

Welcome to St. Luke

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 14th, 2026

"The God Who Lifts Us Up.": Psalm 8:1-9

Sometimes we lose sight of who God is and who we are before Him, especially in difficult seasons. Creation lifts our eyes to God's majesty, yet Scripture shows that this majestic God stoops low in love, caring for us and giving us a dignified place in His world. Though we often fail in our calling as faithful caretakers, Jesus fulfills it perfectly, and in Him we step into the exalted life God intends for His beloved children.

INVOCATION

Leader: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

♪ ♪ "Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling" #826

OPENING PRAYER

THE CALL TO CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

Leader: We gather before the God who steadies us, surrounds us with His glory, holds our lives, shepherds our steps, and invites us to seek His face. Let us confess our sin with trust in His mercy.

All: Merciful God, when life feels steady, we confess how easily we forget our need for You. We lose sight of Your majesty and fail to marvel at Your goodness. We look for security in ourselves instead of resting in the refuge You provide. We stray from the Shepherd who leads us and neglect the joy of seeking Your presence. Forgive us and renew us. Ground us again in Your steadfast love through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: Hear the promise of the Gospel. The God who plants, crowns, holds, leads, and shines His light upon His people has shown His mercy fully in Jesus Christ. Because of His death and resurrection, your

sins are forgiven and your life is held in His grace.
Live in His peace and walk in His strength.

All: Amen.

FIRST READING Psalm 8:1–9 (*LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!.*)

¹ Lord our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory in the heavens. ² Through the praise of children and infants you have established a stronghold against your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger. ³ When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, ⁴ what is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them? ⁵ You have made them a little lower than the angels and crowned them with glory and honor. ⁶ You made them rulers over the works of your hands; you put everything under their feet: ⁷ all flocks and herds, and the animals of the wild, ⁸ the birds in the sky, and the fish in the sea, all that swim the paths of the seas. ⁹ LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

RESPONSE – “Thanks be to God”

SECOND READING Romans 5:6–15 (*Christ died for us while we were still sinners.*)

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—⁸but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. ¹¹More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation. ¹²Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned ¹³for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. ¹⁴Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come. ¹⁵But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man’s trespass, much more have

the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many.

RESPONSE – “Thanks be to God”

ALLELUIA - Page 156 in the Hymnal (*Please rise if you are able*)

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 9:35–10:8 (*Jesus calls and then sends out His disciples.*)

³⁵And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. ³⁶When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”
^{10:1}And he called to him his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every affliction. ²The names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; ³Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ⁴Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him. ⁵These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, “Go nowhere among the Gentiles and enter no town of the Samaritans, ⁶but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷And proclaim as you go, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’ ⁸Heal the sick, raise the dead; cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying; give without pay.

RESPONSE – “Praise to you Oh Christ”

APOSTLES’ CREED (*Back page in the hymnal*)

♪ ♪ “O Christ, Who Called the Twelve” #856

THE MESSAGE: “The God Who Lifts Us Up” Psalm 9:1-9– *Pastor James Paulgaard*

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS

♪ ♪ “Holy Spirit, Light Divine” #496

RECORD OF FELLOWSHIP *(Please complete the Record of fellowship during the Offering. Located at the ends of the pews)*

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD’S PRAYER

All: Our Father, in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread; and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever, Amen.

THE BLESSING

Leader: May the Lord Jesus Christ plant you beside the streams of His living Word, crown you with the dignity and wonder of being His redeemed creation, hold your life secure in His unfailing refuge, shepherd you with goodness and mercy all your days, and shine upon you with the light that drives out all fear. And may the blessing of God - the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit - steady your steps and keep you in His peace, now and always. Amen.

♪ ♪ “O Jesus, King Most Wonderful” #554



SCRIPTURE READINGS for Sunday, June 21st:

Psalm 16:1-11, Romans 6:12-23, Matthew 10:5a, 21-33

Announcements

WELCOME VISITORS - We are delighted that you have joined us this morning. We pray for the Holy Spirit to richly bless your worship with us, and we invite you to join us again. If you are looking for a church home or have any questions, please speak with the Pastor or an Usher. Being a friendly congregation is a priority here at St. Luke. You can help us by leaving your name and address on the Friendship Register when it is passed down your pew. After the blessing at the end of the Service, greet your fellow worshippers and introduce yourself!

ST. LUKE SERVICES ONLINE - You can watch us online, every Sunday morning, 11:30 a.m. Go to sllc.ca for the link.

DONATE ONLINE - sllcoffering@gmail.com or ask Deb Kroeger for a monthly automatic donation form.

A 2026 ALTAR FLOWERS CHART is posted on the Bulletin Board. Please sign up for your favorite date(s) to provide flowers for the Altar.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS to all celebrating their Birthday during the month of June.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR - Listen to The Lutheran Hour, Anytime, Anywhere! Visit LLL.ca and listen directly through the Lutheran Hour Canada Radio player. No account, no redirects, no fuss. Tune in at your convenience and share the link with a friend or neighbour who needs to hear the Good News. Visit LLL.ca to listen and explore more resources for your faith journey.

OPPORTUNITY BOARD - lots of new posts are ready for your helping hand. As always we are grateful for the ongoing support of volunteers.

FOOD CUPBOARD: thank you to all who help keep this going. St Luke has provided bags of groceries without question to all who ask. We now have post it notes for anyone to take home and replenish specific needs. Look for a new display in the hallway to see what is needed and take a post it note. If cleaning out your cupboard at home please check for Best before dates. **GIFT CARDS** are also appreciated.

SERMON SUMMARY for June 21ST - Grounded in the God Who Holds Me: Psalm 16:1-11 Jesus is the Lord who secures our refuge, our portion, and our future, anchoring us in a hope that cannot be shaken. Because He did not see decay but rose in victory, we are held in a life that death cannot steal. In His presence we discover fullness of joy and the path of life that leads us home.

REFUNDABLES - Since April of last year 2,000 + containers have been returned to Encore Recycling. Hundreds of dollars have been raised with your generous sharing of your refundable cans, bottles & cartons, including a recent deposit of \$106.95 for Canadian Lutheran World Relief. Thank you for continuing to keep these containers out of the landfill and supporting worthwhile causes..

CLASSROOM ROOF - the final payment was made May 1st for the new roof over the classrooms and the overhangs. Envelopes for donating toward the unexpected cost will be available for a few more weeks. You can also make a donation through eTransfer or in your normal offering envelop and marked: Roof Replacement. Thank you to everyone who has generously donated toward this to help cushion the blow to our budget.

THE NEXT LWMLC MISSION PROJECT before summer break is for the "Harvest Hands" ministry. This year our donations will go to support Harvest Hands in the construction of a Maternity Centre in the Batwa community, near Bunyonyi Lake, in Uganda. The funds we raise will go towards the \$10,000 building cost. If you would like to join us, please mark your offering envelope specifically for "Harvest Hands". At our June 23rd meeting we will be forwarding the funds collected. God bless your support and prayers for this mission.

The Seasoned Adults Ministry from Walnut Grove Lutheran Church would like to invite you to a Summer Lunch on Thursday, June 25, 12 noon to 2:30 pm. We will have hot dogs, hamburgers, salad and dessert, with entertainment, games and fellowship to follow. Notes: do not bring anything. Food is all provided but we will collect a free will offering of \$5 or \$10 per person. The group needs to know the numbers so please sign up. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board

 **THIS WEEK AT ST. LUKE** 

TUESDAY 10:00 a.m. Quilting

SUNDAY 11:30 a.m. Worship Service w. Communion

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