



**We welcome Reverend Paul Nuechterlein as our preacher and president.**

**SEASON OF CREATION: LET ALL THINGS NOW LIVING  
Lakes and Rivers**

**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
September 24, 2023  
9:00 AM**

**ST. LUKE'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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For no part of creation is left void of God: God has filled all things everywhere.



*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!*

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Dick Hensley

### **OPENING LITANY**

*P: Blessed be the One who creates all things.*

**C: The Holy One's love is new every morning.**

*P: This is the day the Lord has made.*

**C: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**



### **PRELUDE**

*"On Eagle's Wings"*

Anne Krentz Organ

Piano solo: Andrea Clark

### **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

*P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.*

*Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring.*

**C: Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for cloud and rain, for dew and snow.**

*P: Your waters are below us, around us, above us: our life is born in you.*

**C: Praise to you for your saving waters: Noah and the animals survive the flood, Hagar discovers your well.**

*P: The Israelites escape through the sea, and they drink from your gushing rock.*

**C: Naaman washes his leprosy away, and the Samaritan woman will never be thirsty again.**

*P: At this font, holy God, we pray:*

**C: Praise to you for the water of baptism and for the Word that saves us in this water.**

*P: Breathe your Spirit into all who are gathered here and into all creation.*

**C: Wash away the sin within us, and drown the evil around us.**

*P: Satisfy all our thirst with your living water, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

**All: Amen**



### **OPENING HYMN**

*"Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters"*

#445, All Verses

<sup>1</sup>Then he brought me back to the entrance of the temple; there, water was flowing from below the threshold of the temple toward the east (for the temple faced east); and the water was flowing down from below the south end of the threshold of the temple, south of the altar. <sup>2</sup>Then he brought me out by way of the north gate, and led me around on the outside to the outer gate that faces toward the east; and the water was coming out on the south side.

<sup>3</sup>Going on eastward with a cord in his hand, the man measured one thousand cubits, and then led me through the water; and it was ankle-deep. <sup>4</sup>Again he measured one thousand, and led me through the water; and it was knee-deep. Again he measured one thousand, and led me through the water; and it was up to the waist. <sup>5</sup>Again he measured one thousand, and it was a river that I could not cross, for the water had risen; it was deep enough to swim in, a river that could not be crossed. <sup>6</sup>He said to me, "Mortal, have you seen this?"

Then he led me back along the bank of the river. <sup>7</sup>As I came back, I saw on the bank of the river a great many trees on the one side and on the other. <sup>8</sup>He said to me, "This water flows toward the eastern region and goes down into the Arabah; and when it enters the sea, the sea of stagnant waters, the water will become fresh. <sup>9</sup>Wherever the river goes, every living creature that swarms will live, and there will be very many fish, once these waters reach there. It will become fresh; and everything will live where the river goes. <sup>10</sup>People will stand fishing beside the sea from En-gedi to En-eglaim; it will be a place for the spreading of nets; its fish will be of a great many kinds, like the fish of the Great Sea. <sup>11</sup>But its swamps and marshes will not become fresh; they are to be left for salt. <sup>12</sup>On the banks, on both sides of the river, there will grow all kinds of trees for food. Their leaves will not wither nor their fruit fail, but they will bear fresh fruit every month, because the water for them flows from the sanctuary. Their fruit will be for food, and their leaves for healing."

Revelations 22:1-2

<sup>1</sup>Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb <sup>2</sup>through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.

*R: The Word of the Lord*

**C: Thanks be to God**

 **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

 **HOLY GOSPEL**

<sup>37</sup>On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, <sup>38</sup>and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.'"

*P: This is the Gospel of our Lord*

**C: Praise to you, O Christ**

 **SERMON**

Rev. Paul Nuechterlein

 **SERMON HYMN**

*"Baptized in Water"*

#456, All Verses

 **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**

*"O Lord Hear my Prayer"*

#751

Sing at beginning and midway through

*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**

*"The Heav'ns Resounding"*  
St. Luke's Men's Ensemble

*Beethoven, arr. Overby*

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**

*P: Come, for the feast is ready. Come to the table and receive these gifts: the gift of healing for those in pain, the gift of forgiveness for those in sin, the gift of assurance for those in doubt, and the gift of hope for those in tears.*

**C: May we who share these gifts also share Christ with one another and with all the earth.**

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



**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

*"Change My Heart, O God"*  
*"Be Thou My Vision"*

#801, All Verses

#793, All Verses

**† PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

*P: Let us give thanks for this meal.*

**C: We thank you, Christ, for the meal we have celebrated with you, and we pray that through your body and blood we may be healed and become agents of healing for the earth. Amen.**

**BENEDICTION**



**CLOSING HYMN**

*“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”*

#858, Verses 1 & 4



**DISMISSAL**

*P: We have been born*

**C: to care for the Earth.**

*P: We have been called*

**C: to be blessing for all.**

*P: Christ commissions the Church:*

**C: Bring Good news to Creation!**

*P: Rise, rejoice in the challenge.*

**C: Delight in God’s love!**

**POSTLUDE**

*Suite from “Water Music”*

Handel, arr. W. A Goldsworthy

**A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO REVEREND PAUL NUECHTERLEIN  
FOR PREACHING AND PRESIDING TODAY.**

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

**CHANCEL FLOWERS** are given by **Dick & Sheri Trucks**  
in thanks for the many blessings received in our 44 years of marriage, especially our  
new granddaughter, Isabela Mae.

**ETERNAL FLAME** for the month of September  
is given by **the Brunner Family** in honor of blessings received.

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

### **DIRECTORY SIGN-UP**

Please sign up for a slot to have your directory picture taken. Sign up in person on Sundays or online Monday—Saturday at [ucdir.com](http://ucdir.com). Our church code is WI295, our password is photos. **We also need hosts during the photography days and your recent pictures of St. Luke's events.** Photos can be sent to [stlukes@slchurch.org](mailto:stlukes@slchurch.org), with "directory photos" in the subject line.

### **SEASON OF CREATION**

We would love pictures of you and your pet for October 1<sup>st</sup> when we celebrate St. Francis of Assisi Day. Email to [stlukes@slchurch.org](mailto:stlukes@slchurch.org), with "creation photos" in the subject line. Horizontal photos fit the screen best.

### **WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICE**

**Wednesdays at 1:00 pm**

New Worship Opportunity! Join us for scripture, prayer, and communion, in the Gathering Space of the Sanctuary. Help us spread the word!

### **YOGA IS BACK**

**Mondays at 11:30 am**

**Upper Fellowship Hall**

Sign up at [alexdruzny.com](http://alexdruzny.com) or email [alexdruzny@gmail.com](mailto:alexdruzny@gmail.com) with questions.

### **NIGHT TIGERS: OUR NEIGHBORHOOD OWLS**

**Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:30 am**

**Lower Fellowship Hall**

Join us for an all-ages program, as we conclude our Season of Creation by learning about one of God's majestic creatures. Brooke Gilley, a naturalist from Wehr Nature Center, will lead us in this delightful and informative program. Preschool – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade will have Sunday school as normal. 4<sup>th</sup> grade and above will attend this program with their classes.

### **HEPHATHA WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE**

**All purchased items should be returned by Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>**

**Collection bin near the Sanctuary entrance**

We are once again partnering with Hephatha Lutheran Church this fall to provide coats, hats/gloves, underwear and socks for children in their congregation. There is also a need for diapers. Please contact Karen Feucht ([karebair78@hotmail.com](mailto:karebair78@hotmail.com)) or Pat Larsen ([larsenbobpat@gmail.com](mailto:larsenbobpat@gmail.com)) if you have any questions. A physical sign-up sheet will be available at the welcome center every Sunday morning. Online sign up is an option too.

Scan the QR code here:



Thank you for your consideration!



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### FIFTH AVENUE TRIO FALL RECITAL

Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm

St. Luke's Sanctuary

Featuring Kimberly Hawkinson (Oboe), Andrea Clark (Bassoon) and Peter Gibeau (Piano). Admission is free, accepting donations for the St. Luke's Piano Fund.

### BUY A KEY

To finish paying for our beautiful piano, we invite you to "buy a key". 60 or the 88 keys have been claimed. We pray that this piano will bless our worship for years to come!

### PUMPKIN PATCH OUTING

Saturday, October 21 at 10:00 am

Basse's Farm in Colgate –[bassesfarms.com](http://bassesfarms.com)

Sign up deadline (to receive this pricing) October 15.

Meet at the pumpkin patch. Activities include: entertaining shows, pig races, corn maze, zip line, games for all ages, and much, much more! We will meet at 11:30 to enjoy a hayride to the pumpkin patch together. Most activities are included in the cost of \$15 per person (children 0-1 free), pumpkins are an additional fee of \$4.19 (any size), as well as pony rides, and U-pick apples. Sign up at church or online ([slchurch.org/pumpkin](http://slchurch.org/pumpkin)).

### OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

**Monday, September 25**

9:00 am Quilters  
11:00 am Yoga

**Wednesday, September 27**

1:00 pm Worship  
6:00 pm Confirmation/Synergy Service Project  
7:00 pm Choir  
8:15 pm Bible on Tap @ On the Edge

**Thursday, September 28**

6:00 pm WINGS

**Friday, September 22**

**Church Office Closed**

**Sunday, October 1**

**Blessing of the Animals**

9:00 am Worship  
10:00 am Fellowship  
10:15 am Education Hour  
10:30 am Night Tigers: Our Neighborhood Owls

*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.