



Welcome to St. Luke's Church

Sunday, August 10, 2025

Proper 14

Our Vision:
To Know God and To Make Him Known

*Visitors are not expected to participate in the offering.
We hope you enjoy visiting with us today. Please come again soon.*

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Processional Hymn

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
Opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee,
Earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around thee,
Center of unbroken praise;
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flowering meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain,
Call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving,
Ever blessing, ever blest,
Wellspring of the joy of living,
Ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother,
All who live in love are thine;
Teach us how to love each other,
Lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals join the happy chorus,
Which the morning stars began;
Father love is reigning o’er us,
Brother love binds man to man.
Ever singing march we onward,
Victors in the midst of strife;
Joyful music leads us sunward
In the triumph song of life.

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Welcome and Call to Worship

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit

All: Blessed be His Kingdom now and forever. Amen.

Celebrant: There is one Body and one Spirit;

All: There is one hope in God's call to us;

Celebrant: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

All: One God and Father of all.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant: Let us pray. Almighty God, give us the increase of faith, hope, and love; and, that we may obtain what you have promised, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Praise and Worship

"We're Singing Holy"

Take us into the Holy of Holies
Into the place where kings take off their crowns
We're overwhelmed by the weight of Your glory
You're lifted higher as ev'ry knee bows down

Chorus: (We're singing) holy holy holy is the Lord
We're singing holy holy holy is the Lord

Ev'rything changes here in Your presence
Nothing can stand before Your majesty
So be magnified until earth looks like heaven
Jesus shine brighter until the whole world sings
We will sing out

Bridge: We'll join with all of heaven singing Holy is the Lord
The ground is shaking earth is waking
With this holy roar

Tag: We join with the angels
 We join with the saints
 We lift up Your praise
 And we lift up Your name
 Singing holy holy holy is the Lord
 Holy holy holy is the Lord

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“Goodness Of God”

I love You, Lord, for Your mercy never fails me
All my days I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up until I lay my head
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God

Chorus: And all my life You have been faithful
 And all my life You have been so, so good
 With every breath that I am able
 Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God

I love Your voice, You have led me through the fire
In the darkest night You are close like no other
I've known You as a Father, I've known You as a Friend
And I have lived in the goodness of God (Chorus)

Bridge: 'Cause Your goodness is running after
 It's running after me
 Your goodness is running after
 It's running after me
 With my life laid down I'm surrendered now
 I give You everything
 'Cause Your goodness is running after
 It's running after me

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“King Of Kings”

In the darkness we were waiting
Without hope without light
Till from Heaven You came running
There was mercy in Your eyes
To fulfil the law and prophets
To a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory to a cradle in the dirt

Chorus: Praise the Father, praise the Son
Praise the Spirit three in one
God of Glory, majesty
Praise forever to the King of kings

To reveal the kingdom coming
And to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation
You did not despise the cross
For even in Your suffering
You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation
Jesus for our sake You died (Chorus)

And the morning that You rose
All of heaven held its breath
Till that stone was moved for good
For the Lamb had conquered death
And the dead rose from their tombs
And the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come to the Father are restored

And the Church of Christ was born
Then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this Gospel truth of old
Shall not kneel shall not faint
By His blood and in His Name
In His freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ
Who has resurrected me (Chorus)

Children Released for Sunday School / Announcements

The Lessons

First Reading – Genesis 15:1-6

Psalm – Psalm 33:1-21 (*read responsively*)

Lector: Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous; it is fitting for the just to be thankful.

All: Praise the Lord with the harp; sing praises unto him with the ten-stringed lute.

Lector: Sing unto him a new song; make skillful melody and cry aloud with joy.

All: For the word of the Lord is true, and all his works are faithful.

Lector: He loves righteousness and true judgment; the earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.

All: By the word of the Lord were the heavens made, and all the hosts of them by the breath of his mouth.

Lector: He gathers the waters of the sea together, as in a heap, and lays up the deep, as in a treasure house.

All: Let all the earth fear the Lord; stand in awe of him, all you that dwell in the world.

Lector: For he spoke, and it was done; he commanded and it stood fast.

All: The Lord brings the counsel of the nations to naught; he makes the devices of the peoples to be of no effect, and casts out the counsels of princes.

Lector: The counsel of the Lord shall endure for ever, and the thoughts of his heart from generation to generation.

All: Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, and blessed are the people he has chosen for himself to be his inheritance.

Lector: The Lord looks down from heaven and beholds all the children of men; from the habitation of his dwelling he considers all those who dwell on the earth.

All: He fashions all the hearts of them and understands all their works.

Lector: There is no king who can be saved by a mighty host; neither is any mighty man delivered by great strength.

All: A horse is considered a vain hope to save a man; neither shall it deliver anyone by its great strength.

Lector: Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon those who fear him, and upon those who put their trust in his mercy,

All: To deliver their soul from death, and to feed them in the time of famine.

Lector: Our soul has patiently waited for the Lord, for he is our help and our shield.

All: Our heart shall rejoice in him, because we have hoped in his holy Name.

Lector: Let your merciful kindness, O Lord, be upon us, as we have put our trust in you.

New Testament Reading – Hebrews 11:1-16

The Gospel

**Sung: Speak, O Lord, as we come to You,
 To receive the food of Your Holy Word.
 Take Your Truth, plant it deep in us;
 Shape and fashion us in Your likeness;**

Deacon: Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 12:32-40.

All: Glory to You, Lord Christ.

At the end of the reading:

Deacon: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**Sung: Teach us, Lord, full obedience,
 Holy reverence, true humility.
 Test our thoughts and our attitudes
 in the radiance of Your purity.**

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The Message

The Exhortation

Celebrant: Dearly beloved, Scripture teaches that we were all dead in our sins and trespasses, but by grace we may be saved through faith. Our Savior Jesus Christ said, “Unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God”; and he commissioned the Church to “make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.”

Here we ask our heavenly Father that this Candidate, being baptized with water, may be filled with the Holy Spirit, born again, and received into the Church as a living member of Christ’s body. Therefore, I urge you to call upon God the Father, through our Lord Jesus Christ, that of his abundant mercy he will grant to this Candidate that which by nature they cannot have.

The Presentation

Celebrant: The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents and Godparents: We present _____ to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Celebrant: Today, on behalf of this child, you shall make vows to renounce the devil and all his works, to trust God wholeheartedly, and to serve him faithfully. It is your task to see that this child is taught, as soon as they are able to learn, the meaning of all these vows, and of the Faith that you will profess as revealed in the Holy Scriptures.

They must come to put their faith in Jesus Christ, and learn the Creeds, the Lord’s Prayer, the Ten Commandments, and all other things that a Christian ought to know, believe, and do for the welfare of their soul.

When they have embraced all these, they are to come to the Bishop to be confirmed, that they may publicly claim the Faith for their own and be further strengthened by the Holy Spirit to serve Christ and His kingdom. Are you willing and ready to undertake this?

Parents and Godparents: I am. The Lord being my helper.

Celebrant: Do you renounce the devil and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Parents and Godparents: I renounce them.

Celebrant: Do you renounce the empty promises and deadly deceits of this world that corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Parents and Godparents: I renounce them.

Celebrant: Do you renounce the sinful desires of the flesh that draw you from the love of God?

Parents and Godparents: I renounce them.

Celebrant: Almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness and evil and lead you into the light and obedience of the kingdom of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Celebrant: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and confess him as your Lord and Savior?

Parents and Godparents: I do.

Celebrant: Do you joyfully receive the Christian Faith, as revealed in the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments?

Parents and Godparents: I do.

Celebrant: Will you obediently keep God's holy will and commandments, and walk in them all the days of your life?

Parents and Godparents: I will, the Lord being my helper.

The Celebrant then addresses the Congregation, first inviting them to stand.

Celebrant: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

All: We will.

Celebrant: Let us join to proclaim our faith in the words of the ancient baptismal confession, the Apostles' Creed.

Celebrant Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

All: I do. I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant Do you believe and trust in Jesus Christ?

All: I do. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He 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 and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

All: I do. 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.

Litany for the Candidates

Deacon: Let us now pray for this Candidate who are to receive the Sacrament of Baptism. That this child may come to confess their faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

All: We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

Deacon: That this Candidate may continue in the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers.

All: We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

Deacon: That they may walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which they have been called, ever growing in faith and all heavenly virtues.

All: We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

Deacon: That they may persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever they fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord.

All: We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

Deacon: That they may proclaim by word and deed the Good News of God in Christ Jesus to a lost and broken world.

All: We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

Deacon: That as a living member of the Body of Christ, they may grow up in every way into him who is the head.

All: We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

Deacon: That, looking to Jesus, they may run with endurance the race set before them, and at the last receive the unfading crown of glory.

All: We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

Prayer for the Candidates

Celebrant: Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting Father, in your great mercy you saved Noah and his family in the Ark from the destruction of the flood, prefiguring the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Look mercifully upon this your servant. Wash and sanctify them through your Holy Spirit, that they may be delivered from destruction and received into the Ark of Christ's Church; and being steadfast in faith, joyful through hope, and rooted in love, they may pass through the turbulent floods of this troublesome world and come into the land of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Thanksgiving over the Water

The Deacon, or the Celebrant, pours the water for Baptism.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant: We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water.
Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation.

Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John in the River Jordan when the Holy Spirit descended upon him as a dove.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are made regenerate by the Holy Spirit.

Therefore, in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now, Father, sanctify this water by the power of your Holy Spirit. May all who are baptized here be cleansed from sin, be born again, and continue for ever faithful in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

The Baptism

The Celebrant pours water upon the Candidate three times, saying...

Celebrant: _____, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Celebrant makes the sign of the Cross upon the forehead of the newly baptized (and may use the Oil of Chrism to do so), saying...

Celebrant: _____, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. Amen.

When all have been baptized and signed the Celebrant says...

Celebrant: Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, received them as your own child by adoption, made them a member of your holy Church, and raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit, that they may enjoy everlasting salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Celebrant: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

All: We receive you into the fellowship of the Church. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in the royal priesthood of all his people.

The Peace

Deacon: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Deacon: Exchange with one another the Lord's Peace.

The Offertory *(Tithes and offerings are collected at this time)*

Celebrant: Our offertory sentences are from scripture. "Not everyone who says to me, "Lord, Lord," will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven."
(Matthew 7:21)

"You Are My King (Amazing Love)"

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Doxology *[All rise]*

**Sung: Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise him above ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

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Celebrant: All things come of you, O Lord.

All: And of Your own have we given You.

The Great Thanksgiving

[We invite all baptized Christians to join us at the Lord's table. We offer communion in the form of bread, wafer, gluten-free wafer, or individually packaged juice and wafer. Once received, step left to drink from the communal cup, or step to the right to intinct (dip) the wafer.]

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The Sanctus

**Sung: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord Most
 Holy, Holy, Holy Lord Most High
 All glory power and praise
 And blessing now we raise
 For You alone can save**

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The Prayer of Consecration

Celebrant: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son into the world for our salvation.

By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved.

By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory; that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

Mystery of Faith

Deacon: Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy sacrament, and be made one body with him, so that he may dwell in us and we in him. And bring us with all your saints into the fullness of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord:

All: Face to Face.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.

All: Amen.

Celebrant: And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray

All: Our Father Who art in Heaven
Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come
Thy will be done on earth as 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 the power and the glory
Forever and ever. Amen

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

All: Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Prayer of Humble Access

All: We do not presume to come to this, your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. Apart from your grace, we are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord, whose character is always to have mercy.

Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

The Agnus Dei

Celebrant: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world

All: Have mercy on us.

Celebrant: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world

All: Have mercy on us.

Celebrant: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world

All: Grant us your peace.

Celebrant: The gifts of God, for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

Music During Communion:

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Post Communion Prayer

All: Heavenly Father, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, Father, send us out into the world to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

Celebrant: All our problems

All: We send to the cross of Christ

Celebrant: All our difficulties

All: We send to the cross of Christ

Celebrant: All the devil’s works

All: We send to the cross of Christ

Celebrant: And all of our hopes

All: We set on the risen Christ

The Blessing

The Recessional

"Great Is the Lord"

Great is the Lord, He is holy and just
By His power we trust in His love.
Great is the Lord, He is faithful and true
By His mercy He proves He is love.

Great is the Lord and worthy of glory
Great is the Lord and worthy of praise
Great is the Lord, now lift up your voice,
Now lift up your voice:
Great is the Lord. Great is the Lord.

Great is the Lord, He is holy and just
By His power we trust in His love.
Great is the Lord, He is faithful and true
By His mercy He proves He is love.

Great are you, Lord, and worthy of glory,
Great are you, Lord, and worthy of praise.
Great are you, Lord, I lift up my voice,
I lift up my voice:
Great is the Lord. Great is the Lord.

Great are you, Lord, and worthy of glory,
Great are you, Lord, and worthy of praise.
Great are you, Lord, I lift up my voice,
I lift up my voice:
Great is the Lord. Great is the Lord.

Great are you Lord! (3x)

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The Dismissal

Deacon: Let us go forth in the Name of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

This Week at St. Luke's Church, August 11th – August 17th

Monday

Boy Scout Troop 411, 6:30-9:00 PM (The Harbor)

Tuesday

Worship With the Word, 6:30-8:30 PM (Sanctuary)

Stage 4 Ministry, 6:30-8:30 PM (Conference Room)

Women's Group, 7:00-8:30 PM (Common Room)

Wednesday

Red Cross Blood Drive, 12:00-6:00 PM (Common Room)

St. Luke's Golf League, 5:15 PM (Pine Valley GC, Wadsworth)

Thursday

Stage 4 Ministry, 9:30 AM-12:30 PM (Lower Conference Room)

Friday

Church Offices CLOSED

Saturday

Men's Group, 9:30-11:00 AM (Lower Kitchenette)

Sunday

Sunday Morning Worship, 10:00 AM (Sanctuary)

Summer Picnic Gathering, 12:30 AM-3:30 PM (The Tent)

Youth Group, 6:30-8:30 PM (The Harbor)

Upcoming

September 17-20, New Wineskins Conference (Ridgecrest, NC)

October 4th – St. Luke's Animal Blessing Event

October 19th – Feast of St. Luke (Bishop Engel visit/Confirmations)

<p>Readings for August 17: Jeremiah 23:23-29 ○ Psalm 82 Hebrews 12:1-14 ○ Luke 12:49-56</p>
