

# Welcome to St. Luke's Sunday, September 25, 2022

### **Our Vision:**

## To Know God and To Make Him Known



# <u>St. Luke's Church</u>

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#### **Processional Hymn**

#### "Forever"

Give thanks to the Lord, our God and King, His love endures forever For He is good, He is above all things, His love endures forever Sing Praise, sing Praise

With a mighty hand and outstretched arm, His love endures forever For the life that's been reborn, His love endures forever Sing Praise, sing Praise, sing praise, sing praise

Chorus: Forever God is faithful Forever God is strong, Forever God is with us, forever.

> From the rising to the setting sun, His love endures forever By the grace of God we will carry on, His love endures forever Sing Praise, sing Praise

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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)

#### **Collect of the Day**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. All: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: O merciful Lord, grant to your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

#### All: Amen.

#### **Praise and Worship**

#### "No Longer Slaves"

You unravel me with a melody You surround me with a song Of deliverance from my enemies till all my fears are gone

Chorus: I'm no longer a slave to fear, I am a child of God I'm no longer a slave to fear, I am a child of God

From my mother's womb, You have chosen me Love has called my name I've been born again into Your family Your blood flows through my veins

Bridge: You split the sea so I could walk right through it My fears were drowned in perfect love You rescued me so I could stand and sing I am a child of God

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#### "Set a Fire"

There's no place I would rather be There's no place I would rather be There's no place I would rather be Than here in your love, here in your love

Set a fire down in my soul That I can't contain, that I can't control I want more of You, God. I want more of You, God.

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#### "How Great Thou Art"

O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made, I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Chorus: Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee; How great Thou art, how great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee; How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

When thru the woods and forest glades I wander And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees, When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur, And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze.

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing, Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in, That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, He bled and died to take away my sin.

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in humble adoration, And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art!

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#### Announcements

#### The Lessons

Amos 6:1-7 Psalm 146 1 Timothy 6:11-19

At the end of each reading the lector says: Lector: This is the word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.

#### The Gospel

#### Sung: Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.

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Deacon: Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 16:19-31. 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.

#### 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 worshiped 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

Celebrant: Lord, we pray that you would give us hearts to steward the world we live in. Enable your church to be a catalyst for the kingdom and your people to reflect You in all things.

#### (Pray aloud, as led, for the world, the church, and its people.)

Celebrant: Lord, because it is our church's mission to Love, Grow, Serve, and Go, increase in us the will to love like Jesus, the hunger to grow in wisdom and discernment, the desire to serve without prejudice or pretense, and the initiative to go to others with the hope of the gospel.

# (Pray aloud, as led, for the mission of the church to live the great commandment and fulfil the great commission)

Celebrant: Lord, pour out your favor and blessing upon our nation. Help us to pray for our state and nation's leaders in this challenging season. Empower us to do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with You.

#### (Pray aloud, as led, for our nation)

Celebrant: Lord, open our eyes to see, our ears to hear, and our lives to act on behalf of our neighbors. Give us insight and creativity as we seek to serve their needs, heal their lives, and restore their spirit.

Help us to curate the time and effort needed to make impact on our community.

(Pray aloud, as led, for our neighbors.)

Celebrant: Lord, we lift to you those who are sick, in need, oppressed, or grieving. Help us to purposely reach out to them in love and give us the discipline to pray for them until they are restored.

(Pray aloud, as led, for those in need.)

Celebrant: Lord, help us to honor the dead in Christ. With thanksgiving and remembrance, we bless You for the memory of their lives, the legacy of their faith, and the fulness of their joy in Your presence.

(Pray aloud the names of those who have died in Christ)

Celebrant: Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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. (I 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. (I 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: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. (2 Corinthians 9:6-7)

#### "Throne Room Song"

Jesus is in this room here right now here right now Making this place I stand holy ground holy ground

Your Spirit moves and breathes all around all around All good and perfect things, flowing down flowing down

- Pre-Chorus: If all of the heavens are singing along With the saints and the elders in glorious song And the praises they sing never seem to get old Then I'll stay here forever singing
  - Chorus: Holy holy holy Lord, God Almighty over all You were You are and You'll be forever The King enthroned in glorious splendor Holy holy Lord

Gentle love calling me closer still closer still Jesus You're guiding me to Your will to Your will

Bridge: The veil is torn and the doors fling wide I see glory as I run inside Your throne room Before You I bow

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#### Doxology

#### 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

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, for he is your living Word from before time and for all ages; by him you created all things, and by him you make all things new.

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

All: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest!

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.** 

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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.

Celebrant: The Body of Christ, the Bread of Heaven. The Blood of Christ, the Cup of Salvation.

#### **Music During Communion**

#### "Forever Grateful"

You did not wait for me To draw near to You But You clothed Yourself with frail humanity You did not wait for me To cry out to You But You let me hear Your voice calling me Chorus: And I'm forever grateful to You I'm forever grateful For the cross I'm forever grateful to You That You came To seek and save the lost

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#### "Only You"

Take my heart, I lay it down At the Feet of You who's crowned Take my life, I'm letting go I lift it up to You who's throned

Chorus: And I will worship You, Lord, only You, Lord And I will bow down before You, only You, Lord

Take my fret, take my fear All I have, I'm leaving here Be all my hopes, be all my dreams Be all my delights ,be my everything

Bridge:

And it's just You and me here now Only You and me here now

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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 hopes All: We set on the risen Christ

The Blessing

#### The Recessional

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Bridge: The veil is torn and the doors fling wide I see glory as I run inside Your throne room Before You I bow

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Deacon: Let us go forth in the Name of Christ. All: Thanks be to God.

#### This Week at St. Luke's Church, September 26<sup>th</sup> – October 2<sup>nd</sup>

#### Monday

Boy Scout Troop 411, 7:00-8:30 PM (Teen Center)

#### Tuesday

Worship With the Word, 6:00-8:00 PM (Sanctuary) Stage 4 Ministry, 6:30-8:30 PM (Lower 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 Golf League, 5:20 PM (Pine Valley Golf Course)

#### Thursday

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

#### Friday

#### Saturday

St. Luke's Workday, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM (Buildings & Grounds) Men's Group, 9:00-10:30 AM (Café)

#### Sunday

Sunday Morning Worship, **10:00 AM** (Sanctuary) Rule of Life Series, 1:00-2:30 PM (Sanctuary) Youth Group, 6:30-8:30 PM (Teen Center)

> Readings for October 2: Habakkuk 1:1-13 & 2:1-4, Psalm 137:1-17, 2 Timothy 1:1-14, Luke 17:5-10