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**SEASON OF PENTECOST  
9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
August 10, 2025 9:30am**

Congregation Announcements

**Sharing the Peace**

**Call to Worship** (Based on Today's First Reading)

One: It's summer! Warm nights. Cast a blanket on the grass. Stare up at the endless starry sky!

**Many: Nice try. Can't do it. Too much smoke.**

One: Wow, you're right. What Abram once saw, we can't even see!

**Many: Apparently the ancient Iranians were willing to fight their forest fires to prevent collateral smoke contamination to their south.**

One: I'm pretty sure they just didn't have forest fires. Also no forest fire fighters.

**Many: Which gets us to the reality of Abram's world.**

One: We have problems. He had problems.

**Many: Our common trait is that we often let the problems limit our solutions.**

One: But then, God comes along, calls us by name and reminds us to see there has been abundance all along.

**Many: Oh God, help our souls to see! Let us see that we aren't alone.**

One: Let us see that there really are solutions to our problems.

**Many: Let us see you in each other and in seeing you, be alive again...alive always! Amen!**

Opening Hymn **ELW #825** "You Servants of God"

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**Many: And also with you.**

**Prayer of the Day** (Based on today's Gospel)

One: God, you are our Treasure.

**Many: Many other things and affiliations exist. They are real and not insignificant. But they aren't you. Yet, since we can see them and not you, we often make them our treasure. Keep us from making that mistake over and over again. Sharpen our faith vision so that it exceeds our physical vision. Allow us to see your higher good, your great love, and your better ways. Let our choices be built on what you most want us to see. We ask it because you long to share it. Amen.**

**First Reading: Genesis 15:1-6 Bulletin Insert**

*The most ancient traditions about Abraham and Sarah referred to him as "Abram." That gives us the immediate knowledge that what we are reading comes from the very, very beginnings of our faith tradition. Isn't it interesting then, that just as we often do today, the human being in the story thinks in terms of scarcity, while God thinks not just of abundance, but universe-filling abundance!*

**Psalmody: Psalm 33:12-22 Bulletin Insert**

*Like the First Reading, this poem realizes God's vantage point is very different from ours. We rely on our weapons and other forms of "strength." God perceives all those things as a mirage. Faith and love are where real life can be seen.*

Gospel Acclamation **Page #142**

### **Gospel: Luke 12:32-40 Bulletin Insert**

*The emotion of this reading ranges from reassuring, “Don’t be afraid,” to edgy, “You also must be ready.” Which is it? Chances are, Jesus intended for each of us to be confronted by the one we were least willing to hear...or share.*

*Response after the announcement: Glory to you, O Lord.*

*Response after the conclusion: Praise to you, O Christ.*

### **MESSAGE “Too Real to be Crazy”**

Hymn of the Day **ELW #705** “*God of Grace and God of Glory*”

#### **Prayers**

#### **Offering**

#### **Offertory Prayer**

One: Let us pray,

**Many: God of field and forest, sea and sky, you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

#### **The Great Thanksgiving**

P. The Lord be with you

**C. And also with you**

P. Lift up your hearts

**C. We lift them to the Lord**

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

**C. It is right to give our thanks and praise**

#### **Words of Institution**

#### **The Lord’s Prayer**

*Any and all are welcome at Christ’s table. Please join us!*

#### **Communion Distribution**

*An usher will come to let you know when to come forward to receive communion. Please hold your hand out so the Pastor can drop the bread*

*in your hand. Then the usher will hand you a cup of either wine (purple) or grape juice (white), please let them know your preference.*

*Baskets are available for your empty cup.*

*If walking is difficult for you, please tell an usher that you would like to be served where you are seated.*

#### **Communion Blessing**

#### **Post Communion Prayer**

One: We thank you, generous God,

**Many: for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

#### **Benediction**

Closing Hymn **ELW #674** “*Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*”

#### **Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

***Thank you for attending our Outdoor Services. We were blessed to have wonderful weather and be able to enjoy all that God has created.***



Members celebrating a birthday this week:

Betty Neeb August 10

Florence Popp August 11

Jill Madson August 12

Judi Gunderson August 13

Hudson Kuhlowl August 13

***“Great things are done by a series of small things brought together.”***

— attributed to Vincent van Gogh

Karen Bruinooge, organist 920-457-4285 Kristin Madson, custodian 980-9012

**Welcome** to our outdoor worship. Thanks for being here! Life is often hard, for many reasons. So we gather to be fed and strengthened by Jesus, our Good Shepherd; to be assured of his presence and goodness. You are welcome to our communion table during the service.

Those serving the Lord:

	<u><b>Today</b></u>	<u><b>August 17, 9:30am</b></u>
<u><b>Greeters:</b></u>	Warren & Judi Gunderson	Tammi Perman
<u><b>Ushers:</b></u>	Randy Meyer Jack Parrish	Jeff Parrish John Kapelanski
<u><b>Reader:</b></u>	Keith Kuhlow	Kathy Nelson
<u><b>Communion:</b></u>	Pam Bogenschuetz	Marilyn Meyer
<u><b>AV Tech:</b></u>	Pam Bogenschuetz (if needed)	Lavonne Schroeder
<u><b>Bread Baker:</b></u>	Ginny Kapelanski	Elliana Perman



Sunday, August 3 44 Communed 43

### **Announcements:**



**FLOWERS** are shared this morning by Becky Kuhlow in honor of Hudson's 11<sup>th</sup> birthday (August 13). Blessings of happiness and health for another year.

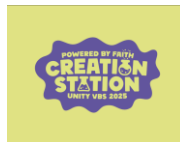
**COMFY COFFEE HOURS-** Join us on any Sunday morning between 8:30 and 9:30 for something sweet and coffee/tea in the library-kitchen area. Come hang out with us. If you would like to host, there are August and September dates open. Signup sheets are in the narthex.



**COUNCIL MEETING** will be held in the library on Tuesday August 12 starting at 6:30pm. Agenda/Minutes are on the bulletin board by the balcony staircase.

There are **MANY EVENTS** and **ACTIVITIES** happening in our community to attend and/or support. Check out the bulletin board in the narthex for things that might appeal to you. ☺

**THE WORD IN SEASON** *July-September 2025* booklets are available in the narthex. Please take or share compliments of St. Luke.



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** will be on Wednesday, August 20 and Thursday, August 21 from 6:00-8:00 pm in the evening! Cost: \$10 per student, \$20 family max. Cash or Check (made out to St. Luke Lutheran Church, VBS in memo). Registrations/Payments can be given to

Andrea Meyer by TOMORROW, Monday, August 11.

Join us for an *All-Are-Welcome Meal* at 5:30pm on Wed., August 20 and *S'mores and bonfire* at 8:00pm on Thursday, August 21 Sign-Up Now To Help Us Plan-Forms are available in the narthex, in the the library and were included with your Bits & Preaches newsletter.

**FOOD PANTRY ITEMS** - August suggested donations are ***pastas and sauces***. There is a list on the collection can for recommended ideas. Also accepting recycled PLASTIC BAGS (Walmart, Target, Piggly Wiggly, etc.). The Sheboygan Falls Food Pantry is open the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat. of each month from 9-11am, in addition to every Thurs. from 9-11am, located at 529 Giddings Ave. in Sheb. Falls.



**SUMMER FARMERS MARKET** is held at Fountain Park in Sheboygan from 8am-1pm every Wednesday and Saturday until the end of October. Also, Food Trucks on Saturdays!

Join us for Back-to-School Sunday, August 24, and our special **BLESSING of the BACKPACKS** during the worship service! We'll pray over students, teachers, and families as a new school year begins. Be sure to bring your backpack.



Mondays, August 11, 18, and 25 we'll have our summer Bible study:



**People Being Their Best: Stories Even a Cynic Will Appreciate.** This one focuses on examples of day-to-day common sense and goodness that you find in the Bible. Not the huge miracles, just people still being an inspiration all these years later. Offered at 11:00am in person, in the St. Luke library and 7:00pm via Zoom/Facebook. Watch your emails on Fridays for the link to join in on all the discussion and activities.

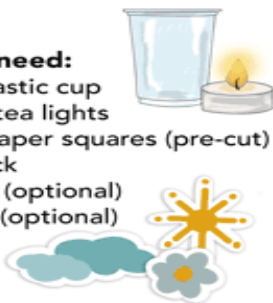
# SHINE FOR Jesus



This easy and colorful craft helps kids remember that Jesus is their light—no matter where they go!

## What you need:

- Clear plastic cup
- Battery tea lights
- Tissue paper squares (pre-cut)
- Glue stick
- Markers (optional)
- Stickers (optional)



## What you do:

1. Use the glue stick to press colorful tissue paper squares around the outside of the cup.
2. Add a simple phrase like "Jesus is my Light" or use fun stickers to decorate.
3. Turn on the tea light and place it inside the cup.
4. Turn off the lights and let your lantern glow!

The Lord is my light  
and my salvation—  
whom shall I fear?

— Psalm 27:1, NIV



## A GARDENER'S LEGACY

I'd like to leave but daffodils  
to mark my little way,  
To leave but tulips red and  
white behind me as I stray;  
I'd like to pass away from  
earth and feel I'd left behind  
But roses and forget-me-nots  
for all who come to find.

I'd like to sow the barren  
spots with all the flowers of  
earth,  
To leave a path where those  
who come should find but  
gentle mirth;  
And when at last I'm called  
upon to join the heavenly  
throng  
I'd like to feel along my way  
I'd left no sign of wrong.

And yet the cares are many  
and the hours of toil are few;  
There is not time enough on  
earth for all I'd like to do;  
But, having lived and having  
toiled, I'd like the world to  
find  
Some little touch of beauty  
that my soul had left behind.

—Edgar A. Guest

# ST. LUKE LUTHERAN CHURCH ELCA

## Outdoor

## Worship



August 10, 2025 9:30am



## You Servants of God

1 You ser-vants of God, your Mas-ter pro-claim, and pub-lish a -  
 2 As-cend-ed on high, al-might-y to save, yet still he is  
 3 Sal-va-tion to God who sits on the throne! Let all cry a -  
 4 Then let us a-dore and give him his right, all glo-ry and

broad his won-der-ful name; the name, all-vic-to-rious, of  
 nigh, his pres-ence we have. The great con-gre-ga-tion his  
 loud and hon-or the Son. The prais-es of Je-sus the  
 pow'r and wis-dom and might, all hon-or and bless-ing, with

Je-sus ex-tol; his king-dom is glo-rious and rules o-ver all!  
 tri-umph shall sing, as-crib-ing sal-va-tion to Je-sus, our king!  
 an-gels pro-claim, fall down on their fac-es, and wor-ship the Lamb.  
 an-gels a-bove, and thanks nev-er ceas-ing, and in-fin-ite love!

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## Gospel Acclamation

Al-le-lu-ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
 words of e-ter-nal life. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

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# God of Grace and God of Glory

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple  
 2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -  
 3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to  
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;  
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us  
 your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,  
 we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion

bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age  
 free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age  
 rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.  
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.  
 lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.  
 serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

Text: Harry E. Fosdick, 1878-1969  
 Music: John Hughes, 1873-1932

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## Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

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1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:  
 2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,  
 3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,

bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.  
 teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.  
 gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!

*Refrain*

Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

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