Perhaps the church, at its best, is “all ears.” God urges the faithful, again and again, to “listen up!”—to heed the word that gives life. So it was with Abraham and Sarah, Mary and Martha, and the early church at Colossae. So it is today as we join the assembly to hear the word of God, the word of life.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, whose steadfast love endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way.

Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table.

When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side.

Set us again on the path of life.

Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors.

Amen.

Hear the good news!

God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy.

In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

You are free to love as God loves.

Amen.
GATHERING SONG  Dearest Jesus, at Your Word  LIEBSTER JESUS, WIR SIND HIER  

1 Dear-est Je-sus, at your word we have come a-
2 All our knowl-edge, sense, and sight lie in deep-est
3 Ra-diance of God’s glo-ry bright, Light of Light from
4 Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost, praise to you and

gain to hear you; let our thoughts and hearts be stirred
dark-ness shroud-ed till your Spir-it breaks the night,
God pro-ceed-ing, Je-sus, send your bless-ed light;
ad-o-ra-tion! Grant us what we need the most:
and in glow-ing faith be near you as the prom-is-
fill-ing us with light un-cloud-ed. All good thoughts and
help our hear-ing, speak-ing, heed-ing, that our prayers and
all your gos-pel’s con-so-la-tion while we here on

es here giv-en draw us whol-ly up to heav-en,
all good liv-ing come but by your gra-cious giv-ing,
songs may please you, as with grate-ful hearts we praise you.
earth a-wait you, till in heav’n with praise we greet you.

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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 in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

1 Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

2 Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

3 For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

Amen, amen.
PRAYER OF THE DAY
Eternal God, you draw near to us in Christ, and you make yourself our guest. Amid the cares of our lives, make us attentive to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen. sit

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song

FIRST READING
Genesis 18:1-10a
The Lord visits Abraham and Sarah to tell them that the long-awaited promise of the birth of a child will be fulfilled for them in their old age.

The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. 2 He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. 3 He said, “My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. 4 Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. 5 Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.” So they said, “Do as you have said.” 6 And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, “Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.” 7 Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. 8 Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

9 They said to him, “Where is your wife Sarah?” And he said, “There, in the tent.” 10 Then one said, “I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.”

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

PSALM
Psalm 15

Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? Who may abide upon your holy hill?

2 Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right, who speak the truth from their heart; R

3 They do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends; they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.

4 In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the LORD. They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.

5 They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be overthrown. R

SECOND READING
Colossians 1:15-28
This letter offers a mystical teaching, that the great mystery of God is “Christ in you.” Because Christ is present in the church, Christians share in his life, suffering, and glory.

15 Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; 16 for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. 17 He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. 18 He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. 19 For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, 20 and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

21 And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, 22 he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him—provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.

24 I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ’s afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. 25 I became its servant according to God’s commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, 26 the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. 27 To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles
are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. 28 It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia**

*Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.*

*Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.*

*Repeat alleluia*

Blessed are those who hold the word fast in an honest and good heart,* and bear fruit with patient endurance. *(Luke 8:15)*

**GOSPEL**

**Luke 10:38-42**

*During his visit to the home of Mary and Martha, Jesus reminds Martha that her concern for her many tasks distracts from the one thing that precedes all else: abiding in the presence of God.*

**After the announcement:**

Glory to you, O Lord.

38 Now as [Jesus and his disciples] went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. 39 She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord’s feet and listened to what he was saying. 40 But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, “Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.” 41 But the Lord answered her, “Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; 42 there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.”

**After the reading:**

Praise to you, O Christ.

**SERMON**

Pastor Jacobi
1 One thing’s need - ful; Lord, this trea - sure Teach me high - ly to re - gard;
2 How were Mary’s thoughts de - vot - ed Her e - ter - nal joy to find
3 Wis - dom’s high - est, no - blest trea - sure, Je - sus, lies con - cealed in thee;
4 Naught have I, O Christ, to of - fer, Naught but thee, my high - est Good.
5 There - fore thou a - lone, my Sav - ior, Shalt be All in all to me;

All else, though it first give plea - sure, Is a yoke that press - es hard.
As in - tent each word she not - ed, At her Sav - ior’s feet re - clined!
Grant that this may still the mea - sure Of my will and ac - tions be,
Naught have I, O Lord to pro - fer But thy crim - son - col - ored blood.
Search my heart and my be - hav - ior, Root out all hy - poc - ri - sy.

Be - neath it the heart is still fret - ting and striv - ing,
How kin - dled her heart, how de - vout was its feel - ing,
Hu - mil - i - ty there and sim - pli - ci - ty reign - ing,
Thy death on the cross hath Death wholly de - feat - ed
Restrain me from wander - ing on path - ways un - ho - ly

No true, last - ing hap - pi - ness ev - er de - riv - ing,
While hear - ing the les - sons that Christ was re - vealing!
In paths of true wis - dom my steps ev - er train - ing,
And there - by my right - eous - ness ful - ly com - plet - ed;
And through all life’s pil - grim - age keep my heart low - ly

The gain of this one thing all loss can re - quite
For Je - sus all earth - ly con - cerns she for - got,
Oh, if I of Christ have this know - ledge di - vine,
Sal - va - tion’s white rai - ments I there did ob - tain,
This one thing is need - ful, all oth - ers are vain;

And teach me in all things to find true de - light.
And all was re - paid in that one hap - py lot.
The ful - ness of heav - en - ly wis - dom is mine.
And in them in glo - ry with thee I shall reign.
I count all but loss that I Christ may ob - tain.

Text: Johann Heinrich Schröder, 1667-1699; Geistreiches Gesang-Buch, Halle, 1697.
Tr. Frances Elizabeth Cox, 1812-1897; Sacred Hymns from the German, London, 1841, alt.
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APOSTLES' CREED

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 INTERCESSION

You may share your intercessions by posting online. People with long term prayer needs are: Girma, Jimmy, John, Clement, Katie J., Alan, Katie, Mickey, Robert L., John, Audrey

Helped by the Spirit, let us pray for our shared world.
Holy One, Singing lifts us up to you, brings us closer together, and increases our trust in your promises.
Thank you for the gift of music you have given our church.
Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Almighty God, grant to your church your Holy Spirit, that your Word may not be bound but have free course. So edified, may we serve you and in the confession of your name always abide.
Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

God of mystery, we thank you for the extraordinary expanse of the universe, glimpses of which have been shared this week by the technology of the James Webb Space Telescope.
Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

God of the seasons, in summer you’ve given us opportunities for refreshment and relationships. Bless the earth. Moderate the intense heat, give shade and breezes to all, and send necessary rain to nourish the crops. Preserve farm laborers each day under the sun. Provide safety for those who travel.
Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Lord, we are grateful yet still anxious in the face of COVID-19. We look to You and the authorities you have given to us to combat the pandemic in poorer nations. We beseech you. May it do no more harm.
Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Lord, Deliver us from the bondage of racism that denies the humanity of some people, and deprives all people of the blessings of the diversity you have created; Deliver us from assumptions that we make without thinking, and presumptions that we take without asking.
Lord in your mercy: hear our prayer.
Lord, bring relief, peace and justice to nations facing political and civil unrest, including Sri Lanka, Myanmar, South Sudan, and Ukraine. Lord in your mercy: hear our prayer.

God of hope, you accompany those who suffer and are near to the brokenhearted. Open our hearts to those who are alone, who despair, and all who suffer, for those facing droughts in the southwest and especially…

Joan, Everett, Betty, Sylvia, Sue Marczak, for Lee Ritchey recovering from knee surgery, Loren Pellor recovering at home, the community of Highland Park, May May, Gordon Clark recovering from a stroke, and those whom we name in our hearts now...

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

God of life, those who have died in you shine like the sun in your endless kingdom. We remember with thanksgiving the saints close to us. Gather us with them on the day of salvation. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

O Father, it is through Your Son we have redemption, the forgiveness of our trespasses. As You sealed us with the Holy Spirit at our baptism, let your call to us to arise and follow Your Son be heard. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

We offer these prayers to you; through Christ our Lord. 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.

MEAL

OFFERING for God’s work through our church

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.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared Bread and wine are placed on the altar.

James Engel (1925-1989)

OFFERTORY PRAYER stand

God of abundance: you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

God gives us a foretaste of the feast to come
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:

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.
You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.
You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.
We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.
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.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,
his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension,
and the promise of his coming again,
we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,
not as we ought but as we are able;
we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,
and these your own gifts of bread and wine,
so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ
may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,
may be formed to live as your holy people
and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

OUR FATHER
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
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.

COMMUNION

HYMN  Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared  DU LEBENSBROT, HERR JESU CHRIST  LBW 208

1 Lord Jesus Christ, you have prepared this feast for my salvation, your very body and your blood; thus, at your
boye me, yet here in earth-ly food I see how much in-
li-ving- ing; in truth your body and your blood my lips are
brac-ing, but this con-sol-ing sup-per, Lord, each rest-less
kneel-ing, new-born I rise to live the love found in your

LAMB OF GOD
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION stand

Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

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

BLESSING

The God of peace, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS sit
Send_ong S_on_d
_The Earth Adorned in Verdant Robe

The Earth Adorned in Verdant Robe

From out the wood, the birds now sing and each its

O God, amid these joys of life, creation's

upward singing, while soft winds breathe on fragrant

song now raises, to join with all the uniglo -

omy beam - ing, grant us the grace to keep your

flow'rs from winter now emerging. The sunshine

verse in voicing thank - ful prais - es. With hope and

word and live in love redeem - ing. All flesh is

bright gives warmth and light to budding blossoms ten -

joy their songs employ a rapturous exul -

grass, the flowers fade, and time is fleeting ev -

der, proclaiming summer splendor.

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DISMISSAL
Go in peace. Love your neighbor.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE
Bröllops Marsch ur Bröllopet på Ulfåsa
August Söderman (1832-1876)
arr. Charles Henry Morse (1853-1927)

Please leave in silence for those who remain to enjoy the Postlude

Presiding and Preaching: Pastor Martha S. Jacobi
Assisting Minister: Scott Burkell
Organist: Cantor Pedro d’Aquino
Lector: Scott Carlton
Ushers: Richard Sterne, Volunteers
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ANNOUNCEMENTS
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 fill out a Visitor Card located in the pews and give to an usher. You may also sign our Guest Registry located in the Narthex.

Restrooms:
Ladies: use the restroom outside the Narthex near the elevator.
Men: follow the signs to the 2nd Floor restroom.

Worship Protocols: Public health and safety is important. The most important safe practice is to keep your mask on indoors. Seating is socially distanced. Our choir is rapid tested for COVID each Sunday morning. The passing of the peace will be more flexible, allowing for hand shaking only for those who wish to.

- **Birthdays and special Occasions this coming week:** Elleatrice Thompson 7/21
- **Bowling Outing, Next Sunday July 24, 1:00 pm.** The cost is $30 for two hours of bowling fun, including shoe rental, snacks and soft drinks. Bowling will be two hours unlimited. It is a 5 minute walk from church to Bowlero Times Square – just off 8th Avenue at 44th Street, with bowling starting at 1 pm. We have booked two adjacent lanes. The cost per person is $30, payable at the event. Come hang out and bowl with your church friends after worship. All ages are welcome. Little ones can even do bumper bowling. We'll walk from church to Bowlero after Sunday fellowship. Payment is due on the day of the event. We hope you can make it!
  RSVP to the office or sign up at worship.
- **Summer Soloists Program - Share Your Musical Gifts with Us.** If you are interested in singing at our 11:00 am worship service from now until Sunday, September 11, 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.
- **Summer Retreat, August 5-7, 2022.** 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. Koinonia is in the Delaware River Valley, 30 minutes from Port Jervis, NY. The cost is $165 per adult inclusive of rafting, all meals and accommodations, from dinner Friday through Sunday lunch. Transportation will be coordinated and priced separately.
  We’re staying in the Family Center consisting of two adjoining cabins. Each cabin has eight bunk beds, kitchen, bathroom and living room. Conference Center hotel style accommodations are available for an extra $125 per single or per couple. 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.
- **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.
- **Please Note: There is no Holy Communion Service this Wednesday.**
- **Worship assistants are needed – you can help.** Consider volunteering on a Sunday to serve in an altar leadership role. If you’ve never done it but have been thinking about it, speak to Bob or someone you’ve seen serve. They will gladly walk with you and introduce you to helping in our worship services. Try it sometime this year.
- **Our Soup Kitchen is open every Tuesday and Thursday, offering hot take out lunches from 1:00 to 2:00 pm.** If you are available to help serve, please talk to Bob.
This Week at Saint Luke’s

TODAY — July 17th
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
9:30 am Service of the Word
11:00 am Sung Eucharist
12:15 pm Fellowship Hour

MONDAY — July 18
OFFICE CLOSED
8:00 am Morning Prayer on Facebook Live

TUESDAY — July 19
8:00 am Morning Prayer on Facebook Live
1:00 to 2:00 pm Soup Kitchen

THURSDAY — July 21
8:00 am Morning Prayer on Facebook Live
12:30 to 2:00 pm “Showers of Blessings Van
1:00 to 2:00 pm Soup Kitchen

FRIDAY — July 22
8:00 am Morning Prayer on Facebook Live

WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY
SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JULY 24, 2022
Service of the Word at 9:30 a.m.
Sung Eucharist at 11 a.m.
Jesus teaches the disciples to pray

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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