



## **Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**

July 25, 2021, 9:00 a.m.

St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Waukesha, WI

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**Helping people make life-changing connections with God through Jesus Christ.**

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**PRELUDE**

*Arabesque No. 1*

Claude Debussy

**CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

In the name of the Father,  
and of the † son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, ...  
of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**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,...

in the name of the Father,

and of the † son,

and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN *The Church of Christ, in Every Age*

ELW 729

1 The church of Christ, in ev - 'ry age be - set by  
 2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims  
 3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing  
 4 For he a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the  
 5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -

change, but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its  
 of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for  
 church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's  
 fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to  
 be - dience to our Lord; to care for all, with -

her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.  
 bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.  
 sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.  
 share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.  
 out re - serve, and spread his lib - er - at - ing word.

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## **APOSTOLIC 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**

Gracious God, you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that we may know your Son to be the true bread of heaven and share this bread with all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## **FIRST READING**

2 Kings 4:42-44

<sup>42</sup>A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to [Elisha,] the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat." <sup>43</sup>But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" So he repeated, "Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the Lord, 'They shall eat and have some left.' " <sup>44</sup>He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **SECOND READING**

Ephesians 3:14-21

<sup>14</sup>For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, <sup>15</sup>from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. <sup>16</sup>I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, <sup>17</sup>and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. <sup>18</sup>I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, <sup>19</sup>and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

<sup>20</sup>Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, <sup>21</sup>to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL**

John 6:1-21

The holy gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. <sup>2</sup>A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. <sup>3</sup>Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. <sup>4</sup>Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. <sup>5</sup>When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" <sup>6</sup>He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. <sup>7</sup>Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough

bread for each of them to get a little.”<sup>8</sup>One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to him,<sup>9</sup>“There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?”<sup>10</sup>Jesus said, “Make the people sit down.” Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all.<sup>11</sup>Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted.<sup>12</sup>When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, “Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.”<sup>13</sup>So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets.<sup>14</sup>When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, “This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.”

<sup>15</sup>When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

<sup>16</sup>When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea,<sup>17</sup>got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them.<sup>18</sup>The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing.<sup>19</sup>When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified.<sup>20</sup>But he said to them, “It is I; do not be afraid.”<sup>21</sup>Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

Pastor Jordan

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

ELW 674



1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:  
 2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,  
 3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.  
 teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.  
 gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!



Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

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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

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

## MISSION MOMENT

Amy Frieman

## OFFERING

*The Church of Christ, in Every Age*

Aaron David Miller

## OFFERTORY

*Praise and Thanksgiving*

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## OFFERING PRAYER

Jesus, Bread of life, ...your body for the life of the world.

**Amen.**

## DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

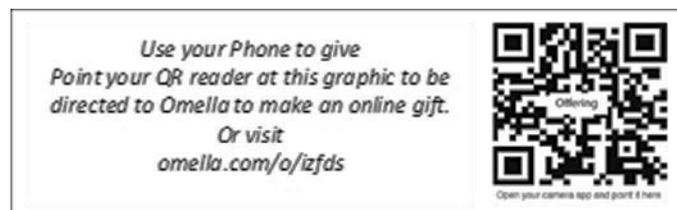
**And also with you.**

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.**



## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

**COMMUNION – Take Communion now**

(Used cups may be deposited in waxed paper bags located in each pew.)

**DISTRIBUTION**

*This Is Christ's Body*

Anne Krentz Organ

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Jesus, Bread of life,... In your name we pray.

**Amen.**

**BLESSING**

The blessing of God,  
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,  
✠ be upon you now and forever.

**Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN

*Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen*

ELW 548



1 Rise, O church, like Christ a - ris - en,  
 2 Rise, trans - formed, and choose to fol - low  
 3 Rise, re - mem - ber well the fu - ture  
 4 Ser - vice be our sure vo - ca - tion;



from this meal of love and grace;  
 af - ter Christ, though wound - ed, whole;  
 God has called us to re - ceive;  
 cour - age be our dai - ly breath;



may we through such love en - vi - sion  
 bro - ken, shared, our lives are hal - lowed  
 pres - ent by God's lov - ing nur - ture,  
 mer - cy be our des - ti - na - tion



whose we are, and whose, our praise.  
 to re - lease and to con - sole.  
 Spir - it - ed then let us live.  
 from this day and un - to death.



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



God, the won - der of our days.  
 Christ, our pres - ent, past, and goal.  
 Spir - it, grace by whom we live.  
 Rise, O church, a liv - ing faith.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE

Improvisation on *Rise, O Church*

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### In our prayers...

#### Special Prayers

Scott H, Dave A, Bryan M, Annette S, Chuck & Lynn, Abyan, Sherry T, Brian, John, Shirley, Anwaar, Flora, Mike, Janet K, Karen, Dale, Chris S, Bob, Don, Ryan, Paula, Jenny, Shelby, Marie, Deborah, Billy T, Mick, Char, Scott, Christopher, Paul, Joe K, Shannon, Dave, Stacy, Kathy, Mark, Barb, Graziano, Bob K, Janice, Jen, Terry, Elsie, Ben, Tom, Shane, Kenzie, Bev, Manny

#### Current Prayers

For all impacted by violence.

For peace, unity and healing within our country.

#### General Prayers

For all who are being bullied- especially children.

For shut-ins and the elderly and all who are lonely.

For those impacted by the weather throughout the world.

For those who have lost loved ones and all who grieve.

For all first responders, caregivers, and medical personnel and those whom they care for.

#### For Our Partner churches of Meru Diocese in Tanzania

For rain to heal the parched land.

For students, leaders of government, and for the Diocese.

For God's continued blessings on our partnership.

#### Those in Military Service

Daniel Krueger, Gary Bjerke, S. Kate Zelinger.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Ambo Flowers** this weekend are presented by Don & Anna French in honor of their 56<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, which was July 16th. Congratulations Don & Anna!

#### Music Camp Sunday Next Week

Come to the 9:00 Sunday worship next week to hear the music that our Summer Music Camp students have learned during their week together. We are so excited to host an in person music camp again this year, and make music together again.

## **Godsbells and Voices of Faith Start Rehearsals Soon**

Our adult ensembles will start rehearsing again on August 11<sup>th</sup> in preparation for our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration weekend of August 28/29. Godsbells, our handbell ensemble, rehearses on Wednesdays at 6:00 pm, and Voices of Faith, our adult choir, rehearses on Wednesdays at 7:30 pm. All are welcome to join, and if you have any questions, talk to Michael Schaner, Director of Music Ministries, or email him at [mschaner@stlukeslutheran.org](mailto:mschaner@stlukeslutheran.org).

## **Acolytes**

As in-person services resume, we will be restarting our acolyte program for our indoor services Saturday night at 5pm and Sunday mornings at 9am. This is a required part of our DT program. All current 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade youth should sign up using Ministry Scheduler. All 9<sup>th</sup> grade youth who were confirmed in Fall 2020 are encouraged to volunteer as they lost a year of acolyting due to the COVID shutdown. Youth who will be starting DT in the fall should contact the church office or Cari ([youth@stlukeslutheran.org](mailto:youth@stlukeslutheran.org)) so that training can be arranged.

**Trust in God's Power** - It's almost time to board the VBS train! Here's what you need to know:

- Each week new materials are added.
- Use the website at your convenience. It's open 24/7 through August 31<sup>st</sup>!
- The VBS website information will be given July 30<sup>th</sup> via Connections. You may contact either email below for Information as well.
- Our VBS site is password protected due to copywrite requirements. We will provide the password for you, your email information is not required.
- Your "ticket" is ready. There is no charge for VBS.

Join us virtually for 4 weeks as our St. Luke's train makes stops along the way to help us "Trust in God's Power". We will have music videos from Life Tree Kids, there are animals to meet, Bible Adventures, Chew-Chew Snacks and so much more! There will be a dedicated website where all the above can be found. Links for that site will be available via our weekly Connections email, on the St. Luke's Website and in the Bulletin. While content this year is geared toward our Pre 3K through 6<sup>th</sup> grade passengers, our First 100 Years Station is for passengers of all ages!

All Aboard as we travel through time beginning in 1921 (the birth year of St. Luke's) and continue along the tracks to 2021 and beyond! Journey with us as we see what happens as we "Trust in God's Power".

### *Boarding Dates (aka release dates)*

July 30 <sup>th</sup>	Jesus' power helps us do hard things.
Aug 6 <sup>th</sup>	Jesus' power gives us hope.
Aug 13 <sup>th</sup>	Jesus' power helps us to be bold.
Aug 20 <sup>th</sup>	Jesus' power helps us be good friends.

Our VBS Mission Project for this year will benefit The H.O.P.E. Center because Jesus' power gives us hope! Look for St. Luke's Connections on Friday July 30<sup>th</sup> so your family can climb aboard our VBS train! You may also contact Laurie at [lrohrwasser@stlukeslutheran.org](mailto:lrohrwasser@stlukeslutheran.org) with any questions. Website questions may be directed to [trustvirtualVBS@gmail.com](mailto:trustvirtualVBS@gmail.com) beginning July 30<sup>th</sup>.

## **St. Luke's History**

For the past year, Sharon Wood has been working on a history of our congregation, which includes the family of founding members. She is putting the finishing touches on this history, and would like to make sure that no one is missed.. If you have a family connection to the founding members, or any information that you wish to share, please reach out to Jennifer in the church office or Sharon as soon as possible.

## **Volunteers Still Needed**

We will be returning to our regular communion in the next few weeks. In order to do this, we are in need of more volunteers. Please prayerfully consider joining the Altar Guild, becoming a Communion Assistant, and/or ushering. "For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building." 1 Corinthians 3:9

## **GOSPEL MESSAGE**

**July 25, 2021**

**LECTIONARY 17**

**A Feast of Grace**

Five loaves of bread. Two fish. Thousands of hungry people. Baskets and baskets of leftovers. Today's gospel is a story of startling juxtaposition and miraculous transformation.

It is a story in which God comes in the way God always does—in ordinary elements and imperfect circumstances. Jesus gathers up perceived scarcity, holds questions and fears of inadequacy, and turns meager offerings into a feast of grace for all. And there is enough—enough for everyone to have as much as they could ever want, with plenty to spare. It's a feast that meets physical needs and nourishes physical bodies, and through the mystery of faith also unites the feasters with God and one another.

As we hear these words from John, we too are invited to this ordinary and holy feast. It's a feast that crosses time and space to welcome us in and to send us out. We too get to rejoice in the transformation that happens when we show up to worship, with hands open to receive and a deep hunger for new life.

We recognize our hunger in confession and prayer. We feast on the promises of God's word. We taste God's abundance at the communion table. We are drenched in God's generous love in the waters of baptism. We are joined with the other perfectly ordinary and holy banquetgoers as we raise our voices together in song. And we extend this exuberant lovingkindness to the world when we go forth from worship, filled with hope and prepared for service in Christ's name.

With Christ as the host, there is forever enough food for all. Christ's table is one brimming with grace. All of us are invited, just as we are, with whatever meager offerings we have. For we can trust that in Christ, it is more than enough.

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**Serving this Weekend:**

	<b><u>5:00</u></b>	<b><u>9:00</u></b>	<b><u>10:30</u></b>
Presiding	Rev. Jordan	Rev. Jordan	Rev. Jordan
Preaching:	Rev. Jordan	Rev. Jordan	Rev. Jordan
Lector:	Dan Jorvig	Jim Kieso	Sharon Wood
Ushers:	Harold Bloch	Kathy & Jay Fontaine	Cari Buskel-Thompson
Music:	Michael Schaner	Michael Schaner	Michael Schaner

**This Week at St. Luke's**

**Sunday, July 25, 2021**

9:00 a.m. Worship  
9:30 a.m. Mt. Meru Coffee Sale  
10:30 a.m. Outdoor Worship  
6:00 p.m. Men's AA

**Monday, July 26, 2021**

8:00 a.m. Amigos  
9:00 a.m. Music Camp  
6:45 p.m. Al-Anon  
8:00 p.m. Women's AA

**Tuesday, July 27, 2021**

9:00 a.m. Music Camp  
5:30 p.m. Personnel Committee

**Wednesday, July 28, 2021**

9:00 a.m. Music Camp  
7:00 p.m. NA

**Thursday, July 29, 2021**

9:00 a.m. Music Camp

**Friday, July 30, 2021**

9:00 a.m. Music Camp

**Saturday, July 31, 2021**

5:00 p.m. Worship

**Sunday, August 1, 2021**

9:00 a.m. Worship  
10:30 a.m. Outdoor Worship  
11:30 a.m. Executive Committee  
6:00 p.m. Men's AA

## **VISITING PASTORS SCHEDULE**

As part of our 100th Anniversary celebration, we have invited former pastors and Sons & Daughters of St. Luke's to be guest preachers throughout the summer and fall. Below is the current schedule. The full schedule, including the pastors who have already spoken, is available at the welcome center, or from an usher.

**August 14 & 15** – **Rev. Laura Gerstl-Beukema**, Spiritual Daughter of St. Luke's  
Dir. of Pastoral Care, Luther Manor, Wauwatosa, WI

**August 28 & 29** - **Bishop Paul Erickson**, Greater Milwaukee Synod of the ELCA

**September 11 & 12** - **Rev. Jonathan Breimeier**, served St. Luke's 2004  
Milwaukee, WI

**October 9 & 10** –

**Rev. Kathy Boadwine**, served St. Luke's 2004-2019

**Rev. Gary Liedtke**, served St. Luke's 2004-2015

