



Welcome to St. Luke's Church **Sunday, September 21, 2025**

Proper 20

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

“Come Now Is The Time”

Come, now is the time to worship
Come, now is the time to give your heart
Come, just as you are to worship
Come, just as you are before your God, come

One day every tongue will confess You are God
One day every knee will bow
Still the greatest treasure remains for those
Who gladly choose You now

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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 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: O Lord, you have taught us that without love, all our deeds are worth nothing: Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you; grant this for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Praise and Worship

“King of My Heart”

Let the King of my heart be the mountain where I run
The fountain I drink from, oh He is my song
Let the King of my heart be the shadow where I hide
The ransom for my life, oh He is my song

Chorus: You are good, good oh You are good, good oh
 You are good, good oh You are good, good oh

Let the King of my heart be the wind inside my sails
The anchor in the waves, oh He is my song
Let the King of my heart be the fire inside my veins
The echo of my days, oh He is my song (Chorus)

Bridge: You're never gonna let, never gonna let me down
 You're never gonna let, never gonna let me down

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“Forever Reign”

You are good, You are good
When there's nothing good in me
You are love, You are love on display for all to see
You are light, You are light when the darkness closes in
You are hope, You are hope You have covered all my sin

You are peace, You are peace when my fear is crippling
You are true, You are true even in my wandering
You are joy, You are joy, You're the reason that I sing
You are life, You are life in You death has lost its sting

Chorus:

Oh, I'm running to Your arms, I'm running to Your arms
The riches of Your love will always be enough
Nothing compares to Your embrace
Light of the world forever reign

You are more, You are more than my words will ever say
You are Lord, You are Lord, all creation will proclaim
You are here, You are here,
In Your presence I'm made whole
You are God, You are God, of all else I'm letting go

Bridge: My heart will sing no other Name: Jesus, Jesus

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“Holy God”

Chorus: Holy, holy, holy God
 Holy, holy, holy God

Creating, commanding, transcendent Adonai
Defending love, destroying sin,
The Warrior Divine

Forgiving, redeeming from every tribe and tongue
Arising first the nail scarred Lamb
Salvation's Champion

Romancing, pursuing, reclaiming to restore
Releasing hearts, transforming lives
The Lion's mighty roar

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The Lessons

First Reading – Amos 8:4-12

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 – 1 Timothy 2:1-15

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 16:1-13.

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 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: 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: 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: 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: I renounce them.

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

Parents: 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: I do.

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

Parents: I do.

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

Parents: I will, the Lord being my helper.

The Celebrant then addresses the Congregation, 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 is 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

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

All: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: 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)

"Pierce My Ear"

Pierce my ear, O Lord, my God,
Take me to Your door this day.
I will serve no other god, Lord, I'm here to stay.

For You have paid the price for me,
With Your blood You ransomed me.
I will serve You eternally, a free man I'll never be.

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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. Because in Jesus Christ our Lord, you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth.

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:

"Jesus, Take Me as I Am"

Jesus, take me as I am, I can come no other way,
Take me deeper into You.
Make my flesh life melt away.

Make me like a precious stone.
Crystal clear and finely honed.
Life of Jesus shining through giving glory back to You.

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“To be in Your Presence”

To be in Your presence, to sit at Your feet,
Where Your love surrounds me and makes me complete.
This is my desire, O Lord, this is my desire.
This is my desire, O Lord, this is my desire.

To rest in Your presence, not rushing away;
To cherish each moment, here I would stay.
This is my desire, O Lord, this is my desire.
This is my desire, O Lord, this is my desire.

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“I Surrender”

Here I am down on my knees again
Surrendering all, surrendering all

Find me here, Lord as You draw me near
Desperate for You, desperate for You
I surrender

Drench my soul as mercy and grace unfold
I hunger and thirst, I hunger and thirst

With arms stretched wide I know You hear my cry
Speak to me now, speak to me now

Chorus: I surrender, I surrender
I want to know You more
I want to know You more

Bridge: Like a rushing wind Jesus breathe within
Lord have Your way, Lord have Your way in me
Like a mighty storm stir within my soul
Lord have Your way, Lord have Your way in me
(Lord have Your way)
(Lord have Your way in me)

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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

"Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)"

Chorus: My chains are gone I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns
Unending love, amazing grace

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed (Chorus)

The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures (Chorus)

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God who called me here below
Will be forever mine, will be forever mine
You are forever mine

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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, Sept. 22nd – Sept. 28th

Monday

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

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

MomCo, 9:30-11:30 AM (Café)
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 Breakfast, 8:30-11:00 AM (The Harbor)

Sunday

Sunday Morning Worship, 10:00 AM (Sanctuary)
Prayer Team Meeting, 12:00-1:30 PM (Sanctuary)
Youth Group, 6:30-8:30 PM (The Harbor)

Upcoming

October 3rd – Meeting w/ God prayer service, 7:00 PM (Sanctuary)
October 4th – St. Luke's Animal Blessing Event, 1:00 PM
October 19th – Feast of St. Luke (Bishop Engel visit/Confirmations)

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| <p>Readings for September 28: Amos 6:1-7 ○ Psalm 146 1 Timothy 6:11-19 ○ Luke 16:19-31</p> |
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