

St. Luke is a joyful, inclusive and compassionate community. Together, we are on a spiritual journey to do justice, make peace, and walk humbly with God.

May 12th, 2024 Youth Sunday

Welcome, we're glad you're here!

As a Presbyterian Church (USA) congregation, we support and welcome LGBTQ+ people into all aspects of our church.

Greeter Chip Goodall Laura Goodall

If you would like to know more about St. Luke, please greet one of our pastors or elders those with green ribbon on their nametag).

Liturgist

Personal listening devices are available at the back of the sanctuary.

Sound Engineer Ken Corens

Large print bulletins are available at the back of the sanctuary.

Deacons
Maggie Corens
Verlaine Halvorsen

Please remember to silence your cell phones.

Offering baskets will be passed during the service. Our May Change for Change is **PLANT-GROW-SHARE (PGS)**, who has taken over the care of the veggie garden using the church grounds as a place to teach urban farming to BIPOC and low income white folks. They began training April Ist. The food grown will be going to the nutrition coordinator at the Division of Indian Work. Derek Nicholas, DIW nutrition coordinator, uses the food grown to teach DIW clients about culturally specific Native American cuisine with the goal of bringing about improved health outcomes for those attending the various programs at DIW as well as providing healthy meals for the elders in the wider community.

PGS began as a pilot program in 2015, funded by CANDO (Central Area Neighborhood Development Organization). PGS focuses on connecting Minneapolis residents with a different path to food access. This was done by inviting 25 families to learn, build, and grow in their first vegetable garden. These neighbors joined PGS and built relationships while sharing food at community events and with local food shelves in need of fresh produce. PGS understands the existing food system prevents families from affording healthy and culturally relevant food. They ground their work in antiracism, decentralized power, deep relationships and personal growth. Plant-Grow-Share prioritizes Black, Indigenous, Latinx and people of color, along with low-income white folks. St Lukers will have the opportunity to take part in their work around antiracism. Stay tuned for more information about this.

Order of Worship

Prelude

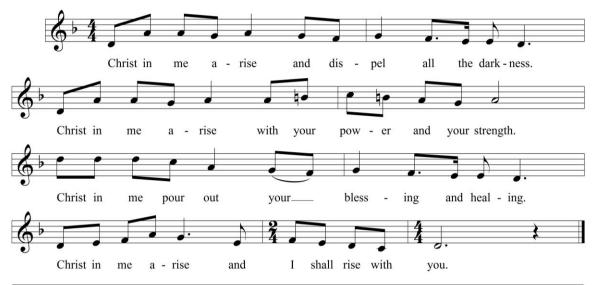
David Hovick Lohman

Welcome

One: May peace be with you. **Many: And also with you.**

Centering

"Christ In Me Arise"



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Opening Liturgy

One: God of us all who are different and special, we are here

with you.

Many: Spirit of Love, hear our prayer.

One: Like the early followers of Jesus, we come with different life

experiences.

Many: Spirit of Creativity, hear our prayer.

One: Teach us to love our differences and celebrate who we

are.

Many: Spirit of Compassion, hear our prayer.

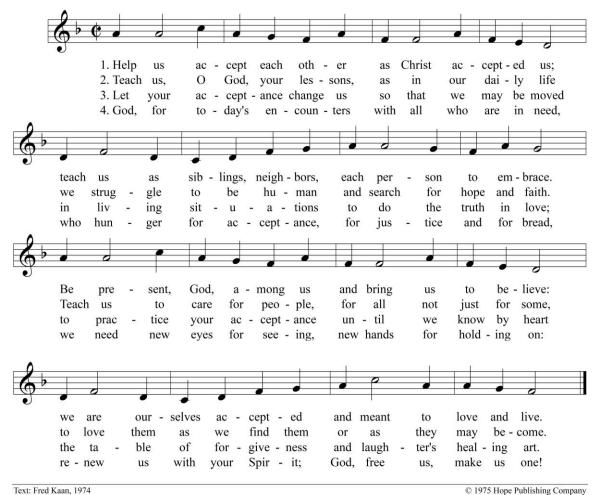
One: Help us live into our unique role in your kindom.

Many: Holy Spirit, hear our prayer.

All: Amen.



"Help Us Accept Each Other"



Music: Doreen Potter, BARONITA; 7.6.7.6.D

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Scripture

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

¹⁵ One day Peter stood up in the midst of the believers, a gathering of perhaps a hundred and twenty. ¹⁶ "Beloved kin" he said, "the saying in scripture, uttered long ago by the Holy Spirit through the mouth of David, was destined to be fulfilled in Judas, the one who guided those who arrested Jesus. ¹⁷ He was one of our number and had been given a share in his ministry.

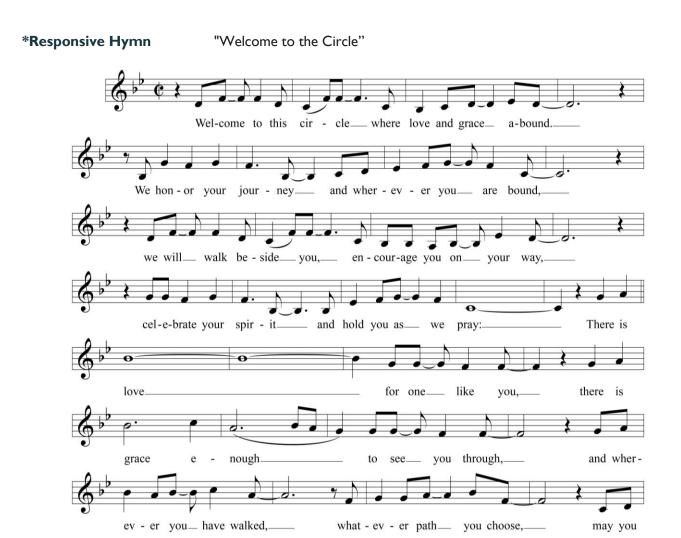
²¹ "It is necessary, therefore, one of those who accompanied us all the time Jesus moved among us, ²² from the baptism of John until the day Jesus was taken up from us, should be named as witness with us to the Resurrection."

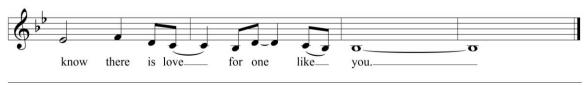
²³ At that, they nominated two–Joseph, called Barsabbas of Justus and Matthias. ²⁴ Then they prayed, "O God, you can read the hearts of the people. Show us which of these two you have chosen. ²⁵ to occupy this apostolic ministry, replacing Judas who turned away and went his own way." ²⁶ They then drew lots between the two. The choice fell to Mathias, who was added to the eleven apostles.



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Sermon "Be Weird!" Nora P. Elliott





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Call to Generosity

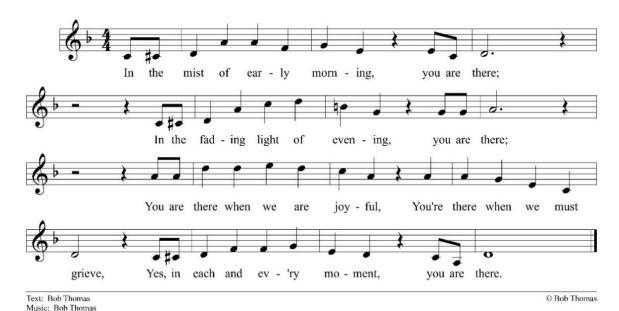
"Bambalayla" Traditional South African; St. Luke Choir

Never give up.

Please pass the Friendship Pads

Prayer Song

"You Are There"



Community Prayer

Zach Wilson

You are invited to briefly share joys, celebrations, and concerns and we will all respond: **This is our prayer.**

Prayer of Jesus

Our loving God, who surrounds us always and inspires authentic care, bring us together in holy community through the way of love from pain to peace. Provide nourishment for the hungry.

Help us find strength when we fail,

as we uplift others in need of support. Refocus us when we go astray and fill our world with justice, because we all need your hope and joy and continued love.

Amen.

- St. Luke Confirmation Class of 2023



Announcements

See Back Cover of the Bulletin for a Complete List of Announcements

*Benediction



[&]quot;Prayer of Good Courage" from Mountain Vespers

[&]quot;Prayer of Good Courage" © Kent Gustavson

Text: Holden Prayer, Holden Villiage; paraphrased; Music: Kent Gustavson, adapt.

[&]quot;Amen" from 20th Century Mass

Text: Fr. Geoffrey Beaumont; Music: Fr. Geoffrey Beaumont

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Core Values

Every member and friend is a minister of God's love and justice. Together, we strive to...

- Be inclusive and authentic in community.
- Take action in the face of injustice.
- Comfort, celebrate, and challenge one another across generations.
- Follow the life and teaching of Jesus, who models for us a life of extravagant love for all, active nonviolence, and solidarity with those made poor, hungry, or outcast.

Announcements

LINDA THOMPSON

A prayer for Linda Thomson, who is now at home at Amira near Ridgedale. Her cancer has reoccurred and she will be seeking hospice care at home. She welcomes visitors and phone calls.

CONNIE BELL

Heidi Hudnut-Beumler called to let us know that her mom, Connie, is back in town after a difficult winter in Arizona. She is currently at the Skilled Transitional Care Facility Gables Folkestone in Wayzata and would appreciate your visits, calls, and cards.

FAMILY LUNCHEONS

After worship through summer Pastor Nora hosts a brown bag lunch with activities for all ages present, 11:45–1:30 pm, stay as long as you are able.

Contact nora@stluke.mn for more info.

HENNEPIN COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 6 ELECTIONS

The Hennepin County Commissioner District 6 elections for the following 2 elections only: Tuesday, May 14th will not be held at the St. Luke Premises but instead will be held at the Minnetonka Community Center. Please refer to the signs by the door for more information.

ADULT EDUCATION

Sundays 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.

May 18th Electronics Recycling Event 9-12 PM

Empty your closet and junk drawer and bring us your old cables and electronic items for recycling with eCycle. Click here for a link to the Electronics Recycling Event flyer. This event will be held at Groveland Elementary, 17310 Minnetonka Blvd, Minnetonka.

WOMEN'S SPRING GATHERING

Saturday, May 18

Next Women's Group Gathering

St. Luke Garden Court

Saturday, May 18 10:00AM to 12:00 Noon

Enjoy a wonderful quiche, muffins and fruit brunch with our St Luke women!

*Bring one or more long-stemmed flowers(s)

Organizers: Lori Cocking, Liz Thompson, Arlene Jullie

LAST CHANCE TO SAVE YOUR SPOT FOR THE MAY 18TH WOMEN'S GATHERING!

Email Arlene Jullie, ajullie@comcast.net_on or before Saturday, May II

PENTECOST

We invite everyone to wear red on Pentecost. We are also receiving Pentecost offering on May 19th. Following Pentecost worship we will have a congregational conversation about the church mission, budget and structure.

DIW CRITICAL NEEDS

Many thanks (Che-Miigwech) for all the generous diaper donations to the Division of Indian Work over the past many years!!!.

RECENT GREAT NEWS....DIW has been approved to receive diapers from the Diaper Bank in Mpls.!!! BUT the Diaper Bank is unable to provide enough new-born and size I's diapers - so DIW is struggling to keep up with the need for these sizes. So please consider donating these size diapers and/or the following hygiene items as DIW generally needs to use their \$\$s for food at the food shelf..

So if you are able please consider donating **NEW** hygiene items. **Please DO NOT donate opened** bottles or containers. THANK YOU!

Examples only...not a complete list:

Hygiene items like Tooth Paste and brushes, detergent, cleaning supplies, feminine products, band aids, deodorant and New toilet brushes in packaging.

Please leave on the donation shelves in the church foyer. Che Miigwech! (Many thanks)

- Lori Cocking

ST. LUKE MEN'S SPRING RETREAT

St. Luke Men's Spring Retreat at St. John's University will be held on June 1st and 2nd, 2024. Single rooms are \$105/person and includes 3 meals. It will be led by Rick Bell and be themed around Talismans which explain experiences which have influenced our lives. Please send a check made out to St. Luke Presbyterian Church and hand it to Smeeta in the Office to reserve a spot. Carpooling available. Call Jim Gregory at 612-232-6686 for questions.

if you have an announcement, please let the pastors know ahead of time so it can be included here. Consider tearing off this page to take home.