Welcome to worship at St. Luke’s!
Three ways to let us know you are here:
1. Is this your first visit?
   Please text i Amplify to 97000 to let us know you are worshipping with us today!
   If you don’t have the app installed on your phone, you can download it at:
   StLukesMethodist.org/app.
3. Check in by scanning this QR code
   with the camera on your phone.

The Liturgical Year
We are in Ordinary Time II (the first being between Epiphany in January and Ash Wednesday), which sounds like a boring name for a liturgical season, except that “ordinary” just means ordered, numbered. It’s the same root as “ordination” which is an arrangement, a putting of things in order or following a religious order. Ordinary Time means we are ordained to place things as they should be. It’s not a time of celebrating feasts, it’s a time of cementing the message of those feasts into our daily lives. What did Advent matter? What did Lent matter? What did Easter matter? What did Pentecost matter if they don’t find fruition in the ordering of our lives? Joan Chittister wrote, “it is what we do routinely, not what we do rarely, that delineates our character.”

Ordinary Time is the organized, disciplined building of who we are as a follower of Jesus and how we apply that to the work of worship.

The vestments and paraments are green, which signify a growth and bountifulness.

Sermon Notes
Whatever It Takes
Eighth in the series, Road Trips with Paul.
I serve

I belong

What’s Happening at St. Luke’s
Each year we ask the members of our church family to review and update their information in our database. This helps us better communicate with you via church mailings, emails, phone calls, disaster response calls, important ministry updates, and more. Log in to your St. Luke’s account (or create a new account): StLukesMethodist.org/account

Tapestry Players presents Bright Star
July 28-29 at 7:30 p.m. | July 23 and 30 at 2:30 p.m.
Rotunda Theater
This sweeping tale of love and redemption will transport you through the Blue Ridge Mountains in the 1920s and 1940s, where a young soldier and a literary editor’s lives intersect in unexpected ways. Don’t miss your chance to see this beautiful and moving production and enjoy the bluegrass music!
Tickets: StLukesMethodist.org/brightstar

Celebration of Discipline - Facilitated by Katie Brown - Join any time!
This week’s topic: Prayer
Sundays thru August 27 | 3:30-4:30 p.m. | ES301
Are you ready to take your faith to new heights? Join Celebration of Discipline book study and embark on a journey of spiritual growth.
Register: StLukesMethodist.org/bible-studies

July Collection - Christmas in July
All month long, we are collecting non-perishable food to help stock Christian Community Service Center’s food pantry with hearty soups, peanut butter, canned meats and canned fruit. Can openers are also needed. Drop donations in the bin in the Gathering Room.

Leading in Worship Today: Dr. Tom Pace; Rev. Katie Montgomery Mears; Rev. Cliff Ritter; Debbie Weymouth, Director of St. Luke’s Day School; Rev. Andy Noel.

Musicians: Sid Davis, Director of Music & Fine Arts; Jim Roman, Organist; Victoria Shorokhova, Organ Scholar; Staff Ensemble; Chancel Choir.

The altar flowers are dedicated to the glory of God 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.

Road Trips with Paul
July 23, 2023 | 9:45 & 11:00 a.m.
Welcome

Dr. Tom Pace

Scripture Reading
9:45 Debbie Weymouth
11:00 Rev. Andy Noel

Acts 23:11 (NIV)

The 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.”

Acts 27:21-26 (NIV)

After 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. 21Last night an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I serve stood beside me 22and said, ‘Do not be afraid, Paul. You must stand trial before Caesar; and God has graciously given you the lives of all those who sail with you.’ 23So keep up your courage, men, for I have faith in God that it will happen just as he told me. 24Nevertheless, we must run aground on some island.”

Scripture Response
The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Choral Call to Prayer

Morning Prayer
Rev. Cliff Ritter

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.

*Hymn of Preparation 11:00
2191 Eternal Father, Strong to Save

Eternal Father, strong to save, whose arm has bound the restless wave, Who bid the mighty ocean deep its own appointed limits keep: O hear us when we cry to thee in those in peril on the sea.

O Savior, whose almighty word the wind and waves submissive heard, Who walked upon the foaming deep, and calm amid its rage did sleep: O hear us when we cry to thee in those in peril on the sea.

O Holy Spirit, who did brood upon the chaos wild and rude, Who walked upon the foaming deep, and calm amid its rage did sleep: O hear us when we cry to thee in those in peril on the sea.

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Invitation to Christian Discipleship

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OFFERTORY

9:45 Who at My Door Is Standing? K. Lee Scott
K. Lee Scott

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Let Your Eye be to the Lord
Moe Chancel Choir

Let your eye be to the Lord, and wait upon him; Walk with him, and he will walk and dwell with you.

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*Benediction
Dr. Tom Pace

Choral Benediction
11:00

Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace; let us each, thy love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace.

O refresh us, o refresh us, traveling through this wilderness.