PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION in unison
O Lord, our God, we give you thanks
For filling us with the joy of the eucharist.
Lead us toward the full visible unity of your church,
And help us to treasure all the signs of reconciliation you have granted us.
Now that we have tasted the banquet
You have prepared for us in the world to come,
May we all one day share together
the inheritance of the saints in the life of the heavenly city.
Amen.
The Worship Resource Book, 2004, 8.5.2

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP
If you would like to become a follower of Jesus Christ, or if you are interested in
joining St. Luke’s United Methodist Church, we would love to talk to you about
what that means. Please visit the Connection Desk after the service to meet
with a member of our Hospitality Team and learn more.

*BHYNM OF COMMITMENT
512 Stand by Me
STAND BY ME

*BENEDICTIOIN
Rev. Cliff Ritter

POSTULDE
Trumpet Tune in A
Michael McCabe

At places marked * those who are able may stand.

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We are so happy you’re with us today! Please check
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Sermon Notes
Whatever It Takes
Eighth in the series, Road Trips with Paul

I serve
I belong

Leading in Worship Today: Dr. Tom Pace; Rev. Cliff Ritter; Mary Schuler, Senior
Adult Ministries.
Musicians: Sid Davis, Director of Music & Fine Arts; Jim Roman, Organist; Staff
Ensemble.
The altar flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and given in celebration
of the baptism of Elizabeth Marie Cleveland by her parents Jennifer and Paul
Cleveland; in celebration of the baptism of Hadley Madison Courtney by her
parents, Elly and Trevor Courtney; in celebration of the baptism of Molly Joy
Prendergast by her parents, Laura and Robert Prendergast and brother, William
Prendergast; and in celebration of the baptism of Quinn Micah Sweet by his
parents, Erica and Daniel Sweet and sister, Sloane Sweet.

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**Acts 27:21-26 (NIV)**

11The following night the Lord stood near Paul and said, “Take courage! As you have testified about me in Jerusalem, so you must also testify in Rome.”

12After they had gone a long time without food, Paul stood up before them and said: “Men, you should have taken my advice not to sail from Crete; then you would have spared yourselves this damage and loss. But now I urge you to keep up your courage, because not one of you will be lost; only the ship will be destroyed. Last night an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I serve stood beside me and said, ‘Do not be afraid, Paul. You must stand trial before Caesar, and God has graciously given you the lives of all who sail with you.’ So keep up your courage, men, for I have faith in God that it will happen just as he told me. Nevertheless, we must run aground on some island.”

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**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

O God, you have shown us the way of life through your Son, Jesus Christ. We confess the poverty of our worship, our evasion of responsibilities in our service, our neglect of fellowship and of the means of grace, our failure to follow him, and our reluctance to bear the cross. Through your Son, Jesus Christ.

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND PARDON**

Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you. And also with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them up to the Lord.

**HONOR AND GLORY IS YOURS**

All honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

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. Amen.

**THE APOSTLES’ CREED**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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