

# Welcome to St. Luke

## Thanksgiving Sunday - OCTOBER 11, 2026

Walking with God to the End 1:  
Help for the Long Road  
Psalm 121:1-8

Jesus, though fully God, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant and going all the way to the cross for us. In His self-giving love, we see that true greatness is found not in grasping for power but in laying our lives down in service. Because Christ went down in humility, God exalted Him above every name—and in Him, the way down is the way up.

### INVOCATION

♪ ♪ This Is The Day

### OPENING PRAYER

### THE CALL TO CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

Pastor: People of God, as we walk the long road of faith, we confess that we do not always trust the One who keeps our steps. We strive anxiously to build our own lives, forgetting that every good gift comes from the Lord. We resist the unity God gives, and we fail to praise Him for His steadfast love from generation to generation.

Let us return to the God who watches over our going out and our coming in.

Silence for reflection

Pastor: Merciful God,

**All: we confess that we have wandered from Your ways. We have relied on our own strength instead of Your keeping.**

**We have built our lives on fear rather than trust.**

**We have allowed division to grow where You command blessing.**

**We have forgotten Your faithfulness and withheld our praise.**

**Forgive us, renew us, and set our feet again on Your path, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

**Amen.**

Pastor: People of God, hear the good news.  
The Lord who keeps Israel neither slumbers nor sleeps.  
In Jesus Christ, God has built a house that will not fall, poured  
out a unity that descends from above, and revealed a  
steadfast love that endures forever.  
By His command and in His stead, I 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.

**All: Amen.**

Pastor: Go in peace, walking with the God who keeps you to  
the end.

**TODAYS SCRIPTURE READERS** are *Laurel Dawe and  
Heather Melder*

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** Psalm 121:1-8 (*Help for the Long  
Road*)

<sup>1</sup> I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help  
come? <sup>2</sup> My help comes from the LORD, who made  
heaven and earth. <sup>3</sup> He will not let your foot be moved;  
he who keeps you will not slumber. <sup>4</sup> Behold, he who  
keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. <sup>5</sup> The LORD  
is your keeper; the LORD is your shade on your right  
hand. <sup>6</sup> The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the  
moon by night. <sup>7</sup> The LORD will keep you from all evil;  
he will keep your life. <sup>8</sup> The LORD will keep your going  
out and your coming in from this time forth and  
forevermore.

**NEW TESTAMENT READING** *Philippians 4:6-20 (Peace of God that  
passes understanding)*

6 do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by  
prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests  
be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which  
surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and  
your minds in Christ Jesus.

8 Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable,  
whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely,  
whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if  
there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.  
9 What you have learned and received and heard and seen

in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

10 I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. 11 Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned, in whatever situation I am, to be content. 12 I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. 13 I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

14 Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. 15 And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you only. 16 Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again. 17 Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit. 18 I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. 19 And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. 20 To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

**RESPONSE** – “Thanks be to God”

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

**HOLY GOSPEL** Luke 17:11-19 (*One of the healed lepers returns to give thanks to Jesus.*)

<sup>11</sup>On the way to Jerusalem he was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. <sup>12</sup>And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance <sup>13</sup>and lifted up their voices, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.” <sup>14</sup>When he saw them he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went they were cleansed. <sup>15</sup>Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; <sup>16</sup>and he fell on his face at Jesus’ feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. <sup>17</sup>Then Jesus answered, “Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? <sup>18</sup>Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” <sup>19</sup>And he said to him, “Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.”

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

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## CHILDREN'S LESSON VIDEO

**THE MESSAGE:** *Walking with God to the End 1: Help for the Long Road - Psalm 121:1-8 - Pastor James Paulgaard*

## WE OFFER OUR GIFTS

♪ ♪ Thank You Jesus For The Blood

**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

The Lord bless you  
and keep you;  
25 the Lord make his face shine on you  
and be gracious to you;  
26 the Lord turn his face toward you  
and give you peace. (Numbers 6:24-26)

✠ ♪ ♪ "Give Thanks" #806



**SCRIPTURE READINGS for October 18<sup>th</sup>:**  
Colossians 3:1-17, Luke 18:1-8



## 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 [slc.ca](http://slc.ca) for the link.  
**DONATE ONLINE** - [slcoffering@gmail.com](mailto:slcoffering@gmail.com) or ask Deb Kroeger for a monthly automatic donation form.

**BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS** to all celebrating their birthday during the month of October.

**THANKS** to all who contributed to our **Thanksgiving Display** this morning.

**2025 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** - Hear these inspirational messages at AM 550 at 11:30 a.m. If you are unable to listen to the radio at that time you can hear The Lutheran Hour anytime on-line at [www.lutheranhour.ca](http://www.lutheranhour.ca)

**SERMON SUMMARY** for October 19<sup>th</sup> - Faith that Transforms 4: Dressed for New Life - Colossians 3:1-17 - Through His death and resurrection, Christ has raised us into a new life that is hidden with Him in God. We are called to take off the old clothing of sin and self, and put on the new garments of compassion, kindness, humility, and love. Clothed in Christ, we live each day as His new creation, reflecting His grace in all we do.

**FOOD DONATIONS** - A bin has been placed in the Atrium for food donations to help people in our congregation and community who come to St. Luke for assistance. If you or someone you know needs such assistance, please contact the church office. The food cupboard needs: Canned soup,

tomato paste, crackers, peanut butter, Canned Pork and beans, Canned Vegetables, granola bars, canned tuna/salmon/chicken etc. You can also pick up Gift cards which could be donated to the food cupboard.

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

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD** - It's 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 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome to participate. Pack a Shoebox or donate towards the Packing Party.

**WARM-CLOTHING DRIVE** - Maureen Tyler is once again organizing the Ed Tyler Memorial warm-clothing drive for Surrey Urban Mission Society. They happily accept warm coats, toques, mitts, socks, sweatpants, warm tops, and new underwear for men. Items should be medium size. They can also use women's items, though most of the recipients are men. They will also accept easy-to-wash blankets and sleeping bags. Please bring your donations next Sunday October 21st **only**.

 **THIS WEEK AT ST. LUKE** 

**TUESDAY** 10:30 a.m. LWML-C Meeting  
**THURSDAY** 10:30 a.m. English Class  
**SUNDAY** 11:30 a.m. Worship Service w. Communion

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