



Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Saturday, October 3, 2026, 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 4, 2026, 9:30 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 (Sunday) *Elegy*

George Thalben-Ball

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Almighty God, ... and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin to God.

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, ... of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.



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.

APOSTOLIC GREETING

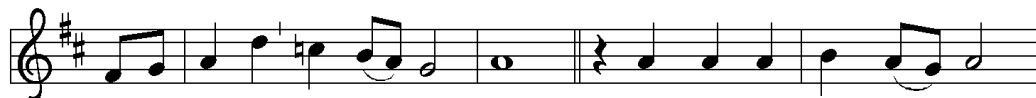
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, ... and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all!
And also with you.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE *This is the Feast*

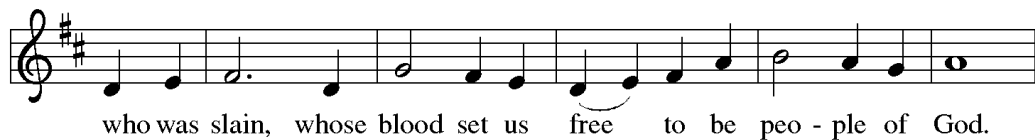
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Refrain

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



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb

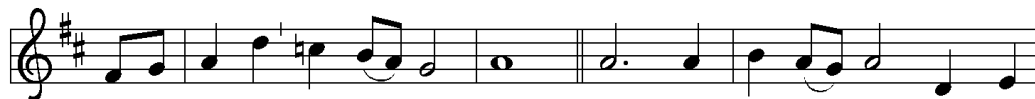


who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain



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



al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich-es, wis - dom, and



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

Refrain



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



al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon-or,



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

Refrain



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

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was
 slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.
Final refrain
 This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Beloved God, ... guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

MUSICAL OFFERING

(Sunday) *God, You Spin the Whirling Planets*

Nathan Zullinger
 Voices of Faith

WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 5:1-7

- ¹ I will sing for my beloved
 my love song concerning his vineyard:
 My beloved had a vineyard
 on a very fertile hill.
² He dug it and cleared it of stones
 and planted it with choice vines;
 he built a watchtower in the midst of it
 and hewed out a wine vat in it;
 he expected it to yield grapes,
 but it yielded rotten grapes.
³ And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem

and people of Judah,
judge between me
and my vineyard.
⁴ What more was there to do for my vineyard
that I have not done in it?
When I expected it to yield grapes,
why did it yield rotten grapes?

⁵ And now I will tell you
what I will do to my vineyard.
I will remove its hedge,
and it shall be devoured;
I will break down its wall,
and it shall be trampled down.
⁶ I will make it a wasteland;
it shall not be pruned or hoed,
and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns;
I will also command the clouds
that they rain no rain upon it.

⁷ For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts
is the house of Israel,
and the people of Judah
are his cherished garden;
he expected justice
but saw bloodshed;
righteousness
but heard a cry!

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

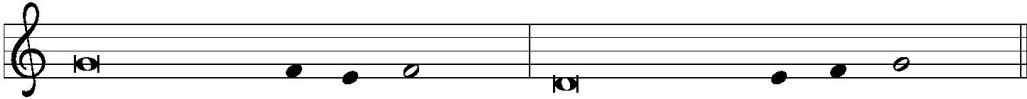
Psalm 80:7-15

The cantor will sing the refrain first, then all are invited to sing the refrain.

*Congregation sings the bolded verses, and the **R** is the refrain sung by all.*



Look down from heav'n, O God; be - hold and tend this vine.



⁷ Restore us, O | God of hosts;

let your face shine upon us, and we | shall be saved.

⁸ **You have brought a vine | out of Egypt;**

you cast out the nations and | planted it.

⁹ You cleared the | ground for it;

it took root and | filled the land.

¹⁰ **The mountains were covered | by its shadow**

and the towering cedar trees | by its boughs. R

¹¹ You stretched out its tendrils | to the sea

and its branches | to the river.

¹² **Why have you broken | down its wall,**

so that all who pass by pluck | off its grapes?

¹³ The wild boar of the forest has | ravaged it,

and the beasts of the field have | grazed upon it.

¹⁴ **Turn now, O | God of hosts,**

look | down from heaven;

¹⁵ behold and | tend this vine;

preserve what your right | hand has planted. **R**

SECOND READING

Philippians 3:4b-14

Paul writes: ^{4b} If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more:

⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷ Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸ More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law but one that comes through faith in Christ, the

¹² Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal, but I press on to lay hold of that for which Christ has laid hold of me. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I have laid hold of it, but one thing I have laid hold of: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal, toward the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

CHILDREN'S LESSON

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Matthew 21:33-46

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

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⁴² Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures:
‘The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord’s doing,
and it is amazing in our eyes’?
⁴³ “Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a
people that produces its fruits. ⁴⁴ The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces,
and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.”
⁴⁵ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was
speaking about them. ⁴⁶ They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because
they regarded him as a prophet.

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

SERMON

Pastor Hooper

HYMN OF THE DAY *There in God's Garden*

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st. 1 - treble voices; st. 2 - all; st. 3 - low voices; st. 4-6 - all



1 There in God's gar - den stands the Tree of Wis - dom,
2 Its name is Je - sus, name that says, "Our Sav - ior!"
3 Thorns not its own are tan - gled in its fo - liage;
4 See how its branch - es reach to us in wel - come;



whose leaves hold forth the heal - ing of the na - tions:
There on its branch - es see the scars of suf - f'ring;
our greed has starved it, our de - spite has choked it.
hear what the Voice says, "Come to me, ye wea - ry!



Tree of all knowl - edge, Tree of all com -
see there the ten - drills of our hu - man
Yet, look! it lives! its grief has not de -
Give me your sick - ness, give me all your



pas - sion, Tree of all beau - ty.
self - hood feed on its life - blood.
stroyed it nor fire con - sumed it.
sor - row, I will give bless - ing."

5 This is my ending
this my resurrection;
into your hands, Lord,
I commit my spirit.
This have I searched for;
now I can possess it.
This ground is holy.

6 All heav'n is singing,
"Thanks to Christ whose passion
offers in mercy
healing, strength, and pardon.
Peoples and nations,
take it, take it freely!"
Amen! My Master!

BLESSING OF THE QUILTS AND CARE KITS

God, our neighbors around the world ... our neighborhoods and across the world.

Jesus, help us speak words of hope to our neighbors.

God, we give you thanks ... love, and may these kits offer dignity and healing.

Jesus, help us reach out in hope to our neighbors.

God, we give thanks ... that continually open wider so that no one feels left out.

Jesus, help us see hope in our neighbors.

God, we ask you to guide ... Keep them filled with your strength and perseverance.

Jesus, help us share a taste of hope with our neighbors.

God, be with our neighbors ... this in the name of Jesus, the One who is our hope.

Amen.

BAPTISM (Sunday) Calla Louise Bender

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always!

And also with you!

MEAL

CHANGE TO CHANGE THE WORLD

OFFERING *There in God's Garden*

setting, Kristina Langlois

OCTOBER MISSION: Tanzania Partnership: We give thanks for our Tanzania partnership and offer our gifts to continue to support eight congregations. We support them through prayer, through learning, through relationship building and through financial assistance as well.

Two Options to Use Your Phone to Give



1. Point your QR reader at the left QR graphic where you can login and track your giving. Or visit stlukeslutheran.org and click the Online Giving tab on the right side of the page.
2. Point your QR reader at the right QR graphic to make an **online one-time** gift. Or visit omella.com/o/izfds.



OFFERING PRAYER

God of creation, ... in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always.

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.

PREFACE

It is indeed right ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS *Holy, Holy, Holy*

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ invites you to this table. All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

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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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.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS *Jesus Loves Me!*

ELW 595



1 Je - sus loves me! this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so;
 2 Je - sus loves me! he who died heav - en's gates to o - pen wide;
 3 Je - sus loves me! he will stay close be - side me all the way;



lit - tle ones to him be - long, they are weak, but he is strong.
 he will wash a - way my sin, let his lit - tle child come in.
 when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high.

Refrain



Yes, Je - sus loves me, yes, Je - sus loves me,



yes, Je - sus loves me, the Bi - ble tells me so.

HYMN *God the Sculptor of the Mountains*

ELW 736



1 God the sculp - tor of the moun - tains,
 2 God the nui - sance to the Pha - raoh,
 3 God the dress - er of the vine - yard,
 4 God the un - ex - pect - ed in - fant,



God the mill - er of the sand,
 God the cleav - er of the sea,
 God the plant - er of the wheat,
 God the calm, de - ter - mined youth,

God the jewel - er of the heav - ens,
 God the pil - lar in the dark - ness,
 God the reap - er of the har - vest,
 God the ta - ble - turn - ing proph - et,

God the pot - ter of the land:
 God the bea - con of the free:
 God the source of all we eat:
 God the re - sur - rect - ed truth:

you are womb of all cre - a - tion,
 you are fount of all de - liv - 'rance,
 you are host at ev - 'ry ta - ble,
 you are pres - ent ev - 'ry mo - ment,

we are form - less; shape us now.
 we are sight - less; lead us now.
 we are hun - gry; feed us now.
 we are search - ing; meet us now.

TABLE BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Sustaining God, ... and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray.

Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

Recognizing God's abundant hope, ... name of the Father, + the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.



1 Thine the a - men thine the praise al - le - lu - ias an - gels raise
 2 Thine the life e - ter - nal - ly thine the prom - ise let there be
 3 Thine the tru - ly thine the yes thine the ta - ble we the guest
 4 Thine the king - dom thine the prize thine the won - der full sur - prise
 5 Thine the glo - ry in the night no more dy - ing on - ly light



thine the ev - er - last - ing head thine the break - ing of the bread
 thine the vi - sion thine the tree all the earth on bend - ed knee
 thine the mer - cy all from thee thine the glo - ry yet to be
 thine the ban - quet then the praise then the jus - tice of thy ways
 thine the riv - er thine the tree then the Lamb e - ter - nal - ly



thine the glo - ry thine the sto - ry thine the har - vest then the cup
 gone the nail - ing gone the rail - ing gone the plead - ing gone the cry
 then the ring - ing and the sing - ing then the end of all the war
 thine the glo - ry thine the sto - ry then the wel - come to the least
 then the ho - ly ho - ly ho - ly cel - e - bra - tion ju - bi - lee



thine the vine - yard then the cup is lift - ed up lift - ed up.
 gone the sigh - ing gone the dy - ing what was loss lift - ed high.
 thine the liv - ing thine the lov - ing ev - er - more ev - er - more.
 then the won - der all in - creas - ing at thy feast at thy feast.
 thine the splen - dor thine the bright - ness on - ly thee on - ly thee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *Thine the Amen*

setting, Kristina Langlois

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IN OUR PRAYERS

For needs to be met: for teachers, students, and parents; for peace among nations; for our country; for those impacted by violence; for those impacted by storms, for first responders; for all who struggle with uncertainty; for the Hope Center; for caregivers, for all who are ill, Bishop Curry, Dan S, Joey B, Kathy D, Sandy H, Sarah M, Liz S, Kathy J, Sue C, Shane R, Joe, Jerry R, Gary Z, Dawn TW, Marlene N, Kenzie D, Baby BK, Cheri S, Glenn, Jacque L, Brad S, Debby B, Joanne H, Karen R, Gloria B, Jillian R, Chris R, Baby W, Baby Evelyn, Kathi D, Tom, Terese, Beth, Kory B, Michael R, Dave M, Jamie F, Jim B, David L, Josh, Diane, Steve D, Dave, Greg C, Janice H, Brian M, Laurie B, Mary S, Chris, Lisa S, April, Sarah E, James, Anthony Y, Mary Y, Isabella, Steve, Sai R, Joan B, Rusty B, Tim M, Dakota, Dale R, Sally, Linda M, Joyce, Kathi, Dan D, Mary M, John F, Jan N, Dave M, Chris B, Katie L, Andy S, Carey, Terri I, Mark, Janet J, John K, and Vi E.

For our partner churches in the Meru Diocese in Tanzania: For the rainfall and resources needed for their crops to grow, and for blessings upon all people. For strength and guidance as they face daily challenges. For the general election in October. For the Maroni and Kilimamoja Congregations, and for God's continued blessings on our partnership.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Friendship Pads

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

Hospitality Thank You

October Coffee Hour is sponsored anonymously in celebration of St. Luke's support for Lutheran World Relief. We honor the ladies and gentlemen who come on Tuesday mornings to make the quilts, about 200 quilts annually. We thank the Volunteers who come to load quilts, care kits and school kits on a truck early on a Saturday morning in October. This is what faith in action looks like.

Ambo Flowers

This weekend's flowers are given in honor of the Hospitality Group by Ed and Arlene Raether.

50+ Anniversary

We give thanks for Don and Candy Grossman celebrating their 58th wedding anniversary on Monday, October 5!

Love Reading? Get Free Books

There is a book giveaway this weekend October 3 and 4. It is made possible by and done in memory of Sharon Wood. Grab some books from Sharon's personal library and enjoy the read. The giveaway will be in Cloniger Hall.

Evening First Tuesday Book Club

Love to read but can't attend the First Tuesday morning book discussion? We have an evening option for you! The Evening First Tuesday Book Club meets at 6:00 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month (except July and December) in the Faith Room. Join us for our first gathering on Tuesday, October 6. If you have questions, please contact Kim Stair at kimberliella@gmail.com or text (414) 940-6063.

CLM Trunk or Treat

Please join CLM and St. Luke's as we hold our 5th Trunk or Treat on Friday, October 9, from 5:30 to 6:45 p.m. If you would like to host a trunk, please contact Courtney Stangl at cstangl@stlukeslutheran.org. We are also looking for donations to give away, candy, treats, snacks, fidgets, etc. Please look for a box outside the church office or inside the CLM entry.

Hadfield School Shoe Drive

Hadfield School is in great need of new shoes for children, especially girls' sizes 13 through women's size 8. Please note that only new shoes can be accepted; used shoes cannot be distributed. To help meet this important need, a red collection box will be available in the Welcome Center. Your donation of new shoes will make a meaningful difference for local students and families. Thank you for your generosity and support of our community!

Help Load Quilts and Care Kits

We are asking for your help. We will be packing a truck in the Church parking lot with boxes of our lovely quilts and health kits from our congregation and other churches for Lutheran World Relief. The loading will be on Saturday, October 10, 8:00 to 9:30 a.m. This is light to medium lifting. For more information or to sign up contact Marilyn Olson, (262) 844-2519.

Theology Cracked Open

Come join us for Theology Cracked Open on Monday, October 12, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. at Raised Grain Brewery, 1725 Dolphin Drive. Meet in the back room behind the bar. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Maren. For October our topic teaser: Spiritual Disciplines: Practicing Christianity.

Wear Red for Reformation Sunday

The weekend of October 24 and 25 we celebrate Reformation Sunday. This annual observance reminds us of the freedom of the gospel and the continuing work of God's grace in the Church and in our lives. Red is the church's color for celebrations especially associated with the Holy Spirit, so red is the color of the day. Wear red as we celebrate the Reformation and the ongoing work of the Holy Spirit among us.

Saturday Social

Our next Saturday Social is October 24, after the 5:00 p.m. service. This month's culinary delights include Chili with all the fixings and S'mores. Join us for dinner plus a little bit of socializing and laughter. RSVP at Sign-Up Central or contact Cari, youth@stlukeslutheran.org

Wanted College Addresses

It seems like school just started, but final exams are not too far away. The youth group will be sending care packages to our friends in college and trade schools later this fall. If you have a young adult in college or trade school this fall, please send their current address for this school year to Cari, youth@stlukeslutheran.org or drop off in the church office by November 1, even if you have turned it in previous years.

Bible Study Meets This Fall

If you'd like to be part of a group of Christians growing in faith, join our weekly Search Bible Study that meets on Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. All are welcome! There is no registration requirement. Bring a friend. All levels of experience with the Bible are welcome. We normally have been having 20-25 people. There is always room for you.

Stay Connected With What's Ahead

Do you want to know what's happening in the days and weeks ahead at our church? Visit our church calendar on the church website! It's the best place to find upcoming events, ministry activities, service times, and special announcements. Simply go to our website and click on Calendar to stay updated and get involved. We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events!

Women of Faith Bible Study

Join us on a journey as we meet Elizabeth, Mary, and Anna in *The Women of Christmas*. Beginning in February, we will be introducing Mary of Bethany, Mary of Nazareth, and Mary Magdalene in *The Women of Easter*. Both studies are written by Liz Curtis Higgs. You've heard their names, but do you know their stories? Liz Curtis Higgs brings these women to life and helps us deepen our understanding of their relationship with Jesus. Both books are available in hardcover and Kindle editions through Amazon or your favorite bookseller. Join us and bring a friend. All are welcome! For more information, contact Laurie Rohrwasser (262) 542-4664, lrorhwasser@stlukeslutheran.org. Women of Faith Bible Study meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Our final study is May 20, 2027.

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=FD7CD7A8962586>



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.

Kwik Trip Cards Fundraiser

This is an on-going year-round fundraiser for the youth. If you frequent Kwik Trip on a regular basis, please consider purchasing gift cards through St. Luke's to use for your regular gas and grocery purchases and the youth will get a portion of your every-day purchases. In addition to the gift, gas and grocery cards, we also have 5-count car wash cards available. Cards are available for purchase either via order forms available at the Welcome Station, or directly from the stock Sunday mornings. Additional denominations available upon request, usually available within two weeks of order, Contact Cari youth@stlukeslutheran.org with any questions or to order cards. Christmas is right around the corner and Kwik Trip gift cards make a great gift and support youth activities. We will be placing the next special-order November 2, so that they will arrive before Thanksgiving then a second order December 1, for mid-December arrival.

Epistle Online

Are you still receiving a paper copy of The Epistle in the mail? Reading The Epistle online saves paper and postage, allows you to print only the pages you want, and includes live links. If you would like to receive our week-ly Connections email and our monthly newsletter, The Epis-tle, by email please contact the church office at (262) 542-2545 or office@stlukeslutheran.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.

Prayer Team

Scripture encourages us to bear one another's burdens. Lifting others up in prayer is a way to do that. The need for prayer and for people to pray grows daily! Please consider becoming a member of our Prayer Team. There are no meetings or phone calls to make. You will receive prayer requests via email and are asked to pray daily. No specific prayer, although suggestions are given in the email you receive. Simply ask God to guide you. Did you know you can pray any time and any place? How about while brushing your teeth or showering, during your kids's practices or games, while waiting for appointments? All that is asked is that you pray daily. Please consider joining this vital ministry. For information, contact Laurie Rohrwasser.

Extending Care for You

Our pastors make visits and calls to people in need of pastoral care. If you would like pastoral care, please call the church office at (262) 542-2545. This is especially important if you are going through life transitions, illness, or trauma. If you change your address or enter a care facility or rehab center, please update the church office.

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.

Remembering the Church

Giving to the church in memory of someone who has died is a great way to make a gift. Naming the church as a recipient of memorials is a powerful way to support the ministry that has supported you throughout your life. Memorials are used for a variety of purposes. When giving or designating memorials, you can choose to have gifts given to certain ongoing projects of the church such as music ministry, youth ministry, Christian education, and so on. You can also choose to leave memorials undesignated, in which case the funds will be used to support needs as they arise. Memorial gifts are acknowledged in our monthly newsletter. If you have questions about memorials, talk with Pastor Jordan. He will help you think about ways you can make an impact through memorial giving.

Communication is Important

Communicating when, where, what, why, and how is important. 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 the announcement and emailing it to 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 the church office at (262) 542-2545.

Eras Senior Network Could Use Your Help

Eras Senior Network could use your help in a few different ways: Volunteer Drivers: Help local, older adults get to a medical appointment or the grocery store. This opportunity is flexible. You choose where and how often you'd like to help. Phone Call Volunteers: Help a local, isolated, and older adult reduce their feelings of loneliness by engaging in ongoing friendly phone conversations. Special Event Support: There are many events that ERA's holds throughout the year. Fundraisers require many hands to ensure we're successful in raising funds to support over 4,500 local, older adults. Help is needed in planning the events, requesting, and picking up auction items, securing event sponsorships, and helping at the events. If you can help with any of these opportunities or to learn of other opportunities to help, please email Eras Senior Network at ErasVolunteer@Eras.org or call (414) 488-6931.

Serving in Worship

There are a variety of ways to serve the community whenever we worship. Each of the ways is equally important to our weekly experience of God's grace. You can serve as a lector, an usher, a member of the altar guild, a communion assistant and more. We use "Ministry Scheduler Pro," an online tool, to help people schedule their worship ministry involvement. If you have an account on Ministry Scheduler Pro, you received an email inviting you to update your profile and involvement. That email also contained your credentials to log in. The spotlight section of our website's homepage also has a link to our Ministry Scheduler that you can follow. Our goal is to develop schedules that use the many gifts and talents present in our congregation. Please log on to Ministry Scheduler Pro, update your profile, and let us know any dates you are not available to serve.

Support the Food Pantry

You can make monetary donations to the pantry through their website. Leaders of the pantry want us to know that canned fruits and veggies along with soups have been limited the last few months. When shopping for yourself, pick up some for our neighbors and drop them in the food pantry barrels as you leave the grocery store, or bring to church to drop in the cart by door.

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 address is 101 W Broadway, Waukesha 53186.

Thrivent Choice Dollars

Do you have a special designation for your Thrivent Choice dollars? All Thrivent Choice dollars are held in the Memorial Fund as undesignated and will be assigned a purpose as needed. If you know where you want your Thrivent Choice dollars to go, please let us know by calling or emailing Cindy in the finance office. Thank you!

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.

This Week at St. Luke's

Sunday, October 4, 2026

Blessing of the Quilts and Care Kits

9:30 a.m. Worship

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:45 a.m. Discipleship Training
Affirmation of Baptism

11:30 a.m. Executive Committee

6:00 p.m. Men's A.A.

Monday, October 5, 2026

8:00 a.m. Amigos

6:30 p.m. Al-Anon

Tuesday, October 6, 2026

8:30 a.m. Needle and Thimble

9:30 a.m. 1st Tuesday Book Club

5:30 p.m. Personnel Committee

6:00 p.m. Evening 1st Tuesday Book Club

6:30 p.m. W.C.U. Rehearsal

Wednesday, October 7, 2026

1:00 p.m. Search Bible Study

6:00 p.m. Godsbells

6:30 p.m. Discipleship Training

7:00 p.m. N.A.

7:15 p.m. Voices of Faith

Thursday, October 8, 2026

4:30 p.m. Joyful Noise

5:00 p.m. Community Meal

6:00 p.m. Safe Communities Team
Meeting

7:00 p.m. The Broad Hwy A.A.

Friday, October 9, 2026

5:30 p.m. Trunk or Treat

Saturday, October 10, 2026

8:00 a.m. Loading of the Quilts and
Care Kits

5:00 p.m. Worship

Sunday, October 11, 2026

Discipleship Training Affirmation of
Baptism One-on-One's

9:30 a.m. Worship

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Cinnamon Roll Sunday

10:40 a.m. Men's Chorus Rehearsal

6:00 p.m. Men's A.A.

Serving this Weekend:

	5:00 p.m.	9:30 a.m.
Preaching:	Pastor Hooper	Pastor Hooper
Presiding:	Pastor Hooper	Pastor Hooper
Music:	Michael Schaner	Michael Schaner
Assisting Minister:	James Larson	Steve Wiley
Lector:	Dawn Thompson-Weber	Kathy Fontaine
Bread Baker:	Anna Kate Morris	Anna Kate Morris
Acolyte:	Jon Klawiter	Nora Persells
Communion Asst:	Karen Larson	Darius Outlaw
Ushers:	Virginia Lawrence	Wendy Bacon
	RJ Hildebran	Jay & Kathy Fontaine
		Trudy Staffeldt
Altar Care:	Susan Klabunde	Jay & Kathy Fontaine
		Diana Lando
Worship Tech:		