

Welcome to St. Luke
SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
July 5th. 2026
Christ the Wisdom and Power of God
1 Corinthians 1:18-25

INVOCATION

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

♪ ♪ “You are my King”
“I Set my Hope”

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 rely on ourselves instead of
delighting in Your Word. We forget Your majesty
and lose sight of the wonder of being Your
children. We cling to lesser refuges instead of
trusting You to hold our lives. We wander from
the Shepherd who leads us and hesitate to seek
Your face with confidence and joy. Forgive us for
the ways we resist Your guidance and neglect
Your presence. Renew our hearts and 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. Amen

FIRST READING Isaiah 55:10–13 (*God's powerful Word for all*)

¹⁰“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, ¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it. ¹²“For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. ¹³Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall make a name for the Lord, an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”

RESPONSE – “Thanks be to God”

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, (*Christ the Wisdom and Power God.*)

¹⁸For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.” ²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

RESPONSE – “Thanks be to God”

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

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

THE MESSAGE

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS

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

♪ ♪ “Jesus, All for Jesus”

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

♪ ♪ “The Battle Belongs to the Lord”



SCRIPTURE READINGS for Sunday, July 12th:

Psalms 13:1-6, Romans 8:28-39, Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

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.

VBS - SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, August 15th, VBS in a day returns. More information to follow.

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.

SERMON SUMMARY FOR July 19th How Long, O Lord — Psalm 13:1-6** David's cry of "How long?" becomes our own, yet Christ enters that same abandonment on the cross so that our cries are never the last word. In Jesus, the God who once felt distant draws near to sufferers with steadfast love that does not fail. Because Christ rose, we can trust—like David—that lament will always give way to praise.

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: Just a reminder that the cupboard needs to be continually restocked. Post-it notes with specific needs continue to be helpful, see the bulletin board across from the washrooms. We supply a bag of groceries to all who request them, but some of the requests come with specific needs so using the notes are most helpful in keeping the cupboard stocked with items to balance out the requests. As always, Gift cards to a grocery store are also welcome. For a tax credit you need to submit your purchase receipt with the gift card(s) which you can put on the offering plate. Thank you for supporting the needs of the people in our are

REFUNDABLES - We hit a new milestone: over 14,300 containers have been turned in at a Return-it site since starting the collection program at St Luke. A contribution of \$107.60 was made to Harvest Hands in support of the LWML-C project. If you have a favorite project you would like to see get a little boost please let Trudy Deichen know as your contributions of refundable containers continues to roll-on. Thank you for your water bottles, pop cans, milk cartons, wine bottles, it all adds up.

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 donate 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.

 **THIS WEEK AT ST. LUKE** 

SUNDAY 11:30 a.m. Worship Service

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