

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *in unison*

Rev. Ann Pierce Arnett

Giver of all good gifts, Provider of the Spirit,
Endow us with your love, that we might love the unlovable,
with your joy, that we might reassure the discouraged,
with your peace, that we might soothe the embattled,
with your endurance, that we might carry the troubled,
with your faith, that we might trust the unknown.

In the name of Christ, Amen.

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

If you would like to become a follower of Jesus Christ, or 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 to learn more.

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT**

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Blest Be the Tie That Binds

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***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Cliff Ritter

POSTLUDE

Lift High the Cross

arr. Leavitt

At places marked * those who are able may stand.

What's Happening at St. Luke's

July Collection: CCSC Canned Food Donations

Food donations are notoriously low over the summer months. St. Luke's is collecting non-perishable foods for Christian Community Service Center (CCSC). CCSC is in specific need of soups (with beans or meat), peanut butter, canned meats (tuna and chicken), canned fruit and can openers. Drop off donations in the Donations Bin located in the Gathering Room. Questions? Email Karen McCarver. Kmccarver@StLukesMethodist.org

Needed: The Garden Front Desk Volunteers

We need your help welcoming youth, processing intake forms and answering questions at our newly opened community youth center on our Gethsemane Campus. Volunteers are needed Monday-Thursday, 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m. and 2:30 -7 p.m. Interested? Contact Amy Kelley, Akelley@stlukesmethodist.org Register: StLukesMethodist.org/gardenvolunteers

The Study: A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23

Tuesdays, Starting July 9 | 12 p.m. | ES3

Led by Katie Brown and Suzi Pitts | Woman-Only Study

Travel the Shepherd's path to the green pastures and cool, refreshing waters of Psalm 23. As a shepherd himself, W. Phillip Keller shares his insights into the life and character of sheep--and of the Good Shepherd who loves and cares for them. StLukesMethodist.org/Bible-Studies

Save the date for Sister Act

July 18-20 and 25-27 | 7:30 p.m. | July 20-21 and 27-28 | 2:30 p.m.

America's Got Talent Semi-Finalist Christina Wells stars as Deloris Van Cartier in the feel-good musical smash based on the hit film that has audiences jumping to their feet! Sister Act was nominated for five Tony Awards, including Best Musical.

Tickets: StLukesMethodist.org/Sister-Act

Welcome to worship at St. Luke's!

If you are visiting and would like to learn more about our church, please stop by the Connection Desk for a welcome gift.

Tell us you are here!

1. Is this your first visit?

Please text *iamnew* to 97000 to let us know you are worshipping with us today!

2. Check in on the St. Luke's App.

If you don't have the app installed on your phone, you can download it at: StLukesMethodist.org/app.

Sermon Notes

Anger Management

Fifth in a Series, "Best Sermon Ever: Sermon On the Mount"

Let's get real: sometimes Scripture is hard to understand. How do we wrestle with texts that confuse or challenge us?

Let's get real: sometimes it's hard to know how faith can intersect with our flesh-and-blood struggles. How do we let God into the parts of our lives that we are ashamed about, embarrassed by, or would just rather pretend don't exist?

Let's get real: sometimes we over-spiritualize when what we actually need are practical tools. What are some concrete ways we can confront our struggles head-on and get the resources we need for healing and transformation of our whole being?

Leading in Worship Today: Rev. Amy Sumrall; Rev. Cliff Ritter; Rev. Ann Pierce Arnett.

Musicians: Sid Davis, Director of Music & Fine Arts; Rob Landes, Organist Emeritus; Staff Singers.

Acolytes: Sabra Ahlquist, Tressa Ahlquist.

The altar flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and given in loving memory of Dr. Harold T. Baber, Jr. by his wife Rosalind, children Jonathan Baber and Roseanna Baber Hill and Jason Hill, and granddaughters Isabelle and Elizabeth; and in celebration of the baptism of Phillip Carl Garoni by his parents, Kathryn Mueller Garoni and Phillip Kyle Garoni and sisters, Avery and Hazel Garoni; and in celebration of the birthday of Phillip's late great grandfather today, Carl G. Mueller, Jr. by his loving family.



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SERMON ON THE MOUNT

BEST SERMON EVER



St. Luke's United Methodist Church

June 30, 2024 | 8:30 a.m.

PRELUDE *Gather Us In* arr. Behnke

***HYMN OF PRAISE**
126 *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above* MIT FREUDEN ZART

***THE APOSTLES' CREED** UMH #881 **Rev. Ann Pierce Arnett**

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.

***GLORIA PATRI** UMH #70 MEINEKE

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

WELCOME **Rev. Amy Sumrall**

SCRIPTURE READING **Rev. Ann Pierce Arnett**

Matthew 5:27–30 (NLT)

²⁷"You have heard the commandment that says, 'You must not commit adultery.' ²⁸But I say, anyone who even looks at a person with lust has already committed adultery with that person in his/her heart. ²⁹So if your eye—even your good eye—causes you to lust, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. ³⁰And if your hand—even your stronger hand—causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell.

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

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

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER

MORNING PRAYER **Rev. Cliff Ritter**

SERMON **Rev. Amy Sumrall**

Let's Get Real

Fifth in a Series, "Best Sermon Ever: Sermon On the Mount"

OFFERTORY *The Lord Is My Shepherd* Matthews
Staff Singers

The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
He leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil: For Thou art with me;

Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

As an alternative to the offering plate, text gift amount to: 832-669-5500.

***DOXOLOGY** UMH #95 OLD 100TH

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.

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION **Rev. Cliff Ritter**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, you have shown us the way of life through your Son, Jesus Christ.

We confess with shame our slowness to learn of him, our failure to follow him, and our reluctance to bear the cross.

We confess the poverty of our worship, our neglect of fellowship and of the means of grace, our hesitating witness for Christ, our evasion of responsibilities in our service, our imperfect stewardship of your gifts.

Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us. Amen.

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.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...the pastor continues

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Jim Roman



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and
might, heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bles-sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na
in the high - est.

...the pastor continues

...in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.



Christ has died; Christ is ri - sen; Christ will come a - gain.

...the pastor continues

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



A - men A - men A - men

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**

410 *I Want a Principle Within* GERALD

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

We are guests at Christ's table which is open to all. Receive the wafer in your hands, and the server will say, "The body of Christ, given for you," and your response could be, "Amen." Then dip the wafer into the juice and the server will say, "The blood of Christ, given for you," and again you may respond, "Amen."

Gluten-free wafers and pre-filled cups are available. Indicate your need to your server. Offerings left at the communion rail will be directed to the Member Care Fund, which aids our friends in need.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

452 *My Faith Looks Up to Thee* OLIVET