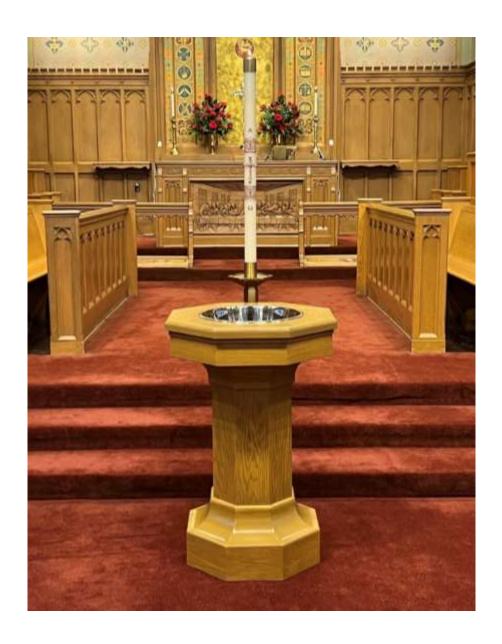
Trinity Sunday

June 15, 2025 at 10am



Saint Luke Lutheran Church & School

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"O Lord our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!" Today we celebrate the holy Trinity. Paul writes that through Jesus we have peace with God, whose love pours into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, giving us lasting hope.

We celebrate the gracious One-in-Three, eternal Three-in-One, as we worship in community; as we share water and word, bread and wine; and as we bring God's love and hope to our neighbors.

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

Enigma Variations, Op. 35, No. 9 – Nimrod Sir Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

WELCOMING & OPENING

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit:

Glory to you forever!

Speaker, Word, and Breath of Life:

Glory to you forever!

Font of Blessing, Living Water, Flowing River:

Glory to you forever!

Compassionate Mother, Beloved Child, Life-Giving Womb:

Glory to you forever!

Sun, Light, and Burning Ray:

Glory to you forever!

Giver, Gift, and Giving:

Glory to you forever!

Lover, Beloved, and Love itself:

Glory to you forever!

Rock, Cornerstone, and Temple:

Glory to you forever!

Consuming Fire, Dividing Sword, Overpowering Storm:

Glory to you forever!

Rainbow of Promise, Ark of Salvation, Dove of Peace:

Glory to you forever!

God who was, God who is to come:

Glory to you forever!

Almighty and ever-living God, you have given us grace, by our confession of faith, to acknowledge and worship your triune name in the majesty of your unity. Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your eternal glory, one God, now and forever.

Amen.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

THE WORD

FIRST READING Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

In the Bible, wisdom is portrayed in terms sometimes human and sometimes divine. Often, wisdom is personified as feminine. In this passage, Woman Wisdom is depicted not only as the first creation of God, but also as God's helper, rejoicing in God's creation, especially in human beings.

Does not wisdom call and understanding raise her voice? On the heights, beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand; beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries out: "To you, O people, I call, and my cry is to all who live. "The Lord created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago. Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth, when he had not yet made earth and fields or the world's first bits of soil. When he established the heavens, I was there; when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, then I was beside him, like a master worker, and I was daily his delight, playing before him always, playing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALTER PSALM 8



- 1 O Lord our <u>Lord</u>, how majestic is your name in all the <u>earth!</u>—
- 2 you whose glory is chanted above the heavens 'out of the mouths of infants and <u>children</u>; you have set up a fortress against your enemies, 'to silence the foe and a<u>venger</u>.
- 3 When I consider your heavens, 'the work of your <u>fingers</u>, the moon and the stars you have set in their <u>courses</u>,
- 4 what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of <u>them</u>, human beings that you should care for <u>them</u>?
- 5 Yet you have made them little less than divine; with glory and honor you <u>crown them</u>.
- 6 You have made them rule over the works of your <u>hands</u>; you have put all things under their <u>feet</u>:
- 7 all flocks and <u>cattle</u>, even the wild beasts of the field,
- *8 the birds of the air, ' the fish of the <u>sea</u>, and whatever passes along the paths of the <u>sea</u>.
- 9 O Lord our <u>Lord</u>, how majestic is your name in all the <u>earth!</u>

SECOND READING Romans 5:1-5

Paul describes the life of faith with reference to God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. Even now, we have peace with God through Jesus, and our hope for the future is grounded in the love of God that we experience through Christ's Holy Spirit.

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav-ing word.



Let it burn like fire with-in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



GOSPEL READING John 16:12-15

Jesus' ongoing presence with the disciples will be made known through the coming Spirit who will guide them and communicate to them Jesus' will and glory.

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said,] "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Pastor Miller

Following the Sermon, please stand as you are able for the Hymn of the Day.



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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Drawn into the embrace of the holy Trinity, we lift our prayers for the wholeness of the church, the world, and all creation.

After each portion of the prayers:

God, three-in-one, hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

Gather all our prayers in your mercy, O God, through 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 <u>saintlukegive.us</u> or place it in the offering plate, or use this QR code with your device to securely give your Offering.

You may also mail your checks to:

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Be Still Jane Holstein (b. 1958)

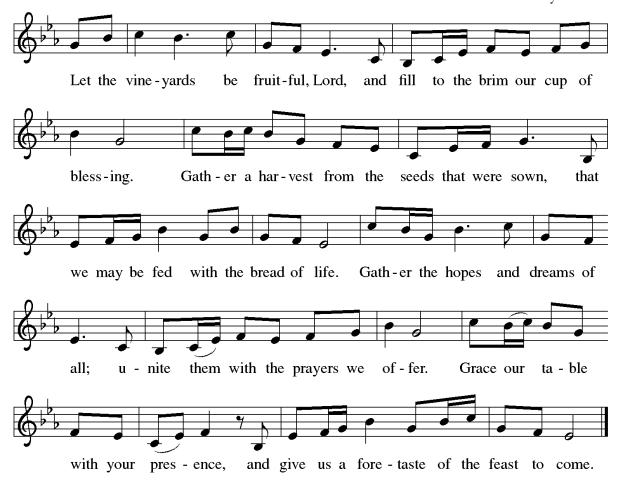
Be still, for the spirit of the Lord, the Holy One, is here. Come, bown before him now, with reverence and with fear. In him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground. Be still, for the spirit of the Lord, the Holy One, is here.

Bet still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around; he burns with with holy fire, with splendor he is crowned. How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of Light! Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place. He comes to cleanse and heald, to minister his grace. No work too hard for him, in faith receive from him. Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God almighty, Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee. Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty, God in three person, blessed trinity.

The offering is received and is presented at the altar. Please stand as you are able..



OFFERING PRAYER

Please stand as you are able.

Let us pray.

Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

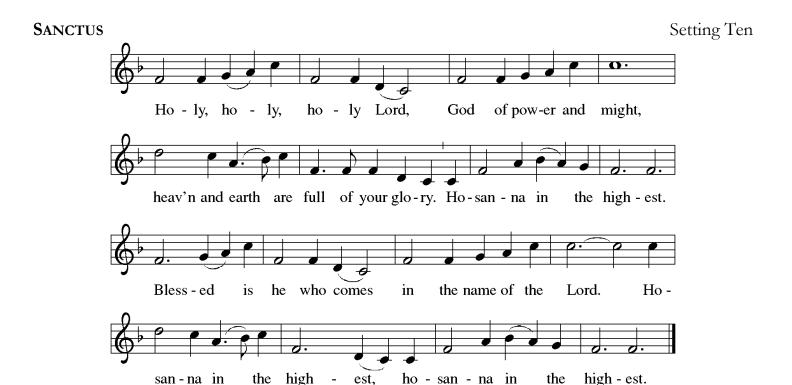
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three! Before all that is, you were God. Outside all we know, you are God. After all is finished, you will be God. Archangels sound the trumpets, angels teach us their song, saints pull us into your presence. And this is our song:



Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three! You beyond the galaxies, you under the oceans, you inside the leaves, you pouring down rain, you opening the flowers, you feeding the insects, you giving us your image, you carrying us through the waters, you hold us in the night; your smily on Sarah and Abraham, your hand with Moses and Miriam, your words through Deborah and Isaiah; you lived as Jesus among us, healing, teaching, dying, rising, inviting us all to your feast.

In the night in which he was betrayed, he 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.

Holy God, we remember your Son, his life with the humble, his death among the wretched, his resurrection for us all: Your wisdom our guide, your justice our strength, your grace our path to rebirth.

And so we cry, Mercy:

Mercy!

And so we cry, Glory:

Glory!

And so we cry, Blessing:

Blessing!

Holy God, we beg for your Spirit: Enliven this bread, awaken this body, pour us out for each other. Transfigure our minds, ignite your church, nourish the life of the earth. Make us, while many, united, make us, though broken, whole, make us, despite death, alive.

And so we cry, Come, Holy Spirit:

Come, Holy Spirit!

And so the church shouts, Come, Holy Spirit:

Come, Holy Spirit!

And so the earth pleads, Come, Holy Spirit:

Come, Holy Spirit!

You, Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three, our Life, our Mercy, our Might, our Table, our Food, our Server, our Rainbow, our Ark, our Dove, our Sovereign, our Water, our Wine, our Light, our Treasure, our Tree, our Way, our Truth, our Life. You, Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three! Praise now, praise tomorrow, praise forever.

And so we cry, Amen, amen:

Amen, amen!

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 nosostros 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

The kingdom of God is set before us.

Come, let us rejoice.

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.

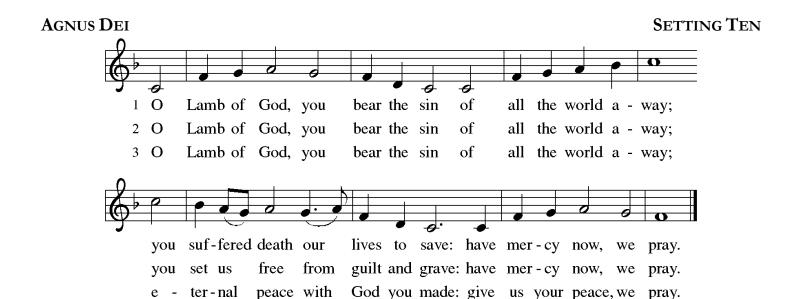
(Gluten-free wafers are available; please ask your server)

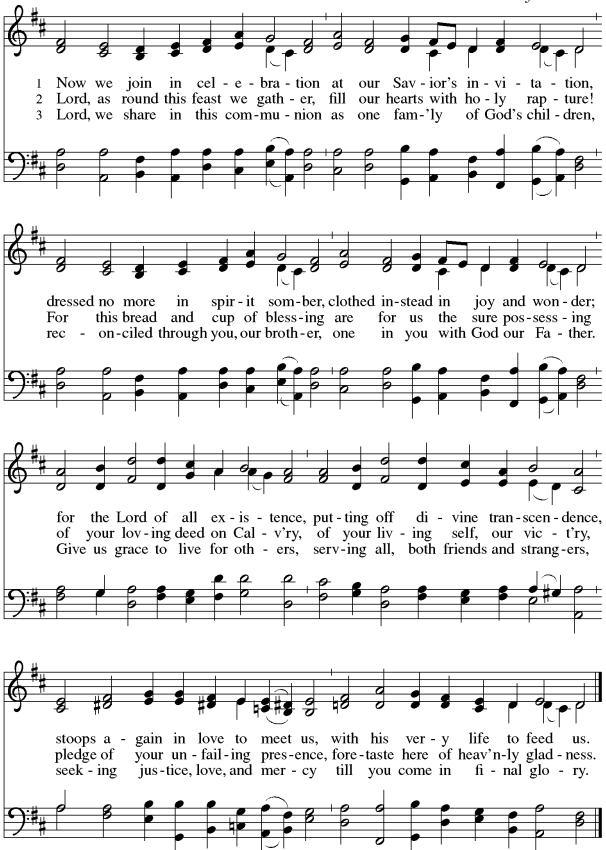
Then receive in the individual cup the blood of Christ. You may deposit your cup in the basket near the side wall. Those who wish to receive a blessing instead of the Lord's supper are also encouraged to come forward. Those who wish to receive the sacrament in the pew, please inform an usher. All are 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.



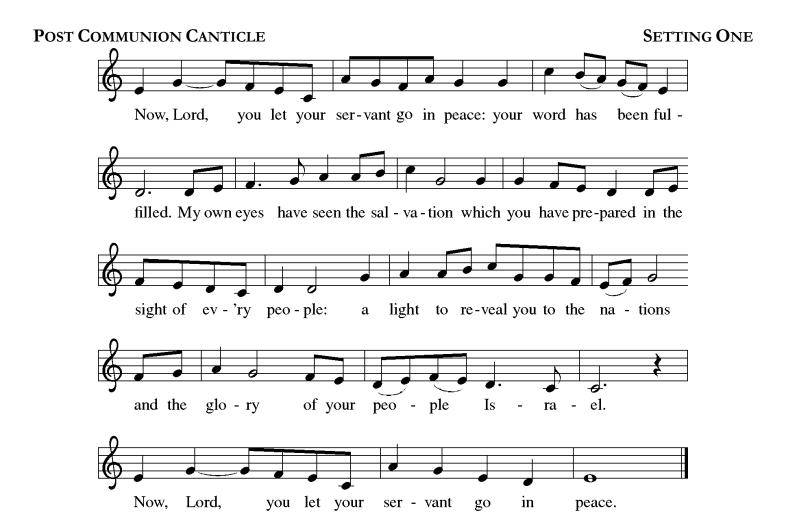


POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

Please stand as you are able.

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

Amen.



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Mothering God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.

Amen.

BLESSING

The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit + bless you and give you peace.

Amen.



CHORAL BENEDICTION

Go Ye Now in Peace Joyce Eilers (1941-2009)

Go ye now in peace, and know that the love of God will guide you, Feel God's presence here beside you, showing you the way. In your time of trouble, when hurt and despair are there to greet you, Know that the Lord will never leave you; God will give you courage! Know that the God who sent our Lord to die that you might live Will never leave you lost and alone in this beloved world. Go ve now in peace. Amen.

(Sevenfold Amen by Peter C. Lutkin, 1858-1931, is added to the end and not part of the original work.)

POSTLUDE

Suite in D Major, HWV 349 – No. 2 Hornpipe George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)



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UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS

Emanuel Nine, martyrs, died 2015 Tuesday, June 17, 2025

On June 17, 2015, Clementa C. Pinckney, Cynthia Marie Graham Hurd, Susie Jackson, Ethel Lee Lance, DePayne Middleton-Doctor, Tywanza Sanders, Daniel Lee Simmons, Sharonda Coleman-Singleton, and Myra Thompson were murdered by a self-professed white supremacist while they were gathered for Bible study and prayer at the Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church (often referred to as Mother Emanuel) in Charleston, South Carolina. Pastors Pinckney and Simmons were both graduates of the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary. A resolution to commemorate June 17 as a day of repentance for the martyrdom of the Emanuel Nine was adopted by the Churchwide Assembly of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America on August 8, 2019. Congregations of the ELCA are encouraged reaffirm their commitment to repenting of the sins of racism and white supremacy which continue to plague this church, to venerate the martyrdom of the Emanuel Nine, and to mark this day of penitence with study and prayer.

Onesimos Nesib, translator, evangelist, died 1931 Saturday, June 21, 2025

Onesimos was born in Ethiopia. Captured, enslaved, and taken to Eritrea, he was there freed by Swedish missionaries. He translated the Bible into his native Oromo and returned to preach there.

VBS ITEMS NEEDED: VBS IS NEXT WEEK!

The projects this year include creating personal care kits for Lutheran World Relief (LWR), creating dental hygiene and food kits for the Food Pantry, and much more. Can you help be part of these projects?

You can give monetarily at <u>www.saintlukegive.us</u> by donating to the line item that says *VBS Service Projects*. You can also bring in needed supplies, such as, toothpaste, mouthwash (18 oz or smaller sizes), deodorant, floss, bar soap, shampoo, or toothbrushes and place them in the blue VBS bin in the hallway. Most needed at the moment is toothpaste and mouthwash, but all items are helpful. The kits will be added to the Food Pantry bags to be given to clients in July.

If you have any questions, contact Melissa Groen at mgroen@saintluke.us. Thank you.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Sunday, July 13, 2025
Saint Luke Summer Celebration "Christmas in July!"

Today's Music:

ELW 413

Holy, Holy, Holy

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783–1826, alt. Music: John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

Tune: NICAEA

LBW 475

Come, Gracious Spirit

Text: Simon Browne, 1680-1732, alt. Music: William Knapp, 1698-1768

Tune: WAREHAM

ELW 184

Let The Vineyards Be Fruitful

Music: Music: Ronald A. Nelson, 1927-2014

ELW 462

Now We Join in Celebration

Text: Pentecost sequence; Taizé Community Music: Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994

Tune: TAIZÉ VENI SANCTE

ELW 414

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

Text: source unknown; tr. Clarence A.

Walworth, 1820-1900

Music: *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, Vienna, 1774 Tune: GROSSER GOTT, TE DEUM

Be Still (Choral Anthem)

It is safe to say that this anthem is one of, if not the most favorite anthems of our Schola Cantorum. Jane Holstein has provided a gentle, engaging setting of David Evans' worship song with the theme centering on the Holy Spirit. This lovely ballad concludes with the includsion of the first verse of "Holy, Holy," creating a worship opportunity to "be still, the Holy One is here." In our busy lives with everything we have to do, we hope you will take a moment today to be still, and know that God is with you always.

Go Ye Now in Peace (Choral Benediction)

This Joyce Eilers benediction is lovingly shared today as the closing piece for this year's choral season. After each Schola Cantorum rehearsal, all are asked for their prayer petitions and a member of the ensemble leads us in prayer. Directly following prayer, a pitch is given and we end our evening together singing this very piece. What is evident in this work is that it is an all-encompasing closing prayer that recreates that family and ministry environment that we strive for. Joyce Eilers (July 28, 1941 – June 2, 2009), is recognized as one of the top choral composers in the country, with hundreds of compositions and arrangements in her catalog, best-selling methods for teaching sight-singing, and for her mentoring of young composers. She received her Bachelor of Music degree in 1963 from Oklahoma City University and a Master of Music degree from the University of Oregon in 1967, where she specialized in Music Education. She taught in the Oklahoma public schools and in Oregon and Washington for ten years at both elementary and secondary levels and was an instructor at Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, Washington. She was a popular visiting lecturer and clinician, appearing before many state music education conventions and universities. Her music is published by Schmitt Music, Studio PR, Heritage Press, Shawnee Press, Gentry Publications, Carl Fischer, Jenson Publications and Hal Leonard Corporation.

Schola Cantorum

Assisting in leading us in worship through music each week, primarily at the 8:45 a.m. service, Schola Cantorum meets on Wednesday nights (beginning September 3, 2025) at 7:30 p.m. On Sundays, the choir meets (beginning September 14, 2025) at 8:00 a.m. to prepare for worship. New members always welcome! Those interested please speak with Director of Music, Adam Scott Graham.

THIS WEEK AT SAINT LUKE

SUNDAY, June 15 – Trinity Sunday

8:30am Tech Rehearsal9:15am Schola Cantorum10:00am Worship (Hybrid)

5:00pm Worship 6:00pm Reception

MONDAY, June 16

TUESDAY, June 17

WEDNESDAY, June 18

7:00am Faith Connections (Zoom) 10:00am Women in Community 7:30pm AA

THURSDAY, June 19 Junteenth – Offices Closed

7:30pm Centering Prayer (Zoom)

FRIDAY, June 20

11:00am Mullican Memorial Service

12:00pm Food Ministry1:00pm VBS Decorating

2:00pm Parker Memorial Service

3:00pm Parker Reception

SATURDAY, June 21

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

SUNDAY, June 22 - Pentecost 2C

8:30am Tech Rehearsal

10:00am Worship (Hybrid)

11:00am Congregation Council Meeting