



Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 2, 2021 – 5:00 p.m.

October 3, 2021 – 8:15 & 10:30 a.m.

St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Waukesha, WI

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

and of the † son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

How Firm a Foundation

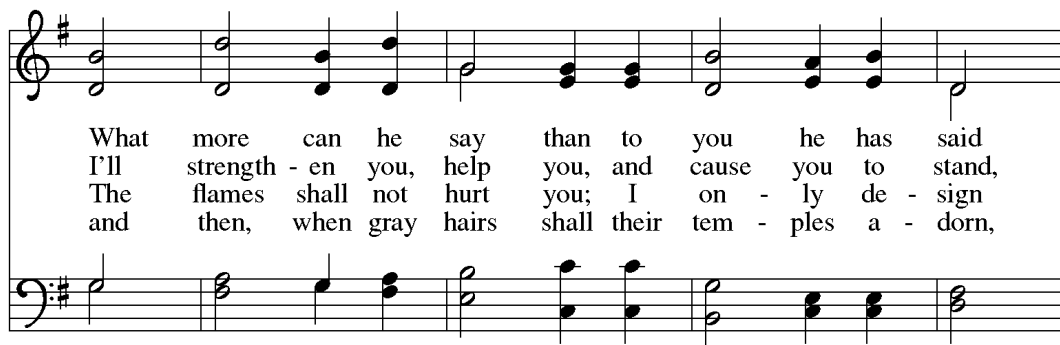
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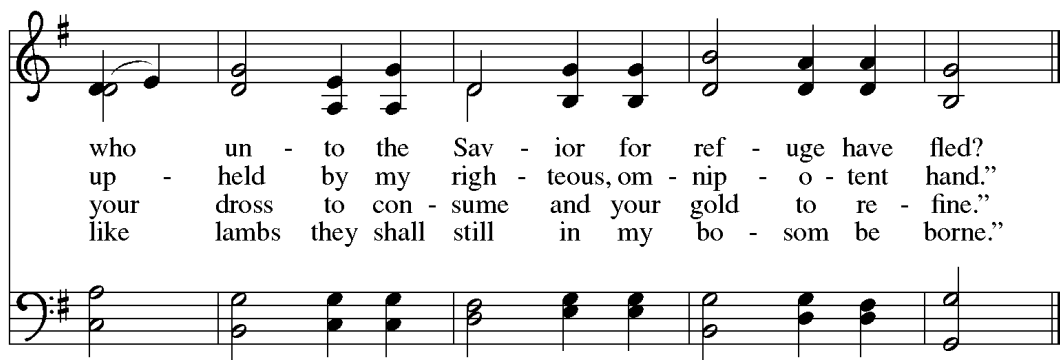
1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,
3 "When through fi - 'ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,
4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove



is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!
for I am your God and will still give you aid;
my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.
my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can he say than to you he has said
I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign
and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,



who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand."
your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."
like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."

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.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

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Refrain

Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:15 & 10:30

Jesus Loves Me

John Ferguson
Voices of Faith

FIRST READING

Genesis 2:18-24

¹⁸The LORD God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.” ¹⁹So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. ²¹So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²²And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³Then the man said,

“This at last is bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;
this one shall be called Woman,
for out of Man this one was taken.”

²⁴Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

¹Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. ³He is the reflection of God’s glory and the exact imprint of God’s very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

^{2:5}Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. ⁶But

someone has testified somewhere,

“What are human beings that you are mindful of them,
or mortals, that you care for them?

⁷You have made them for a little while lower than the angels;
you have crowned them with glory and honor,

⁸subjecting all things under their feet.”

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them,⁹but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

¹⁰It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. ¹¹For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, ¹²saying,

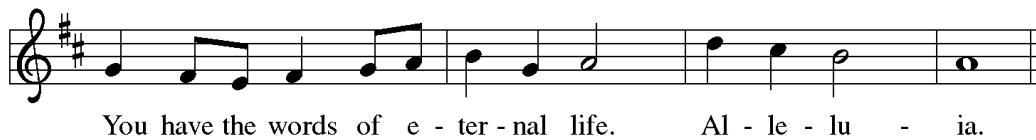
“I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters,
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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GOSPEL

Mark 10:2-16

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²Some Pharisees came, and to test [Jesus] they asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” ³He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” ⁴They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.” ⁵But Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. ⁶But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ ⁷For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, ⁸and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. ⁹Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”

¹⁰Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. ¹¹He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; ¹²and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”

¹³People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. ¹⁴But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them,

“Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” ¹⁶And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Bogie

HYMN OF THE DAY *If you But Trust in God to Guide You*

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1 If you but trust in God to guide you with gen - tle
 2 What gain is there in anx - ious weep - ing, in help - less
 3 The Lord our rest - less hearts is hold - ing, in peace and
 4 Sing, pray, and keep God's ways un - swerv - ing, of - fer your

hand through all your ways, you'll find that God is there be -
 an - ger and dis - tress? If you are in your Sav - ior's
 qui - et - ness con - tent. We rest in God's good will un -
 ser - vice faith - ful - ly. Trust heav - en's word; though un - de -

side you when cross - es come, in try - ing days. Trust then in
 keep - ing, in sor - row will he love you less? For Christ who
 fold - ing, what wis - dom from on high has sent. God, who has
 serv - ing, you'll find God's prom - ise true to be. This is our

God's un - chang - ing love; build on the rock that will not move.
 took for you a cross will bring you safe through ev - 'ry loss.
 cho - sen us by grace, knows ver - y well the fears we face.
 con - fi - dence in - deed: God nev - er fails in time of need.

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BLESSING OF THE QUILTS

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

OFFERING

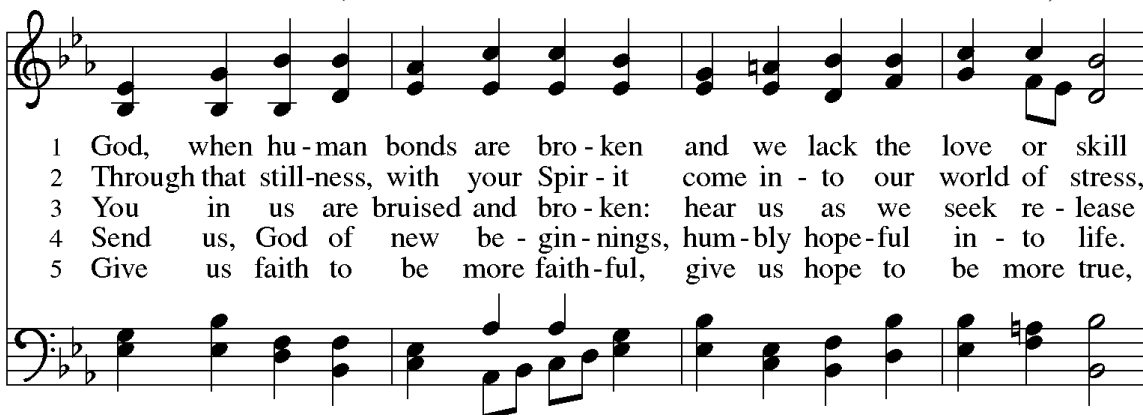
Psalm 8

John Carter

OFFERTORY

God, When Human Bonds Are Broken

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1 God, when hu-man bonds are bro-ken and we lack the love or skill
2 Through that still-ness, with your Spir-it come in-to our world of stress,
3 You in us are bruised and bro-ken: hear us as we seek re-lease
4 Send us, God of new be-gin-nings, hum-bly hope-ful in-to life.
5 Give us faith to be more faith-ful, give us hope to be more true,



to re-store the hope of heal-ing, give us grace and make us still.
for the sake of Christ for-giv-ing, all the fail-ures we con-fess.
from the pain of ear-lier liv-ing; set us free and grant us peace.
Use us as a means of bless-ing; make us stron-ger, give us faith.
give us love to go on learn-ing: God, en-cour-age and re-new!

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OFFERING PRAYER

God of abundance, ...through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
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.

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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

Let the Whole Creation Cry

Anne Krentz Organ

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord of life,... in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

BLESSING

People of God, you are Christ's body,
bringing new life to a suffering world.

The holy Trinity, † one God, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN*Go, My Children, with My Blessing*

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- 1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless-ing, nev - er a - lone.
- 2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
- 3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour-ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
 Grow in love and love by serv-ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap-tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com-fort stilled you.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."
 Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."
 Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."

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Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

Thanks be to God.**POSTLUDE***Wer nur den lieben Gott lässt walten*

J.S. Bach

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In Our Prayers

Special Prayers

Jerry & Joy, Brandon R, Anna F, Sue V, Benny, Sue C, Barry, Jenny, Scott H, Brian, Baby K, Ella, Jen, Grant, Steve, Mason, Larry & Donna, Cheryl O, Richard B, Shirley S, Randy & JoAnn, J, Marcella, Josh, Jim, Kathleen, Greg, Sue, Terry, Dale, Joleen, Paul S, Diane C, Robert, Janice, Kevin, John J, Annette S, Christopher R, Stacy, Mark, Elsie, Ben, Tom, Shane, Kenzie, Manny.

Current Prayers

For teachers and students.

For all impacted by Covid-19.

For the people of Afghanistan and Haiti.

For all around the world impacted by wildfires, hurricanes, and floods.

For peace, unity, and healing within our country.

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

General Prayers

For all who are suffering with illness.

For those struggling financially.

For all who are being bullied - especially children.

For shut-ins, 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 President Hassan.

For there to be herd immunity and treatment of Covid-19.

For God's continued blessings on our partnership.

Those in Military Service

Daniel Krueger, Gary Bjerke, S. Kate Zelinger, Avery Dopke

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ambo Flowers

The flowers on the ambo are presented in memory of Norma Scherrer, in celebration of her birthday by Anne Erke.

50+ Anniversaries

Dick & Jean Binner, October 3, 62 years

Don & Candy Grossman, October 5, 53 years

Ministering to God's People: Altar Guild Training

Adult Forum on Sunday, October 3 will focus on training people to minister to God's people through the Altar Guild. Join with others who wish to help others celebrate the sacraments at 9:30 in the chapel.

You'll be equipped to set up for Holy Communion, prepare for a baptism, and more. Feel Free to invite a friend, partner, or spouse to serve with you.

Help Wanted

Help us load the truck for Lutheran World Relief on Saturday, October 9th, 7:30-9 am. We'll be outdoors, but masks are recommended. It's light lifting. No need to sign up, you can just show up. Please join us!

Pencil Holders in Our Pews

Have you noticed? Thanks to Ron Pederson, we now have wooden pencil and offering envelope holders in our pew backs. Ron made each and every one and then mounted these wonderful gifts. Many wood pieces in our sanctuary are Ron's creations and we are grateful for his thoughtfulness and contribution to our worship space.

Masks for Worship

Church Council continues to closely monitor the local situation related to COVID-19 following local, statewide, and national guidelines. In response to local conditions, the council has reinstated masking for all indoor gatherings at the church regardless of vaccination status. Please wear your masks for worship and all meetings in the church.

Afghan Refugees

Lutheran Social Services is currently working to resettle Afghans into local communities *after* they are released from Fort McCoy. That work will be a long-term effort, and LSS needs donations and volunteers. More information is available at <https://www.lsswis.org/service/refugee-resettlement/refugee-resettlement/>

Although financial donations are welcome at any time, please do not send donated items to LSS office(s) at this time. There is not storage space available at the LSS office. If you would like more information on items which could be useful in the future, please contact pastor.kelly.elca@gmail.com for more information.

Search Bible Study: Celebrating God

Do you remember the last time you received an invitation to a birthday, wedding, or retirement celebration? What information was included? Was it who, what, where, when, and why? Most probably. Search Bible Study began this last week. We will explore the theme of "Celebrating God." It's an invitation to join in the festivities. This study will proclaim the "Who, what, where, when, and why" that shapes our celebration of God. Join the party on Wednesday mornings, 9:30 a.m. at the Church.

Adult Forum: Key People of the Bible

Drop into Adult Forum and grow in faith. Pastor Jordan is leading a five-week series on key people of the Bible. Each week of the series, we'll engage stories about two key figures. Adult Forums meet in the chapel between services. Our schedule for September and October is as follows:

- Oct. 3 Ministering to God's People: Altar Guild
- Oct. 10 Key People in the Bible: Ruth and David
- Oct. 17 Key People in the Bible: Deborah and Jeremiah
- Oct. 24 Key People in the Bible: The Two Marys
- Oct. 31 Key People in the Bible: Peter and Paul

Women of Faith

Liz Curtis Higgs will introduce us to a few of the infamous women of scripture in her book *Bad Girls of the Bible: And What We Can Learn from Them*. Through her wit, humor and honest personal story, Liz draws us into the Word and helps us see that we indeed can relate to the women of scripture and learn from them. Join us on Tuesday September 28 from 6:30-8:00 P.M. at church as we begin discussion of the book *Bad Girls of the Bible: And What We Can Learn from Them*. Women of Faith meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month- we have switched from Thursday nights. We do not meet in December and

conclude in April. Liz Curtis Higgs book can be purchased through Amazon as a Paperback, Kindle or Audiobook or choose to purchase from your favorite bookseller. The book includes study questions. Please contact Laurie Rohrwasser at lrohrwasser@stlukeslutheran.org to let her know you will be attending or for more information. Family & friends are welcome too!

CLM Trunk or Treat

With COVID still prevalent in the area, CLM has decided not to do the normal Fall Festival. However, they will be having a Trunk or Treat on Friday, October 22 in the evening. The CLM staff and advisory board will be decorating their cars to hand out fall treats to all of the little trick or treaters! CLM is looking for donations of all kinds for this event- Fall or Halloween activities, "prizes" like rings, spiders, stampers, etc, healthy treats, and, of course, candy. If you are able to donate, please drop off in the church or CLM office no later than October 19th. ALL ST. LUKE'S FAMILIES ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR THIS FUN EVENT!

Photo Directory

Say Cheese! It's time to sign up for your directory photo appointment. In-Focus Photography will be taking member photos at St. Luke's in the Fellowship Hall on the following dates and times: November 1, 2 and 4 from 2:00 pm until 7:00 pm or November 6 from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm. There are many ways to sign up: Use the link in the weekly Connections email, stop by the sign-up table between services on October 3, or call Michelle Bedalov at (262) 442-8886. If you can't make the November dates, you can call In-Focus at (414) 483-2526 to set an appointment at their studio in St. Francis, or you can supply your own photo to In-Focus at a cost of \$49. We will also have a home-bound photo day in mid-November. Please call Michelle Bedalov at (262) 442-8886 with all your photo directory questions!

Waukesha Unlocked St. Luke's Tours

On Saturday, October 9 St. Luke's Lutheran Church will be offering 15-minute Church and 10-minute Child Life Ministries tours between 10:00 am to 5:00 pm on Saturday, October 9. Explore the church's beautiful features, including 36 stone carvings of the patriarchs, prophets, and apostles; 22 panes of stained glass depicting the Life of Christ in the main church; 12 carved wooden statues of the apostles; and so much more. We are also providing access to see the Child Life Ministries program (lower level). Our little guests will be able to enjoy the creative new playground equipment that was a gift to celebrate the Child Life Ministries Program's 25th anniversary. St. Luke's is one of 81 sites that are part of Waukesha Unlocked. For more details, visit: <https://www.waukesha-wi.gov/1960/Waukesha-Unlocked>

Are you able to help at Whittier on Saturday, October 16?

On Saturday, October 16, volunteers are needed for the Whittier Outdoor Craft Items Sale: 8-11 Setup; 11-3 for the Sale; 3-4:30 take down. Call Diane Voit at 262-993-0104 if you would like to help or sign up on the church bulletin board. Plan to attend on October 16 if you are looking for deals!

Are you interested in Volunteering at Whittier?

Kris Lombardi is looking for volunteers to play math games with her 3rd grade math class.

Monday or Wednesday 9-10:15
Tuesday or Friday 10:15-11:15
Monday-Friday 12:45-1:45

Call Diane Voit at (262) 993-0104 if you would like to help or sign up on the church bulletin board.

GOSPEL MESSAGE

October 3, 2021
LECTIONARY 27

Softening Hearts

At first, the two episodes in today's gospel may seem disjointed: a challenging, even unsettling passage about divorce is followed by a much-loved image of Jesus telling his disciples to let little children come to him. Yet in both passages, Jesus puts rules and conventions aside to challenge his followers' hearts to greater openness and vulnerability.

When legal experts attempt to reduce the challenges of divorce to legal minutiae, Jesus reframes their questions in the context of our created need for human relationship. In a broken world, opening our hearts to others can bring some of our deepest pain, but if we don't take that risk, we can lose out on the human love and companionship for which God created us. These verses should never be used to judge those who have gone through the heartache of divorce, but rather as a caution for all of us against letting the pain of relationships harden our hearts to the care we were created to both give and receive.

Similarly, in the second passage, Jesus praises the openness of children's hearts to God's kingdom when the disciples attempt to shoo them away. As adults, we have accumulated a lot of knowledge about how the world works. Yet this confidence in what we know can also harden our hearts against perceiving a God who moves in mysterious ways and challenges our fixed ideas of how things are. Once again, Jesus calls us to risk our hearts with humility and openness to being taught the ways of God's kingdom by those we thought needed us to teach them.

Through the rhythms of worship and the cadence of liturgy, in the vibrations of music and the gifts of bread and wine, we invite one another to relax our hearts, drop our defenses, and leave behind what we thought we knew. Here, the Spirit of God comes to open our hearts, to heal our pain, and to draw us ever more deeply into relationship with God and one another.

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This Week at St. Luke's

Sunday, October 3, 2021

8:15 a.m. Worship
9:15 a.m. DT
9:30 a.m. Adult Forum
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship
11:30 a.m. Executive Committee
11:45 a.m. DT 3
6:00 p.m. Men's AA

Monday, October 4, 2021

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

Tuesday, October 5, 2021

8:30 a.m. Needle & Thimble
9:30 a.m. 1st Tuesday Book Club
5:00 p.m. OA

Wednesday, October 6, 2021

9:30 a.m. Search Bible Study
6:00 p.m. Godsbells
7:00 p.m. NA
7:00 p.m. GIFT
7:15 p.m. Voices of Faith

Thursday, October 7, 2021

9:30 a.m. Prayer Shawl
4:30 p.m. Joyful Noise
6:00 p.m. Saints & Sinners

Saturday, October 9, 2021

5:00 p.m. Worship

Sunday, October 10, 2021

8:15 a.m. Worship
9:15 a.m. DT
9:30 a.m. Mt. Meru Coffee Sales
9:30 a.m. Men's Chorus
9:30 a.m. Adult Forum
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship
12:00 p.m. DT 3
6:00 p.m. Men's AA



Serving this Weekend:

5:00
Presiding Rev. Bogie
Preaching: Rev. Bogie
Lector: Susan Klabunde
Ushers: Susan Klabunde
Music: Michael Schaner

8:15
Rev. Jordan
Rev. Bogie
Kathy Fontaine
Mark Bjerke
Michael Schaner

10:30
Rev. Jordan
Rev. Bogie
Chris Jackson
Sandy Hendrickson
Michael Schaner