



# **Welcome to St. Luke's Church**

## **Sunday, August 17, 2025**

### **Proper 15**

**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

### “Hosanna, Praise is Rising”

Praise is rising, eyes are turning to You  
We turn to You  
Hope is stirring, hearts are yearning for You  
We long for You

#### Pre-Chorus:

Cause when we see You  
We find strength to face the day  
In Your presence all our fears are washed away  
Washed away

Chorus:    Hosanna, Hosanna  
              You are the God who saves us  
              Worthy of all our praises  
              Hosanna, Hosanna  
              Come have Your way among us  
              We welcome You here Lord Jesus

Hear the sound of hearts returning to You  
We turn to You  
In Your kingdom broken lives are made new  
You make us new

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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.**

## Collect for Purity

**All: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known,  
and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our  
hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may  
perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **The Summary of the Law**

Celebrant: Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment.

And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets. (Matthew 22:37-40)

## **The Kyrie**

**Sung: Kyrie eleison, Lord have mercy (2x)**  
**Wash away my sin and pardon my transgressions**  
**Make me clean again. Have mercy on me**  
**Christe eleison, Christ have mercy (2x)**

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## **Collect of the Day**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**All: And with your spirit.**

Celebrant: Keep your Church, O Lord, by your perpetual mercy; and because without you the frailty of our nature causes us to fall, keep us from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable for our salvation; 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**

### **“Everlasting God”**

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord  
We will wait upon the Lord,  
We will wait upon the Lord  
Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord  
We will wait upon the Lord,  
We will wait upon the Lord

Pre Chorus: Our God You reign forever,  
Our hope our strong Deliverer

Chorus: You are the everlasting God,  
The everlasting God,  
You do not faint; You won't grow weary  
You're the defender of the weak  
You comfort those in need  
You lift us up on wings like eagles

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### **“How Great is Our God”**

The splendor of a King, clothed in majesty  
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice  
He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide  
And trembles at His voice, and trembles at His voice

Chorus: How great is our God! Sing with me  
How great is our God! And all will see  
How great, how great is our God

Age to age He stands, and time is in His hands  
Beginning and the end. Beginning and the end  
The Godhead Three in One, Father, Spirit, Son  
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb

Name above all Names, worthy of all praise  
My heart will sing: How great is our God

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### **“I Know A Name”**

I know a Name that can silence roaring waves  
I know a Name that can empty out a grave  
I know a Name it's the only Name that saves  
And it's worthy of all praise

Chorus: I call You Jesus, I call You I call You Healer  
Risen and reigning in power  
Something comes out of the grave

Every time I call You Jesus  
I call You I call You Savior  
Worthy of glory forever  
Something comes out of the grave  
(Every time I call Your Name)

I have a King with dominion over death  
He holds the keys in his holy nail-scarred hands  
He is the heel that has crushed the serpent's head  
Our resurrected Great I Am

Bridge 1: Every time I call Your Name  
Chains break dry bones wake  
Every time I call Your Name  
The gates of hell shake  
(Every time I call Your Name)

Bridge 2: Where oh death is now your sting  
And where oh grave your victory

Bridge 3: Dead things come alive, dead things come alive  
Dead things come alive in the name of Jesus

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## **Children Released for Sunday School / Announcements**

### **The Lessons**

**First Reading** – Jeremiah 23:23-29

**Psalms** – Psalm 82 (*read responsively*)

Lector: Hold not your tongue, O God; keep not silent, but rouse yourself, O God.

**All: For behold, your enemies murmur, and those who hate you have lifted up their head.**

Lector: They have conspired secretly against your people and taken counsel against your cherished ones.

**All: They have said, “Come, and let us wipe them out, that they may be no more a people, and that the name of Israel may be remembered no more.”**

Lector: For they have brought their heads together with one consent and are aligned against you:

**All: The tents of the Edomites and the Ishmaelites, the Moabites and Hagarenes,**

Lector: Gebal, and Ammon, and Amalek, the Philistines with those who dwell at Tyre.

**All: Assyria also has joined with them, and has helped the children of Lot.**

Lector: But do to them as you did to the Midianites, to Sisera and to Jabin at the brook of Kishon,

**All: Who perished at Endor and became as dung on the earth.**

Lector: Make their princes like Oreb and Zeëb; indeed, make all their princes like Zebah and Zalmunna,

**All: Who said, “Let us take for ourselves the pastures of God as our possession.”**

Lector: O my God, make them like whirling dust and like stubble before the wind,

**All: Like the fire that burns up the woods and like the flame that consumes the mountains.**

Lector: Pursue them even with your tempest, and make them afraid with your storm.

**All: Cover their faces with shame, O Lord, that they may seek your Name.**

Lector: Let them be disgraced and dismayed ever more and more; let them be put to shame and perish.

**All: And they shall know that you, whose Name is the Lord, are alone the Most High over all the earth.**

**New Testament Reading – Hebrews 12:1-14**

### **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 12:49-56.

**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 Nicene Creed**

Celebrant: Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

**All: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit, he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### **The Prayers of the People**

Deacon: Let's pray for the Church and the World as our hearts and voices proclaim our desire to see you move in our midst.

We pray Lord for peace, that the world would operate in your presence, apply your love and live in unity until we are called into your heavenly kingdom.

*Pray for the World: Please add here your prayers and intercessions for the world.*

Deacon: We pray for our archbishop, our bishops, our priests, and our deacons. We know that we are connected to a larger sphere of influence than just our church and we pray to be unified in our purpose and ministry so that people would be drawn to your transforming love and kingdom purposes.

*Pray for the Church: Please add here your prayers and intercessions for the church.*

Deacon: We pray that your Word would go out to the ends of the earth. We pray for all believers to have a hunger for your word and to seek to teach and disciple others from it.

*Pray for all who proclaim your Gospel: Please add your prayers for preachers, teachers, and evangelists.*



Deacon: We pray for all believers and missionaries who are persecuted for their faith.

*Pray for the persecuted: Please add your prayers for those who are persecuted throughout the world.*

Deacon: We pray, Lord, that you would call our nation back to faithfulness to you, and for those in authority and public service, that they may seek your face and do your will.

*Pray for our nation's leadership: Please add your prayers for our nation.*

Deacon: We Pray for the broken, anxious, depressed, ill, recovering, and for those facing any form of physical or spiritual oppression.

*Pray for those in need: Please add your prayers for those who the Lord has placed on your heart.*

Deacon: We pray for those who grieve the loss of loved ones. We thank you Lord for the hope of heaven and we entrust those who have passed to your eternal care.

*Pray with thanksgiving for the hope of heaven: Please add the names of those who have gone to be with the Lord.*

Celebrant: Father God, we lift our hearts to you in prayer, trusting our hopes and hearts desires to your response.

May we continue to give thanks for your loving hand upon our lives and that our hearts and minds would be aligned with your will as we pray to you: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

## **The Confession and Absolution of Sin**

Celebrant: Let us humbly confess our sins to the Lord.

**All: Most merciful God, we confess that 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.**

**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Celebrant: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

### **The Comfortable Words**

Celebrant: Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. (Matthew 11:28)

God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16)

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. (1 Timothy 1:15)

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. (1 John 2:1-2)

### **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)

## **“Heart of Worship”**

When the music fades, all is stripped away  
And I simply come, longing just to bring  
Something that’s of worth, that will bless Your heart

Pre-Chorus: I’ll bring You more than a song  
For a song in itself is not what You have required  
You search much deeper within  
Through the way things appear  
You’re looking into my heart

Chorus: I’m coming back to the heart of worship  
And it’s all about You, all about You Jesus  
I’m sorry Lord for the thing I’ve made it  
When it’s all about You, all about You Jesus

King of endless Worth, No one could express  
How much You deserve, though I’m weak and poor,  
All I have is Yours every single breath.

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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:**

### **“Put In Me”**

Oh mercy fall on me like a warm blanket  
On my cold cold heart  
Clean me with Your blood  
That turns me white on the inside  
I'm on my knees again 'cause I'm breaking Your heart

Chorus: Put in me what I cannot buy with gold  
Put in me oh God Come restore my broken soul  
Put in me what I cannot give myself  
Put in me a clean heart

I know all my broken places like the back of my hand  
That slapped Your face again  
Wash me with Your love and hold me tight like a baby  
'Till I have no memory of ever breaking Your heart

Bridge: And in the joy when You restore me  
I will stand and walk again, I will run into this world  
I will call them to come in  
But I will not point my finger or grow that wicked  
skin  
That cannot remember what I will not forget  
How I broke You or how I'm broken

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### **“You Are So Good To Me”**

You are so good to me, You heal my broken heart  
You are my Father in heaven (Repeat)

Chorus: You are beautiful my sweet, sweet, song  
You are beautiful my sweet, sweet, song  
You are beautiful my sweet, sweet, song  
I will sing again

You ride upon the clouds, You lead me to the truth  
You are the Spirit inside me (Repeat)

Bridge:  
You are my strong melody, You are my dancing rhythm  
You are my perfect rhyme and I want to sing forever

You poured out all your blood, You died upon the cross  
You are my Jesus who loves me (Repeat)

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## **“Unashamed Love”**

You're callin' me to lay aside the worries of my day  
To quiet down my busy mind, find a hiding place  
Worthy, (You are) worthy

I open up my heart and let my spirit worship Yours  
I open up my mouth and let a song of praise come forth  
Worthy, You are worthy

Chorus: Of a childlike faith and of my honest praise  
And of my unashamed love  
Of a holy life and of my sacrifice  
And of my unashamed love

Ending: Worthy, You are worthy (2x)  
You are worthy (3x)

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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**

### **“House Of The Lord”**

We worship the God who was  
We worship the God who is  
We worship the God who evermore will be  
He opened the prison doors  
He parted the raging sea  
My God He holds the victory yeah

Chorus: There's joy in the house of the Lord  
There's joy in the house of the Lord today  
And we won't be quiet  
We shout out Your praise

There's joy in the house of the Lord  
Our God is surely in this place  
And we won't be quiet  
We shout out Your praise

We sing to the God who heals  
We sing to the God who saves  
We sing to the God who always makes a way  
'Cause He hung up on that cross  
Then He rose up from that grave  
My God's still rolling stones away

Bridge: ('Cause) We were the beggars  
Now we're royalty  
We were the prisoners  
Now we're running free  
We are forgiven accepted  
Redeemed by His grace  
Let the house of the Lord sing praise

Ending: We shout out Your praise  
There is joy in this house  
There is joy in this house today  
We shout out Your praise  
We shout out Your praise

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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 18<sup>th</sup> – August 24<sup>th</sup>**

### **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**

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)

Prayer Team Meeting, 12:30 AM-1:30 PM (Sanctuary)

### **Upcoming**

September 5<sup>th</sup> – 'Meeting w/ God' service (Sanctuary)

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

September 27<sup>th</sup> – Men's Breakfast (The Harbor)

October 4<sup>th</sup> – St. Luke's Animal Blessing Event

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

<p><b>Readings for August 24: Isaiah 28:14-22 ○ Psalm 46</b> <b>Hebrews 12:15-29 ○ Luke 13:22-30</b></p>
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