



St. Luke Presbyterian Church

SEPTEMBER 29, 2024

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TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 29, 2024

11:00 AM

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.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Sam Burnett

TIME OF CENTERING AND STILLNESS

INTROIT

“We Are Gathered Here”

† CALL TO WORSHIP (Excerpted from Psalm 19)

One: The law of the Lord is perfect reviving the soul.

All: The decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple.

One: The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart.

All: The commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes.

One: Let the words we speak and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to God

All: For the Lord is our Rock and our Redeemer. Amen

† HYMN # 35

“Praise Ye the Lord, The Almighty”

† CALL TO CONFESSION

† SILENT CONFESSION

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy one, our strength and our savior, you know our sins of thought, and word, and deed. We grasp for power and possessions—looking out for ourselves when you have called us to be mindful of the needs of others. We hold fast to our anger and resentments when you have called us to forgive.

Forgive us, we pray. Bring us back to the ways you have taught us. Give us hearts for unconditional love and compassion that you have shown us in Jesus Christ. Amen.

† REQUEST FOR PARDON

“Hear Our Prayer, Oh Lord”

† ASSURANCE OF GRACE

One: The Lord is gracious and merciful—and the love of God is steadfast. This is the good news for us:

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! 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

JAMES 5:13-20

Pew Bible Page 1056-1057

One: The word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

“Love Abides Forever”

Chancel Choir

SECOND READING

MARK 9:30-50

Pew Bible Page 877

One: The word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“Costly Grace”

Barbara Taylor

Responding to the Word

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from the Confession of Belhar)

We believe in the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. This, God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end. We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family.

We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells.

† HYMN #445

“God, How Can We Forgive?”

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/>

Doxology

SONG OF THANKSGIVING

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: Gracious God, accept these offerings, given in joy and gratitude.

All: **May they care for your children and advance your kingdom. Amen.**

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

† HYMN #432 “How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord”

† 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 Bob Hansen** by the announcement screen in the hallway after worship or contact an Elder during the week.

† CHARGE and BENEDICTION

† CHORAL RESPONSE “God Be With You Till We Meet Again”

† POSTLUDE

† Stand as you are able.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Filling the pulpit	Barbara Taylor
Liturgist	Camille Hoy
Greeters	Terry Boulware & Sharron Fitzner

MUSIC

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

SOURCES AND CREDITS: 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, SEPTEMBER 29

- 9:30 am **Coffee and Fellowship** • Thank you Quentin Smith for providing donuts.
9:45 am **Adult Sunday School**
10:15 am **Chancel Choir Rehearsal**
11 am **Worship Service** (Streamed on Facebook as well.)
Ruling Elder **Barbara Taylor** filling the pulpit.



MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

- 10 am **Adult Piano Class**
11 am **Adult Piano Class**

TUESDAY, October 1

- 10 am **Exercise Group**

WEDNESDAY, October 2

- 8:30 am **Yoga Practice**

THURSDAY, October 3

- 10 am **Exercise Group**
2 pm **Threads of Love Ministry**

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11 am **Worship Service** (Streamed on Facebook as well.)
Ruling Elder **Dave Kemp** filling the pulpit. Communion will be served.

- ❖ **Adult Sunday School** will begin today, Sept. 29th at 9:45 am. We will use the Great Courses video series, Comparative Religions. Class facilitated by **Cruse Messer and Kendra Jones**.
- ❖ **ENGAGE-** Our exciting new family experience program, Engage, begins this evening Sunday, September 29 from 5:30-7:00pm in Fellowship Hall. We will gather for pizza, a short devotional lesson, and then some science fun brought to us by the Discovery Center!
- ❖ Please join us for a celebration of **Stacy Clopton and David Craig's** October wedding! We will join in Fellowship Hall from 4 pm to 6 pm on Saturday, October 19th to offer them our congratulations and love. They ask that we not bring gifts. If you really want to give something in their honor, they ask that you donate to any of these charities: Friends of the Library, High Plains Food Bank, Doctors Without Borders, and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

JOYS AND CONCERNS:

Please pray for:

- ♥ Please continue praying for **Emin Abbasov** as he recovers from a lung infection and gets his blood count up.
- ♥ Please pray for **Nan Kemp** who will be undergoing knee replacement surgery soon. We pray for a successful procedure, guided by the skilled hands of the medical team, and for a swift and smooth recovery.

Continue to remember: Joyce Baughn; Krista Berry; Judy Conner; Alice Cooke; Dr. Bernard (Bo) Fitzner; Margaret and Tom Heyde; Mindy Hayden; Steven Hofmann; Sarah Kangerga; Roger Osburn (Karen’s husband); Donald Phelps; Donna Phipps; Marilyn Shillings; Henry and Ruth Suthard; Rev. Karl Travis; Alvin Wingo; 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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