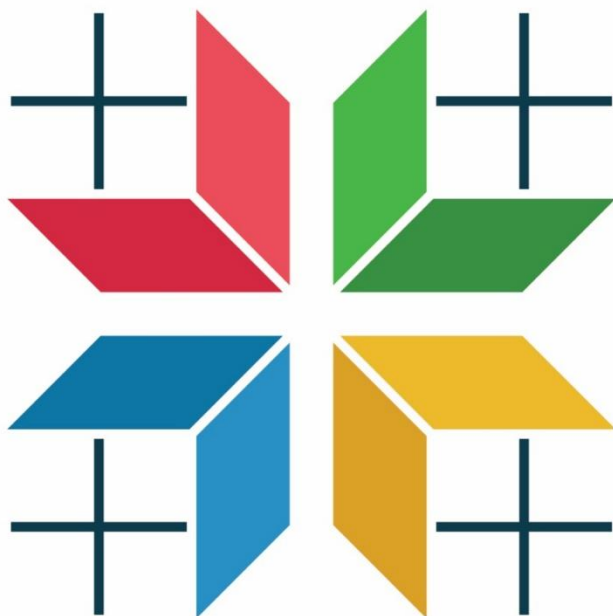




Welcome to St. Luke's Church **Sunday, September 28, 2025**

Proper 21

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

“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)

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 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

“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

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

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“Goodness Of God”

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

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

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

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

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“Our Father”

Our Father in heaven hallowed be Your Name
Your kingdom come quickly Your will be done the same

Chorus: On earth as it is in heaven, let heaven come to
Earth as it is in heaven (Let heaven come)

Interlude:
Let heaven come let heaven come

Bridge:
Yours is the kingdom Yours is the power
Yours is the glory forever amen

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The Lessons

First Reading – Amos 6:1-7

Psalm – Psalm 146 (*read responsively*)

Lector: Praise the Lord, O my soul; while I live I will praise the Lord.

All: Indeed, as long as I have my being, I will sing praises unto my God.

Lector: Put not your trust in princes, nor in any child of man, for there is no help in them.

All: For when one breathes his last, he shall return again to the earth, and in that day all his thoughts perish.

Lector: Blessed is the one who has the God of Jacob for his help and whose hope is in the Lord his God,

All: Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is therein; who keeps his promise for ever;

Lector: Who does right to those who suffer wrong; and who feeds the hungry.

All: The Lord sets prisoners free; the Lord gives sight to the blind.

Lector: The Lord helps those who have fallen; the Lord loves the righteous.

All: The Lord cares for the strangers in the land; he defends the fatherless and widow; but the way of the ungodly he makes crooked.

Lector: The Lord shall be King for evermore, even your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Praise the Lord.

New Testament Reading – 1 Timothy 6:11-19

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 16:19-31.

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.

**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

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)

"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: Rain came and wind blew
But my house was built on You
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:

“Surrounded (Fight My Battles)”

There's a table that You've prepared for me
In the presence of my enemies
It's Your body and Your blood You shed for me
This is how I fight my battles

Pre-Chorus: And I believe You've overcome
And I will lift my song of praise for all You've done

Chorus: This is how I fight my battles (3x)
(This is how)
This is how I fight my battles (3x)
(This is how)

In the valley I know that You're with me
And surely Your goodness and Your mercy follow me
So my weapons are praise and thanksgiving
This is how I fight my battles

Bridge 1: It may look like I'm surrounded
But I'm surrounded by You
It may look like I'm surrounded
But I'm surrounded by You

Bridge 2: My victory's in Jesus' name
(My victory's in Jesus' name)
My victory's in Jesus' name
(My victory's in Jesus' name)

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“Dance With Me”

Behold You have come over the hills
Upon the mountains
To me You have run my beloved You've captur'd my heart

Chorus: Dance with me O Lover of my soul
To the song of all songs
Romance me O Lover of my soul
To the song of all songs

With You I will go You are my love
You are my fair one
Winter is past and the springtime has come

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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

"O Faithful God"

I will praise You all my life,
I will sing to You with my whole heart
I will trust in You my hope and my help
My Maker and my faithful God

Chorus: O faithful God, O faithful God
You lift me up and You uphold my cause
You give me life, You dry my eyes
You're always near, You're a faithful God

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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, September 29th – October 5th

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

Meeting w/ God Prayer Service, 7:00-8:30 PM (Sanctuary)

Saturday

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

Animal Blessing, 1:00-4:00 PM (St. Luke's Grounds)

Sunday

Sunday Morning Worship, 10:00 AM (Sanctuary)

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

Upcoming

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

Readings for October 5: Habakkuk 1:1-13, 2:1-4 Psalm 37:1-17 o 2 Timothy 1:1-14 o Luke 17:5-10
