

## Announcements

**The Church will be closed Monday, September 1<sup>st</sup> in observance of Labor Day.**  
**The Food Pantry** is in need of chili/ravioli, canned carrots, and spaghetti/vermicelli

**Break Bread Together Again!** Beginning September 7, each first Sunday, (Communion Sunday,) we will have seating reserved at Jason's Deli for a time of food and fellowship following worship. Lunch is Dutch treat and no reservations are needed. Just go through the line, sit down at the St. Luke's table, and enjoy a relaxed time with your church family. However, if you know you will be there, please call Sarah at the front desk 901-452-6262. Everyone is welcome! If you're a first time visitor, or have recently been visiting, lunch is on us!

**Parent's Night Out:** Challenger's After School program is hosting a Parent's Night Out on September 25 from 6-9 pm. More to come. Mark your calendar.

**Trunk or Treat:** Families, mark your calendars for Trunk or Treat on Friday, October 24th from 5:30-7:30 pm. We need donated candy and volunteers to help out as well as people to decorate their trunks! Candy can be left behind the front desk and please reach out to Mary Page Contreras for more information or to help out! Text at (901)826-3493 or email at [marypage.contreras@stlukesumc.org](mailto:marypage.contreras@stlukesumc.org)

### Prayer Requests

Judy Floyd, Jordan Northcross, David Hensley, Dr. Jimmy Padgett, Jamille Laughlin, the Dee's family (friends of Katherine Shepherd), Robert Harris's mother Shea, Jeanne Debo, Jonathan Lebo (Carole Feisal's son), Stella Day, and Deborah Sanders.

*If you would like to be added to our prayer list, please contact Pat Anderson at [pata9276@gmail.com](mailto:pata9276@gmail.com) or call the church office at 452-6262*

### Monthly Stewardship Report

Pledged and Non-Pledged Contributions Corrected

#### July 2025

Actual Giving: \$60,922.50

Budgeted: \$53,383.50

#### YTD 2025

Actual Giving: \$378,924.93

Budgeted: \$373,684.50



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# Hope in the Midst of Chaos

HOPE

## August 31, 2025

### Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

#### OUR MISSION STATEMENT

*We are becoming a faithful community of  
disciples striving to share the heart, mind and hands of Jesus  
Christ with all people.*

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#### Church Office Hours

Monday- Thursday- 8:30am-3:00pm  
Friday- Closed

## ***Order of Worship***

*The flowers in the Sanctuary are in honor of St. Luke's Food Pantry and its dedicated volunteers,*

### **CHIMING OF THE HOUR**

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PRELUDE**

*His Eye is on the Sparrow*  
Arr. Kenneth Varner

### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Leader:** Come with your questions, come with your awe!

**People:** For the God who broods over the chaos meets us in this place.

**Leader:** Come with your energy, come with your weariness!

**People:** For the God who breathes new life into the dust meets us in this place.

**Leader:** Come with your sadness, come with your joy!

**All:** For the God who dared to become human meets us in this place.

### **\*OPENING HYMN**

*My Hope is Built*

UMH 368

### **\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

UMH 881

*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

**CANTICLE OF THE KINDER** *(sing response on the screens) While we sing this song, children ages 4 through 3rd grade are invited to come forward for a children's sermon, then they are dismissed to Children's Worship in the Lighthouse.*

### **WORD AND WONDER- A Time For Children**

### **CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER**

### **PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER**

### **\*HYMN OF PREPARATION**

UMH 474

*Precious Lord*

### **SCRIPTURE**

Old Testament Pew Bible Page 1

Genesis 1:1-3

### **ANTHEM**

*It is Well with My Soul*  
Arr. John Ness Beck

### **MESSAGE**

Rev. Harry Colter

### **UNISON OFFERTORY PRAYER**

*Steadfast and sheltering God, you are our refuge in every age, our hope when we face the storms of life. Receive these offerings as signs of our trust in you and our desire to live hopefully. Use them—and us—for the healing of hearts and the strengthening of your people. Amen.*

### **OFFERTORY**

*Lord Jesus, Think on Me*  
Arr. Robert Lau

### **\*DOXOLOGY**

UMH 94

### **\*SENDING HYMN**

UMH 512

*Stand By Me*

### **BENEDICTION**

**Leader:** May you go into the days ahead with hope in the spirit and confidence of Christ.

**People:** May we grow in these days to rely on the love of God and the fellowship of faith.

**Leader:** Peace be within us and among us.

**All:** Thanks be to God. Amen.

### **POSTLUDE**

*I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord*  
Arr. Douglas Wagner

\*Congregation stand as able.

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*If you are interested in uniting in membership, please contact Pastor Jim.*

### **Leading in Worship**

Rev. Harry Colter, Pastoral Assistant  
Rev. Amy Martin, Minister of Music and Worship  
Mozell Starks, Lay Liturgist  
St. Luke's Chancel Choir  
Wes Kirkpatrick, Organist