

# St. Luke Lutheran Church and Lutheran Campus Ministry *Holy Communion*

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost Season of Creation: Cosmos Sunday, September 28, 2025 10:00 AM

YOU are welcome here! As a Reconciling in Christ Congregation, the people of St. Luke Lutheran Church are called by God to be a community... because we believe we are one in God's eyes, we welcome the mix of ages, races, gender identities, physical and mental capabilities, and sexual orientations with which God's children are blessed. Everyone is invited to share in God's grace. We rejoice in the knowledge that nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus--not our wealth, nor our poverty, nor our nationality, nor our political convictions, nor whom we love, nor anything else in all creation.

COSMOS refers to the entire universe, every dimension of time and space, spiritual and material. The cosmos is both the glittering galaxies that humans have begun to explore as well as distant domains far beyond our imagination. In addition, there are unknown domains deep within each minute molecule we have yet to comprehend. All creation is one sacred cosmos, a spiritual universe filled with God's presence.

Everything you need for worship today is contained in this bulletin. \*All are invited to stand as able / Items in **bold** are spoken or sung by the assembly.

### **GATHERING**

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

#### WORD OF WELCOME

#### **VOLUNTARY**

Variations on Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star

### \*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, maker of heaven and earth, the Word made flesh, the breath who renews the face of creation.

#### Amen.

All creation sings God's praise, and we are called to join with joy, righteousness, and peace. Yet as we look around us, we see conflict and destruction. We confess that we too are entangled in this brokenness. Let us come before God, asking for forgiveness and renewal.

Creator God, you spoke the world into being. You formed us in your image, breathed into us your own breath, and entrusted us with your good creation.

But we have turned from your gift. We have forgotten who we are, and we have failed to care for what you have made. We have poisoned waters, stripped forests, and scarred the land.
We have ignored the cries of the vulnerable, the groaning of the earth, and the suffering of our neighbors.

Forgive us, O God.
Forgive us for our greed and arrogance.
Forgive us for what we have done
to your earth, your oceans, your creatures,
and to one another.

Hear us, God of compassion: heal your wounded creation, turn us again to you, and guide us in the way of peace.

silence for reflection

Hear the good news:
Our God is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
Through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ,
your sins are forgiven.
You are set free to be ambassadors of reconciliation,
called to walk in newness of life,
and to join all creation in God's praise.

Amen.

# \*PEACE

The presiding minister will offer a word of peace and the assembly responds: **And also with you.** 



### \*GREETING

The presiding minister will greet the assembly and the assembly responds:

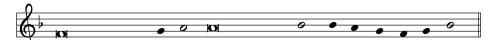
# And also with you.

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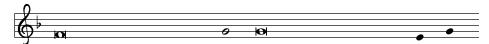
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.





For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.





For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of



God, and for the uni-ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



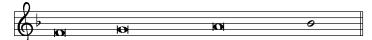


For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and



praise, let us pray to the Lord.





Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gracious Lord.





### \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

The assisting minister offers the prayer of the day and the assembly responds: **Amen.** 

# WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

# FIRST READING Proverbs 8:22-31

The Lord created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago.

Ages ago I was set up,

at the first, before the beginning of the earth.

When there were no depths I was brought forth,

when there were no springs abounding with water.

Before the mountains had been shaped,

before the hills, I was brought forth,

when he had not yet made earth and fields

or the world's first bits of soil.

When he established the heavens, I was there;

when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,

when he made firm the skies above,

when he established the fountains of the deep,

when he assigned to the sea its limit,

so that the waters might not transgress his command,

when he marked out the foundations of the earth,

then I was beside him, like a master worker,

and I was daily his delight,

playing before him always,

playing in his inhabited world

and delighting in the human race.

# PSALM 104:1-4, 30-35

The psalm is sung responsively.

<sup>1</sup>Bless the Lord, O my soul; O Lord my God, you are | very great!

You are clothed with majes- | ty and splendor.

<sup>2</sup>You wrap yourself with light as | with a cloak and stretch out the heavens | like a tent.

<sup>3</sup>You lay the beams of your chambers in the wa- | ters above; you make the clouds your chariot; you ride on the wings | of the wind.

<sup>4</sup>You make the | winds your messengers and flames of | fire your servants.

<sup>30</sup>You send forth your Spirit, and they | are created; and so you renew the face | of the earth.

<sup>31</sup>May the glory of the Lord en- | dure forever; O Lord, rejoice in | all your works.

<sup>32</sup>You look at the earth | and it trembles; you touch the mountains | and they smoke.

<sup>33</sup>I will sing to the Lord as long | as I live; I will praise my God while I | have my being.

<sup>34</sup>May these words of | mine please God. I will rejoice | in the Lord.

<sup>35</sup>Let sinners be consumed from the earth and the wicked | be no more. Bless the Lord, O my soul. | Hallelujah!

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son and to the | Holy Spirit. As it was in | the beginning, is now, and will be for- | ever. Amen.

# **SECOND READING**

Colossians 1:15-20

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

# \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Halle, Halle, Halle

The assembly sings the acclamation.



\*GOSPEL John 6:41-51

The Holy Gospel according to John, the sixth chapter.

# Glory to you, O Lord.

Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me, and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is f rom God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life.

I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever, and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

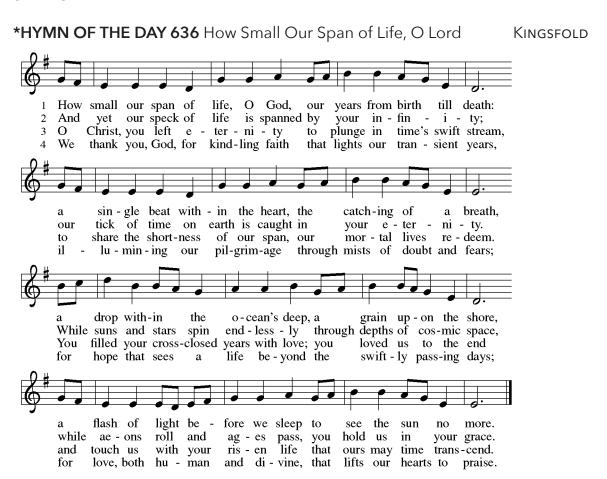
The Gospel of the Lord.

# Praise to you, O Christ.

We sing the acclamation (on the previous page) again after the gospel.

#### CHILDREN'S TIME

#### **SERMON**



#### \*NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

#### \*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The response to the petitions, which all end "God of grace," is **Receive our prayer.** 

#### **MEAL**

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

#### **OFFERING**

An offering supports the mission of the church, and the care of those in need. Offerings can be given online at stlukeithaca.org, or use the QR code to the right.



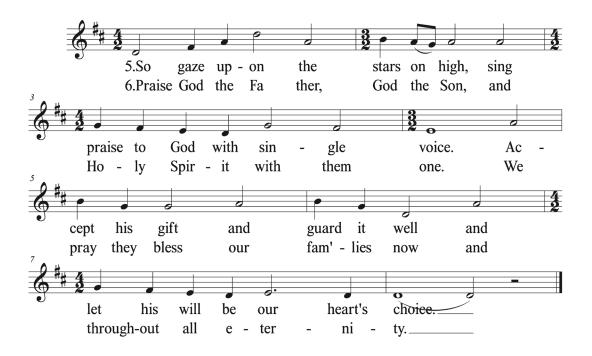
#### OFFERTORY and \*ASSEMBLY OFFERTORY SONG

Look Up and Count the Stars

Peter Latona

- 1. "Look up and count the stars if ye may," thus God to Abra'm did declare: "So shall all your descendants be for now and all eternity.
- 2. We are the stars from God's own hand, reflections of his own true love, the beauty of God's heav'nly plan, the eternal gift from heav'n above.
- 3. Now gaze upon the infant child with Joseph and the Virgin nigh; may all our fam'lies be like them in peace and joy and unity.
- 4.. Grant Lord, we pray, the grace to be the shining splendor of God's love; his radiant light of truth and hope from heaven down to earth below.

The assembly stands and sings stanzas five and six, on the next page.



# **\*OFFERING PRAYER**

The assisting minister prays and the assembly responds: **Amen.** 

# \*GREAT THANKSGIVING

### \*DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

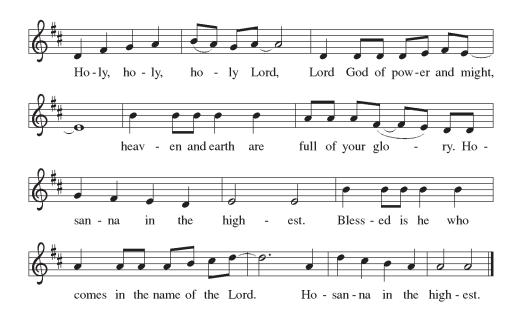
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.



### \*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

### \*THE LORD'S PRAYER

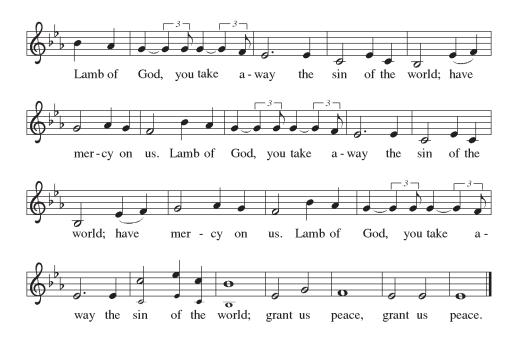
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

#### \*INVITATION TO COMMUNION

At St. Luke, all are welcome to the table Christ without exception. Please make your way forward to the kneelers around the altar by exiting the center aisle and coming up the steps. To the right of the steps is a lift if you need assistance. As you gather around the altar you may stand or kneel, bread is received in your hands, let the presider know if you would like a gluten free wafer. Cups are available as you approach the altar. To return to your seats, please exit after receiving the wine or juice via the side steps and aisles, leaving the cup in the basket provided. If you wish to receive communion at your seat, please tell the ushers.

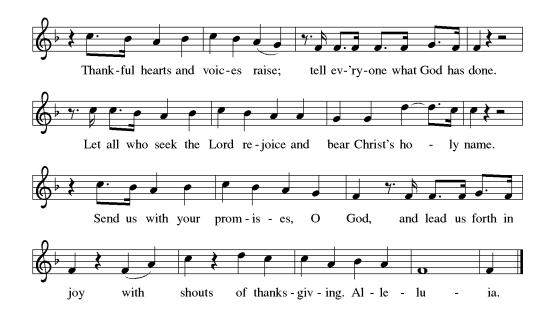
\*LAMB OF GOD Setting Six





### **TABLE BLESSING**

# \*POST COMMUNION CANTICLE Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise



### \*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The assisting minister will lead the Prayer after Communion and the assembly responds: Amen.

# **SENDING**

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

## \*BLESSING

The presiding minister offers a blessing and the assembly responds **Amen.** 



#### \*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Be of good courage

Thanks be to God.

#### **POSTLUDE**

Improvised Toccata Brevis on a melody from "Jupiter" from "The Planets" Gustav Holst

# PARTCIPATING IN WORSHIP TODAY

St. Luke Ministers: All the people of this Community

Assisting Minister: Nicole Nelson Reader: Patrice Pastore

Ushers: Alex Sheets and Laura Gathagan

Violin and piano: Nathaniel and Sean Linfors

Music Director: Erik Kibelsbeck

Presider and Preacher: The Rev. Paul Miller

Senior Pastor: The Rev. Jason Churchill

# The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God.

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### **CALENDAR**

Tuesday, Sept. 30	12:15 pm	Bible Study, Campus Ministry Lounge	
Wednesday, Oct. 1	10:00 am	Staff Meeting	
	1:00 pm	Collegetown Community Collective	
	6:00 pm	Pr. Jason's Doctoral Study Group	
Thursday, Oct. 2	8:00 pm	Compline at Immaculate Conception	
Friday, Oct. 3	10:00am	Tea and Tarot, Anabel Taylor Founders Room	
	6:00 pm	First Friday Spaghetti Dinner, Fellowship Hall	
Sunday, Oct. 5	10:00 am	Season of Creation: St. Francis	
	11:15 am	Homecoming Coffee Hour with Ice Cream	
		Sandwiches	
Monday, Oct. 6	6:30 pm	Poe by Candlelight, Sage Chapel Crypt	

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

TODAY WE ARE HOSTING PR. PAUL MILLER AND THE CALL COMMITTEE FROM BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH. Please greet Pr. Paul and our guests today and hold them in prayer as they discern the Spirit's work with their community. Please remember the need for confidentiality during the process, particularly for the candidates.

# TOGETHER IN LOVE EVENT TODAY AT 3PM, DEWITT PARK

Together in Love will be a peaceful assembly, a prophetic celebration, a reminder to all who pass by that Ithaca is a city where love abides, where community stands united, and where the Spirit of God is alive in the work of justice.

Come and see. Come and stand. Come and sing. Together, in love, we will bear witness to the world God is still creating.

**OCTOBER'S CAMPUS MINISTRY SPAGHETTI DINNER:** Please share with us in our "First Friday Spaghetti Dinner" on Friday, October 3rd at 6:00 pm at St. Luke's Fellowship Hall (basement). It's free and yummy. Gluten free pasta and vegan sauce options will be available. Whether it's your first time or you are a returning student (both undergrads and graduate students are welcome), please join us! You can bring a friend, too.

**SUGGESTED ITEMS** for the Red Wagon for the Ithaca Kitchen Cupboard for September are healthy snacks for kids, such as juice, granola bars, and crackers. Thank you!

## **WE HOLD IN PRAYER:**

Elin Edwards (Aara's mom) for healing and rest.

Brenda.

We also remember in prayer all who suffer from violence, war, famine, and genocide.

# **Children and Youth**

Every second Sunday of the month is Godly Play Sunday School. (starting in October) For confirmation, please check individual emails.

# **Campus Ministry**

Welcome home! Pr. Jason is available for coffee and conversations during the week, please email him at pastor@stlukeithaca.org. Remember first Tuesdays 6:30 Graduate Student Meetup (Greenhouse Cafe) and first Fridays 6:00 Spaghetti Dinner (St. Luke).

#### **UPCOMING READINGS**

The foundational premise of this set of daily readings is their relationship to the Sunday lectionary. The readings are chosen so that the days leading up to Sunday (Thursday through Saturday) prepare for the Sunday readings. The days flowing out from Sunday (Monday through Wednesday) reflect upon the Sunday readings. However, note that we are doing alternate readings on Sundays during the Season of Creation.

Monday	Wednesday	Friday
Psalm 62	Psalm 62	Psalm 37:1-9
Amos 6:8-14	Hosea 12:2-14	2 Kings 19:8-20, 35-37
Revelation 3:14-22	Matthew 19:16-22	Revelation 2:12-29
Tuesday	Thursday	Saturday
Psalm 62	Psalm 37:1-9	Psalm 37:1-9
Hosea 10:9-15	2 Kings 18:1-8, 28-36	Isaiah 7:1-9
James 5:1-6	Revelation 2:8-11	Matthew 20:29-34

#### **UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS**

# Michael and All Angels | Monday, September 29

Michael the archangel, captain of the heavenly hosts, is remembered on this day along with the other angels and archangels. The word "angel" means messenger, and in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam, these beings have a fully spiritual nature and no physical body.

# Jerome, translator, teacher, died 420 | Tuesday, September 30

Jerome was a biblical scholar and translator, but rather than translating the original Hebrew and Greek scriptures into classical Latin, he worked in the commonly-spoken Latin of the day, creating a version called the Vulgate.

# Francis of Assisi, renewer of the church, died 1226 } Saturday, October 4

Born into the family of a wealthy merchant, Francis gave up his inheritance to serve poor people. He formed the Order of Friars Minor (called Franciscans), who took on poverty and the task of preaching "using words if necessary." Francis had a spirit of gratitude for all of God's creation.

# Theodor Fliedner, renewer of society, died 1864 | Saturday, October 4

Fliedner helped to bring about a revival of the ministry of deaconesses among Lutherans. He was influenced in this by Moravian deaconesses he had met. The motherhouse he founded in Kaiserswerth, Germany, inspired many around the world to take up this ministry.

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