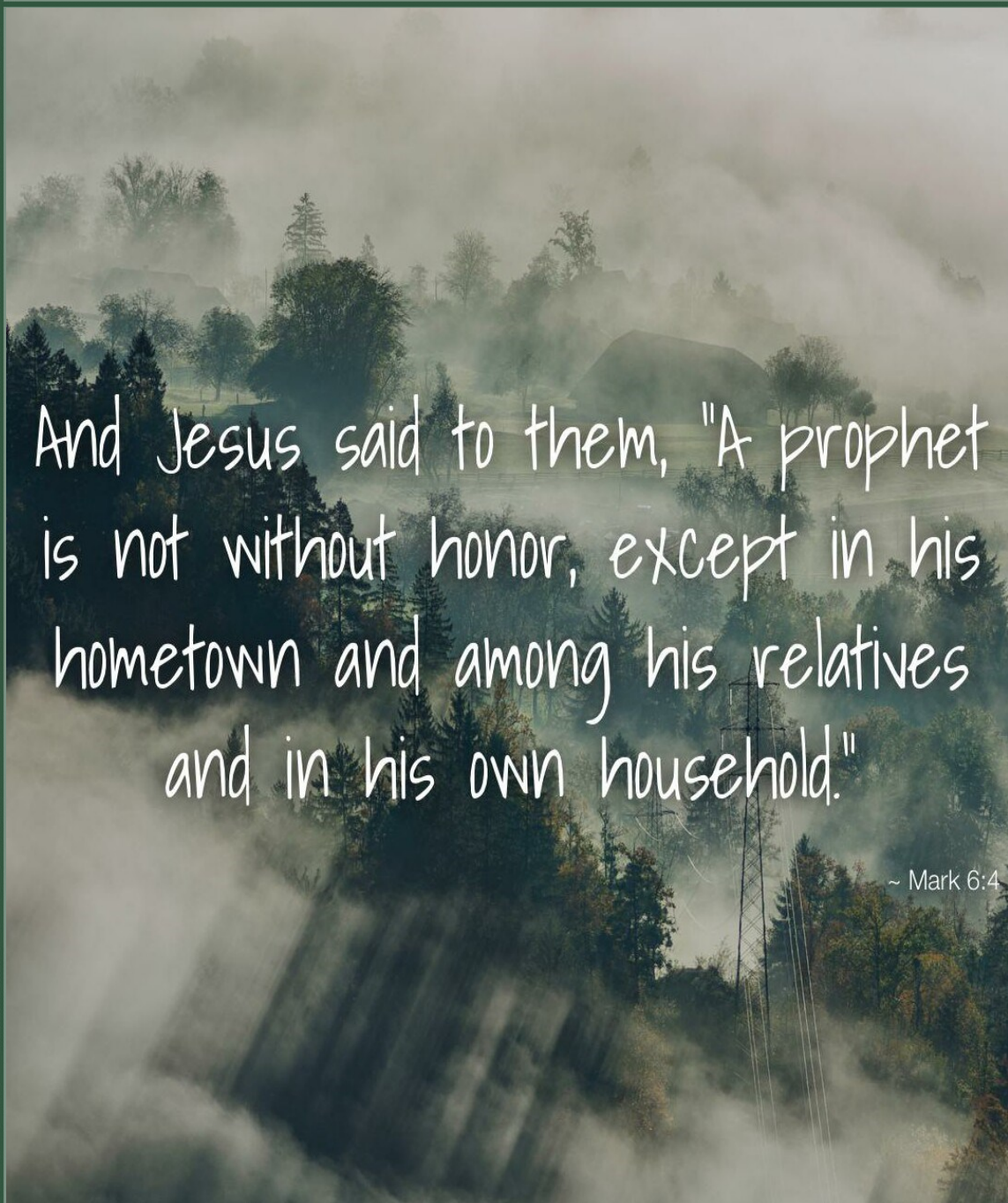


ST. LUKE LUTHERAN CHURCH ~ Sunday, July 4, 2021

A misty, rural landscape with a barn and trees. The scene is hazy with fog or mist, creating a soft, atmospheric effect. In the background, a large barn is visible among a variety of trees, including evergreens and deciduous trees. The foreground is dominated by a dense forest of evergreens, with a utility pole and power lines visible on the right side. The overall tone is quiet and serene.

And Jesus said to them, "A prophet
is not without honor, except in his
hometown and among his relatives
and in his own household."

~ Mark 6:4

Welcome to St. Luke.

OUR MINISTERS FOR TODAY

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Tim Hesson, Assisting Minister

Richard Barnett, Director of Music

Luci Hughes, Soloist

The St. Luke Chancel Choir

Tammy Hammond, Church Administrator

Debbie Shealy, Sacristan Assistant

Terri Cooper, Sacristan Assistant

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ST. LUKE LUTHERAN CHURCH

BY GRACE, WE KNOW, LOVE, WORSHIP AND SERVE
JESUS CHRIST AS WE PROCLAIM HIS GOOD NEWS.



Welcome to St. Luke Lutheran Church. We are glad that God brought you to worship with us today. We rejoice in your presence among us this morning to praise and adore our Lord Jesus Christ! Please take a moment to fill out a Visitor Card located in the pew rack in front of you and drop it in the offering plate, so that we may have a record of your visit. Please come back and join us soon. You are always most welcome at St. Luke.

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Jesus does great deeds of power and gives his disciples authority over demons. Yet none of this power is unilateral; it all must be received by faith. Jesus asks his disciples to go out without money or supplies, so that they will be dependent on how others receive them. When we are sent from the assembly to witness and to heal, we are asked to be vulnerable, to be dependent on the reception of others. The Spirit always operates in the “between”: between Jesus and his Abba, between Jesus and us, between you and me, between us and those to whom we are sent.

Liturgy for Today: We will Worship today using liturgy and hymns from the red Evangelical Lutheran Worship Book, also known as the ELW. Today’s liturgy and hymns are provided in this bulletin for your convenience. Congregational response is marked with a **bolded C**.

Altar Flowers: Today’s Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in Honor of Those Who Serve by Sandra Jennings.

9:00am NO Sunday School Classes and Adult Forum

10:00am In-person WORSHIP SERVICE ~ with Holy Communion

Our Worship Service will also be available for viewing Sunday morning “LIVE” on our Facebook page and later on our Youtube channel www.facebook.com/stlukerichmond, www.youtube.com/user/stlukesermons

7:00pm Sunday “Open House” Zoom meeting



Please turn off or silence your cell phone. Thank you.

PRELUDE

(We stand and face the Baptismal font)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P We will read the opening prayer of Confession and Forgiveness.

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
the God of manna,
the God of miracles,
the God of mercy.

C **Amen.**

P Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance,
let us confess our sin.

(Silence for reflection)

P God, our provider,

C **help us.**

It is hard to believe there is enough to share.

**We question your ways when they differ from the ways
of the world in which we live.**

**We turn to our own understanding
rather than trusting in you.**

We take offense at your teachings and your ways.

Turn us again to you.

Where else can we turn?

**Share with us the words of eternal life
and feed us for life in the world.**

Amen.

P Beloved people of God:
in Jesus, the manna from heaven,
you are fed and nourished.
By Jesus, the worker of miracles,
there is always more than enough.
Through Jesus, ✠ the bread of life,
you are shown God's mercy:
you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

C **Amen.**

THE GATHERING

ENTRANCE HYMN, "God Is Here!" Vv. 1-3

Congregation sings



1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer
2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long
3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's
4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of



praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure
need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;
flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,
change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;



what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the
here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -
Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants
help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's



world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts
ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,
of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore
ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;



wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: ABBOT'S LEIGH, Cyril V. Taylor, 1907–1991

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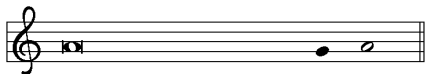
GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

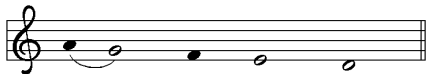
C **And also with you.**

KYRIE, "In peace, let us pray to the Lord"

Congregation sings



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



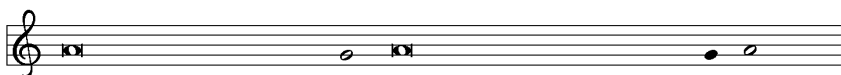
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



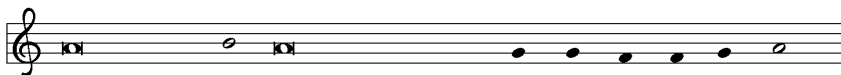
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. **A - men.**

HYMN OF PRAISE, "This is the Feast"

Congregation sings

Refrain
Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

God of the covenant,

in our baptism you call us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom.

Give us the courage you gave the apostles,

that we may faithfully witness to your love

and peace in every circumstance of life,

in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

(We sit)

THE WORD

After every reading: A: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

FIRST LESSON: Ezekiel 2:1-5

In 597 BCE, the priest Ezekiel was removed into exile in Babylon. While there, he received a vision of God appearing majestically on a chariot throne. Today's reading recounts God's commissioning of Ezekiel during this vision. The prophet is to speak God's word to a people unwilling to hear.

¹A voice said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you.²And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me.

³He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day.

⁴The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, "Thus says the Lord God."⁵Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

PSALMODY: Psalm 123

sung by Luci Hughes

Our eyes look to you, O God, until you show us your mercy. (Ps. 123:2)

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the text: "Our eyes look to you, O God, un -". The second staff continues the melody for the second line: "til you show us your mer - cy.". The third staff shows a final cadence with a whole note chord on the tonic (G) and a half note chord on the dominant (D).

¹To you I lift | up my eyes,
to you enthroned | in the heavens.

²**As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters,
and the eyes of a maid to the hand | of her mistress,
so our eyes look to you, O Lord our God,
until you show | us your mercy. R**

³Have mercy upon us, O | Lord, have mercy,
for we have had more than enough | of contempt,

⁴**too much of the scorn of the in- | dolent rich,
and of the derision | of the proud. R**

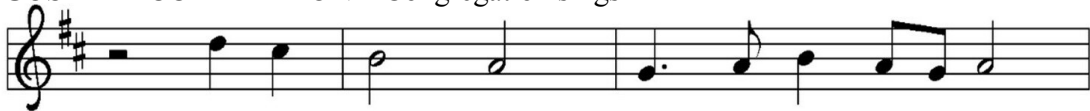
SECOND LESSON: 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

Christians do not boast of their own accomplishments. Rather, Christian boasting focuses attention on how the power of Christ is present in our lives, especially in times of weakness and vulnerability. No matter what our circumstances in life, Christ's grace is sufficient for us.

²I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. ³And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows—⁴was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. ⁵On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. ⁶But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, ⁷even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. ⁸Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, ⁹but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. ¹⁰Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

(We stand)

GOspel ACCLAMATION Congregation sings



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

Before the reading:

P The Holy Gospel, according to Saint Mark, the sixth chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: Mark 6:1-13

At home and abroad, Jesus and his disciples encounter resistance as they seek to proclaim God's word and relieve affliction.

¹Jesus came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him.²On the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! ³Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. ⁴Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." ⁵And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. ⁶And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. ⁷He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; ⁹but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. ¹⁰He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. ¹¹If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." ¹²So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. ¹³They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

After the reading:

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

(We sit)

CHOIR ANTHEM

HOMILY

(Silence for reflection)

(We stand)

HYMN OF THE DAY, "Give Me Jesus" Congregation sings

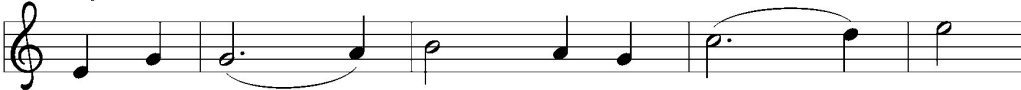


1 In the morn-ing when I rise, in the morn-ing when I rise,
2 Dark . . . mid-night was my cry, dark . . . mid-night was my cry,
3 Just a - bout the break of day, just a - bout the break of day,
4 Oh, . . . when I come to die, oh, . . . when I come to die,
5 And . . . when I want to sing, and . . . when I want to sing,



in the morn - ing when I rise, give me Je - sus.
dark . . . mid - night was my cry, give me Je - sus.
just a - bout the break of day, give me Je - sus.
oh, . . . when I come to die, give me Je - sus.
and . . . when I want to sing, give me Je - sus.

Refrain



Give me Je - sus, give me Je - sus.



You may have all the rest, give me Je - sus.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: GIVE ME JESUS, African American spiritual

APOSTLES' CREED

P Let us now confess our Christian faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**C 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 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.**

P Let us pray:
Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

HYMN, "*Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*" Congregation sings
Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

After each prayer petition:

A: Lord, in your mercy

C: **hear our prayer.**

A God of all, through the waters of baptism
you claim people of all races, ethnicities, and languages as your beloved children.
Sustain the baptized and increase their faith,
that your gospel may be proclaimed throughout the earth
Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A God of the heavens, your creating Spirit animates the universe.
We give you thanks for the moon and stars,
for the planets and the Milky Way Galaxy,
and for all of the mysteries of the cosmos that remain unknown to us.
Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A God of freedom, you have liberated us from sin and death
and rescue us from all forms of spiritual, social, and political oppression.
Defend us from tyrants in our midst
and deliver us from all forms of slavery or corruption.
Direct our freedom for works of liberation and wholeness.
Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A God of compassion, you became vulnerable in the person of Jesus Christ
in solidarity with the disempowered.
Strengthen those who feel faint, give courage to those who fear,
and bring wholeness to those in need.
Today, especially do we name:

Dean Fossum

Charlee Gorman

David Hahn

Ken Hammond II

Ken Hammond III

Howdy Howdyshell

Lambert Kerschbaumer

Family of Paul Henry Kipps

Family of Ernie Koegl

Brent Ladd

Marilyn Leander

Lesley Marcoux

Linda Metoyer

Frank Morton

Adele Pennington

Jim Poole

Pat Remaklus

Perry Remaklus

Susan Robinson

Pastor Donna Ruggles

Pastor Ken Rupparr

Kay Wason

Sarah Witthoefft

Family of Fred Yarbrough

Jean Yerian

A We pray for those we now name before you,
either out loud,
or in the silence of our hearts:

(wait)

Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A God of holiness, you send us out into the world to proclaim your love.
We pray for our outreach ministries.
Equip us as we leave this place to witness and serve our neighbors.
Lord, in your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

A We give you thanks that in every time and place
you call forth prophets who move us towards freedom.
Thank you for those who work for human rights, community organizers,
and all who strive for liberty for all.
Lord, in your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

P We lift our prayers to you, O God,
trusting in your abiding grace.
C **Amen.**

THE MEAL

(We greet one another with a gesture of peace, saying, "Peace be with you.")

PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C **And also with you.**

(We sit)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

(We stand)

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray.
Jesus, Bread of life,
you have set this table with your very self,
and called us to the feast of plenty.
Gather what has been sown among us,
and strengthen us in this meal.
Make us to be what we receive here,
your body for the life of the world.
C **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

PREFACE

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

Fulfilling the promise of resurrection,
You pour out the fire of your Spirit,
uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter
and all the witnesses of the resurrection
with earth and sea and all their creatures,
and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS, "Holy, Holy, Holy Lord"

Congregation sings



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever.

C **Amen**

LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

C **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.**

(We sit)

HOLY COMMUNION:

This is the table, not of the Church, but of the Lord. It is made ready for those who love him and for those who want to love him more. So, come, you who have much faith and you who have little, you who have been here often and you who have not been here long, you who have tried to follow and you who have failed. Come, because it is the Lord who invites you. It is his will that those who want him should meet him here.

Those who do not commune are invited forward for a blessing. Those unable to partake of wine or wheaten bread are assured that the Church affirms our Lord's presence in, with, and under each element. White grape juice and gluten-free wafers are available.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Christ has set the table with more than enough for all.
Come!

(Distribution of Communion)

COMMUNION HYMN, "Lamb of God" Congregation sings



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN, "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart" Congregation sings

Refrain



You sat - is - fy the hun - gry heart with gift of fin - est wheat.



Come give to us, O sav - ing Lord, the bread of life to eat.



- 1 As when the shep - herd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;
- 2 With joy - ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat - i - tude
- 3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out - poured?
- 4 The mys - t'ry of your pres - ence, Lord, no mor - tal tongue can tell:
- 5 You give your - self to us, O Lord; then self - less let us be,

Refrain



so when you call your fam - 'ly, Lord, we fol - low and re - joi - ce.
that you should count us wor - thy, Lord, to share this heav' n - ly food.
Do not one cup, one loaf, de - clare our one - ness in the Lord?
whom all the world can - not con - tain comes in our hearts to dwell.
to serve each oth - er in your name in truth and char - i - ty.

Text: Omer Westendorf, 1916–1997

Music: BICENTENNIAL, Robert E. Kreutz, 1922–1996

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(We stand)

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

P The blessing of God,
who provides for us, feeds us,
and journeys with us,
✠ be upon you now and forever.

C Amen.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE, "Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise" Congregation sings



Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.



Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980

Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923

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POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A Let us pray.
Jesus, Bread of life,
we have received from your table
more than we could ever ask.
As you have nourished us in this meal,
now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.
In your name we pray.

C **Amen.**
(Silence for reflection)

THE SENDING

BENEDICTION

P Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

C **Amen.**

HYMN, "Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises" Congregation sings

Refrain— sung twice each time



Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa ro - na, di tha -
Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais - es, all our



bi - le ka - o - fe - la. Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa
hearts are filled with glad - ness. Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your



ro - na, di tha - bi - le ka - o - fe - la.
prais - es, all our hearts are filled with glad - ness. *End*



1 Christ the Lord to us said: I am wine, I am bread,
2 Now he sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt,

Repeat stanza, then sing refrain



I am wine, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hun - ger.
strong in faith, free of doubt. Tell to all the joy - ful gos - pel.

Text: South African; tr. *Freedom Is Coming*, 1984
Music: HALELUYA! PELO TSA RONA, South African
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DISMISSAL

- A Go in peace.
You are the body of Christ.
C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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NEXT SUNDAY

July 11, 2021

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost



- 9:00am CANCELED - All Sunday School Classes and Adult Forum
- 10:00am **In-person WORSHIP SERVICE ~ with Holy Communion**
Our Worship Service will also be available for viewing
Sunday morning "LIVE" on our Facebook page and on our Youtube channel
- 11:30am Congregational Council Meeting
- 7:00pm Sunday "Open House" Zoom meeting

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH



We pray for our needs and those of others. Please keep the following members, their families, and our friends in your thoughts and prayers.

Prayers are asked for: Dean Fossum, Lambert Kerschbaumer, Family of Paul Henry Kipps (Bill's father), Family of Ernie Koegl (Cindy's husband), Linda Metoyer, Frank Morton, Adele Pennington, Jim Poole (Cindy's son-in-law), Pat Remaklus, Perry Remaklus, Sarah Witthoefft (Tim's wife, Marty and Ann's daughter-in-law), Family of Fred Yarbrough

Continued Prayers are asked for: Charlee Gorman, David Hahn, Kenneth Hammond II, Kenneth Hammond III, Howdy Howdysshell, Brent Ladd, Marilyn Leander, Lesley Marcoux, Susan Robinson, Pastor Donna Ruggles, Pastor Ken Ruppard, Kay Wason, Jean Yerian

Please remember our fellow members who are homebound. A card, a phone call or an email would be deeply appreciated.

Names are kept on the list for four weeks unless otherwise noted. Please inform the office of changes.

Here's What's Coming Up this



We have returned to our regular in-person Worship Services on Sunday mornings at 10:00am. All future services will be in-person and will be broadcast "Live" on our Facebook page and uploaded later to our Youtube channel.

6th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST SVC: Sunday, July 4, 10:00am, **In-person service.** It will also be broadcast "Live" on our Facebook page and later on our Youtube channel.

SUNDAY VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE ZOOM MEETING: Sunday, July 4, 7:00pm

PASTOR FRED'S MID-WEEK ZOOM BIBLE STUDY: Wednesday, July 7, 10:30am online

RICH BARNETT'S IN-PERSON MUSIC / CHOIR CLASS: Thursday, July 8, 7:00pm

FRED YARBROUGH'S MEMORIAL SERVICE: Saturday, July 10, 11:00am. A reception will follow the Memorial Service.

7th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST SVC: Sunday, July 11, 10:00am, **In-person service.** It will also be broadcast "Live" on our Facebook page and later on our Youtube channel.

CONGREGATION COUNCIL MEETING: Sunday, July 11, 11:30am

SUNDAY VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE ZOOM MEETING: Sunday, July 11, 7:00pm

NO MID-WEEK ZOOM BIBLE STUDY: Wednesday, July 14

NO IN-PERSON MUSIC / CHOIR CLASS: Thursday, July 15

8th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST SVC: Sunday, July 18, 10:00am, **In-person service.** It will also be broadcast "Live" on our Facebook page and later on our Youtube channel.

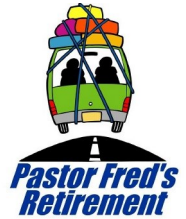
SUNDAY VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE ZOOM MEETING: Sunday, July 18, 7:00pm

PASTOR FRED'S MID-WEEK IN PERSON BIBLE STUDY: Wednesday, July 21, 10:30am

His last class with us

Celebrating Pastor Fred's Retirement

Pastor Fred's last service with us will be on Sunday, July 25, 2021. Following the service, we will be holding a catered reception in the fellowship hall to honor him and Lesley. In order to plan the headcount for the event, we ask that you **please RSVP** the number of guests who will attend the reception by **July 12**. Please RSVP by emailing or calling Tammy in the church office: admin@stlukerichmond.org or 804-272-0486 Ext. 1



Additionally, we will be collecting monetary donations to assemble a gift for Pastor and Lesley. If you would like to contribute, we ask that you do so by **July 18**. You may make a check out to St. Luke and put "farewell gift" in the memo line. You may drop it in the offering plate or mail it to the church.

Lastly, Ann Witthoefft is collecting pictures to make a memory album for Pastor Fred! Please email her any special photo memories that you may have to awitthoefft@yahoo.com. Thank you.

Pastor Fred's Mid-Week Bible Study

Pastor Fred is still holding his Weekly Bible Study Class on **Wednesdays** at **10:30am**, but we are now using the ZOOM app. Please see below for the calendar information with the link to the meeting and the meeting information. You will need to download the free ZOOM application if you want to participate.

Pastor's Online ZOOM



Bible Study Class

If you are a regular attendee of the weekly Bible Study Meeting, you will receive an email every week with instructions how to log in and join us. If you are not a regular attendee, please email Tammy in the church office for instructions (admin@stlukerichmond.org).

You are invited!

Topic: Weekly Bible Study

Time: **Weekly on Wednesdays at 10:30am**

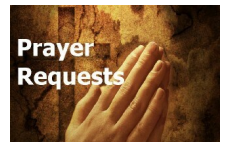
Jul 07, 2021 10:30 AM

Jul 14, 2021 — NO CLASS

Jul 21, 2021 10:30 AM—IN PERSON CLASS, PASTOR FRED'S LAST CLASS

HOW TO SEND US YOUR PRAYER REQUESTS

Dear St. Luke Member, if you or a member of your family is ill or hospitalized, or if you have surgery scheduled, please let the church office know. We will inform the Pastor and add you to the Prayer List. Please remember, we would like to be there for you but we need to be kept informed.



If you would like to add yourself, a family member or a friend to the church prayer list, please email your prayer requests to Tammy at admin@stlukerichmond.org. Please try to send in your requests as soon as you can so that Pastor can include this person in his weekly video recording for Sunday Worship. Thank you.

FOCUS



ON WORSHIP

Acolytes: Acolyte is Greek for attendant. Acolytes are liturgical leaders who perform tasks of significant responsibilities. They light the candles and serve in such roles as bannerbearer, bookbearer, crucifer, server, thurifer or torchbearer. Laypersons, male and female, young (above fifth grade) and old, may be recruited and trained for these roles.

Assisting Ministers: These are persons who assist in Worship leadership by reading the First and Second Lessons; leading the intercessory prayers (Prayers of the Faithful), offertory prayers and post-Communion prayers; presenting the bread and wine; setting and clearing the table; ministering Communion; and speaking the Dismissal following the Benediction. Certain liturgical leadership roles are marked with a P for residing Minister and are reserved for ordained ministers. Other leadership roles are marked with an A for Assisting Minister and do not require ordination and for therefore appropriate for training laypersons. In the Holy Communion liturgy, the Assisting Minister is the one who serves with the presiding minister at the altar. Persons selected for training as lay Assisting Ministers should address their tasks with a sense of both reverence and warmth, as well as have the ability to do their competently. Both men and women may serve as assisting ministers.

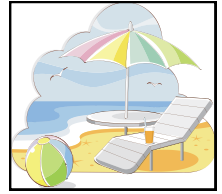
Book Bearer: The Book Bearer is a person who carries the processional Bible or lectionary in procession and who may also hold it for the reader during Gospel processions. For most services, the one appointed to read the lessons (Assisting Minister) also serves as the bookbearer. If a service includes a Gospel Procession, an acolyte may serve as the bookbearer during the entrance procession and hold the book before the reader during the Gospel procession. In procession, the closed book is held upright with both hands; the book's spine held by the left hand. The book may be slightly elevated as though it were a banner.

Crucifer: A crucifer or cross-bearer is, in some Christian churches a person appointed to carry the church's processional cross, a cross or crucifix with a long staff, during processions at the beginning and end of the service.

Torch Bearer: Periodically for high festival Sundays, we will have a Gospel procession that includes individuals carrying in torches that are placed around the altar. Adding to the majesty of our service, torch-bearers are an example of reverent and joyful worship to the entire congregation. The torch bearer walks into the sanctuary carrying the torches and processes out with the torches at the end of the service.

Enjoy your Summer Vacation, but don't take a vacation from Church

It's that time of year again! As you get ready to go on vacation and spend some Sundays out of town, please remember to keep up with your pledges and offerings to St. Luke.

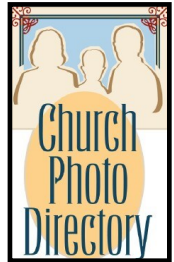


Your continued gifts help the church keep our budget on track during this slower time of the year. Thank you for your support of our wonderful church.

We hope that you have a great summer!

It's time for a new pictorial directory

Work has begun on a new pictorial directory to help our new pastor, Rev. Josh Menke, recognize our members. **Evelyn Henson is returning to St. Luke** to once again take those wonderful photos of our members for the new Church Directory.



Evelyn will take photos on two Sundays, so please plan ahead. The dates are Sunday, July 25th and Sunday, August 1st. She will take photos after the 10:00am Worship Service on both Sundays.

Please keep in mind that once our young people go through the confirmation process, they each have their own entry in the church directory so we will need a separate photo of each of them.

Questions: Please email the church office at admin@stluckerichmond.org or call 804-272-0476 Ext. 1.

Thanks in advance for your participation.

SUNDAY ZOOM "OPEN HOUSE"

Everyone is invited to join us at a new time on **Sunday evenings at 7:00pm**. We have **updated our login credentials**. You must use the new login information to join currently scheduled meetings.

If you are a member of our congregation or a regular visitor with your email address on file with the church office, you will receive an email invitation to the Zoom Open House Meeting every week with instructions how to log in. If you are not a regular attendee, please email Tammy in the church office for instructions.

Please join us at any time during the hour to share coffee and conversation. Stay as long as you like. We look forward to talking with each of you.



Topic: St. Luke Sunday Evening Open House

When: Weekly on Sunday evenings

Time: 7:00pm

PASTOR FRED'S LAST SUNDAY WITH US ~ Sunday, July 25



PICTURE TAKING DAY ~ Sunday, July 25. Photos taken after the service by Evelyn Henson

PASTOR JOSH'S FIRST SUNDAY WITH US ~ Sunday, August 1

PICTURE TAKING DAY ~ Sunday, Aug 1. Photos taken after the service by Evelyn Henson

SUMMER MUSICAL THEATER CAMP ~ Monday, August 2 through Friday, August 6, 9:00am to 3:00pm. Campers will learn the lines; sing the songs; and dance the dances of "Malice in the Palace" the story of Esther from the Old Testament.

SUMMER MUSICAL THEATER CAMP PERFORMANCE ~ Friday, August 6 at 6:30pm

RISE AGAINST HUNGER MEAL PACKING EVENT ~ Saturday, Sept. 11 (tentative)

"GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS" SUNDAY ~ Sunday, September 12

ALEXANDER PALEY MUSIC FESTIVAL ~ Friday, September 24, 7:30pm

ALEXANDER PALEY MUSIC FESTIVAL ~ Saturday, September 25, 7:30pm

ALEXANDER PALEY MUSIC FESTIVAL ~ Sunday, September 26, 3:00pm

CHESTERFIELD CO. CONCERT BAND CHRISTMAS CONCERT ~ Mon., Dec. 6, 7pm

Flower Dedications



The Ministry of flowers is an important part of the Sunday Service at St. Luke. Flowers are used to beautify our sanctuary and are a gift to God and those who attend Worship services.

Altar flowers may be dedicated to “The Glory of God”, “In Memory of” a loved one or “In Honor of” a special person, an anniversary, birthday, birth, baptism or other special event. *More than one person may find a certain date important so flowers may be given in more than one name on any given Sunday. We love to have two arrangements every Sunday!*

If you would like to donate and dedicate flowers for any Sunday service, arrangements cost \$27.00 each. You will be billed directly from Coleman Brothers Flowers and the flowers will be delivered to the church.

The flowers are yours to take home after the service that Sunday. *Please return the container the flowers are in to the church at your convenience.* Please pick up your flowers within one week. If they are not picked up after that time, they may be taken to one of our ill or homebound members.

You may sign up on the 2021 Flower Chart located in the fellowship hall.

You can also contact Tammy in the office by email at admin@stlukerichmond.org or by calling 804-272-0486 ext. 1, to donate flowers or if you have any questions. Thank you.

ALTAR FLOWER ARE NEEDED

To those of you who have signed up to give Altar Flowers this year, we Sincerely thank you.



We do have the following dates available where no one has signed up for Altar Flowers yet: ***October 31, November 28, December 24 and December 25.***

Please reach out to the church office if you are looking for a date during this time.

Other Sundays during this time frame may still be available as I am waiting for others to confirm their dates for September through December.

If you would like to put flowers on the altar for one of the above dates, please email the church office with your request: admin@stlukerichmond.org.

Thank you.

MEMORIAL SERVICE OF FRED YARBROUGH

The Memorial Service of long time St. Luke member, Fred Yarbrough, will be held on Saturday, **July 10, 2021**. Pastor Fred Marcoux will preside over the service. Mr. Yarbrough passed away to the Lord on May 24, 2021. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.



Fred's church family and friends are invited to attend his Memorial Service as we remember him and his life with us.

Memorial Service: Saturday, July 10, 2021, 11:00am
St. Luke Lutheran Church
7757 Chippenham Pkwy.
Richmond, VA 23225

Reception: Saturday, July 10, 2021, 12:00pm to 1:30pm
Immediately following the service, there will be a reception in the fellowship hall.

Interment of Ashes: Saturday, July 10, 2021, 2:00pm
Westhampton Memorial and Cremation Park
10000 Patterson Ave.
Richmond, VA 23238

Please keep the Yarbrough family in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Yarbrough Reception Food Needed

Dear St. Luke Members,

Peggy Walters, of the St. Luke We Care Committee, is working with the Yarbrough family to organize a reception after Fred's Memorial Service on Saturday, July 10th.

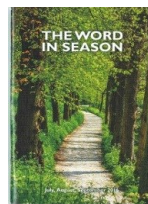
Food for the reception is needed. Please contact Peggy if you are willing to donate food for the reception.

Please also contact Peggy if you are willing to donate your time to assist with the reception. Her phone number is 804- 200-1371. Thank you.

SUMMER READING

The July - September copy of "The Word In Season"
Devotional Booklet is now available in the narthex.

Please pick up your copy and do some summer reading.



Bulletin Announcements



If you would like an **announcement in the weekly bulletin**, please email the office **before 12:00pm on Wednesdays** with your dates and times. You can also call the church office with any announcements that you may have for the bulletin.

Office info: admin@stlukerichmond.org or 804-272-0486, ext. 1.

St. Luke's Church Scheduling Calendar is located in the church office. It has all planned, approved and confirmed activities listed. Church Council must approve any regular events before they are confirmed. Our Concert Committee must approve any concerts or recitals before they are confirmed.

We would be happy to check to see if your date and time is available for the room you need or if there are any conflicts.

Thank you for helping us keep the St. Luke Church Event Calendar up to date.

Would you like to take part in our Worship Service?

Sunday Worship services are a very important part of our church life here at St. Luke. Every Sunday, our church members participate in our worship service as Acolytes, Assisting Ministers, Crucifers and Ushers.



We have Altar Guild members who set up for Sunday services and communion, Altar Bread Bakers, Chancel Choir members, Bell Choir members, Musicians and many other Committee Members who serve the Lord and St. Luke by providing their time, talents and energy. We are so thankful to have these folks assist us every week but we can always use more help.

If you are interested in serving and would like more information about these or our other opportunities to be a part of our Worship and Music Ministry, we would love to hear from you.

Please contact Pastor Fred Marcoux at pastor@stlukerichmond.org or 804-272-0483 Ext. 2 for more info about Worship.

You can also contact our Worship and Music chairperson Vince Reedinger, by email at stlukeworship@stlukerichmond.org.

For more info about Music and Choir, please contact our Director of Music, Rich Barnett, at 804-272-0483 Ext. 3 or music@stlukerichmond.org.

Thank you.

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Church Staff and Committee Contact Information

Please contact us with any questions or concerns you may have using the information listed below.

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Richard Barnett, Director of Music	music@stluckerichmond.org	804-272-0486 X 3
Vince Reeding, Worship/Music Chair	stlukeworship@stluckerichmond.org	
Betty Walker, Christian Education Co-Chair	stlukechristianed@stluckerichmond.org	
Sim Austin, Church Council Member	stlukecouncil@stluckerichmond.org	
Evelyn Henson, Webmaster	webmaster@stluckerichmond.org	

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