



Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Saturday, July 26, 2025, 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, July 27, 2025, 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.**

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Notes for Worship

- Hymnals: ELW: cranberry ACS purple.
- Individually wrapped gluten-free communion wafers are available upon request.
- We invite children of all ages to be in worship with us. Children are welcome to use the Pray-Ground in front of the church on the piano side as a comfortable space to experience worship. If you feel your child(ren) are being too disruptive, you are welcome to move into the Chapel.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

La cathédral engloutie
The Sunken Cathedral

Claude Debussy

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

you free us to love others,

but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.

You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,

but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.

You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity,

but we grow weary in doing what is right.

In your mercy, forgive us.

Do not give up on us.

Heal us, break our bonds,

and show us the path of life.

Amen.

You belong to Christ Jesus ... forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive

ELW 605



1 "For - give our sins as we for - give," you taught us, Lord, to pray;
 2 How can your par - don reach and bless the un - for - giv - ing heart
 3 In blaz - ing light your cross re - veals the truth we dim - ly knew:
 4 Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls and bid re - sent - ment cease;



but you a - lone can grant us grace to live the words we say.
 that broods on wrongs and will not let old bit - ter - ness de - part?
 how tri - fling oth - ers' debts to us; how great our debt to you!
 then, by your mer - cy rec - on - ciled, our lives will spread your peace.

APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, ... and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all!
And also with you.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Glory to God

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Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav'n - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we



wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

MUSICAL OFFERING

(10:30 a.m.)

Song of Hope

Robert Hobby
Summer pick-up choir

WORD

FIRST READING

Genesis 18:20-32

²⁰ Then the Lord said, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! ²¹ I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me, and if not, I will know."

²² So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. ²³ Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? ²⁴ Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? ²⁵ Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" ²⁶ And the Lord said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." ²⁷ Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to my lord, I who am but dust and ashes. ²⁸ Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." ²⁹ Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." ³⁰ Then he said, "Oh, do not let my lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." ³¹ He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to my lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." ³² Then he said, "Oh, do not let my lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 138

- 1) *The organist plays the refrain.*
- 2) *The cantor sings the refrain.*
- 3) *All sing the refrain.*
- 4) *The congregation joins the cantor for all the bold print verses and sings the refrain when marked (R).*

Your stead - fast love en - dures for - ev - er;

do not a - ban - don the works of your hands.

- ¹ I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with [|] my whole heart;
before the gods I will [|] sing your praise.
- ² **I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your Steadfast [|] love and faithfulness;
for you have glorified your name and your word a- [|]bove all things. R**
- ³ When I called, you [|] answered me;
you increased my [|] strength within me.
- ⁴ **All the rulers of the earth will praise [|] you, O Lord,
when they have heard the words [|] of your mouth.**
- ⁵ They will sing of the ways [|] of the Lord,
that great is the glory [|] of the Lord.
- ⁶ **The Lord is high, yet cares [|] for the lowly,
perceiving the haughty [|] from afar. R**
- ⁷ Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you [|] keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right [|] hand shall save me.
- ⁸ **You will make good your pur- [|] pose for me;
O Lord, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works [|] of your hands. R**

SECOND READING

Colossians 2:6-19

⁶ As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to walk in him, ⁷ rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

⁸ Watch out that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental principles of the world, and not according to Christ. ⁹ For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰ and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. ¹¹ In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by the removal of the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; ¹² when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³ And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, ¹⁴ erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵ He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

¹⁶ Therefore, do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food or drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or Sabbaths. ¹⁷ These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the body belongs to Christ. ¹⁸ Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, initiatory visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, ¹⁹ and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and tendons, grows with a growth that is from God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S LESSON

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia

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

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

первый и последний

Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find;* knock, and the door will be opened to you.

GOSPEL

Luke 11:1-13

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.”² So he said to them, “When you pray, say:

Father, may your name be revered as holy.

May your kingdom come.

³Give us each day our daily bread.

⁴And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial.”

⁵And he said to them, “Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, ⁶for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.’ ⁷And he answers from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.’ ⁸I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything out of friendship, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

⁹“So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ¹⁰For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹Is there anyone among you who, if your child asked for a fish, would give a snake instead of a fish? ¹²Or if the child asked for an egg, would give a scorpion? ¹³If you, then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Jordan



1 Ask the com - pli - cat - ed ques - tions.
 2 Seek the dis - con - cert - ing an - swers,
 3 Knock on doors of new i - de - as,
 4 For in strug - gle we dis - cov - er



Do not fear to be found out; for our God makes
 fol - low where the Spir - it blows; test com - pet - ing
 test as - sump - tions long grown stale, for Christ calls from
 truth both sim - ple and pro - found; in the knock - ing,



strong our weak - ness, forg - ing faith in fires of doubt.
 truths for wis - dom, for in ten - sion new life grows.
 shores of won - der, dar - ing us to try and fail.
 ask - ing, seek - ing, we are o - pened, an - swered, found.

APOSTLES' CREED (5:00 p.m. and 8:15 a.m.)

**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.**

BAPTISM (10:30 a.m.)

Esme Ann Poquette

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God of grace,
hear our prayer

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always!
And also with you!

MEAL

OFFERING

Improvisation on *Ar Hyd y Nos*

transcribed, Todd Wilson

JULY MISSION: Lutheran Social Services of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan:

LSS empowers people to live their best lives by offering a path to recovery from addiction or mental illness, a home that's safe and affordable, a family to thrive in, independence and a life that is truly their own.

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OFFERING PRAYER

Creator God, ... that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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

All who are baptized are welcome to receive Holy Communion, regardless of church affiliation. Receive our Lord in the bread and wine of this meal. Juice and individually wrapped, gluten-free wafers are available from the server by request.

LAMB OF GOD

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The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

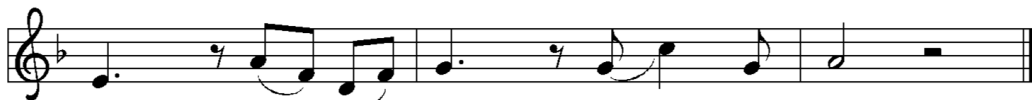
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you



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.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

For the Troubles and the Sufferings

ACS 1051



For the trou-bles and the suf-f'rings of the world,



God, we call up-on your mer-cy: the




whole cre-a-tion's la-bor-ing in pain! Lend an



ear . . . to the ris-ing cry for help from op-




pressed and hope-less peo-ple: Come! Has-ten your sal-



va - tion, heal - ing love! We pray for peace,



the bless - ed peace that comes from mak - ing




jus - tice, to cov - er and em - brace us.



Have mer - cy, Lord! We pray for pow'r,



the pow'r that will sus - tain your peo - ple's wit - ness:



un - til your king - dom comes. *Ky - ri - e - e - le - i - son!*

When It Seems the Day Will End

ACS 1034



1 When it seems the day will end, and all
2 When it seems the day will end, sink - ing
3 When it seems the day will end, and a



light gives way to fear, we will speak your name a -
low un - der our skin, we are dead and born a -
cold - ness fills our bones, we will walk the way you've



gain to re - mind us you are here.
gain, and with you now en - ter in.
been, and our hearts will be your home.

Refrain



New life ris - ing, New life ris - ing, ash - es fall - ing, ash - es fall - ing,



joy and weep - ing, joy and weep - ing, in your call - ing. in your call - ing.

TABLE BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Mothering God, ... neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.

Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

The love of God abound in you ... and the life of the Spirit † bless you and give you peace.

Amen.



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."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Festive Trumpet Tune

David German

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IN OUR PRAYERS

For needs to be met: For peace among nations, for our country, for those impacted by natural disasters, teachers, students, & parents, first responders, for all who struggle with uncertainty, caregivers, Hope Center, Marion C, Gary N, Bradley, Mick H, Melissa K, Melody B, Tom B, Kris P, Tim M, Bunnie N, Laura W, John W, Dawn TW, Ian L, Noah H, Laura B, Ben B, Joyce, Cathy A, Dave M, Chris B, Shelby H, Ron P, Sue C, Chris R, Katie L, Chuck, Andy S, Kathy J, Michael B, Rey L, Kenzie D, Bob, Ashlee S, Mike, Char K, Kathy, Barb C, Carey, Jan C, Dave, Sunny, Betty, Brayden, Darlene, Dale R, Pat S, Lisa S, Isabella, Connor W, Liz S, Terri I, Ben M, Steve S, Judy, Kathy DW, Carol, Debbie C, Janet J, Don F, Shane R, Karen R, AmandaLee B, Eldon, Alex, Liz S, Jon, Lisa E, Dave S, Chris B, Sarah, Anna F, Brian B, Mark, and Vi E.

For our partner churches in the Meru Diocese in Tanzania: For the challenges they face. For God's continued blessings on our partnership.

For those serving in the military: Gary Bjerke, Owen Hager, Jim Kieso Jr, Daniel Krueger, Dmitriy Lando, Richard Massey, and Brandon Stach.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Friendship Pads

Please be sure to sign in on the friendship pads located in each pew.

50+ Anniversary

We give thanks for John & Judy Mayhew celebrating their 51st wedding anniversary on July 27!

Ambo Flowers

This weekend's flowers are given in honor of Dick and Shirley Underberg's 66th wedding anniversary, which was celebrated June 27.

Hospitality Thank You

The second part of July Mt. Meru Coffee Hour is Sponsored by Lori Chandler in honor of The Swinging Singles Square Dance Club.

Baptized This Weekend

In Holy Baptism, our gracious heavenly father liberates us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of Jesus our Lord. Today we celebrate that Esme Ann Poquette is being baptized into Christ Jesus. She is the daughter of Kyle and Shelby Poquette and is sponsored by Alejandra Poquette and Hayden Wage.

Summer Pick-Up Choir Again on July 27

Join us again for the summer pick-up choir on Sunday, July 27, for the 10:30 a.m. service. We will gather at 9:45 a.m. to learn something for worship. All ages and abilities are invited to come sing with us! Have you considered joining our choirs, or just wanting a one-time commitment to come and sing? Come join us! For more information, talk to Michael Schaner, Director of Music Ministries.

2025 Summer Music Camp Soon!

Our summer music camp will be the week of July 28, and we are so excited for our students learning about the parables of Jesus. Our week is filled with singing, ringing, percussion, and so much more. Come join us for worship on Sunday, August 3, to hear what we learned throughout the week in worship!

Please Come and Help Serve a Meal

St. Luke's will be sponsoring a community outreach program that serves a hot meal to those in need, "Loaves and Fishes," at the Hope Center on Sunday, August 3, from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. at 101 W. Broadway, Waukesha, 53186. Volunteers are needed to help prep food, serve, and clean up. If you can help, please sign up on the sheet, in sign up central. If you have any questions, please contact Sandy Hendrickson, (262) 613-0610 or papamh@sbcglobal.net.

Lutherdale Quilt Auction Fest

Festivities for the 39th Annual Lutherdale Quilt Auction Fest will start with a Fish Fry on Friday, August 8, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. There will be over 250 quilts to bid on, Saturday, August 9, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The live auction will start at 10:00 a.m. There will also be a silent auction, food concessions, a gift gallery, crafts, and a fabric sale. Tickets are available at the door or to buy tickets online and for more information visit www.lutherdale.org.

Are You Receiving Our Weekly *Connections* Email?

Each week we send out an email called *Connections*. It includes announcements, links, information about worship schedules, community events, and so much more. If you are not receiving it, email the office (office@stlukeslutheran.org) to be added to the email list.

Join Forever 40 to Watch the Kids from Wisconsin

Join Forever 40 Saturday, August 16, at the Oconomowoc Arts Center at 7:00 p.m. to watch the 57th year, Kids from Wisconsin, with 22 singers/dancers and 14 musicians, ages 15-20, song and dance performance, The kids curated a summer playlist to accompany the season, bringing together the most iconic and sun-drenched medleys that transport you to lazy beach days, family road trips, backyard barbecues, and late-night sing-along bonfires. Join The Kids for throwbacks of Woodstock, celebrating our Nation's Birthday, 4th of July, those iconic summer movie blockbuster musical scores, warm sand beach tunes, and so much more. Contact Ed Raether at eraether@gmail.com or (262) 542-7872. Tickets are \$20 and \$15 for Seniors. Meet at the OAC Theatre or let Ed know if you need a ride. Please reserve by August 8th, or before.

Join Us in the Park for Worship

We will be having our last Sunday, 10:30 a.m. Ignite service at Cutler Park by the Les Paul Performance Center this summer on August 17, weather permitting. Diverse Harvest will be playing at the service. Please join us!

Hadfield News

School is out for the summer, but Hadfield School wanted to thank the congregation for their continued support. From the volunteers to all the donations and financial help, everything is appreciated. Watch in the future for new ways to assist the teachers!

Flat Jesus on the Move

Have you picked up your Flat Jesus yet? There's still time to pick one up from the Welcome Center or print one off from the St. Luke's website. Take Flat Jesus with you on your adventures, no matter how big or small, and send the photos to Shari Higgins, Assistant for Engagement at shigs@stlukeslutheran.org. It's been fun to see the photos start to come in as people travel all over!

CLM Scrip Fundraiser

We have some exciting news! Our St. Luke's Child Life Ministries Scrip Account through RaiseRight is active! What is Scrip? It's a place where you can purchase gift cards and CLM will get a portion of your purchase kicked back! Going shopping? Get a gift card to pay for your purchase and donate to CLM at the same time, it's that easy! You can order your gift card and have it instantly available to use, right from your phone. There are two easy ways to sign up, follow this link OR scan the QR code. Share with your friends and relatives by sending them a text or email!

There's no cost or upcharge, just purchasing gift cards that helps CLM.

<https://www.raiseright.com/enroll?enrollCode=FD7A8962586>



Online Giving

To start giving electronically or make changes to your on-line giving, please log on to our website and click on “Online Giving” on the far right. You can also fill out the paper authorization form and return it to the church office. Paper authorization forms are available at the Welcome Center.

Communication is Key

Communicating when, where, what, why, and how is key. If there is something you would like communicated in the weekly bulletin, weekly *Connections* email, or the monthly Epistle newsletter, it’s as easy as writing up the announcement and emailing it to Tonia at office@stlukeslutheran.org or stopping by the office with your article by the deadlines. The deadlines for the bulletin and *Connections* are 12:00 p.m. the Tuesday before the Thursday or the weekend you would want the information in *Connections* or bulletin. The deadline for the monthly Epistle newsletter is the 15th of the month unless the 15th falls on a weekend or holiday; then, the deadline is the Friday before. If you have any questions, please reach out either by email or call Tonia at (262) 542-2545.

Prayer Ministry

How can our Prayer Team pray for you, a friend or loved one? We are ready to lift up prayers for you during the joys and trials of your life. If you or someone you know needs prayer for any reason, please contact Laurie Rohrwasser, lrohrwasser@stlukeslutheran.org. Perhaps you know of someone who could use a note of encouragement or well wishes, please let her know.

Help For the Hope Center

There are many ways to help the Hope Center. Sorters are needed in the Clothing Shop, prep and serve breakfast and lunch, dates can vary. You can volunteer by contacting (262) 549-8726. Check out their website for their weekly donation request list at <https://hopecenterwi.org/donate-now/>. Hope Center has moved; their new address is 101 W Broadway, Waukesha 53186.

Committing to Worship

We are encouraging each other all year long to commit/recommit to deeper engagement in worship. Perhaps you’ve drifted away from regular worship attendance. Come back and let God feed you in the Word and at the table of Holy Communion. Maybe while you’re here, you might be called to participate more fully in the liturgies we speak and sing together. Commit yourself/yourselves to deeper engagement in worship. The more you engage God in worship, the deeper your relationship with Him grows.

