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
The Holy Spirit calls us together

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS
All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,
the God of manna,
the God of miracles,
the God of mercy.

Amen.
Drawn to Christ and seeking God’s abundance,
let us confess our sin.

The assembly kneels as they are able. Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.

God, our provider,
help us.
It is hard to believe there is enough to share.
We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live.
We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you.
We take offense at your teachings and your ways.

Turn us again to you.
Where else can we turn?
Share with us the words of eternal life
and feed us for life in the world.

Amen.

Beloved people of God:
in Jesus, the manna from heaven,
you are fed and nourished.
By Jesus, the worker of miracles,
there is always more than enough.
Through Jesus, the bread of life,
you are shown God’s mercy:
you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

Amen.
GREETING

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

And also with you.
CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Glory to God

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Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God’s peo - ple on earth.

Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,

Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,

Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of
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

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
You stilled the storm and silenced the waves of the sea.

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,
gathering them in from the lands;
from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

Some went down to the sea in ships,
plying their trade in deep waters. R

They beheld the works of the Lord,
God’s wonderful works in the deep.

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. R

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! R

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 Alleluia

Now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation. (2 Cor. 6:2)
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.**

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?” 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**

**HYMN**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**Praise, Praise! You Are My Rock**  
ZACHARY WOODS ROCK  
HYMN 862

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

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.

MEAL

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.

ANTHEM

Lord God of Abraham (Elijah, Op. 70)

Felix Mendelssohn

Draw near, all ye people, come to me! Lord God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel, This day let it be known that Thou art God, And that I am Thy servant! Lord God of Abraham! Oh shew to all this people That I have done these things according to Thy word. Oh hear me, Lord, and answer me! Lord God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel, Oh hear me and answer me,
And shew this people that Thou art Lord God. And let their hearts again be turned!

Julius Schubring (1839-1914), based on I Kings 18:30, 36, 37; English by William Bartholomew (1793-1867)

Bread and wine are placed on the altar.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

stand

Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty.
Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. Amen.
It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father:
Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign.
You have filled all creation with light and life;
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

We praise you for the grace shown to your people in every age:
the promise to Israel,
the rescue from Egypt,
the gift of the promised land,
the words of the prophets;
and, at this end of all the ages, the gift of your Son,
who proclaimed the good news in word and deed
and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

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.

Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup
we remember the life our Lord offered for us.
And, believing the witness of his resurrection,
we await his coming in power
to share with us the great and promised feast.

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit,
that we who share in Christ’s body and blood
may live to the praise of your glory
and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

**Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

Join our prayers with those of your servants
of every time and every place,
and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest
until he comes as victorious Lord of all.

Through him, with him, in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father,
now and forever.
OUR FATHER
Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

LAMB OF GOD

COMMUNION
We confess joyfully that the Body and Blood of Christ are truly present in the Sacrament under the forms of bread and wine. We invite all baptized and communing Christians to join us. Anyone not receiving communion is welcome to come and receive a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest when you reach the pastor. After receiving communion return to your seats by the side aisles.
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION  stand

Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. Amen.

SENDING  God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

BLESSING

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon you now and forever. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS  sit
SENDING SONG  

stand

When Our Song Says Peace  JENKINS

HYMN 709

1 When our song says peace and the world says war, we will
2 When our song says free and the world says bound, we will
3 When our song says home and the world says lost, we will

sing de-spite the world. We will trust the song, for we sing of God,
sing de-spite the world. We will trust the song, for we sing of God,
sing de-spite the world. We will trust the song, for we sing of God,

who breaks the spear and sword and stills the storm of war.
who o-pens pris-on doors and sets the cap-tives free.
who brings us home at last, and gives a song to all.

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Music: JENKINS, Thomas Pavlechko, b. 1962
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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Les Moissonneurs (Pièces de Clavecin, Sixième Ordre)  François Couperin

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.

Presiding: Pastor Jacobi
Assistant Minister: Pastor Strasser
Organist/Pianist: Cantor Pedro d’Aquino
Lector: Ernie Vickroy
Crucifer: TBD
Ushers: Volunteers
Videographer: TBD

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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**  
**Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**  
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.

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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
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