



Commitment Sunday

TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
October 22, 2023
9:00 AM

ST. LUKE'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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*Members of St. Luke's Lutheran Church, in response to Christ's love,
Reach out in service to each other, the community, and the world.*

Welcome! All words will be displayed on the screen.
Kids, don't forget your *Praise Packs!*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Monte



PRELUDE

"I Love to Tell the Story"

Emma Lou Diemer

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be God, the one who forms us, Jesus who bears the cross, the Spirit who makes our joy complete.

C: Amen

P: Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Steadfast and faithful God,

C: you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you. We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering. We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others. For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us. For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us. Lead us back to you and set us on the right path; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen

P: Beloved in Christ, God's justice stretches beyond all understanding. God's compassion is beyond compare. In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us. In Christ, you are already and always forgiven.

C: Amen



OPENING HYMN

"I Love to Tell the Story"

#661, All Verses

FAITH STORY



READING

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

²We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly ³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, ⁷so

that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

R: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God



CHILDREN'S ANTHEMS

"Our God is So Great"

Anonymous

"Jesus' Love is 'A Bubblin' Over" Traditional, arr. Hermanson
Sunday School Students



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 22:15-22

⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. ¹⁶So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" ²¹They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." ²²When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ



SERMON

Pastor Monte



SERMON HYMN

"Take My Life, That I May Be"

#685, Verses 1, 2, 4, 6



APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by power of the Holy Spirit,

born of the virgin Mary,
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.
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.

✠ PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P: God of mercy,

C: hear our prayer

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be always with you. C: And also with you.
Please greet one another with the words, "Peace be with you."

OFFERING

*Pew Pads are located at the far end of each pew.
Please fill them out and pass them, noting those seated around you.*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *"Tis the Gift to Be Simple"* American Hymn-tune, arr. M. Larkin

Children are invited to gather at the back during the anthem and help bring forward the offering.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Open your hearts.

C: We open them to God and to one another.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION


✠ LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is 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, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION—Continuous

If you wish to have the Pastor bring communion to your pew, please notify an Usher.
All are Welcome!

	DISTRIBUTION HYMNS	<i>"Children of the Heavenly Father"</i>	#781, All Verses
		<i>"Jesus Loves Me"</i>	#595, All Verses

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Blessed be your name, O God, for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus' name we pray.

C: Amen.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN	<i>"God of Grace, and God of Glory"</i>	#705, All Verses
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DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. God is at work in you.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE	<i>"God of Grace, and God of Glory"</i>	Paul Manz
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+ THANK YOU TO ALL WHO ASSISTED DURING WORSHIP TODAY! +

CHANCEL FLOWERS are given by **Rudy and Jan Miller**
in celebration of David and Amanda's wedding this fall.

ETERNAL FLAME for the second half of the month of October
is given by **Liz and Mike Wiken**
for the beauty of fall. May the love of God be with us all.

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Monday, October 23	9:00 am	Quilters
Tuesday, October 24	6:30 pm	Parish Education Meeting
Wednesday, October 25	1:00 pm	Worship
	6:00 pm	Confirmation (L)
	6:00 pm	Handbell Choir
	7:00 pm	Choir
	7:15 pm	Synergy
	8:15 pm	Bible on Tap @ On the Edge
Thursday, October 26	7:00 pm	Reformation Music Rehearsal
Friday, October 27		Church Office Closed
Saturday, October 28	9:30 am	Reformation Music Rehearsal
Sunday, October 29		Reformation & Confirmation
	9:00 am	Worship
	10:00 am	Fellowship
	10:15 am	Education Hour

You can now **GIVE ONLINE**, by scanning the QR code:



Thank you for all the ways you contribute to the life and ministry of the church!

Church

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GUEST HOUSE SANDWICH MAKING SERVICE PROJECT

TODAY following worship

All ages and abilities can help—we need people to label and decorate bags, assemble sandwiches, and bag sandwiches. Let's see what we can do together!

NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING DEADLINE

TODAY October 22, 2023

Please return registration and non-refundable \$150 deposit to Heather.

HEPHATHA WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE

All purchased items should be returned by Sunday, October 29th

Collection bin near the Sanctuary entrance

We are partnering with Hephatha Lutheran Church to provide coats, hats/gloves, underwear, socks and diapers for children in their congregation. Please contact Karen Feucht (karebair78@hotmail.com) or Pat Larsen (larsenbobpat@gmail.com) if you have any questions. Sign-up sheet at the welcome center or online using the QR code.



Thank you for your consideration!

HEPHATHA MISSION PARTNER APPRECIATION DAY

Saturday, November 4TH

Service at 3:00 pm – Dinner to follow

RSVP 414-264-0234 by October 30th

This event provides a wonderful opportunity to worship and fellowship together with our siblings at Hephatha Lutheran Church. Pastor Monte and Matt will be attending; we would love to have others from St. Luke's join as well! R.S.V.P. at 414-264-0234 by Oct 30 for dinner, but no R.S.V.P. needed for worship.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

November 5th

In addition to naming those members of St. Luke's who have died in the last year, we also invite you to give us names of other friends or loved ones who have died since last All Saint's Sunday. We want to remember all those who have made marks on our lives. **Please submit names to Pastor Monte or the church office by October 30th.**

30-50 YEAR OLD LADIES NIGHT OUT

Friday, November 10th at 7:00 pm

D'Vine Wine, Beer and Cocktails

7228 S. 27th Street in Oak Creek

Please RSVP by call or text (262-631-9453) to Pastor Monte by November 3^d

Church

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FALL CLEAN UP

Saturday, November 11th 9:00 am – Noon

Join us to clean up the church for winter. Please bring rakes, leaf blowers, or any inside cleaning supplies. Coffee & Donuts will be provided. Sign up at the Welcome Center. Any Questions? Contact Todd Sneed (414) 531-5376.

PACKER PARTY

Sunday, November 12th – Packers vs. Steelers

11:30 am (Game at noon)

Lower Fellowship Hall



Bring an appetizer, side dish or dessert to pass. Brats and hot dogs will be served at half time. Paper products, soda and water provided. Adult beverages permitted. (BYO)

Sign up at the Gathering Space or by scanning the QR code to sign up at slchurch.org/sign-ups

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

ADULTS, we need you behind the scenes to have our program run smoothly. Do you have interest in possibly being a co-director with Lydia VanDien? Helping with costumes or set design... or assisting in ANY way? Talk to Heather, or sign up at slchurch.org/sign-ups.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDENTS who would like a part (large, small, or a non-speaking role), please let Heather know, or sign up at slchurch.org/sign-ups.

GREENDALE HEALTH DEPARTMENT KIDS' FLU CLINIC

Tuesday, October 31st 3:30 – 6:30 pm

Greendale High School Library

No advance registration required. Free to Children under 19 years old. Most clients can receive their flu shot within about 15 minutes. This year, adult flu shots will not be available at the clinic.

CARE FOR THE CAREGIVER WORKSHOP

Saturday, November 4th 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Register by October 29th

November is Caregiver month. SAGE (Successful Aging in Greendale for Everyone) and their community partners are hosting a Care for the Caregiver Workshop. This FREE event is intended to provide respite for family caregivers who are caring for an older adult or someone with dementia or experiencing memory loss. **To register, go to the health department website.**

We love children at St. Luke's, and welcome babies and young children and all their exuberance into worship! To make it easier for parents, we have "busy bags" available by the entrance, as well as "praise packs" that help encourage children's engagement in worship. We also have a cry room available in the back of the sanctuary with changing facilities and rocking chairs. We know it takes a lot of work to get to church and worship with young ones; we're glad you're here!

Let the little children come to me ...
it is to such as these that the
kingdom of God belongs.

Mark 10:14, NRSV



****PRAISE PACK ICONS****



Light your candle when the candles are lit at the front of the church & hold it up high.
At the end of the service turn your candle off.



Take out the cross & hold it tight during tight during times of prayer.



Use the ribbon stick to move to the music



Look at the booklet on the clipboard to follow along with today's reading(s), or follow along on the screen



While listening to the sermon, color the picture(s) & do the activity sheets on your clipboards. Can you make any connections between your sheets & the sermon?



Put "I Give myself to God" Paper in the offering plate as your offering.