SAINT LUKE CHURCH

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.

Everyone is required to wear a mask in the church and during the service. Unvaccinated persons should 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.
THE PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross so that he might draw the whole world to himself. To those who look upon the cross, grant your wisdom, healing, and eternal life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. 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:

- Scott Jurkas
- Abigail Zhang
- Patricia Grunde
- Janet Hagem
- Eve Schoeffler
- Christian Long
- Kenneth Markworth
- Jeannette Gewert
- Judith Hoyer
- Ruby Strohmayer
- Rosemarie Morgan
- Calvin Clements
- Laurie Strohmayer
- Dan Horton
- Dallas Cronk
- Tyler Hennigan
- Mark Van Scharrel
- Hayden Bemmel
- Rachel Bouman
- Donna Jitchotvisut
- Logan Berdacker
- Debbie Clark
- Janice Maltese
- Mariam Usmani
- Alex Rose

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

FOR SEPTEMBER 11

Gracious God, grant peace among nations. We recall the bereavement and bitterness we felt in the aftermath of September 11. Cleanse from our own hearts the seeds of strife: greed and envy, harsh misunderstandings and ill will, fear and desire for revenge. In the time of opportunity make us be diligent; and in the time of peril do not let courage fail. Empower the leaders of all nations to lead guided by your wisdom and mercy. 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 Almighty God, Creator of all humanity, turn the hearts of all peoples and their rulers that by the power of your Holy Spirit peace may be established among the nations on the foundation of justice, righteousness and truth; through him who was lifted up on the cross to draw all people to himself, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

Processional Hymn

Lift High the Cross

Refrain: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.

Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod, our king victorious, Christ the Son of God. Refrain

All newborn servants of the Crucified bear on their brows the seal of him who died. Refrain

So shall our song of triumph ever be: praise to the Crucified for victory! Refrain

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

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

Psalm 98:1-4

Sing a new song to the Lord, who has done marvelous things, whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

O Lord, you have made known your victory, you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.

Psalm 98:1-4

You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1:18-24

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

Stand Alleluia Verse

Glory to you, O Lord.

+ SAINT JOHN 3:13-17 +
The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit Sermon

Stand Hymn of the Day

Lord of All Hopefulness

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy, whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy: be there at our waking, and give us, we pray, your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith, whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe: be there at our labors, and give us, we pray, your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindliness, Lord of all grace, your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace: be there at our homing, and give us, we pray, your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm:
be there at our sleeping and give us, we pray,
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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

Prayers of Intercession

After each petition: Lord, listen to your children pray.

Send us love, send us peace, send us grace.

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.

M E A L

Sit Gathering of the Gifts
Anthem: “Ave Verum corpus”

Ave, verum corpus natum
de Maria Virgine:
vere passum, immolatum
in cruce pro homine:
cuius latus perforatum
fluxit aqua et sanguine:
esto nobis praegustatum,
in mortis examine
O Jesu dulcis, O Jesu pie,
O Jesu Fili Mariae.

Hail the true body, born
of the Virgin Mary:
You who truly suffered and were sacrificed
on the cross for the sake of man.
From whose pierced flank
flowed water and blood:
Be a foretaste for us
in the trial of death.
O sweet, O merciful,
O Jesus, Son of Mary.

Offering for the Congregation

Alexandre Guilmant

Let the vine-yards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our
cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
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

Now We Remain

Refrain:

We hold the death of the Lord deep in our hearts. Living, now we remain with Jesus the Christ.

Once we were people afraid, lost in the night. Then by your cross we were saved; dead became living, life from your giving. Refrain

Something that we have known, something we’ve touched, what we have seen with our eyes, this we have heart: lifegiving Word. Refrain

He chose to give of himself, became our bread; broken, that we might live; love beyond love pain for our pain. Refrain

We are the presence of God; this is our call; now to become bread and wine, food for the hungry, life for the weary; for to live with the Lord, we must die with the Lord. Refrain

SENDING

Stand

Table Blessing

Prayer after Communion

Blessing

Prayer for Peace

Recessional Hymn

Eternal Father, strong to save

Eternal Father, strong to save, whose arm has bound the restless wave who bade the mighty ocean deep its own appointed limits keep: oh, hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.
O Savior, whose almighty word the winds and waves submissive heard, who walked upon the foaming deep, and calm amid the storm didst sleep: oh, hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.

O Holy Spirit, who didst brood upon the chaos dark and rude, and bid its angry tumult cease, and give, for wild confusion, peace: oh, hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.

O Trinity of love and pow’r, all trav’lers guard in danger’s hour from rock and tempest, fire and foe, protect them wheresoe’er they go; thus evermore shall rise to thee glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

Dismissal
Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude: “Cortége”

Robert Johnson, Presiding Minister
Robert Kleisch, Assisting Minister
Maia Surace, Cantor
Don Mead, Organist

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
September 12, 2021

Today
Sundays after Pentecost – Lectionary 24
Our long liturgical season of growth continues. On the altar, the pale green shoots begin their steady transformation into the lush growth and vibrant colors this season will eventually produce. As the strips are added 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
This festival, which originated in the fourth century, celebrates the triumph of the cross. Paul reminds us that Christ crucified is the power and wisdom of God. As Moses put a serpent on a pole to be a source of healing for the Israelites, we lift high the cross as the sign of the cross we remember our baptism into the death and resurrection of Christ.

Bible Class
Bible Class will meet this Thursday, September 16, 2021 at 12:00 p.m. Please join the group to discuss the lessons and Gospel for Lectionary 25.

The lessons are: Jeremiah 11:18-20, James 3:13—4:3, 7-8a, Mark 9:30-37

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! Say “Hello” to people who are unable to come to church and would love to hear from people here! Coffee is available.

If you are online for church, please enter the following URL into your browser:

A Note from Pastor Bouman
Grace and peace to you this day. I will be leading worship and preaching at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church on Central Park West in Manhattan this morning as we reflect on the tragedy of September 11, twenty years later. Shortly after the September 11 attacks I went to Ground Zero for the first time with our local and national bishops. We then gathered with Lutherans from across the tri-state area for a liturgy of prayer, lamentation and solace at Holy Trinity. My thoughts and prayers are with you at Saint Luke this morning, as each of you reflect on your own experience of the day and all that has transpired since then. The prayer for peace, with which we traditionally end our liturgy at Saint Luke will have special meaning and power this morning. I leave prayer for peace, with which we traditionally end our liturgy at Saint Luke will have special meaning and power this morning. I leave with you a poem written by Marjorie Lorenz, a member of Our Savior Atonement in Manhattan, written to reflect on September 11 tragedy. It reminds us to remember by embracing each other.

"Wind and sky with one intent, implacably somber. The air, heavy with sorrow, unable to weep, weighs us down. Have our hearts become sodden graves, unquiet with festering sorrow? But disaster bequeathed us the living, each person you see, The soul's body armor in shreds, the awful secret revealed. That flesh seeds only on the moment granted, That we dance on trap doors. The living are suddenly ours to see for the first time, To study in tender discovery, adorning the Earth, Glowing like coins of gold sifted through the fingers of God. Our charges, our ward, our gifts. They are ours, we are theirs. These are the terms of the will." (Afterwards: September 2001 by Marjorie Lorenz)

Lakeview Lutheran Parish Confirmation Program
We invite all 7th and 8th graders and the adults with whom they share a household to join us on Tuesday, September 14, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom (Meeting Id: 823 2841 3568) to learn about an exciting year of Confirmation programming for all 7th and 8th graders who attend or are associated with congregations in the Lakeview Lutheran Parish (Holy Trinity, Lakeview Lutheran, Resurrection, Saint Luke).

In the meantime please mark your calendars for our monthly meetings that will be on (mostly) First Sundays (meeting from 10:50 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.) at a congregation in Lakeview: October 3, November 7, December 5, January 9, February 6, March 6, April 3, May 1

Sunday School and Bible Class
Fall plans include beginning Sunday School and Bible Class (in person) on Sunday, September 19, 2021! Education Time will be from 8:30 – 9:15 a.m. Bible Class will also continue meeting virtually on Thursdays at noon. If you are interested in assisting with Sunday School, please contact Donna Beck (beckdo@stlukechicago.org or 773-472-3837).

Caring and Sharing
The September item for the Monthly Gifts Collection will be bars of soap. Soap is almost impossible to obtain in third world countries where it is scarce and/or very expensive. Lutheran World Relief distributes soap and other personal care products to people in need around the world. New bars of any brand, in the original wrapping are accepted. Bath-size bars (4 to 5 oz.) are highly preferred. Please leave your donation in the specially marked barrel in the Church Lobby.

Lutheran Disaster Response
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God’s work. Our hands.

Give now for Disaster Relief
Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress, to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress” (Psalm 71:3).

Lutheran Disaster Response brings God’s hope, healing and renewal to people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the United States and around the world. When the dust settles and the headlines change, they stay to provide ongoing assistance to those in need.

We pray that God’s presence will be felt in the midst of suffering and bring comfort to those who are hurting. Together, we can show our neighbors that they are not alone.

Ways to Give
Checks or money orders can be sent to: Lutheran Disaster Response P.O. Box 1809 Merrifield, VA 22116-8009

Give by phone at 800-638-3522 or go to elca.org
Pick-up Truck needed
After many years, many miles, many funerals, the pick-up truck at the cemetery is in need of replacement. If you have a truck you are ready to sell or know of someone who has a truck they are trying to sell, please call the church office (773.472.3383) or email estampf@stlukechicago.org.

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**Information Meeting**

**Tuesday, September 14, 2021**

7 p.m.

Via Zoom

Meeting Id: 823 2841 3568
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.