



**November 19, 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 to Worship! All words will be displayed on the screen.
Kids, don't forget your Praise Packs! Children's Bulletins are available in the Praise Packs!

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Monte



PRELUDE *"Lord, Jesus Christ, Abide With Us"* Johann Walter 1684-1748

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

"O God Our Help in Ages Past"

#632, Verses 1, 3, 6



READING

Psalm 90

¹LORD, you have been our dwelling place
in all generations.

²Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

³You turn us back to dust,
and say, "Turn back, you mortals."

⁴For a thousand years in your sight
are like yesterday when it is past,
or like a watch in the night.

⁵You sweep them away; they are like a dream,
like grass that is renewed in the morning;

⁶in the morning it flourishes and is renewed;

in the evening it fades and withers.

⁷For we are consumed by your anger;
by your wrath we are overwhelmed.

⁸You have set our iniquities before you,
our secret sins in the light of your countenance.

⁹For all our days pass away under your wrath;
our years come to an end like a sigh.

¹⁰The days of our life are seventy years,
or perhaps eighty, if we are strong;
even then their span is only toil and trouble;
they are soon gone, and we fly away.

¹¹Who considers the power of your anger?
Your wrath is as great as the fear that is due you.

¹²So teach us to count our days
that we may gain a wise heart.

¹³Turn, O LORD! How long?
Have compassion on your servants!

¹⁴Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,
so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

¹⁵Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us,
and as many years as we have seen evil.

¹⁶Let your work be manifest to your servants,
and your glorious power to their children.

¹⁷Let the favor of the LORD our God be upon us,
and prosper for us the work of our hands —
O prosper the work of our hands!

R: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

CHILDREN'S SERMON

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 25:14-30

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁴“For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; ¹⁵to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. ¹⁷In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the

ground and hid his master's money. ¹⁹After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' ²¹His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' ²²And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' ²³His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' ²⁴Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' ²⁶But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. ²⁹For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. ³⁰As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' "

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ

 **SERMON**

Pastor Monte



SERMON HYMN

"Lord of Light"

#688, Verses 1,3 & 4



Apostle's 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 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.

He is seated at the right hand of the Father.

And 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 the Lord be with you always **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

*"Beautiful Savior"
St. Luke's Handbell Choir*

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

You will be invited to stand or kneel at the altar.
If you wish to have the Pastor bring communion to your pew, please notify an Usher.
All are Welcome!

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"Earth Prayer"

Bill Douglas

Performed by Andrea Clark, Contra-Bassoon

"Beautiful Savior"

#838, Verses 1,3, & 4



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 Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"* #815, Verses 1 & 3



DISMISSAL

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

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"* Johann Walther

+ THANK YOU TO ALL WHO ASSISTED DURING WORSHIP TODAY! +

CHANCEL FLOWERS are given by **Liz Wiken Family**
in loving memory of Mike Wiken

ETERNAL FLAME for the second half of the month of November
is given by **Dordel Family, Dan, Cheryl, Kelly & Derek**
in loving memory of Trudy Martin.

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!

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Monday, November 20	9:00 am	Quilters
Tuesday, November 21	6:30 pm	Church Council
Wednesday, November 22	1:00 pm	Worship
Thursday, November 23	Church Office Closed	
Friday, November 24	Church Office Closed	
Sunday, November 26	9:00 am	Worship
	10:00 am	Fellowship
	10:15 am	Education Hour

Church **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

WEDNESDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 22 Watch for a Thanksgiving reflection video and story, coming on Wednesday night, to enjoy with your family as you prepare your meal or as you gather. It will be in email and on the website.

In the Gathering Space, you will find paper leaves. Please take a few, writing on them what you are thankful for, and tie them to our Thanksgiving vine and branches! Let's fill the Gathering Space with thanksgivings.

ANNUAL ADVENT BREAKFAST See Insert for more information

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING AND READERS

Sign up at slchurch.org/sign-ups Or at the Welcome Center

Families and individuals of all ages are invited to sign up to light the advent wreath and do a brief responsive reading at our 9AM worship services: December 3, 10, 17 & 24.

POINSETTIA ORDERS ARE STARTING TODAY See insert for more information.

THE GIVING TREE. Gifts should be returned to St. Luke's wrapped with the card securely taped to the package by Sunday, December 10th NOTE: Once the cards have all been taken, you're invited to fill the tree with hats, scarves, mittens, and underwear for our (adult and children) friends at Hephatha.

3rd QUARTER GIVING STATEMENTS are available to pick up at the Welcome Center, for those who chose to receive them in paper form.

COMMUNION BREAD-BAKING

Ladies – come bake with us! Saturday, November 25th, 8 am – 11:30 am. Lower Fellowship Hall Kitchen

THE ANXIETY OPPORTUNITY

During Education Hour

Join us in the Upper Fellowship Hall as we learn to encounter Jesus through our anxieties, with the help of Scripture, physical practices, nature, prayer and new self-understandings.

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NURSERY

The nursery is now open for children ages 0-3! Adeline Klockenkemper is eager to care for your little ones as you worship. Rest assured, babies are still welcome in the sanctuary; this just provides another option.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Welcome to Becky Cunningham, our new Office Manager. Church office hours will now be 8:30 am – 1:30pm, Monday through Thursday. If you are in the building, please introduce yourself to Becky and welcome her to St. Luke's! Many thanks to Lani Ziller and Lynda VanDien who helped keep the office running.

BLUE CHRISTMAS

Christmas can be a difficult season, whether it is due to the recent death of a loved one, illness, or just the weight of memories that accumulate like snowflakes. If you need a break from the "merry merry," join us on Dec 10 at 5 pm as we gather for a reflective service of hope and healing.

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 as well as a staffed nursery for children ages 0-3. 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.