Now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation! Now we are in the storm, the boat almost swamped; but Jesus is here now, and when we call him, he will calm the storm. Even the wind and waves listen to him as they would to their creator. We also listen to him and are called to believe in the power of God’s word in him, a power greater than all that we fear.

GATHERING

GATHERING SONG  stand  At The Name of Jesus

At the name of Jesus, at the name of Jesus.

1 Ev’ry knee shall bow in the heavens and earth, and ev’ry
2 Ev’ry tongue con-fess that Jesus Christ is Lord, . . . to the

tongue con-fess that Jesus is Lord, he is Lord!
glo-ry of God, to the glo-ry of God the . . . Fa-ther.

Kyrie

When we lose faith in the goodness of creation, and in the father-like love of our Creator:

Lord, have mercy.

When we lose faith in Jesus as the true reflection of your suffering, death-conquering, redeeming love;

Christ, have mercy.

Most loving God, for the Word of mercy made flesh in Jesus Christ, unmistakable and uncompromising in strong compassion:

we give you thanks.
For every word of love and forgiveness,
in individual people, in fellowship, and in prayer and worship:
we give you thanks.
For that insight or understanding within us,
that allows us to accept forgiveness
and to live with the joy of the freedom of God:
we give you thanks,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

PRAYER OF THE DAY
O God of creation, eternal majesty, you preside over land and sea, sunshine and storm. By your strength
pilot us, by your power preserve us, by your wisdom instruct us, and by your hand protect us, through
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen. sit

WORD God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song

FIRST READING Job 38:1-11
At the end of the book of Job, after Job and his companions have argued about the cause of the great suffering Job endures, God finally speaks.
These verses begin that speech, which is a grand vision of creation, describing God’s ordering of the cosmos and inviting Job to marvel at its beauty.

1 The LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind:
2 “Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?
3 Gird up your loins like a man,
   I will question you, and you shall declare to me.
4 “Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?
   Tell me, if you have understanding.
5 Who determined its measurements—surely you know!
   Or who stretched the line upon it?
6 On what were its bases sunk,
   or who laid its cornerstone
7 when the morning stars sang together
   and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?
8 “Or who shut in the sea with doors
   when it burst out from the womb?—
9 when I made the clouds its garment,
   and thick darkness its swaddling band,
10 and prescribed bounds for it,
   and set bars and doors,
11 and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther,
   and here shall your proud waves be stopped’?”

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32
1 Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good,
   for God’s mercy endures forever.
2 Let the redeemed of the Lord proclaim
   that God redeemed them from the hand of the foe,
3 gathering them in from the lands;
   from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.
23 Some went down to the sea in ships,
   plying their trade in deep waters.
24 They beheld the works of the Lord,
Then God spoke, and a stormy wind arose, which tossed high the waves of the sea. They mounted up to the heavens and descended to the depths; their souls melted away in their peril. They staggered and reeled like drunkards, and all their skill was of no avail. Then in their trouble they cried to the Lord, and you delivered them from their distress.

You stilled the storm to a whisper and silenced the waves of the sea. Then were they glad when it grew calm, when you guided them to the harbor they desired.

Let them give thanks to you, Lord, for your steadfast love and your wonderful works for all people.

Let them exalt you in the assembly of the people; in the council of the elders, let them sing hallelujah!

SECOND READING II Corinthians 6:1-13

Paul and his fellow workers experience great hardships and even rejection while carrying out their missionary work. Nevertheless, Paul continuously proclaims that God has not rejected us but is graciously working for our salvation.

As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, “At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you.” See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION stand Celtic Alleluia
Jesus’ calming of the storm on the sea reveals his power over evil, since the sea represents evil and chaos. The boat on the sea is a symbol of the church and invites us to trust God amid life’s turbulence.

After the announcement: Glory to you, O Lord.

35 When evening had come, [Jesus said to the disciples,] “Let us go across to the other side.” 36 And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. 37 A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. 38 But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” 39 He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. 40 He said to them, “Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?” 41 And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”

After the reading: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON sit Robert Wechtenhiser

SERMON SONG stand God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION stand

You may share your intercessions by posting in the comments section.

People with long term prayer needs are: Girma, Jimmy, John, Clement, Katie J.

Let us pray to the living God.

We praise you while traveling on rivers, lakes, and seas. Protect all who sail on the water, and keep towns on the coasts safe from tempests and rising sea levels. Wondrous Sovereign of the seas, in your mercy, hear our prayer.
Gracious God, we thank you for the ministry of Pastor Jacobi, whose ordination anniversary we mark. Through her, we experience your presence in the word and sacraments. Help her to continue to be an instrument of your divine grace.

Lord, In your mercy, Hear our prayer.

We pray for our church council members. Grant them wisdom, patience, and fidelity to You, that through their leadership we shall fulfil your mission for us.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Bless all fathers, and all who act with a father’s love. Fill them with your Spirit of wisdom and understanding, counsel and joy in your presence. Grant that in their care, children find protection, guidance, and love.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Your Son questioned his disciples for their faith, yet saved them from the storm. He sent them into a storm-tossed world, to know life with him. May our church, Saint Lukes, be a safe vessel for shipwrecked souls.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for all who are overwhelmed by waves of sorrow; who have been shipwrecked by injustice; who have been cast adrift in seas of doubt; and who cry out, fearing that you do not care that they are perishing. Extend your arm and deliver them. Today we name:

Alan, Katie, Mickey, John, Phyllis Price, Jen Keenan, for the family and friends of Andrea Roy at her death, Sam, Sandra, Katie J., Bowen, for the family and friends of Rosemary Long at her death. We lift other persons to you now aloud or silently within our hearts.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We remember all who died in the faith, especially the Emanuel Nine whose martyrdom we have commemorated this week. We ask that at our end you unite us with all saints into your presence.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace. Amen.

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. And also with you.

All now greet one another with a sign of Christ’s peace in a socially distanced fashion with a greeting, a wave or a smile behind their masks. Do not leave your pew.

OFFERING for God’s work through our church

Offering envelopes are available in the pews. The offering plate is near the font for use before or after worship. You may also make your offering online (www.stlukesnyc.org) using the “Offering” button, or mail to the church. Alternatively, open the camera on your phone and scan this code to make a donation electronically.

ANNOUNCEMENTS  sit

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD  stand

Holy God, our Maker, our Healer, our Teacher, your magnificent creation springs forth from your Word.

All that has life and breath praises your name.

For your Word that sustains the earth, we thank you, O God.

You sent us Jesus, your Word, to renew the world.

He healed the sick, fed the hungry, preached your mercy, and called us to faith.

For your Word in our Lord Christ, we praise you, O God.
Nourish us with the Spirit of your Word, 
that we may grow in grace, bearing the fruits of redemption, 
and sharing your strength and beauty with all the world. 
For your Word in our lives, we entreat you, O God.

Accept our thanksgiving and receive our prayer, 
for the sake of your living Word, Jesus our Savior. 
Amen.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

   Our Father in heaven,  
   hallowed be your name,  
   your kingdom come,  
   your will be done,  
   on earth as in heaven. 
Give us today our daily bread. 
Forgive us our sins 
as we forgive those 
who sin against us. 
Save us from the time of trial 
and deliver us from evil. 
For the kingdom, the power, 
and the glory are yours, 
now and forever. Amen

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

BLESSING

May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus. 

SENDING SONG  stand   In the Morning When I Rise

1 In the morn-ing when I rise, in the morn-ing when I rise,  
2 Dark... mid-night was my cry, dark... mid-night was my cry,  
3 Just a-bout the break of day, just a-bout the break of day,  
4 Oh, ... when I come to die, oh, ... when I come to die,  
5 And ... when I want to sing, and ... when I want to sing,  

   in the morn-ing when I rise, give me Je-sus.  
   dark... mid-night was my cry, give me Je-sus.  
   just a-bout the break of day, give me Je-sus.  
   oh, ... when I come to die, give me Je-sus.  
   and ... when I want to sing, give me Je-sus.
DISMISSAL
Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE         Clair de Lune          Debussy

Please leave in silence for those who remain to enjoy the Postlude
Refrain from loitering in the building for your safety. Pastor will greet people outside after worship.

Leading: Pastor Strasser
Lector: LeeAnne Hutchison
Videographer: TBD
Preaching: Robert Wechtenhiser
Postlude Music: Karen Fukumi

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Welcome, visitors! Saint Luke’s pleased to welcome visitors from near and far. We pray that your worship with us will be a rich experience. Please sign our Guest Registry in the Narthex. Stay connected with Saint Luke’s – enter your email address when you sign our Guest registry.

Restrooms:
Ladies: use the restroom outside the Narthex near the elevator.
Men: follow the signs to the 2nd Floor restroom.
There is a Drinking Fountain located next to the Ladies Restroom.

- The flowers on the altar today are given In Honor of Father’s Day. The list of Remembrances can be found at the end of this bulletin.
- Birthdays and Special Occasions this coming week: Bob Wechtenhiser (6/26), Hirity Tedla (6/28), Pastor Martha Jacobi’s 40th Anniversary of Ordination (6/21), Connie and Pastor Paul Schmiege’s 39th Wedding Anniversary (6/26)
- With great joy we celebrate The Rev. Dr. Martha S. Jacobi’s 40th Anniversary of her Ordination on June 21. In 1981 she was ordained at Good Hope Lutheran Church, Garden City, MI upon graduation with distinction in Pastoral Theology from Lutheran Theological Seminary in Gettysburg, PA. We are thankful for Pastor Jacobi’s faithful and gentle service to the Gospel of Christ, especially here with us at Saint Luke's.
- Summer Retreat at Koinonia, August 13-15. Have you ever been on a retreat? A retreat is a chance to take a break in nature, make new friends, to laugh, and refresh. Mark your calendars now for August 13-15 for our annual vacation weekend away. This year we’re in the Catskill mountains, at Camp Koinonia, situated on 1,200 acres of forest, with numerous facilities, surrounded by God’s creation. We’ll be rafting on the Delaware river, looking for eagles, taking walks in the woods, singing by the campfire, having devotions, enjoying great food, and craft making! As part of Koinonia’s reopening gift to Saint Luke’s, we are booked in the updated Conference Center! Those who wish to tent may do so.
Koinonia is in the Delaware River Valley, 30 minutes from Port Jervis, NY. The cost is $140 per adult inclusive of rafting, all meals and updated conference shared room accommodations, from dinner Friday through Sunday lunch. All guest rooms have two beds with private bathrooms. A private room raises the cost $40. Children 5-12 are half price and children 5 and under are free. Detailed logistics will follow, regarding what to bring, transportation options and our activity schedule. Transportation is not included. I hope you will consider joining us the weekend of August 13 to 15. To reserve your spot email the church office (info@stlukesnyc.org). You can speak with Pastor about a payment plan or financial assistance if necessary.

**Summer Soloists - Share Your Musical Gifts with Us.** Traditionally we kick off the “Summer Soloists” program around this time of year. It’s time for you to volunteer and share your talents with us. If you are interested in singing one Sunday in July or August, either solo, duet, family groups, or playing an instrument, please speak to Pastor Strasser. A sign-up sheet is posted on the Narthex Bulletin Board.

**Zoom Gatherings at Saint Luke’s:** Sunday night at 7:30 pm we gather for “Faith and Life.” Wednesday at 7:30 pm we gather for Compline - Evening Prayer. Please see the Email Announcements or our website calendar for the Zoom links.

**Weekday Morning Prayer – 8:00 am.** Our daily online Morning Prayer service, every weekday at 8 AM, will be live streamed (online only) at www.facebook.com/StLukesNewYork. A short 15 minutes with scripture and reflection to start your day right and strengthen your faith. You’re invited.

**Our Soup Kitchen is open every Tuesday and Thursday,** offering hot take out lunches from 1:00 to 2:00 pm. The Project Renewal Medical Van visits every Thursday from 12:30 to 2:30 pm and is now offering COVID-19 Vaccinations.

### This Week at Saint Luke’s

**TODAY — June 20th**

9:30 am Service of the Word
11:00 am Sung Eucharist
7:30 pm “Faith and Life” on Zoom

**MONDAY — June 21**

8:00 am Morning Prayer on Facebook Live

**TUESDAY — June 22**

8:00 am Morning Prayer on Facebook Live
1:00 to 2:00 pm Soup Kitchen

**WEDNESDAY — June 23**

OFFICE CLOSED
8:00 am Morning Prayer on Facebook Live
6:00 pm Pastoral Care Committee meeting on Zoom
7:30 pm Compline - Evening Prayer on Zoom

**THURSDAY — June 24**

8:00 am Morning Prayer on Facebook Live
12:30 to 2:30 pm Project Renewal Med Van
1:00 to 2:00 pm Soup Kitchen

**FRIDAY — June 25**

8:00 am Morning Prayer on Facebook Live

### WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY

**FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**JUNE 27, 2021**

Service of the Word at 9:30 a.m.
Sung Eucharist at 11 a.m.

**Next Sunday’s Gospel: Mark 5:21-43**

Christ healing a woman and Jairus’s daughter

**Saint Luke’s is a “Reconciling in Christ” congregation.**

We welcome all who are seeking God’s love, regardless of race or culture, economic or life situation, sexual orientation or gender identity, or your doubts about faith and church. Our unity is in Christ. Your family, children, spouses and partners are welcome. Your uniqueness enriches our community.
The Rev. Dr. Arden C. Strasser, Pastor
The Rev. Dr. Martha S. Jacobi, Pastoral Associate
The Rev. Paul D. Schmiege, Pastor Emeritus
Pedro d’Aquino, FAGO, ChM, Cantor
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Sally Bair, in loving memory of Wayne Bair and all fathers
Judy Barnett, in loving memory of
Phillip E. Barnett and Hugh Price
Gayle Kliever, in loving memory of Rev. Kenneth Kliever
David and Steven Lally, in loving memory of Melville Lally
Robert Loch, in loving memory of Joseph Loch and Peter Funk
Robert Palassou, in loving memory of Robert K. Palassou
Alea and Chloe Strasser, in honor of Arden Strasser
Susan and Pastor Strasser, in loving memory of
Harry Michaels and Hans Strasser
Glenn Von Bernewitz, in loving memory of George Von Bernewitz
Bob Wechtenhiser, in loving memory of Robert N. Wechtenhiser,
Andrew J. Stefanak, and Dayton F. Wechtenhiser