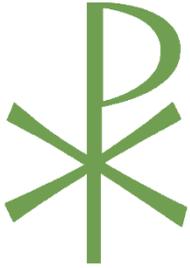


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St. Luke's **E**vangelical  
**L**utheran **C**hurch



September 28, 2025



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*Whether this is your first time with us or you have been here your whole life, **WELCOME** to the place where we stand together before God as equals. If you are new here and seeking a church home, please contact the church office at 419-257-3253 and leave a message.*

## **Assisting in Worship**

Organist: *Janet Goldner*  
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## **To the Glory of God**

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## **Gods Work Our Hands Service Project**

We will receive children's underwear, Pull Up Underwear, and socks to donate to Powell Elementary School through the end of September. The sizes should vary. You can bring the items and place them in the laundry basket by the information table.

## **The North Baltimore Food Pantry**

The requested donations for **OCTOBER** are canned fruits, veggies, and soups. Please give joyously and generously so that no one goes without. Thank you.



# Order of Worship

Sunday, September 28, 2025

God is glad you have joined us for worship today. At the symbol ✠ assembly members may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked upon us at baptism.

\*please stand, sit, or kneel as you feel comfortable.

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## WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, & PRAYER REQUESTS

### PRELUDE WITH SILENT MEDITATIVE PRAYER

Use your breath as a form of prayer as you listen to the music. When you breathe in, pray, "Loving God." When you exhale, pray, "help me to love like Jesus."

### THE GREETING

Leader: the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **ALL: and also with you.**

### \*GATHERING HYMN #631

LOVE DEVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING

### \*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Leader: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

**ALL: Amen.**

Leader: Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Please take a moment for silent confession.*

Leader: Merciful and loving God,

**ALL: we are your stiff-necked people. We trample on the needy. We grumble about your grace to others. We turn away from the poor. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins. Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found. Amen.**

Leader: Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. You who were lost have been found. In the name of ✠ Jesus, your sins are forgiven!

**ALL: Amen.**

## \* KYRIE

Leader: In Peace let us pray to the Lord. **ALL: Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **ALL: Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **ALL: Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. **ALL: Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **ALL: Amen.**

## \* CANTICLE OF PRAISE

THIS IS THE FEAST

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,  
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb  
who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.  
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,  
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and  
strength, and hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his.

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,  
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of  
 God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,  
 glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.  
 This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,  
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. For the Lamb who was  
 slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.  
 This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: Let us pray; God of all people,

**ALL:** You remembered your children who were enslaved in Egypt, and by the power of your name you set them free. Remember us and free us from slavery to sin by the power of your name. Amen.

## PSALM READING

*(responsively)*

PSALM 25:1-11

Reader: O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

**ALL: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

Reader: For the Lord is a great God and a great King above all gods.

**ALL: In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also.**

Reader: The sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land, which his hands have formed.

**ALL: O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!**

Reader: For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. O that today you would listen to his voice!

**ALL: Do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah, as on the day at Massah in the wilderness,**

Reader: when your ancestors tested me and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work.

**ALL: For forty years I loathed that generation and said, "They are a people whose hearts go astray, and they do not regard my ways."**

Reader: Therefore in my anger I swore, "They shall not enter my rest."

Reader: Word of God, word of life. **ALL: Thanks be to God.**

## \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

## LORD, LET MY HEART BE GOOD SOIL



Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.



Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.



When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,



warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.



Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

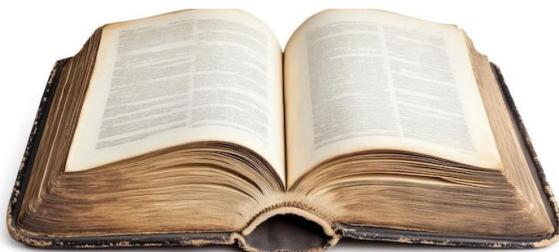
## \*GOSPEL READING

JOHN 8:58

Reader: There is good news for us this day and it comes to us from the Gospel of John chapter 8. **ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.**

Reader: Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, before Abraham was, I am."

Reader: The gospel of the Lord. **ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.**



## A READING FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

EXODUS 2:23-25; 3:1-15; 4:10-17

Leader: After a long time, the king of Egypt died. The Israelites groaned under their slavery and cried out. Their cry for help rose up to God from their slavery. <sup>24</sup> God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. <sup>25</sup> God looked upon the Israelites, and God took notice of them.

3 <sup>1</sup> Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness and came to Mount Horeb, the mountain of God. <sup>2</sup> There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. <sup>3</sup> Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight and see why the bush is not burned up." <sup>4</sup> When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." <sup>5</sup> Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." <sup>6</sup> He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

<sup>7</sup> Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, <sup>8</sup> and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and spacious land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. <sup>9</sup> The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. <sup>10</sup> Now go, I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." <sup>11</sup> But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" <sup>12</sup> He said, "I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you that

it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain.” <sup>13</sup> But Moses said to God, “If I come to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?” <sup>14</sup> God said to Moses, “I am who I am.” He said further, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘I am has sent me to you.’ ” <sup>15</sup> God also said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you’: This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations.

<sup>4</sup><sup>10</sup> But Moses said to the Lord, “O my Lord, I have never been eloquent, neither in the past nor even now that you have spoken to your servant, but I am slow of speech and slow of tongue.” <sup>11</sup> Then the Lord said to him, “Who gives speech to mortals? Who makes them mute or deaf, seeing or blind? Is it not I, the Lord? <sup>12</sup> Now go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you are to speak.” <sup>13</sup> But he said, “O my Lord, please send someone else.” <sup>14</sup> Then the anger of the Lord was kindled against Moses, and he said, “What of your brother Aaron, the Levite? I know that he can speak well; even now he is coming out to meet you, and when he sees you his heart will be glad. <sup>15</sup> You shall speak to him and put the words in his mouth, and I will be with your mouth and with his mouth and will teach you what you shall do. <sup>16</sup> He indeed shall speak for you to the people; he shall serve as a mouth for you, and you shall serve as God for him. <sup>17</sup> Take in your hand this staff, with which you shall perform the signs.”

## **THE MESSAGE**

### **HYMN OF THE DAY #720**

WE ARE CALLED



## **\*THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**ALL: I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living 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**

## **\*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE INTRODUCTION**

Prayer Leader: Gracious God, we come to you in prayer for the church, the world, and all in need.

## **\*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Prayer Leader: God of grace, **ALL: receive our prayer.**

We pray for Karen, Lisa, Bertha, Eloise, Rose Marie, Mike, Nancy, John, Becky, JoLynn, Emily, Carl, Jim, Rick, Kolton, Ron, Cheryl, John, Shirley, Larry, Bob, Caroline, Marilyn, Barb, Mike, Dennis, Anita, Amy, Nickie, Eli, Riley, Mr. Doherty, Ron, Chase, Cheryl, A.J., Mavery, Caroline, Ethan, Brent, Richard, Michael, Cindy, John, Gary, Paul, Sue, Betty, David, LuAnn, Colene, Eva, Eric, Lisa, Don, Ashley, Mary, Pat, Gordon, Ellery, Ari, and Josh.

## **\*SHARING OF THE PEACE**

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**ALL: And also with you.**

*Please share God's peace with those worshiping around you.*

## INVITATION FOR OFFERINGS

Leader: Jesus set the ultimate example of sacrificial love by giving life for our salvation. Let us give our tithes and offerings as a heartfelt response to his sacrifice and love.

## OFFERTORY

### \*OFFERTORY RESPONSE #186

CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART

### \*OFFERING PRAYER

Leader: Let us pray.

**ALL: Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### \*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you. **ALL: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts. **ALL: We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **ALL: it is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: And so, with all creatures and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and sing:

### \*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -

san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

## \*THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Leader: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

To you, O God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever. In the unity of the Holy Spirit, we pray the prayer Jesus taught us saying,

## \*THE PRAYER OUR LORD TAUGHT US

**All: 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**

**\*THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Leader: The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.

**DISTRIBUTION**

**\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Leader: Please join with me in prayer.

**ALL: O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

**\*HYMN AFTER COMMUNION #313**

O LORD NOW LET YOUR SERVANT

(VERSE 1)



I O Lord, now let your ser - vant de - part in heav'n-ly peace,



for I have seen the glo - ry of your re - deem - ing grace:



a light to lead the na - tions un - to your ho - ly hill.

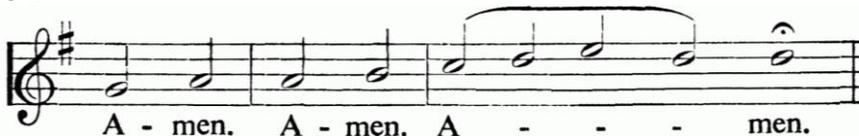


the glo - ry of your peo - ple, your cho - sen Is - ra - el.

## \*BLESSING

Leader: The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, ✠ bless you now and forever.

## \*The Amen



## \*SENDING HYMN #864

PRAISE, MY SOUL, THE GOD OF HEAVEN

## \*DISMISSAL

Leader: Go in peace. Love and serve the Lord. **ALL: Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

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*Upcoming events you won't want to miss -*

St. Luke's Fundraising dinner is November 9

A very important Annual Congregational meeting is November 16

# Have a blessed day!





Please help to keep our Prayer List up-to-date by notifying the church office of any changes, additions or deletions.

**WE GIVE THANKS:** for our Church Council members who work diligently, giving of their time and talents for the well-being of our congregation. Thanks be to God!

**MEMBERS:** Karen Krauss, Lisa Claybaugh, Bertha Carter, Eloise Matthes, Rose Marie Hosley, Mike Wheeler, Nancy Wymer, John Stewart, JoLynn Stewart, Emily Meyerson, Carl Lieser, Jim Wymer, Rick Van Mooy, Kolton Williams, Ron Bean, Cheryl & John Kruse, Shirley Heilman, Larry Slaughterbeck, Bob Kelley, Caroline Lieser, Marilyn Ziegler, Barb Williams.

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**MILITARY:** for all those who are in training and who are serving in the military & their families; the chaplains (*especially those in combat zones*); grieving families and friends of those who died while serving.

**WIDER CHURCH PRAYERS:** all ministries of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America), our presiding **Bishop Elizabeth Eaton**, our presiding **Bishop-elect Yehiel Curry**, all our bishops, pastors, and leaders of the congregations of the NWOS (Northwestern Ohio Synod), **Bishop Daniel Beaudoin**, and our 15 Central Conference congregations.

**COMPANION CHURCH:** Mwanawotta Lutheran Church, of the Dodoma Diocese, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania.

**THE WORLD:** for peace in our country and around the world. For the end of violence against one another. For world leaders to seek guidance from you.



# Sharing GOD'S STORY @ home

## SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK

God heard their groaning, and God remembered their covenant with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

—Exodus 2:24

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

*As you read the stories for the week, ask yourself: **What is God doing in each story?***

|           |                                 |                                   |
|-----------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Sunday    | Exodus 2:23-25; 3:1-15; 4:10-17 | The Burning Bush                  |
| Monday    | Exodus 5:1-13                   | Bricks without Straw              |
| Tuesday   | Exodus 7:14–8:15                | The First and Second Plagues      |
| Wednesday | Exodus 8:16–9:12                | The Third through Sixth Plagues   |
| Thursday  | Exodus 9:13–10:29               | The Seventh through Ninth Plagues |
| Friday    | Exodus 12:1-32                  | The Passover and Tenth Plague     |
| Saturday  | Exodus 13:17–14:25              | Crossing the Red Sea              |
| Sunday    | Exodus 16:1-18                  | Manna and Quail                   |

*If your household includes younger children, use a child-friendly Bible. You might find that the children's Bible you are using may not include the very story assigned for the DAILY BIBLE READINGS. **Read to your kids anyway. Just pick a story!***

## SERVICE CHALLENGE

*SERVICE is how we enact God's great love for the entire world.*

Have each person say: "I am good at [name one thing that you are good at doing]." Once you name it, share your gift with someone this week.

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