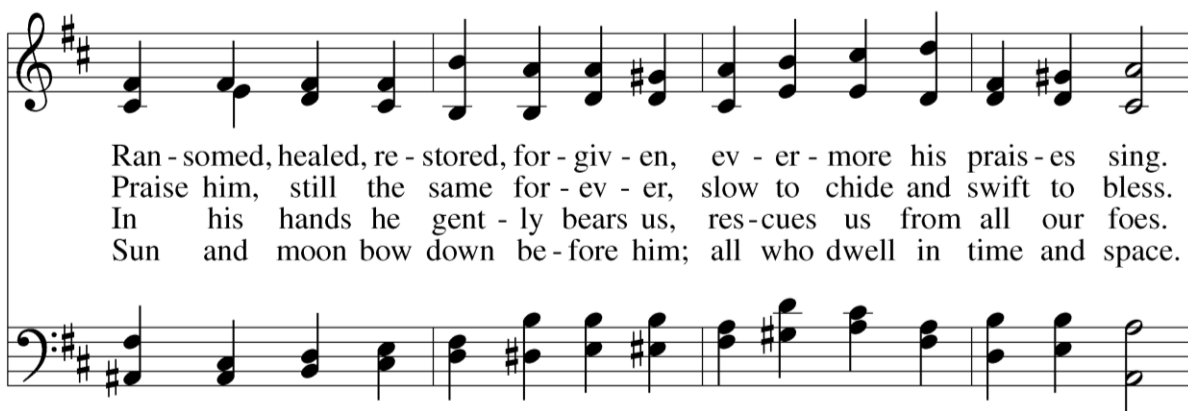
Home is a welcome at the door,
Home is acceptance.

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 Ten - der - 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.

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.

Gracious God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated.

THE WORD

FIRST READING • I Corinthians 12:4-7, 14-18, 27

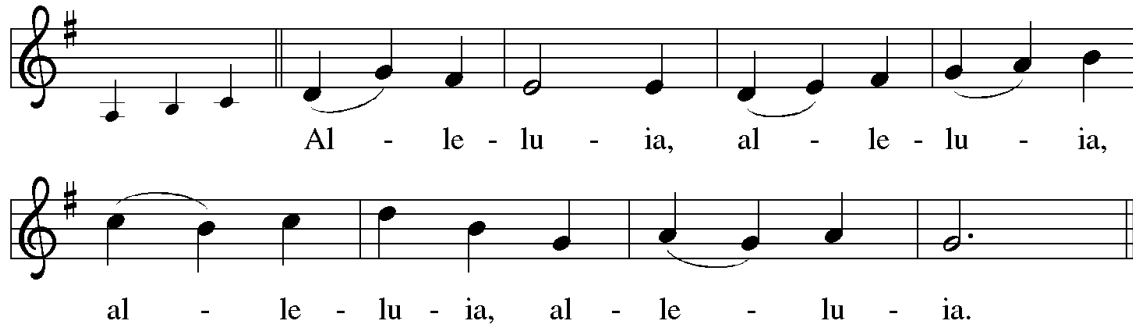
The apostle and pastor Paul uses the metaphor of the human body to describe how intimately connected we are in the church. For this struggling congregation in Corinth, Paul delivers a vital message of unity that is a mark of the church today.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION • ELW *Setting One*



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

GOSPEL READING • Matthew 22:35-39

Put on the spot by the Pharisees, Jesus displays wisdom by summarizing the law of God in just two commandments.

The holy gospel according to Saint Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

One of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” He said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

HOMEcomings REFLECTION

Pastor Miller

Please stand as you are able.

I am the church! You are the church! We are the church to -

geth - er! All who fol - low Je - sus,

all a - round the world! Yes, we're the church to - geth - er!

1 The church is not a build - ing, the church is not a stee - ple,
2 We're man - y kinds of peo - ple, with man - y kinds of fac - es,

to Refrain
the church is not a rest - ing place, the church is a peo - ple.
all col - ors and all a - ges, too, from all times and plac - es.

APOSTLE'S 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.

INSTALLATION OF 2024-2025 COUNCIL

You who are called to a specific ministry of leadership here at Saint Luke, the 2024-25 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.

DEDICATION OF BAPTISMAL FONT & WORSHIP FURNISHINGS

Friends in Christ, today we give thanks to God, and we seek God's blessing as we set apart this new baptismal font to the glory of God. From Psalm 29: The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the Lord is upon the mighty waters. O Lord, give strength to your people; give them, O Lord, the blessings of peace.

From Second Corinthians: Let us read together:

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new.

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring, you are the font of rebirth. Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for cloud and rain, for dew and snow. Your waters are below us, around us, above us: our life is born in you. You are the fountain of resurrection. Praise to you for your saving waters. Praise to you for the water of baptism and for your Word that claims us in this sacrament. Breathe your Spirit into all who are gathered here and into all creation. Illumine our days. Enliven our bones. Dry our tears. Satisfy all our thirst with your living water, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Let us pray:

Triune God, bless this baptismal font which we set apart today; may these material things of your creation, shaped by human hands, draw our hearts to you and your everlasting promise.

Amen.

This font is now dedicated to the glory of God and for the healing and wholeness of all. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

We dedicate to the glory of God the processional cross and new wooden worship furnishings. Accept this cross which we offer in thanksgiving; may this sign of your Son's triumph draw us to him who leads us with his banner of salvation.

Amen.

Accept these worship furnishings we offering in thanksgiving. May they serve to share the sacrament of Holy Communion as well as other ways of giving honor and glory to your holy name.

Amen.

Bring us at length to your perfect kingdom, where you live and reign with the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

All may share a sign of Peace.

Please be seated.

THE 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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM • *God Be In My Head*
Schola Cantorum

Rob Landes

OFFERING PRAYER

Please stand as you are able.

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.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

Please pray in your own preferred language.

**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

All are invited to the Lord's table, a table of grace and mercy. There are 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:

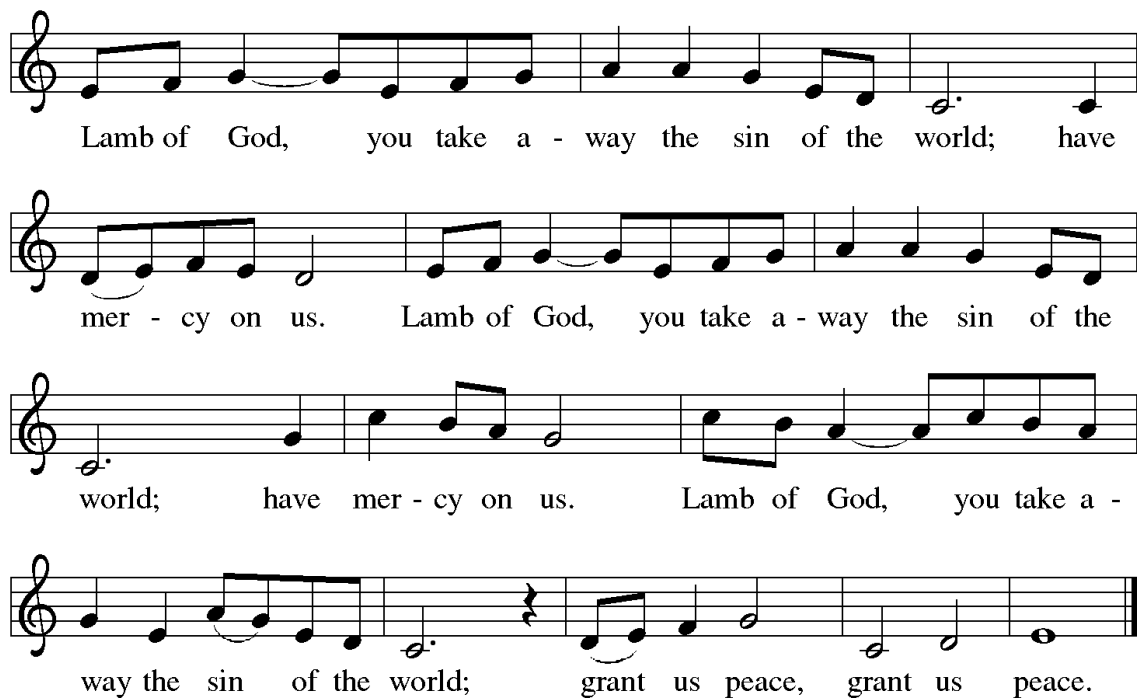
The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

The communicant may say:

Amen.

AGNUS DEI • ELW *Setting One*



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, grant us peace.

COMMUNION ANTHEM • *Bread of Life* *Schola Cantorum*

Joel Raney

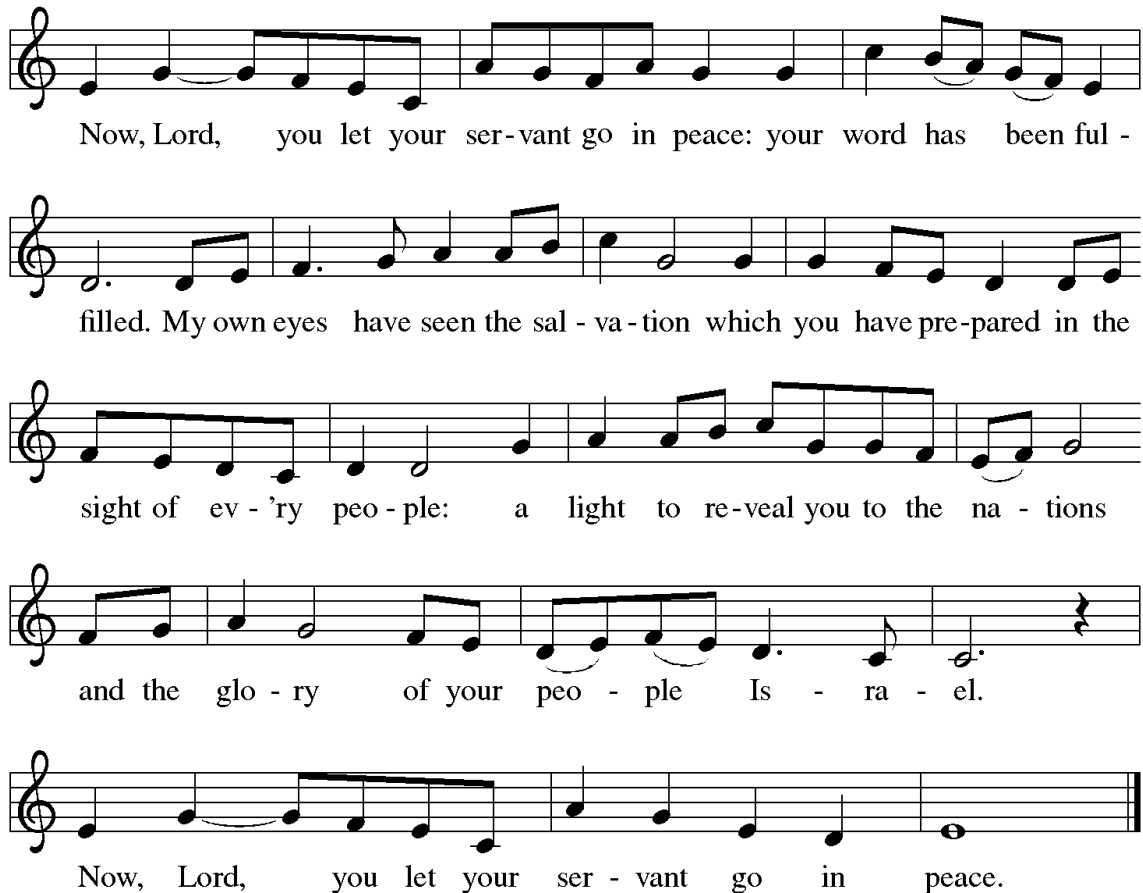
POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

Please stand as you are able.

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

Amen.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE • ELW *Setting One*



Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful -
filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre-pared in the
sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the na - tions
and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.
Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace.

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.**

RECOGNITION OF CHEF HOWARD HARRIS FOR 25 YEARS OF SERVICE

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.**

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 • *Imperial March, Op. 32*

Edward Elgar (1857–1934)

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WORSHIP LEADERS

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The Rev. Richard Zawistoski
Confirmation Pastor

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Deacon Kyle Warfield
Director of Discipleship and High School Ministries

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Sunday Shomari
Council Member

CRUCIFER

Carlos Esquivel
Campus Associate

MUSICIANS

Adam Scott Graham
Director of Music

Schola Cantorum

THE FLOWERS ABOUT THE ALTAR are given to the glory of God and in honor of Chef Howard Harris' 25 years of service.

- **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13**
- **FESTIVAL OF ST. LUKE, EVANGELIST**
- **OUR NAME SUNDAY**

and

**God's work.
Our hands.**

8:45 and 11:15 AM

MORNING WORSHIP

Holy Communion, Anointing of Hands

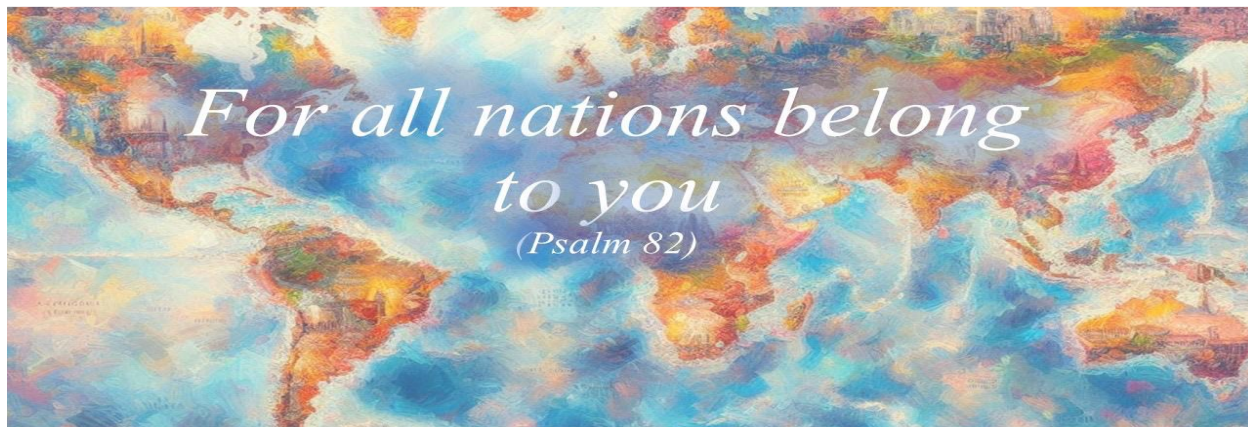
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SERVICE PROJECT FOR ALL AGES

Congregation Service Project Benefiting Border Servant Corps (BSC)
Creating Clothing Bags to be Sent to BSC

****New, with no logos or images**** medium men's unisex sweatshirts & sweatpants (no logos or images), medium men's socks (size 5-9), medium men's briefs, – all can be placed in blue bins in Fireside Room or Hallways

Discipleship in a Democracy: Responding to the Threat of Christian Nationalism



**Concerned about threats to democracy in America,
occasioned by the rise of Christian Nationalism?**

Plan to participate in this event:

**Friday October 25 – Saturday October 26, 2024
Saint Luke Lutheran Church
9100 Colesville Road, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910**

Details and Registration WWW.FLIV.US

Featuring

- The Honorable Jamie Raskin
- Amanda Tyler, Christians Against Christian Nationalism
 - Roger Willer, Theological Ethics, ELCA
 - Amy Reumann, Witness in Society, ELCA
- Paul Wee, Human Rights Advocate, Professor, Author
 - Michael Grzonka, Luther Studies, Germany
- Bruk Ayele Asale, Mekane Yesus Seminary, Ethiopia
 - Other International Leaders
- Special message from The Rev. Elizabeth Eaton, Presiding Bishop of the ELCA

THIS WEEK AT SAINT LUKE

SUNDAY, September 8 – Homecoming

Sunday

- 8:30am Tech Rehearsal
- 8:45am Schola Cantorum
- 10:00am Worship (Hybrid)**
- 11:00am Homecoming Celebration
- 5:00pm San Lucas Fellowship
- 5:00pm AA

MONDAY, September 9

- 9:00am CDS Classes
- 1:30pm CDS Aftercare
- 1:30pm CDS Staff Meeting
- 6:00pm Yoga

TUESDAY, September 10

- 9:00am CDS Classes
- 10:00am Mary/Martha Circle (Hybrid)
- 1:30pm Program Staff Meeting
- 1:30pm CDS Aftercare
- 4:00pm Piano Lessons
- 6:30pm Cub Scouts
- 7:00pm Council Meeting
- 7:00pm Reformation Bells

WEDNESDAY, September 11

- 9:00am CDS Classes
- 10:00am Women in Community
- 1:30pm CDS Aftercare
- 5:30pm RSCM Choristers
- 7:30pm Schola Cantorum

THURSDAY, September 12

- 9:00am CDS Classes
- 1:30pm CDS Aftercare
- 5:30pm Back to School Night
- 7:30pm Centering Prayer (Zoom)
- 8:30pm AA

FRIDAY, September 13

- 9:00am CDS Classes
- 1:30pm CDS Aftercare

SATURDAY, September 14

- 8:30am Men's Group
- 9:30am AA
- 11:00am Al-Anon

SUNDAY, September 15 – Pentecost 17B

- 7:30am Tech Rehearsal
- 8:00am Schola Cantorum
- 8:45am Worship (Hybrid)**
- 10:00am Sunday School
- 10:00am Affirmation of Baptism Class
- 10:00am Up For Discussion (Hybrid)
- 11:15am Worship (Hybrid)**
- 5:00pm AA
- 5:00pm Misa Español**
- 6:00pm Reception

NB: Worship Services are in person and livestreamed