

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 14, 2021 – 5:00 p.m.

August 15, 2021 – 9:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

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

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PRELUDE

Intermezzo in A, Op. 118, No. 2

Johannes Brahms

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*I Come with Joy*

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1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are
 3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
 4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in
 fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
 ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
 near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -
 done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
 Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.
 strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
 live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.
 love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: DOVE OF PEACE, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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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

Ever-loving God, your Son gives himself as living bread for the life of the world. Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.**FIRST READING**

Proverbs 9:1-6

¹Wisdom has built her house,

she has hewn her seven pillars.

²She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine,

she has also set her table.

³She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls

from the highest places in the town,

⁴“You that are simple, turn in here!”

To those without sense she says,

⁵“Come, eat of my bread

and drink of the wine I have mixed.
⁶Lay aside immaturity, and live,
and walk in the way of insight.”

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

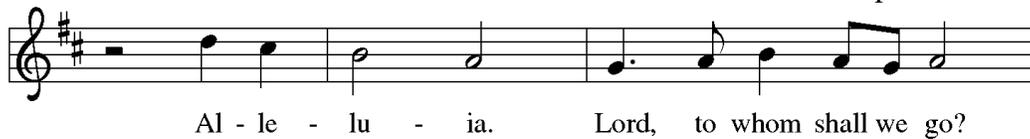
Ephesians 5:15-20

¹⁵Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, ¹⁶making the most of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, ²⁰giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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GOSPEL

John 6:51-58

The holy gospel according to John.
Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said,] ⁵¹“I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

⁵²The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” ⁵³So Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; ⁵⁵for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. ⁵⁶Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.”

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Gerstl-Beukema



1 Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,
 2 Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,
 3 In Je - sus' pres - ence now we meet and rest,
 4 Rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y word,



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Our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er,
 Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er,
 In the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er,
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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

God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

OFFERING

Psalm 84

John Carter

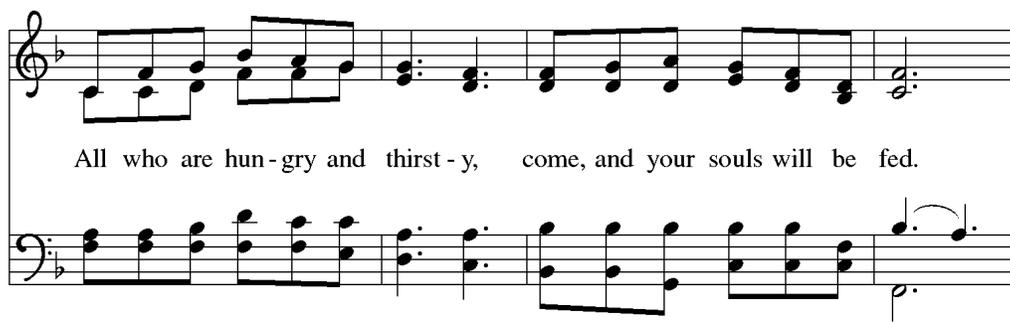
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Come to the Table

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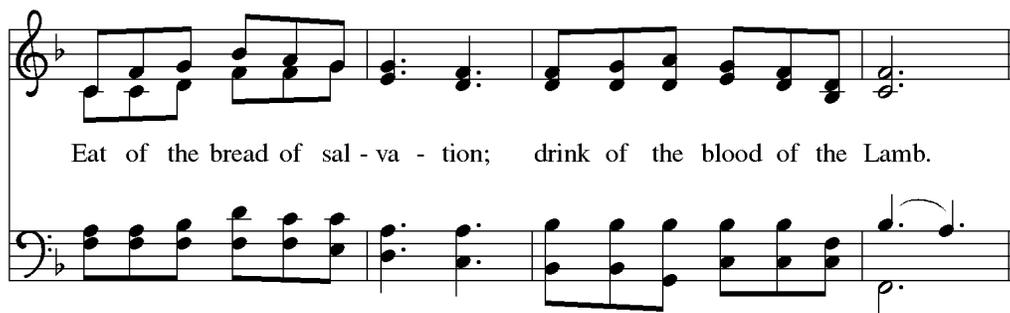
Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre - pared with the wine and the bread.



All who are hun - gry and thirst - y, come, and your souls will be fed.



Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hand.



Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

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Music: COME TO THE TABLE, Martin J. Nystrom, b. 1956
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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

I Come with Joy

Nancy Raabe

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

Voices Raised to You

ELW 845

1 Voic - es raised to you we of - fer; tune them, God, for
 2 All cre - a - tion joins to praise you; earth and sky your
 3 Christ, the song of love in - car - nate, touch - ing earth with
 4 Spir - it, flam - ing through cre - a - tion, kin - dle faith with -
 5 How can an - y praise we of - fer mea - sure all the

songs of praise. Hearts and hands we bring in trib - ute
 works dis - play. Art and mu - sic, gifts you lend us,
 heav - en's grace, for your liv - ing, suf - f'ring, dy - ing,
 in each heart. Lift our voic - es high in cho - rus;
 thanks we owe? Take our hearts and hands and voic - es—

for your gifts through all our days. Al - le - lu - ia!
 we re - turn to you to - day. Al - le - lu - ia!
 for your ris - ing, hear our praise! Al - le - lu - ia!
 through our hands your love im - part. Al - le - lu - ia!
 gifts of love we can be - stow. Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Tri - une God, to you we sing!
 Al - le - lu - ia! God, cre - a - tor, source of life!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Christ, re - deem - er, Lord of life!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Spir - it, help - er, breath of life!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Tri - une God, to you we sing!

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., b. 1923

Music: SONG OF PRAISE, Carolyn Jennings, b. 1936

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Improvisation on *Voices Raised to You*

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In Our Prayers

Special Prayers

Dale, Darleen S, Mrs. P, Joleen, Glenda, Laurie & Josh, Paul S, Jim & Shirley, Chuck & Lynn, Diane C, Robert, Gwen, Janice, Kevin, Avery, Otis, Terry, Darlene B, Scott H, Dave A, Bryan M, Annette S, , Abyan, Sherry T, Brian, John, Shirley, Anwaar, Janet K, Mick, Char, Christopher R, Stacy, Kathy, Mark, Bob K, Jen, Elsie, Ben, Tom, Shane, Kenzie, Manny

Current Prayers

For all around the world impacted by Wildfires and storms.

For peace, unity, and healing within our country.

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

General Prayers

For all who are suffering with illness.

For all who are being bullied- especially children.

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

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

For all who suffer from anxiety/depression.

For Our Partner churches of Meru Diocese in Tanzania

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

Ambo Flowers this weekend are presented by Vonda & Dick Bickett in honor of their 62nd wedding anniversary.

50+ Anniversaries

Kathy & Jay Fontaine are celebrating their 52nd wedding anniversary on August 16. Congratulations, Jay & Kathy!

90+ Birthdays

Marjorie Benner is celebrating her 93 birthday on August 15. Happy Birthday, Marjorie!

100th Anniversary Festival Worship

Join us the weekend of August 28/29 as we celebrate and observe St. Luke's 100th anniversary. This is the weekend closest to our first worship service 100 years ago! We will have festival worship services with beautiful music; preaching by Bishop Paul Erickson, the Greater Milwaukee Synod bishop; and desserts after each service. We have been looking forward to our 100th anniversary for quite a long time, and there will be additional events this fall and beyond as we continue to honor our past, and embrace our future.

Fall Worship Time Schedule

Our worship times will be changing, starting the weekend of August 28/29. Worship will be at 5:00 pm on Saturdays, 8:15 and 10:30 on Sundays. Starting in September, Christian Education for all ages will be at 9:30 am on Sundays.

Trust in God's Power

It's time to board the train for VBS!!! 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 31st!
- Our VBS site is password protected due to copywrite requirements. The password is provided for you. Your email information is not required.
- website is trustvirtualvbs.wixsite.com/my-site
- the site will say "Guest Area" please sign in with trust2021
- 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!

We have a dedicated website where all the above can be found. Links for that site will be available via our weekly Connections email, and in the Bulletin. Please contact lrohrrwasser@gmail.com, trustvirtualvbs@gmail.com or officestaff@stlukeslutheran.org if you need assistance.

While content this year is geared toward our Pre 3K through 6th grade passengers, our St. Luke's Station takes all of us on a journey through time. Each week we will visit a block of time in the history of St. Luke' Lutheran church. It's a great way to continue our 100th Anniversary celebration!

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 30th Jesus' power helps us do hard things.

Aug 6th Jesus' power gives us hope.

Aug 13th Jesus' power helps us to be bold.

Aug 20th Jesus' power helps us be good friends.

Remember to check in each Friday for new content. Once released, content will be available through August 31st.

Our VBS Mission Project for this year will benefit The H.O.P.E. Center because Jesus' power gives us hope!

Godsbells and Voices of Faith rehearsals are started

Godsbells and Voices of Faith had their first rehearsals this week, but you can still join! Godsbells, our adult handbell ensemble, rehearses on Wednesdays from 6:00-7:15 pm; and Voices of Faith, our adult choir, rehearses on Wednesdays from 7:15-8:30 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.

Would you like to be part of GIFT 2021?

Max Lucado's Life Lessons from Acts is a 12-session study that we plan to use for

Growing in Faith Together--GIFT 2021. In the book of Acts, you will see how Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John have been transformed by the Holy Spirit as they founded the early Church and gave us a legacy of faith.

Key Themes:

- The foundations of the early church were established in the aftermath of Jesus' resurrection and ascension
 - The Holy Spirit empowered the disciples to spread the gospel into the world as Jesus commanded
- GIFT meets from 7-8:30 pm the first and third Wednesday of the months of September to May at St. Luke's (virtually during the precautions of 2020). Let Diane Voit know if you would like to join us (262-993-0104 or DianeVoit2014@gmail.com). She is organizing a group purchase of the study guide (\$9), but you just need your Bible to participate in the readings and discussion.

Volunteer Opportunity

Are you looking to make a difference in these challenging times? The tutoring Program at Ascension Lutheran Church, 1415 Dopp Street in Waukesha, is resuming its tutoring program on Saturday, September 11, at 10:00A.M. Students, who range in age from 3 to 83, need help with learning the English language in the areas of speaking, reading, and writing. Tutors need a passion for helping others to be successful as members of the community, U.S. citizens, parents, and employees. An informational meeting will be held at Ascension on Tuesday, August 24, at 6:30P.M. For more information, contact Barbara Nordberg at benordberg@gmail.com or 262-424-5450.

This Week at St. Luke's

Sunday, August 15, 2021

9:00 a.m. Worship
 10:30 a.m. (Indoor) Worship
 6:00 p.m. Men's AA

Monday, August 16, 2021

8:00 a.m. Amigos
 1:00 p.m. Sarah Circle
 6:45 p.m. Al-Anon
 8:00 p.m. Women's AA

Tuesday, August 17, 2021

6:00 p.m. Finance Committee
 6:30 p.m. Congregational Council

Wednesday, August 18, 2021

5:30 p.m. Facilities/Maintenance
 6:00 p.m. Godsbells
 7:00 p.m. NA
 7:15 p.m. Voices of Faith

Thursday, August 19, 2021

9:30 a.m. Prayer Shawl

Saturday, August 21, 2021

5:00 p.m. Worship

Sunday, August 22, 2021

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

Serving this Weekend:

	<u>5:00</u>	<u>9:00</u>	<u>10:30</u>
Presiding	Rev. Bogie	Rev. Bogie	Rev. Bogie
Preaching:	Rev. Gerstl-Beukema	Rev. Gerstl-Beukema	Rev. Gerstl-Beukema
Lector:	Susan Klabunde	Kathy Fontaine	Sharon Wood
Ushers:	Bob Riedel	Kathy & Jay Fontaine	Janet & Andy Slater
Music:	Michael Schaner	Michael Schaner	Michael Schaner

GOSPEL MESSAGE

August 15, 2021

LECTIONARY 20

What's for Dinner?

Whether you plan meals weeks in advance, rummage through the pantry for inspiration at 4:30 p.m., or pull a stack of well-worn takeout menus from the kitchen drawer; whether you purchase the ingredients, help create the meal, or have no input at all and gratefully eat whatever someone else provides, it's a seemingly universal question: What's for dinner? What we eat is important. Most of us try to balance our personal tastes and preferences with some attention to health and nutrition. Some of us follow specific dietary trends and plans: keto, paleo, low-carb, low-cal . . . the list goes on. Others of us, restricted by tight budgets and food deserts, make choices we would rather not.

What we eat, how it was raised and grown, how it got from the farm to our table, and even how much it costs are hot topics today. It can be easy to get lost in the wilderness of these discussions. But along comes Jesus, right on time. Turning the world's conversation on its head, he boldly announces, "My flesh is true food and my blood is true drink" (John 6:55). Here our debates about fat versus carbs, allergens and alternatives, and the price of ingredients are brought to a halt: the menu is set.

Here there is no lack of access or money, for all is freely given. Here the stresses of planning, shopping, and cooking on a tight schedule fade away in the light of eternity as the great heavenly banquet is set before you. As you approach the table, you approach the Lord of your salvation, here in flesh and blood. As you receive the bread and wine, you receive the true body and blood of Jesus Christ, crucified and risen for you. As you return to the world and your various vocations, know that no matter what is for dinner, you abide in Christ, and he abides in you. Truly, this is "true food" and "true drink."

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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

