

SAINT LUKE CHURCH

Summer 2021



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A warm welcome to all who gather in the name of Christ this morning. If you are looking for a church home, we hope you will consider Saint Luke Church.

Masks are not required for people who are vaccinated. Unvaccinated persons should wear a face covering and maintain six feet social distance.

For your convenience, we offer *large print copies* of the Sunday bulletin and *individual sound enhancement devices* programmed to the frequency of our sound system.

Sharing of the Peace will be done in place and without contact. A nod toward the neighbor, a bow of the head, a wave or other signs of mutual spiritual respect can be used.

Offering will be taken during the service.

Free parking is available in the parking garage behind the church. Enter from Melrose St. (one block north of Belmont).

If there is anything else we can do to assist your worship experience, please let the ushers know.



SAINT LUKE CHURCH

July 25, 2021

Sundays after Pentecost-Lectionary 17

PRAYER CONNECTION AND REFLECTION

Time to reflect and pray individually as you prepare for worship

THE PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Gracious God, you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that we may know your Son to be the true bread of heaven and share this bread with all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

REMEMBER THOSE WHO ARE ILL

O God, the strength of the weak and the comfort of sufferers: Mercifully hear our prayers and grant to your servants:

<i>Maryann Palermo</i>	<i>Abigail Zhang</i>	<i>Patricia Grunde</i>	<i>Janet Hagberg</i>	<i>Debbie Clark</i>
<i>Christian Long</i>	<i>Kenneth Markworth</i>	<i>Jeanette Geweke</i>	<i>Judith Hoyer</i>	<i>Ruby Strohmayer</i>
<i>Rosemarie Morgen</i>	<i>Calvin Clements</i>	<i>Laurie Strohmayer</i>	<i>Dan Horton</i>	<i>Dana Roscop</i>
<i>Linda Planekowsky</i>	<i>Mark Van Scharrel</i>	<i>Hayden Berthelot</i>	<i>Rachel Bouman</i>	<i>Donna Jitchotvisut</i>

the help of your power, that illness may be turned into health and our sorrow into joy; through Jesus Christ. Amen

BEFORE WORSHIP

God of grace, you have given us minds to know you, hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may celebrate your glory and worship you in spirit and truth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

REMEMBER THOSE SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES

Almighty God, we commit to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad:

Nicholas Bakulinski *Jeremy Strohmayer* *Dan McCarthy* *Lucas Kratz* *Preston Larson*

Defend them with your heavenly grace and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER FOR PEACE

O God, grant us the vision to see and the faith to believe in a world free from violence, where fear shall no longer lead men to commit injustice, nor selfishness make them bring suffering to others. Help us to devote our thoughts and energy to the task of making peace, praying always for the inspiration and the power to fulfill the destiny for which we and all humanity were created. In the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace, we pray. Amen.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

TIME AFTER PENTECOST – LECTIONARY 17

JULY 25, 2021 • 9:30 AM

GATHERING

Sit Prelude: “Adagio e dolce”

J.S. Bach

Stand Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known, and from whom 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 Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Most merciful God,
**we confess that we are captive to sin
and cannot free ourselves.
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.
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,
so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

In the mercy of almighty God,
Jesus Christ was given to die for us,
and for his sake God forgives us all our sins.
As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ,
and by his authority, I therefore declare to you
the entire forgiveness of all your sins,
in the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Entrance Hymn

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

All who hunger, gather gladly; holy manna is our bread.
Come from wilderness and wand'ring. Here in truth we will be fed.
You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, never strangers; seeker, be a welcome guest.
Come from restlessness and roaming. Here in joy we keep the feast.
We that once were lost and scattered in communion's love have stood.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, sing together, Jesus Christ is living bread.
Come from loneliness and longing. Here in peace we have been fed.
Blest are those who from this table live their days in gratitude.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.
Let us pray...
The congregation responds: Amen

WORD _____

Sit

First Reading

2 Kings 4:42-44

The reading concludes: The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalms 145:10-18

All your works shall praise¹ you, O Lord,
and your faithful¹ ones shall bless you.
**They shall tell of the glory¹ of your kingdom
and speak¹ of your power,**

that all people may know¹ of your power
and the glorious splendor¹ of your kingdom.
**Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom;
your dominion endures through-¹ out all ages.**
**You, Lord, are faithful in all your words,
and loving in¹ all your works.**

The Lord upholds all¹ those who fall
and lifts up those who¹ are bowed down.
**The eyes of all wait upon¹ you, O Lord,
and you give them their food¹ in due season.**

You open¹ wide your hand
and satisfy the desire of every¹ living thing.
**You are righteous in¹ all your ways
and loving in¹ all your works.**

You are near to all who¹ call upon you,
to all who call up-¹ on you faithfully.

Second Reading

Ephesians 3:14-21

The reading concludes: The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.



Stand Alleluia Verse

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the 6th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

✠ SAINT JOHN 6:I-2I ✠

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit Sermon

Stand Hymn of the Day Break Now the Bread of Life

Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, as once you
Broke the loaves beside the sea. Beyond the sacred page
I seek you, Lord; my spirit waits for you, O living Word.

Bless your own word of truth, dear Lord, to me, as when you
Blessed the bread by Galilee. Then shall all bondage cease,
All fetters fall; and I shall find my peace, my All in All!

You are the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, your holy
Word the truth that rescues me. Give me to eat and live
With you above; teach me to love your truth, for you are love.

Nicene Creed

**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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the
virgin Mary and became truly human.
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,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who 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**

Sit Prayers of Intercession
After each petition: Remember your compassion and love:
Send your Spirit, Lord, hear our prayer.

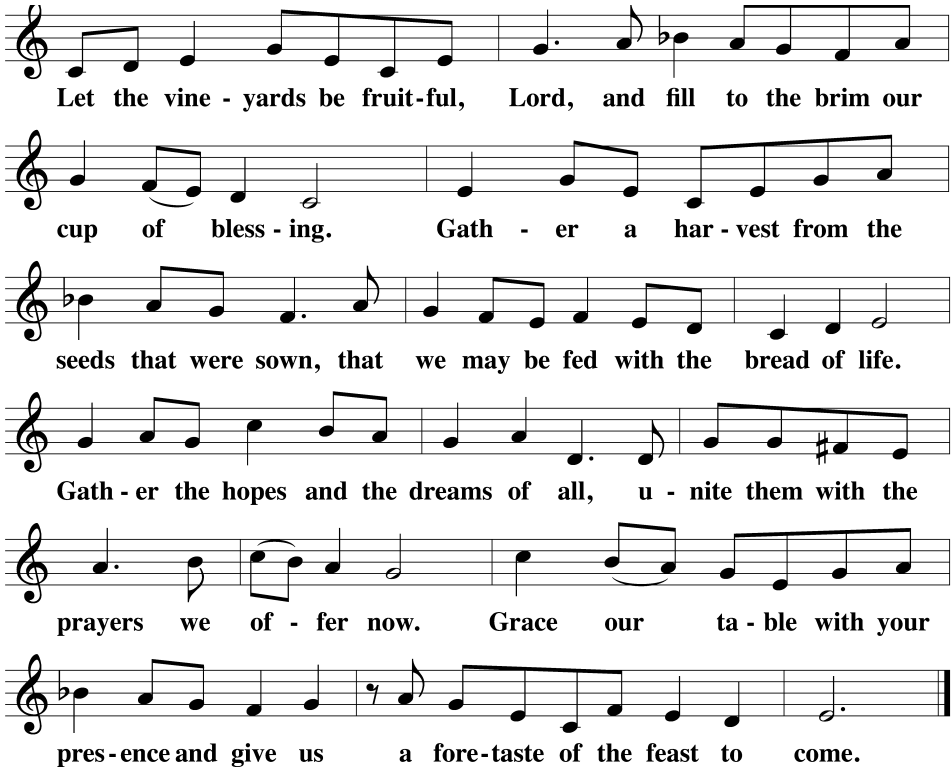
Stand Sharing of the Peace
The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**
The congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

MEAL_____

Sit Gathering of the Gifts *Offering for the Congregation*
 “The eyes of all wait upon Thee” Jean Berger

The eyes of all, wait upon Thee, and Thou gives them their meat in due season.
Thou openest Thy hand, and satisfieth the desire of every living thing.

Stand Presentation of the Gifts



Let the vine - yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all, u - nite them with the
prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres-ence and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

Let us pray.

**Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness
you have blessed us with these gifts; our selves, our time, and our
possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world
with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Words of Institution

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit,
let us pray as Jesus taught us:
**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and
deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen**

Sit Communion
*All baptized Christians are welcome at the Lord's table. At the invitation of an usher, please
proceed to communion by the center aisle and return via the side aisles.*

Hymn We Come to the Hungry Feast
We come to the hungry feast hungry for a word of peace.
To hungry hearts unsatisfied the love of God is
Not denied. We come, we come to the hungry feast.

We come to the hungry feast hungry for a world released
From hungry folk of ev'ry kind, the poor in body,
Poor in mind. We come, we come to the hungry feast.

We come to the hungry feast hungry that the hunger cease,
And knowing, though we eat our fill, the hunger will stay
With us; still we come, we come to the hungry feast.

SENDING _____

Stand Table Blessing

Prayer after Communion

Blessing

Prayer for Peace

Recession

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude: "Praise the Lord, O my Soul"

Siegfried Karg-Elert

Robert Johnson, *Presiding Minister*
Dennis Grabowski, *Assisting Minister*
Maia Surace, *Cantor*
Don Mead, *Organist*

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

July 25, 2021



Today

Sundays after Pentecost – Lectionary 17

Our long liturgical season of growth continues. On the altar, the green shoots are but a promise of the lush growth this season will eventually produce. Each week this sapling will grow, its colors mirroring the greens of the season. As the strips extend across the altar, they will form a cross that will ultimately enfold the entire space with every color of the growing season. We, the baptized congregation, are like these diverse strips: together we form the Body of Christ—one body composed of many diverse members.

Introduction to the Day

Today is the first of five Sundays with gospel readings from John 6, the first four of which focus on Jesus as bread of life. Today Jesus feeds thousands of people with five loaves and two fish. What we have, what we bring to Jesus' table seems like it is not nearly enough to meet all the needs we see around us. But it is not the adequacy of our supplies or our skills that finally makes the difference: it is the power of Jesus working in the littlest and least to transform this world into the world God desires, a world where all the hungry are satisfied.

Bible Class

Bible Class **will** meet this Thursday, July 29, 2021 at 12:00 p.m. Get you lunch and join the group to discuss the lessons and Gospel for Lectionary 18.

The lessons are: *Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15, Ephesians 4:1-16, Saint John 6:24-35*

The link for "**Bible Class**" can be found on the website at stlukechicago.org. Click on "Bible Class" or enter the following URL into your browser: <https://bit.ly/39AbHrQ>

Meeting ID: 992 4691 2627 Passcode: saintluke



Coffee Hour

Please come to the church lobby after the service as we celebrate the **in-person and online Coffee Hour**! Greet people on Zoom you haven't seen in a while! Coffee will be available.

If you are online for church, please enter the following URL into your browser: <https://bit.ly/3pbTyFF>. It's a wonderful way to get caught up with Saint Luke friends.



Volunteers

Saint Luke is lucky to have **volunteers** who make life easier in a variety of ways. This week thanks go to Linda Strohmayer and Nancy Stalder. Both have worked tirelessly to make the grounds at Saint Luke a colorful, blooming place. Take a peaceful walk around the building and seeing all the beautiful summer flowers.

If you have a talent to share or would like to join existing volunteers, please contact Elisabeth Stampfl (773.472.3383, estampfl@stlukechicago.org)

Needs at Home

During the month of August the items for our **monthly gifts collection** will be packaged **macaroni and cheese** dinners and **canned meats** (Spam, for example). These items, easy to prepare sources of protein, are distributed to hungry local residents through the Lakeview Pantry.

THIS WEEK *at* Saint Luke Church

SUNDAY, July 25, 2021

Holy Communion 9:30 a.m.

Coffee Hour 10:30 a.m.

Link: <https://bit.ly/3pbTyFF>

Church

In-Person and via Zoom

MONDAY - FRIDAY, July 26-30, 2021

Summer Camp

3rd and 4th floors

THURSDAY, July 29, 2021

Bible Class 12:00 p.m.

Link: <https://bit.ly/39AbHrQ>

via Zoom

SUNDAY, August 1, 2021

Holy Communion 9:30 a.m.

Coffee Hour 10:30 a.m.

Link: <https://bit.ly/3pbTyFF>

Church

In-Person and via Zoom



Giving to Saint Luke

Here are some easy ways to make donations to Saint Luke:

1. Go to stlukechicago.org and click on “**Donate**”. The **Online** button will take you to the donation page. You can direct your money to the category you choose, such as: congregation, missions, building or special events. You can also choose the frequency of your donation.
2. **Paper form sign-up:** Sign up with **SimplyGiving** (through Vanco)-- an easy and secure way to donate automatically. A form for your use includes a number of options from which to choose: credit/debit card, checking or savings account. It’s as easy as getting a form from the church office and returning it to the church. You can also call 773.472.3383 and a form will be sent to you.
3. Send a **Text Message** to **833.988.0613** with the amount you would like to contribute (example: 25). Within a few minutes, you will be sent a text with a link to register. Click on the link and enter your cardholder name and debit or card information. Once your registration is complete, you will receive a text verification and a receipt of your donation via email.

For future giving, send a text with the amount you wish to give, and it will process automatically! You can even text “repeat” to make it a recurring donation. Text giving is one of the fastest and easiest ways to give.
4. Remember, as always, you can make your donation through **offering envelopes**, in the **offering basket**, or by using the giving **kiosk** in the Church Lobby.

Please call the church office if you have any questions (773.472.3383).

Hopefully this information is helpful to you. Thank you for sharing your generosity and supporting Saint Luke.