



St. Luke Presbyterian Church

JULY 28, 2024

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Gathering for the Word

PRELUDE

OUR LIFE TOGETHER AT ST. LUKE

Please pass the friendship books to mark your participation and to greet others in your row.

TIME OF CENTERING AND STILLNESS

INTROIT _____

“Take Us As We Are”

† CALL TO WORSHIP ((from Psalm 145:10-18)

One: All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,

All: and all your faithful shall bless you.

One: The Lord upholds all who are falling

All: and raises up all who are bowed down.

One: You open your hand,

All: satisfying the desire of every living thing.

One: The Lord is just and kind,

All: The Lord is near to all who call on God.

† HYMN # 400 _____

“I Rejoiced When I Heard Them Say”

† CALL TO CONFESSION

† SILENT CONFESSION

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, you have commanded us to love you above all and to have no other gods. You have called us to love others as you love them. But we are personally and socially deformed by the love of other “gods” — the false gods of prosperity and materialism, of racial and ethnic privileging, of gender exclusivity, and of nationalistic imperialism. Forgive us our sins and transform us by your Spirit that we might learn to love as you love and to live as people who have been baptized as your own children. Amen.

† REQUEST FOR PARDON _____

“Hear Our Prayer, Oh Lord”

† ASSURANCE OF GRACE

One: Friends, hear the good news of the gospel – God’s radical forgiving, transforming and justice-seeking love will not let us go, and is ever bringing resurrection and new life. Let us remember our baptisms.

All: Let us trust in God’s mercy to restore our right standing as God’s own forgiven children. Amen.

† GLORIA PATRI #582 _____ ”Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me”

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, / and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. / As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen. / World without end, without end. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen. / As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

TIME WITH GOD'S CHILDREN

Hearing of the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

JOHN 6:1-21

Pew Bible Page 927-928

One: The word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

“There Is A Time”

Chancel Choir

SECOND READING

JOHN 6: 22-40

Pew Bible Page 928

One: The word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“How much is enough?”

Ann Hefner

Responding to the Word

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Excerpted from A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

† HYMN #440

“Jesus, Lover of My Soul”

INVITATION TO GIVING

OFFERING

Please, place your tithe/offering in the plate as it is passed, text GIVE to 806-631-6253, or use this link to give online. <https://www.stlukeamarillo.com/tithe/>

† SONG OF THANKSGIVING

Doxology

Praise God whose breath fills all the earth; / Whose love reveals our secret worth;
Whose Spirit forms one family; / Whose grace brings peace and harmony. Amen.

† PRAYER OF DEDICATION

One: O God, may these gifts be used as a witness to your love, peace, and justice at work in the world, renewing the face of the earth.

All: Bless us to be blessings in this world. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD’S PRAYER (“debts” and “debtors”)

† HYMN #353 “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

† OUR MOTIVATIONAL AND MISSIONAL STATEMENT

As the people of St. Luke Presbyterian Church, we offer to God our “hands of service, hands of faith, and open hands of love.” Holy Spirit, unite us in this calling and send us forth to serve.

WANT TO KNOW MORE about St. Luke or to formally unite with us? See **Ruling Elder Ross Clopton** by the announcement screen in the hallway after worship or contact an Elder during the week.

† CHARGE and BENEDICTION

† CHORAL RESPONSE “Shalom Chaverim”

† POSTLUDE

† Stand as you are able.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Filling the pulpit	Ruling Elder Ann Hefner
Liturgist	Nan Kemp
Greeters	Ross and Donna Clopton

MUSIC

St. Luke Chancel & Bell Choir
Dr. Robert Hansen, Director of Music
Mila Abbasova, Organist & Pianist

SOURCES AND CREDITS: Portions of today's liturgy are by Roger Gench and the Presbyterian Outlook. Hymn tune names—as well as composers of the music and authors of the text—are listed in *Glory to God: The Presbyterian Hymnal*.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to St. Luke! As you silence your cell phone before the service begins, please take a moment to sign our digital attendance book using this QR code.

SUNDAY, JULY 28

- 9:30 a.m. **Coffee and Fellowship** • Thank you to JoAnn and J.T. Jolley for providing donuts.
10:15 a.m. **Chancel Choir Rehearsal**
11:00 a.m. **Worship Service** (Streamed on Facebook as well.)
Ruling Elder Ann Hefner filling the pulpit.



MONDAY, JULY 29

- 10 & 11 a.m. **Adult Piano Classes**

TUESDAY, JULY 30

- 10:00 a.m. **Exercise Group**
2:00 p.m. **Farkle Game Time- notice new time**

WEDNESDAY, JULY 31

- 8:30 a.m. **Yoga Practice**

THURSDAY, AUGUST 1

- 10:00 a.m. **Exercise Group**
2:00 p.m. **Threads of Love Ministry**

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4 (Mesa Verde Sunday)

- 9:30 a.m. **Coffee & Fellowship**
10:15 a.m. **Chancel Choir Rehearsal**
11:00 a.m. **Worship Service** (Streamed on Facebook as well)
Dave Kemp will fill the pulpit

Join us and our AUMC friends with an outdoor night of family fun Sunday, August 11th at 4:00 pm! We will have a foam party pit, outdoor games, and popsicles. If you plan to participate in the foam party pit, wear clothes you don't mind getting bubbly and bring a towel. If foam-free fellowship time is more your speed, bring a lawn chair or any outdoor games to play. We hope to see you all there!

Fall Kick-Off Fellowship Hour on August 18 between worship services 10-11am. This fellowship hour will be hosted by St. Luke's Fellowship and Logos committees in partnership with AUMC. Groups, missions, projects, etc. are encouraged to have a booth to provide information about upcoming events, studies, etc., as well as an opportunity to sign up for upcoming happenings. If you have a group/committee that would like to participate with a booth, please let me know by August 11 so we make sure to set up enough tables.

Amarillo Public Library's AMA-CON takes place August 3 and 4 at the Amarillo Civic Center. St. Luke participates in AMA-CON each year through our membership in Open and Affirming Congregations of the Texas Panhandle. Please contact Stacy Clopton if you are available to volunteer in the OAC booth next weekend.

A **Cursillo**-like opportunity is being offered in September, in the form of Austin Pilgrimage 53. It will be September 26-29, 2024 at Camp Buckner, Burnet, TX. For more information, go to austinpilgrimage.org.

The mission committee will be collecting tissue and Clorox wipes for Mesa Verde Elementary. We'd like to start their school year off with a good supply of both. There is a collection bin in the fellowship hall. Thank you for helping to support our school!

JOYS AND CONCERNS:

Please pray for:

- ♥ **Krista Berry** and her parents, **Paul and Kathy**. Kathy has recently moved into a memory care facility. Prayers for everyone as they adjust to these unsettling life changes.
- ♥ **Donald Croft** as he continues to search for some options for relief from chronic back pain.
- ♥ **Alice Cooke** who fell and is now in rehab at Five Points Rehabilitation. Prayers for healing.
- ♥ **D Martinez** who can use our prayers and support during a difficult time. She would appreciate words of encouragement. If you would like to write to her, her address can be obtained by contacting the church office.
- ♥ **Joyce Baughn** fell and broke her hip recently. She has had surgery to have pins put in and has moved back to the same Center where she has been living and is doing rehab. Prayers as she recovers.
- ♥ Prayers for **Alvin Wingo** and all his family as he heals from surgery to install a LVAD because he isn't currently a candidate for heart transplant.
- ♥ **Nate Dobbins** (friend of Mary McCracken's son) who has colon cancer. Prayers for him and his family.
- ♥ **Paul Goad** (friend of Henry and Ruth Suthard) who has been impacted by fires and floods in Ruidoso, New Mexico. Please pray for the entire town and all the residents impacted by them.
- ♥ **Lisa Moore** (friend of Sharron Fitzner) – Prayers as she is searching for a job.
- ♥ We have been praying for **Jackie Wood** (Friend of Robin Gantz) and her husband Jim, of Las Cruces. Good news report on Jackie: the kidney transplant went well. Jackie has had a good recovery and is now home. Unfortunately, her husband -who had a brain injury from a fall, is in a rehab facility in El Paso with further brain bleeds. Please continue prayers.

Continue to remember Judy Conner; Grace Acha; Dorothy Baggerly; Andy Chambers (Steve Parker's husband); Lucille Dunn; Dr. Bernard (Bo) Fitzner; Margaret and Tom Heyde; Mindy Hayden; Steven Hofmann; Sarah Kangerga; Roger Osburn (Karen's husband); Aaron Parker; Dennis Phelps (Melissa Shields' father); Donna Phipps; Sharon Remling; Marilyn Shillings; Henry and Ruth Suthard; Doug Tanner; Rev. Karl Travis; the St. Luke Session; the Pastor Nominating Committee; the staff and residents at Amarillo Children's Home; the people of our sister church Johnson Chapel A.M.E.; Glenda Moore and Kind House Ukraine Bakery; our participants and helpers at Laundry Love; and the students, teachers, and staff at Mesa Verde Elementary School.

St. Luke is currently in transition between installed pastors; the pastor search is underway.

Barbara Taylor: 2024 Clerk of Session

Dr. Robert Hansen: Director of Music

Kaci Jones: 2024 Treasurer

Mila Abbasova: Organist

Brittany Forney: Office Secretary

Mary McCracken: Nursery Coordinator

RULING ELDERS:

Class of 2024 Jennifer Denham, Kendra Jones, Cruse Messer

Class of 2025 Ross Clopton, Robert Hansen, Barbara Taylor, Kary Wingo

Class of 2026 Paige Hadley, Priscilla Sheets, Tim Sougstad, Helen Thorsheim



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