



SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
September 15, 2024 at 8:45am & 11:15am

Saint Luke Lutheran Church and School
9100 Colesville Road, Silver Spring, MD
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This day we rejoice with all who attended the ELCA National Youth and Young Adult Gathering this summer in New Orleans. Scripture readings and the sermon time will be sharing from all who attended.

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE • *Impromptu on "SLANE"*

Adam Scott Graham

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.

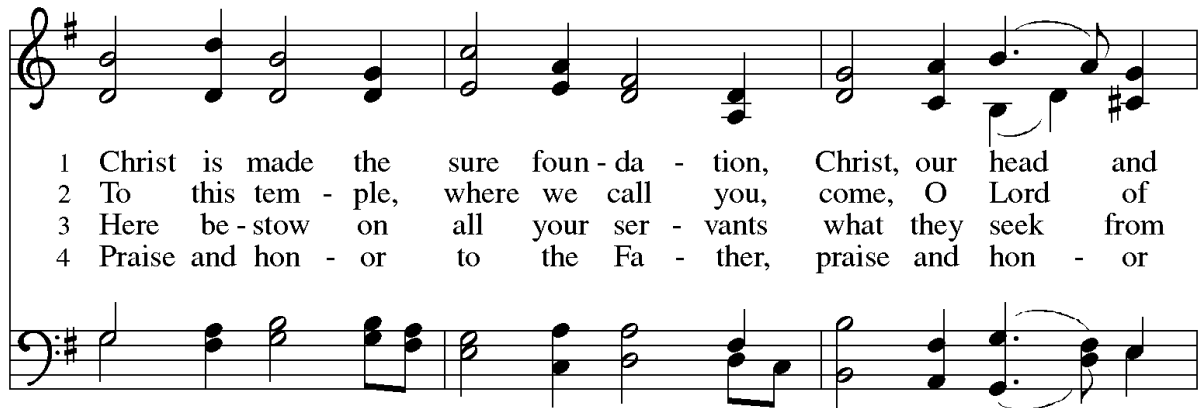
Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

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.

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.**

(8:45) *Verse 3 – Choir only*



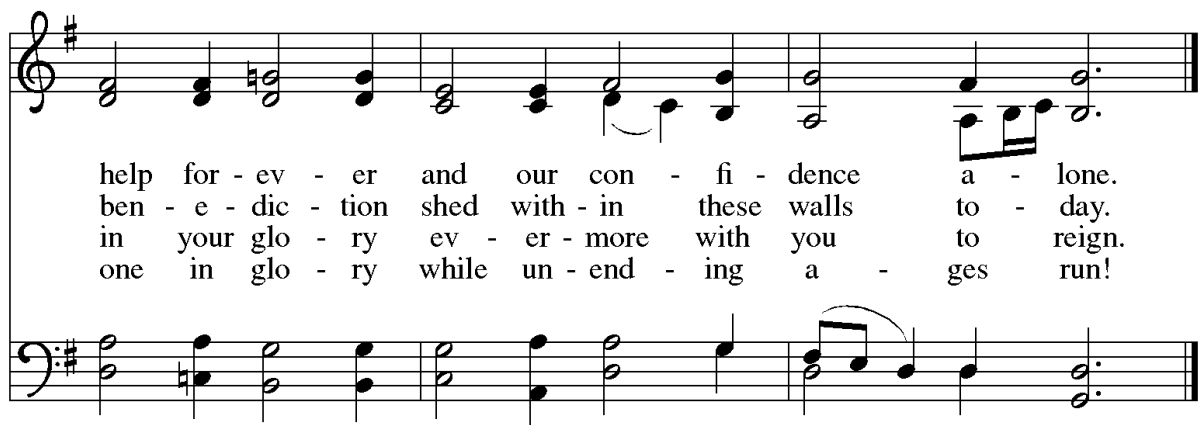
1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ, our head and
 2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O Lord of
 3 Here be - stow on all your ser - vants what they seek from
 4 Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, praise and hon - or



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!

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.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE • ELW *Setting One*

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



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



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



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2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to



Refrain
hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Verse 3 on next page

3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -
 gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.
 This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated.

THE WORD

FIRST READING • Acts 8:26-39

Youth Gathering Theme Scripture

Led by the Spirit, Philip encounters an Ethiopian official who is returning to his African home after having been to Jerusalem to worship. Philip uses their encounter to proclaim the gospel to him. Upon coming to faith in Jesus, he is baptized by Philip.

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over to this chariot and join it.” So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah.

He asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” He replied, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: “Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.” The eunuch asked Philip, “About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?” He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALTER • Psalm 139:13-16

- 13 **I will thank you because I am marvelously made;
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.**
- 14 **My body was not hidden from you,
while I was being made in secret ' and woven in the depths of the earth.**
- 15 **Your eyes beheld my limbs, ' yet unfinished in the womb;
all of them were written in your book; *
they were fashioned day by day, '
when as yet there was none of them.**
- 16 **How deep I find your thoughts, O God! *
how great is the sum of them!**

SECOND READING • Romans 12:2

Youth Gathering Theme Scripture

Paul implores believers to be transformed by the renewing of their minds.

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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

YOUTH GATHERING REFLECTION

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY • *Praise The Lord, O My Soul!*

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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Drawn together in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray with confidence for the church, God's good creation, and all who are in need.

After each portion of the prayers:

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

The prayers conclude:

We entrust these and all our prayers to you, holy God, in the name of your beloved child, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

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:

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9100 Colesville Road
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(8:45) OFFERTORY ANTHEM • *In the Beauty of your Holiness*
Schola Cantorum

Cindy Berry

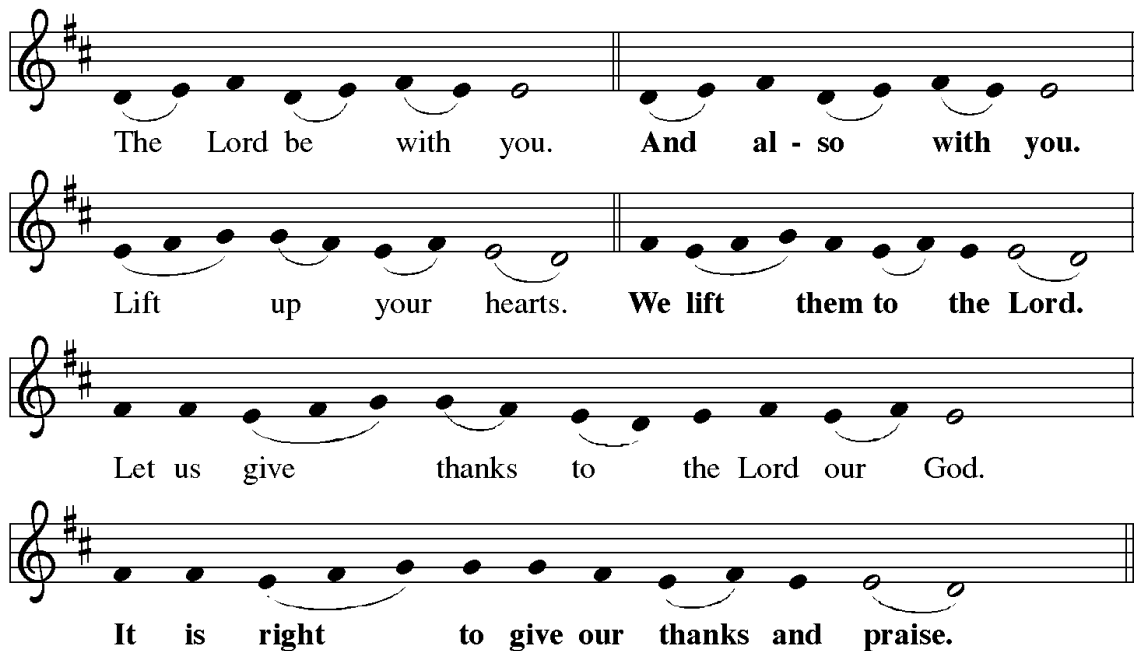
OFFERING PRAYER

Please stand as you are able.

Let us pray.

Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, 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:

SANCTUS • ELW *Setting One*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.

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

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.
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:

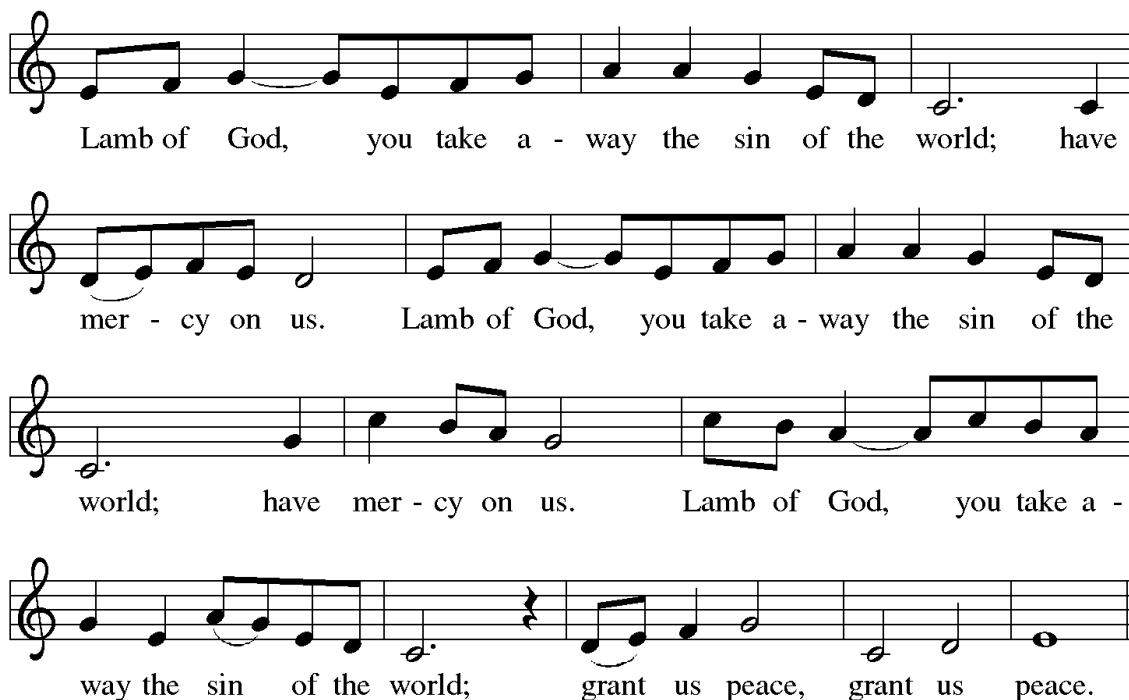
The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

The communicant may say:

Amen.

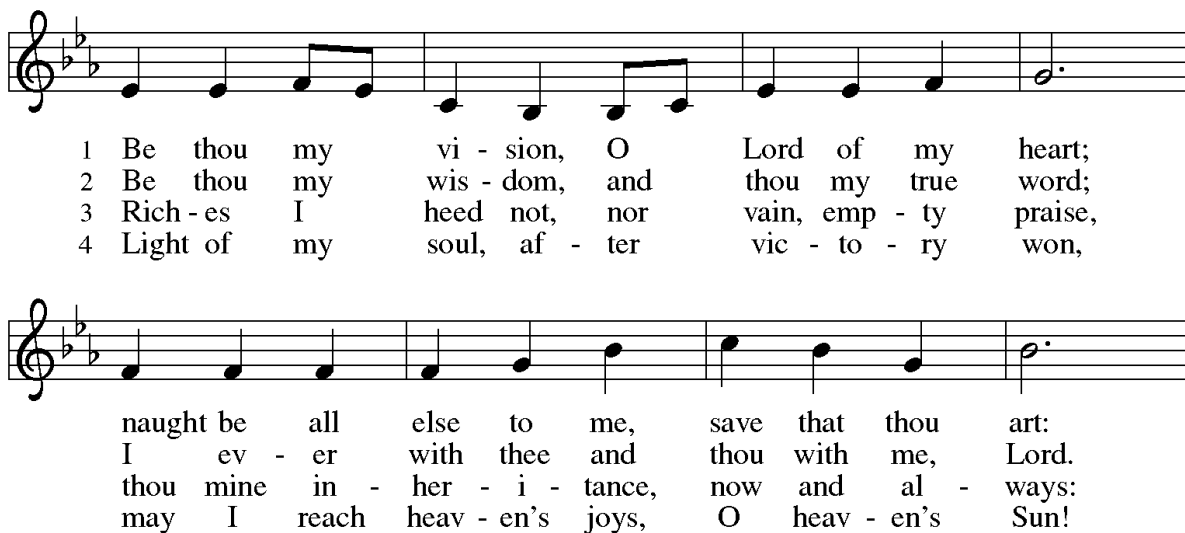
AGNUS DEI • ELW *Setting One*



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 HYMN • ELW 793 *Be Thou My Vision*

SLANE



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,
naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!

thou my best thought both by day and by night,
 Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,
 thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
 great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

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.

NUNC DIMITIS • 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.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN • ELW 654 *The Church's One Foundation*

AURELIA

1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,
4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,
5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,

she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.
her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:
by schisms . . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;
and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'The Church's One Foundation'. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The key signature is two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system. The first system contains the first five lines of the hymn. The second system contains the next five lines. The third system contains the final five lines. The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with block chords and single notes.

From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
 one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"
 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,
 Oh, bless - ed heav'n-ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,

with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
 and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
 that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE • *Toccata in B minor*

Eugène Gigout (1844–1925)

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WORSHIP LEADERS

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The Rev. Connie A. Miller

Senior Pastor

The Rev. Richard Zawistoski

Confirmation Pastor

READERS

Cynthia Bonilla

Nicole Diaz Mejia

YOUTH GATHERING PRESENTATION

Deacon Warfield and Gathering Participants

MUSICIANS

Adam Scott Graham

Director of Music

COMMUNION SERVERS

Gerson Vasquez

Andrew Vigliotta

Schola Cantorum (8:45am)

Youth Gathering Participants: Abraham Guamuch, Michelle Wagoner, Nicole Diaz Mejia, Cynthia Bonilla, Anderson Esquivel, Gerson Vasquez, Andrew Vigliotta, Bailey Sullivan, Natalie Ugarte, Suleyma Alfaro, and Deacon Warfield.

The Flowers About the Altar are given to the glory of God by the family of Adam Dooly, in celebration of his upcoming wedding to Keren Contreras, Saturday, September 21. May God bless them both with a lifetime of shared love and joy.

COMMEMORATIONS:

Monday, September 16: Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage, martyr, died around 258 – 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.

Tuesday, September 17: Hildegard, Abbess of Bingen, died 1179 – A mystic who was widely influential within the church, Hildegard advised and reproved kings and popes, wrote poems and hymns, and produced treatises in medicine, theology, and natural history. She was also a musician and artist.

Wednesday, September 18: Dag Hammarskjöld, renewer of society, died 1961 – A Swedish diplomat, Hammarskjöld served as the second Secretary General of the United Nations until his death in a plane crash while trying to negotiate peace in present-day Zambia. His journal, published as *Markings*, revealed the depth of his Christian faith.

Friday, September 20: Nelson Wesley Trout, bishop, died 1996 (TFF) – A native of Ohio, Trout served parishes in several parts of the United States before being elected bishop of the South Pacific District of the American Lutheran Church, the first African American Lutheran to serve in such a capacity.

Saturday, September 21: Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist – Matthew (or Levi) was a tax collector in Capernaum for the Roman government. Tax collectors were frequently despised for dishonesty and for assisting the occupiers. Jesus nevertheless showed love for them, and chose Matthew to be a disciple.

FAITH FORMATION BEGINS **TODAY** FOR ALL AGES



SUNDAY SCHOOL:

PreK (Children who turned 4 yrs old by 9/1/2024)-Second Grade class led by Siah Annand and Melissa Groen

3rd-5th Grade class led by Jacky Martin and Annika Dodrill

****All Sunday School children meet in rooms 101-102 to begin class.**

CONFIRMATION:

6th-8th Grade Confirmation classes are led by Pastor Rich Zawistoski, Annika Dodrill, Willard Unkenholz, Liz Garifo, and Brooke Linsenbardt in the Great Hall

The lesson focus this year will be on the Small Catechism. There is a rotational three cycle of Old Testament, New Testament, and Small Catechism.

SLSHY+ (SAINT LUKE SENIOR HIGH YOUTH and YOUNG ADULTS):

The class is led Deacon Warfield on the deck (weather permitting) or in the living room of the house at 915 Highland Drive (across the driveway from the Great Hall and enter through the back door).

LET'S TALK

Led by Saint Luke pastors

Presentations, discussions examining contemporary social, theological, societal issues.
(Specific Dates /Topics To Be Announced)

10:15 a.m. in the Sanctuary or Fireside Room (Specific Dates/Topics To Be Announced)

(The first Let's Talk will be September 22. Join Bishop Graham and Pastor Miller in a discussion about the ELCA statement on civic life and faith, the relationship between the church and the state, Christian Nationalism, and much more!)

UP FOR DISCUSSION

Reading and discussing *The Psychology of Christian Nationalism: Why People are Drawn In and How to Talk Across the Divide* by Pamela Cooper-White.

10:00 a.m. in the Media Center (2nd floor) and on Zoom

WEEKLY:

Faith Connections led by Pastor Nuss

Discusses the lessons for the coming Sunday and how they relate to our lives.

Wednesdays at 7:00 a.m. on Zoom

Women in Community

The group is watching and discussing the series “The Chosen.”

Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. in the Media Center

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES:

Book and Video Discussion

Discuss a book (read prior) or a video (viewed at event). On September 27, the group will discuss *The House Is on Fire* by Rachel Beanland.

Meets in the Great Hall at **7:00 p.m.** on the 4th **Friday** of month

Men’s Group

Gathers for Bible study, breakfast, and fellowship. They are studying Romans.

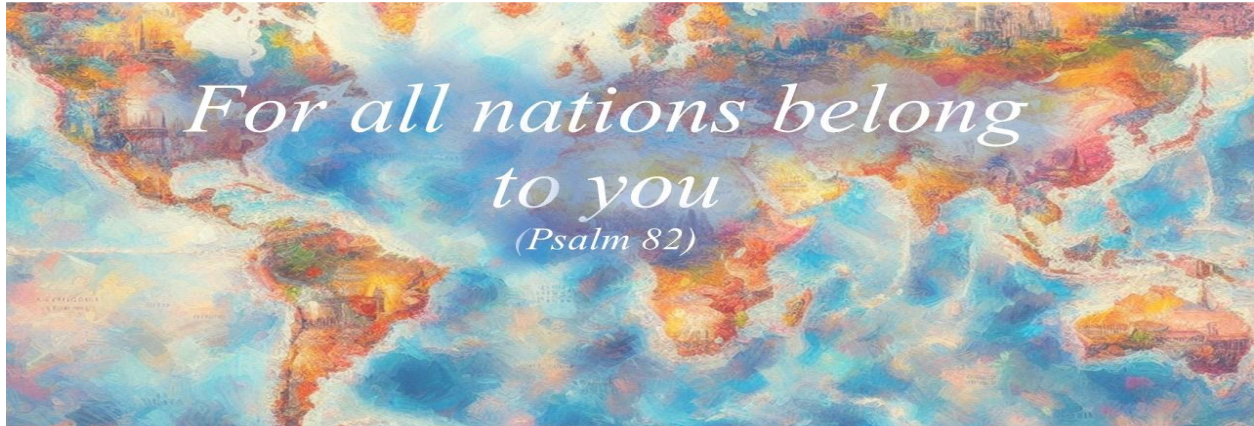
Meets in the Fireside Room between **8-11:30 a.m.** on the **2nd Saturday** of the month.

Mary-Martha Circle (Women of the ELCA)

Will meet via Zoom at **10:00 a.m.** on the **2nd Tuesday** of the month.

The Circle uses Bible studies from the Gather magazine, the official magazine of the Women of the ELCA.

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**

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

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

8:45 and 11:15

MORNING WORSHIP

Holy Communion, Anointing of Hands

Giving Thanks for Ministries of Healing

10:00

SERVICE PROJECT FOR ALL AGES

Congregation Service Project Benefiting Border Servant Corps (BSC)

Las Cruces, New Mexico

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**

THIS WEEK AT SAINT LUKE

SUNDAY, September 15—Pentecost 17

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 Misa Español
5:00pm AA
6:00pm Reception

MONDAY, September 16

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

TUESDAY, September 17

9:00am CDS Classes
1:30pm CDS Aftercare
7:00pm Reformation Bells

WEDNESDAY, September 18

9:00am CDS Classes
10:00am Women in Community
12:30pm Montgomery Conference Meeting
1:30pm CDS Aftercare
5:30pm RSCM Choristers
7:30pm Schola Cantorum

THURSDAY, September 19

9:00am CDS Classes
10:00am Fire Drill
10:00am CDS Yoga
1:30pm CDS Aftercare
7:30pm Centering Prayer (Zoom)
8:30pm AA

FRIDAY, September 20

9:00am CDS Classes

SATURDAY, September 21

9:30am Quilters
9:30am AA
10:00am CPR Training
11:00am Al-Anon

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5:00pm AA

NB: Worship Services are in person and livestreamed