

Welcome to St. Luke
October 4th, 2026
NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST

**When God Restores Us 7: If the Lord Had Not Been
on Our Side - Psalm 124:1-8**

Psalm 124 invites us to remember the quiet, steady ways
God has carried us through danger and fear. In Christ,
God delivers us from sin and death and stands with us in
every trial. Our help has always been in the name of the
Lord, and His faithfulness restores us still.

INVOCATION

♪ ♪ "Open the Eyes of My Heart"

OPENING PRAYER

♪ ♪ "Lord Jesus, You Have Called Us"

THE CALL TO CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Beloved in Christ, the psalms teach us that
renewal begins with honesty. We come to the God
who lifted us up from the pit, who has been our
dwelling place in every generation, who reigns in
majesty, and who restores our joy. Let us confess our
sin and our need for God's renewing mercy.

(Silence for reflection)

Pastor: Merciful God,

**All: We confess that we have trusted our own strength
more than Your steadfast love. We have forgotten
Your compassion and remembered our failures
instead. We have resisted the new song You place
on our lips and clung to old fears that weigh us**

**down. Restore us, O Lord. Renew our hearts,
revive our hope, and lead us again in the joy of
Your salvation.**

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READERS *are Trina Holtz and Shirley
Wizdahl.*

FIRST READING Psalm 124:1-8 (*If the Lord had not been on
our side*)

¹ If it had not been the LORD who was on our side—
let Israel now say— ² if it had not been the LORD
who was on our side when people rose up against us,
³ then they would have swallowed us up alive, when
their anger was kindled against us; ⁴ then the flood
would have swept us away, the torrent would have
gone over us; ⁵ then over us would have gone the
raging waters. ⁶ Blessed be the LORD, who has not
given us as prey to their teeth! ⁷ We have escaped
like a bird from the snare of the fowlers; the snare is
broken, and we have escaped! ⁸ Our help is in the
name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

NEW TESTAMENT READING Philippians 3:4b-14
(Righteousness through Faith in Christ.)

ALLELUIA - Page 205 in the Hymnal (*Please rise if you are able*)

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 21:33-46 (*The Parable of the Tenants.*)

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: "Praise to you Oh Christ"

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

♪ ♪ "Once Again"

**THE MESSAGE: When God Restores Us 7: If the Lord
Had Not Been on Our Side - Psalm 124:1-8 -
Pastor James Paulgaard**

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS

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

♪ ♪ Called To Serve

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

LITANY

**Leader: O Lord,
Congregation: Have mercy.**

L: O Christ,

C: Have mercy.

L: O Lord,

C: Have mercy.

**L: Guard, protect, strengthen and bless Rev D J Kim as
he ministers to those who desperately need your love
on the streets of Regina.**

C: Sing to the Lord.

**L: Bless both our seminaries as they prepare young
men for ministry.**

C: Sing to the Lord.

**L: Strengthen the work of Lutheran Hospital Ministries
as they minister to those in health care facilities.**

C: Sing to the Lord.

**L: Continue to bless the youth and youth leaders who
attended the National Youth Gathering**

C: Sing to the Lord.

**L: May the Christian materials handed out at Mount
Olive Lutheran Church still be a blessing to those who
received them.**

C: Sing to the Lord.

**L: Continue to bless the work and relationships in the
communities reached by LAMP (55 for 55) last year**

C: Sing to the Lord.

**L: Bless the pastors, deacons and deaconesses in
Nicaragua and Cambodia as they share God's love.**

C: Sing to the Lord.

**L: Continue to bless the students and teachers of First
Lutheran Academy in Windsor as they grow in their
education based on your Word.**

C: Sing to the Lord.

L: Continue to bless the work of the youth director in Richmond, B.C., to coordinate youth programs and to assist with outreach to the immigrant community.

C: Sing to the Lord.

L: Bless the work of LWMLC

C: Sing to the Lord.

L: O Lord,

C: Have mercy.

L: O Christ

C: Have mercy.

L: O Lord

C: Have mercy.

PRAYER

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.

HOLY COMMUNION

 **"What Wondrous Love is This" #543**
"No Longer Slaves"

THE BLESSING

 **"I went Down to the River to Pray"**



SCRIPTURE READINGS for Sunday, October 11th:
1 Timothy 2:1-4, , Luke 17:11-19

 **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.

ALTAR FLOWERS 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.

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 care.

SUMS - A HOT MEAL. SOMEONE TO SHARE IT WITH. A WARM WELCOME WHEN YOU ARRIVE. - These simple things can mean so much at Thanksgiving. For our neighbours facing hunger, homelessness, or isolation, the holidays can be difficult. At **SUMS Place Society**, we're preparing to welcome guests for a Thanksgiving meal, and we're asking for your help. Will you give to help provide a Thanksgiving meal for a neighbour? Your generosity helps make room for food, conversation, and connection. It helps SUMS welcome people with care during a season when many are missing the comfort of gathering with others. As you make your Thanksgiving plans, please consider helping a neighbour share in the holiday, too. Last Year, thanks to your contribution... 434 guests were supported; 44,745 bed-nights were provided; 161,000+ meals were provided; 6,718 case management sessions were provided; 532 individuals volunteered.

REFUNDABLES - We have now exceeded the 15,000 containers turned in mark. All funds gathered have gone to a variety of charities, the last one being CLWR, Friends of Creation project. Between now and Shoebox packing day any funds gathered from the refundable container program will go toward Samaritan's Purse and the cost of shipping Shoeboxes. Thank you for all those who support this program in keeping containers out of the landfill and supporting mission projects. If you ever want containers picked up text the CAO cellphone at: 778-980-4856.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD - It is not too soon to start shopping and planning for our annual Shoebox packing. Please see the display in the Narthex, and watch the bulletin board in the hallway for updates and suggested ways to participate. The Packing Party will be held on November 14th at 10:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome to participate. Pack a Shoebox or donate towards the Packing Party.

CLASSROOM ROOF - the final payment was made 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.

CONFIRMATION CLASS - Please contact Pastor James if You would like your child to attend Confirmation Class.

CALGARY STUDENT RESIDENCE VACANCY - do you know a Lutheran student attending the fall 2026 or winter 2027 semester at any of Calgary's post secondary schools? There is a vacancy at the Foothills Lutheran Student Residence, rent is \$2,080 per fourth month semester and includes all utilities. Common spaces are furnished and you will have to bring your bedroom furniture. You will share bathroom with one other student. The residence is a 5 minute walk to the University of Calgary and a 5 block walk to the C-Train station. If you have questions, please contact Heather Sommers at (403) 829-2366 or the church office at (403) 284-1342.

THANKSGIVING SUNDAY - October 11th is Thanksgiving Sunday! The Altar Guild is once again inviting the congregation to join in bringing non-perishable food items to be donated to the Surrey Food Bank or St. Luke's Food Cupboard. We will display the donations in front of the altar for Thanksgiving. Fall decorations and flowers for the display are also most welcome! Items can be brought in beforehand and be placed in the donation box by the mail slots, or you can bring them in on Saturday morning, October 10th between 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 am or on Thanksgiving Sunday by 11:15 a.m. If you're wondering what items are most helpful check out - the post-it notes on the bulletin board across from the washrooms!



THIS WEEK AT ST. LUKE



SUNDAY LWML - C/Thanksgiving Sunday 11:30 a.m.
Worship Service

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