



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

## **Sunday, July 27, 2025**

### **Proper 12**

**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

### "I Thank God"

Wandering into the night  
Wanting a place to hide  
This weary soul this bag of bones  
I try with all of my might  
But I just can't win the fight  
I'm slowly drifting a vagabond

Pre-Chorus 1: And just when I ran out of the road  
I met a man I didn't know  
And He told me that I was not alone

Chorus: You picked me up You turned me around  
And placed my feet on solid ground  
I thank the Master I thank the Savior  
Because You healed my heart  
You changed my name  
Forever free I'm not the same  
I thank the Master I thank the Savior  
I thank God

I cannot deny what I've seen  
Got no choice but to believe  
My doubts are burnin' like ashes in the wind  
So so long to my old friends burden and bitterness  
You can just keep them moving  
Nah you ain't welcome here

Pre-Chorus 2: From now till I walk streets of gold  
I'll sing of how You saved my soul  
This wayward son has found his way back home

Bridge: Hell lost another one I am free I am free I am free  
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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: Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**All: Amen.**

## **Praise and Worship**

### **“The Steadfast Love of the Lord “**

Chorus: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases  
His mercies never come to an end  
They are new every morning  
New every morning  
Great is Thy faithfulness O Lord  
Great is Thy faithfulness

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### **"Great is Thy Faithfulness"**

Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness!  
Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.  
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,  
There is no shadow of turning with thee;  
Thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;  
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

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## **“Praise”**

Intro: Let everything that has breath  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord

I'll praise in the valley, praise on the mountain  
I'll praise when I'm sure, praise when I'm doubting  
I'll praise when outnumbered, praise when surrounded  
'Cause praise is the water my enemies drown in

Pre-Chorus: As long as I'm breathing I've got a reason to

Chorus 1: Praise the Lord oh my soul  
Praise the Lord oh my soul

I'll praise when I feel it and I'll praise when I don't  
I'll praise 'cause I know You're still in control  
'Cause my praise is a weapon, it's more than a sound  
My praise is the shout that brings Jericho down

Chorus 2: Praise the Lord oh my soul  
Praise the Lord oh my soul  
I won't be quiet, my God is alive  
How could I keep it inside  
Praise the Lord oh my soul

Bridge: I'll praise 'cause You're sovereign  
Praise 'cause You reign  
Praise 'cause You rose and defeated the grave  
I'll praise 'cause You're faithful  
Praise 'cause You're true  
Praise 'cause there's nobody greater than You

Chorus 3: Praise the Lord oh my soul  
Praise the Lord oh my soul  
Praise the Lord oh my soul  
Praise the Lord oh my soul  
I won't be quiet, my God is alive  
How could I keep it inside  
I won't be quiet, my God is alive  
How could I keep it inside  
I won't be quiet, my God is alive  
How could I keep it inside  
Praise the Lord oh my soul

Ending: Let everything that has breath  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord

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### The Lessons

**First Reading** – Genesis 18:20-33

**Psalm** – Psalm 138 (*read responsively*)

Lector: I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart;  
even before the gods will I sing praises to you.

**All: I will worship toward your holy temple and praise your  
Name, because of your loving-kindness and truth, for you have  
magnified your Name and your word above all things.**

Lector: When I called upon you, you heard me and gave me  
increase of strength.

**All: All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord, for they  
have heard the words of your mouth.**

Lector: They shall sing of the ways of the Lord, that great is the  
glory of the Lord.

**All: For though the Lord be high, yet he has respect for the  
lowly; as for the proud, he beholds them from afar.**

Lector: Though I walk in the midst of trouble, yet shall you refresh  
me; you shall stretch forth your hand upon the furiousness of my  
enemies, and your right hand shall save me.

**All: The Lord shall make good his loving-kindness toward me;  
your mercy, O Lord, endures for ever; despise not the works of  
your own hands.**

## **New Testament Reading – Colossians 2:6-15**

### **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 11:1-13.

**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)

## **“Firm Foundation (He Won't)”**

Christ is my firm foundation  
The rock on which I stand  
When everything around me is shaken  
I've never been more glad  
That I put my faith in Jesus  
'Cause He's never let me down  
He's faithful through generations  
So why would He fail now

Chorus 1: He won't, He won't

I've still got joy in chaos  
I've got peace that makes no sense  
So I won't be going under  
I'm not held by my own strength  
'Cause I've built my life on Jesus  
He's never let me down  
He's faithful in every season  
So why would He fail now

Chorus 2: He won't, He won't  
He won't fail, He won't fail (no)

Bridge: (Oh) Rain came and wind blew  
But my house was built on You  
(And) I'm safe with You  
I'm going to make it through

Yeah I'm going to make it through  
'Cause I'm standing strong on You  
Yeah I'm going to make it through  
'Cause my house is built on You

Chorus 3: He won't, He won't  
He won't fail, He won't fail no He won't

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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:**

#### **“You Are Holy (Isaiah 6)”**

I saw the Lord seated on His throne  
He was clothed in glory exalted high  
And the train of His robe filled the temple  
The angels circled 'round Him and cried

Chorus: You are holy oh so holy  
You are holy Lord of all

And woe is me for I'm unclean  
For my eyes have seen the holy King  
And He cleansed my lips right before I died  
And the pillars shook as the angels cried

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#### **“Trample”**

The very same power  
That rolls back rocks from a dead man's cave  
Is the very same power  
That I feel stirring in this place  
The very same spirit  
That raised my Savior from the grave  
Is the very same spirit alive and moving here today

Chorus: I've been given all authority  
To trample every enemy  
In the name of Jesus  
All things in the name of Jesus

The very same liar  
That tried to take my hope away  
Is the very same liar  
That I see silent here today  
The very same darkness  
That keeps trying to prevail  
Is the very same darkness  
That I'm sending back to hell

Bridge 1: For it is done by the power of the blood  
I belong to You  
Your kingdom come by the power of the blood  
I belong to You

Bridge 2: I overcome by the power of the blood  
I belong to You  
Your kingdom come by the power of the blood  
I belong to You

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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**

### **"I Thank God"**

Wandering into the night  
Wanting a place to hide  
This weary soul this bag of bones  
I try with all of my might  
But I just can't win the fight  
I'm slowly drifting a vagabond

Pre-Chorus 1: And just when I ran out of the road  
I met a man I didn't know  
And He told me that I was not alone

Chorus: You picked me up You turned me around  
And placed my feet on solid ground  
I thank the Master I thank the Savior  
Because You healed my heart  
You changed my name  
Forever free I'm not the same  
I thank the Master I thank the Savior  
I thank God

I cannot deny what I've seen  
Got no choice but to believe  
My doubts are burnin' like ashes in the wind  
So so long to my old friends burden and bitterness  
You can just keep them moving  
Nah you ain't welcome here

Pre-Chorus 2: From now till I walk streets of gold  
I'll sing of how You saved my soul  
This wayward son has found his way back home

Bridge:     Hell lost another one I am free I am free I am free  
              Hell lost another one I am free I am free I am free  
              Hell lost another one I am free I am free

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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, July 28<sup>th</sup> – August 3<sup>rd</sup>**

### **Monday**

Vacation Bible School, 6:00-8:00 PM (facility-wide)

### **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**

*Copley Heritage Days ([www.copleyheritageday.org](http://www.copleyheritageday.org))*

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

### **Friday**

*Copley Heritage Days ([www.copleyheritageday.org](http://www.copleyheritageday.org))*

*Church Offices CLOSED*

### **Saturday**

*Copley Heritage Days ([www.copleyheritageday.org](http://www.copleyheritageday.org))*

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

### **Sunday**

*Copley Heritage Days ([www.copleyheritageday.org](http://www.copleyheritageday.org))*

Sunday Morning Worship, 10:00 AM (Sanctuary)

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

### **Upcoming**

August 17<sup>th</sup> – Summer Church Gathering under The Tent

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

**Readings for August 3: Ecclesiastes 1:12-2:11 ○ Psalm 49  
Colossians 3:5-17 ○ Luke 12:13-21**