

St. Luke's United Methodist Church

Rev. Seok Nam Lim

Ministers- Every Member of the Congregation

October 12, 2025

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost



We are the People of the United Methodist Church

Our Vision~ “Share Love and Give Hope”

GATHERING

PRELUDE His Name is Wonderful **Leon Beaudin, Piano**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS **Becky Scott, Liturgist**

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

People of Faith in Christ the Lord, come and see what God has done!

God has guided us and walked with us.

Show how God has protected us.

God has brought us to this sacred place.

Let us give glory to God!

Let us sing praises to God!

HYMN O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing VS 1, 2, 3, 4 + 5 **UMH 57**

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

God, the Holy One, we gather to sing your praises! We are grateful for the gift of this day and all the ways you make your presence known.

We are grateful for your abiding Spirit and the ways the Spirit empowers us to be your people. In this time of worship, deepen our faith. Restore our souls and heal us. After we have spent time with you, return us to our community, that we may share your love and grace with everyone we meet. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

A READING FROM THE PSALMS **Psalm 66:1-12**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE **Rev. Seok Nam Lim**

HYMN O Jesus, I Have Promised **UHM 396**

PASTORAL PRAYER **Rev. Seok Nam Lim**

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

MESSAGE The Life in Union with Christ

Rev. Seok Nam Lim

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY Ashokan Farewell

Dave Talaga

DOXOLOGY Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH 94

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Gracious God, we come to say thank you for all the ways you bring forth life and health and renewal. Bless these gifts, that they may bring forth life and healing in our community. In the name of Christ Jesus, the Lord for all, we pray. Amen.

HYMN Here I Am, Lord

UMH 593

SENDING FORTH

BENEDICTION

Rev. Seok Nam Lim

Brothers and sisters, siblings in Christ,
as you go from this place, may your faith grow stronger.

We will share the good news of Christ's healing love with the community.

Go in peace.

Amen.

POSTLUDE Postlude on "Truro"

Leon Beaudin, Organist

Sermon Summary

The Life in Union with Christ (1 Corinthians 6:12-20)

Summary – Our union with Christ assures us of our freedom from sin, death and condemnation, and leads us to live as the temple of God in the world.

Union with Christ

God created man and woman in equality, giving them the image of God (Gen. 1:27). Then God brought them into mutuality; “they become one flesh” (Gen. 2:24). “Becoming one flesh” symbolizes equality and mutuality between human beings. This union is broken down after human beings sinned against God; “You will desire your husband, but he will rule over you” (Gen. 3:16). The mutual relationship between two human beings, man and woman, is changed to a hierarchical relationship, the relationship dominated by power, the relationship between the oppressor and the oppressed.

Paul uses the creation story to criticize sexual immorality (1 Cor. 6:16). In Corinthian society, people use their power of money to buy prostitutes, and in the temple of pagan deities, there is a practice of prostitution. This lifestyle is against God’s creation: sexual relationships should bring the partners into union. Buying sex or abusing a sexual relationship by power is against God’s law of creation to bring human beings into mutuality and equality.

Paul also gives a warning to the Corinthian Christians about the sexual immorality from the viewpoint of our union with Christ; we are in union with Christ in our whole person, in body and soul (1 Cor. 6:14-15). We share in Christ's death and resurrection. We are in union with Christ. Our union with Christ is not only about our spirits but also our bodies. For this reason, we do not have to abuse our possessions, our power, our money,

our privilege, for a sexual relationship. Our abuse of power and our sexual immorality are a violation of our union with Christ.

Two Benefits from Our Union with Christ – Freedom and Holiness

Freedom: Our union with Christ gives us freedom; Paul repeatedly says, “I have freedom to do anything” (1 Cor. 6:12). The Corinthian church has many serious problems, sexual immorality (1 Cor. 5 & 6), leadership conflict or group rivalry (1 Cor. 1:10-17), and lawsuit between the church members (1 Cor. 6:1-8). The life of Corinthian Christians breaks down the biblical principle of mutuality, living together as the body of Christ. However, Paul confirm them of the freedom they have in Christ (1 Cor. 6:11). Despite many problems, they are the holy people of God (1 Cor. 1:2). No one will condemn them to death and take the resurrection life of Christ out of their hands because they are united with Christ, becoming one flesh with him. This is our freedom and our privilege in Christ.

Holiness: Our union with Christ commands us to live in holiness. We were already made “holy to God” and “right with God” not because of our works but because of our union with Christ (1 Cor. 6:11). For this reason, we must live in union with Christ, living in holiness and love, imitating him (1 Cor. 6:19-20). This is the conclusion of Paul’s argument in 1 Cor. 6:12-20. Our Christian freedom should be fruitful to make us grow in holiness. This is the reason why God purchased us by paying the price of Christ on the cross and gave us freedom from our sin and its outcome, death. God gives us freedom to stay as God’s holy temple in the world. This is God’s purpose to give us freedom; We were made holy to God, so that we must live in holiness. What is the life of holiness? It is living in mutuality. We are called to use all God’s blessings on us to edify one another, building up mutual relationships with each other and God’s church in unity. We will prove that we are the temple of the Holy Spirit on earth by life in mutuality.

The Families of

Ruth Felch
Richard Redifer (father of Beth Redifer)

Pray For

Melissa Morin
Bob (the brother-in-law of Mark Dewitt)
Eugene Vandermark
Bill Sansburn
Sue Henrickson
Leslie Wisniewski
Linda Becker (a neighbor of Jan Deming)
Carol Niederquell (sister of Ron Batzer)
Amber Sexton (granddaughter of Sharon VanEvery)
Tom Piotrowski (brother-in-law of Jan Deming)

Shut-ins

Ann Davis, Bob Davidson, Florence Decker, Sandy Gillam,
Marletta Gross, Susan Hendrickson, Betty Martinek, Barb Meyer, Melissa Morin,
Phyllis Finn, Ruth Matherne, Jane Russell, Jacky Sansburn, and Roger Trerice.

Lift up in prayer all who are enduring the pain of war, the impacts of climate change, violence, hatred, poverty, and loss. Pray for unity and the freedom we find in Christ to strengthen our nation. Remember our church family, especially those facing loss, illness, weakness, and hardship. And seek blessings for the ministry of St. Luke's UMC.

Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace,
that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.
(Hebrews 4:16)

Requests will be kept on the list for 1 month. If you would like your prayer request to remain on the list or be re-added, please let us know. SUBMIT YOUR PRAYER REQUEST through our website, email office@stlulkesumcmi.org, by filling out a connection card, located on the pew backs, or the Prayer box located in front of the church.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Friendly Reminder

As we gather for worship, kindly silence your phones to help us remain fully present. Let's create a peaceful environment for listening, praying, and singing together. Thank you for your consideration.

Michigan Conference United Women in Faith Celebration takes place at Clio Bethany United Methodist Church on October 17–18.

- Friday, October 17: Registration at 3:30 pm; program "Embracing Justice: A Call to Hope and Action" starts at 4 pm. Attending is free unless you stay for dinner (\$10).
- Saturday, October 18: Registration at 9 am; program begins at 9:30 am with speaker Sally Vonner. Saturday's fee is \$20, including lunch.

Carpooling is available both days. Please let Gloria Gonzales know which days you'd like to attend. **Deadline to register is today!**

The next Golden Friends event will be on November 3rd at Krzysiak's House Restaurant, 1605 Michigan Ave, Bay City, starting at 12:00 pm. The registration sheet is available on the "Sign-Up" bulletin board across from the Fellowship Hall, with a deadline of October 26th. For more information, please reach out to Judy or Joe Fleming.

Missions Team Meeting will be Tuesday, October 21 at 6:30 pm

The Mission's Team delivered the collected coats, hats, hoodies, sweats and snacks that our congregation generously donated throughout the past months. Over 150 clothing articles were distributed to 6 local charities to help those in need survive the upcoming Winter months. We would like to pass on to the St. Luke's congregation, the heartfelt thank you from the charities receiving the bounty of your generosity. And a special hug from those that put love into every hand knitted/crocheted hat & gloves to go with the coats. God bless you all!

The Petit Four Cookie Dough Sale, hosted by United Women in Faith, begins on September 28th. Each tub is \$10 and can be stored in the freezer. Orders and payments are due by October 26th, with pickup scheduled for November 9th in the Fellowship Hall. Options include Sugar, Peanut Butter, Chocolate Chip, Monster, Oatmeal, Cranberry & White Chocolate Chips, Carrot Cake. Place orders with Brenda Scramlin, Arlene Stone, Becky Scott, Beverly Walker, Jan Oswald, Nancy Tacey or Gloria Gonzales to place your order.

All Saints Sunday – Submit Names for Remembrance

All Saints Sunday will be observed on November 2nd. To honor loved ones who have passed away in the past year, you may submit their full name, date of death, and your name and relationship to the deceased by October 22nd. Submissions can be emailed to office@stlukesumcmi.org or shared by calling the church office.

Youth Group Launch – Monday, October 13 @ 7 PM

Know a teen looking for connection and purpose? Invite them to our new Youth Group, starting October 13 and meeting Mondays at 7 PM. We'll gather in Esther's parlor or shift locations as needed. Each week includes Bible study, verse memorization, and meaningful conversation in a welcoming, faith-filled space. No church background needed—just come with an open heart. **We also need volunteers to help support this ministry! Please contact Janie Good if you are interested in helping out.**

Join us for the All Ages Cookie Bake on Saturday, October 25 from 10:00am to 1:00 pm—a fun, hands-on event where everyone can help bake cookies for Fellowship Time! We'll have chocolate chip cookie dough prepped and ready, so all ages can jump in and enjoy. To make this event a sweet success, we're asking for donations of white sugar, brown sugar, eggs, and stick margarine—please donate by October 20th. Sign-up is required to help us plan; the sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board, or you can sign up online at <https://bit.ly/cookie-bake-2025>

Salvation Army Soup Kitchen Volunteer Sign Up

Volunteer at the Matthew25 Cafe' to prep, cook, serve and clean up for soup kitchen guests, Saturdays, 9:30 am to 1:30 pm. Location: 410 10th St, Bay City. There is a sign-up form on the bulletin board. The November 15th slot still needs 3 volunteers to assist.

Nov 15 Leader – Becky Scott

Start your morning with a good book and warm conversation at our Breakfast Book

Club on November 15 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. We'll be reading *Skipping Christmas* by John Grisham—a lighthearted holiday tale perfect for the season. Free copies are available on the library shelf, and a light breakfast will be served. Come enjoy fellowship and thoughtful discussion—we'd love to have you with us!

Help Us Fill Thanksgiving Bags! We're packing bags on **November 10th**, and we'd love your help in making this season brighter for families in need. You don't have to bring everything—just pick a few items from the list below and make a meaningful impact! Every donation helps share the spirit of Thanksgiving. Thank you for your generosity! Food Pantry Coordinator: Jim McCarty

Items Needed

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| • Stuffing | • Canned Fruit (Peaches, Pears, Fruit Cocktail) |
| • Gravy | • Instant Mashed Potatoes |
| • Green Beans | • Baked Beans |
| • Carrots | • Jelly |
| • Mac & Cheese | • Applesauce |

Ruth Felch's service information

Friday, October 24, 2025

Visitation 2-4 pm

Service 4 pm

Meal following in Fellowship Hall

Meetings (In Ether's Parlor)

Committee Meeting for Halloween volunteers Thursday, October 16 5:00 – 6:00pm	United Women in Faith Executive Meeting Monday, October 20 6:30 – 7:30pm
Committee Meeting for Thanksgiving Dinner Thursday, October 23 5:00 – 6:00pm	Missions Team Meeting Tuesday, October 21 at 6:30 pm

Liturgists and Communion Server Volunteers

As we prepare the upcoming rotation for liturgists and communion servers, we'd like to confirm your availability to serve. If you'd prefer to step back for now, no problem—just contact Fritzi Stevenson at stevensonfritzi@gmail.com so she can update the list and begin planning the 2026 schedule. If any of your contact information (phone, email, etc.) has recently changed, please share those updates so we can stay in touch. Kindly respond by the end of October. Thank you for your continued service and dedication! And if you'd like to join this meaningful service group, Fritzi would love to hear from you as well.

Who Are Our Veterans and College Students?

Members have been asking—who in our church family has served in the military or is currently attending college? If you or a loved one fits either category, please share their name and address (if possible) on the sheet located on the bulletin board, place a note in the Administrative Assistant's mail slot, or contact the church office.

St. Luke's Is Now on Subsplash!

We're excited to launch our new digital hub through Subsplash—bringing sermons, events, giving, and updates all into one easy-to-use app and website. Stay connected anytime, anywhere! To get started, scan the QR code

or visit: <https://bit.ly/stlukesumcmi-app>

Once you have the app, please remember to create your account.

This is still being developed and more uses will be coming.

Live Streaming will be available on the app soon.



Mon Oct 13, 2025

Columbus Day

7:00 pm Youth Group

Tue Oct 14, 2025

10:30 am Needleworkers Meet-up

5:30 pm Girl Scouts – Big Class Room

Wed Oct 15, 2025

10:30 am Wednesday Weavers

Thu Oct 16, 2025

5:00 pm Planning Meeting - Halloween Hallway

6:30 pm Thursday Bible Study for Hebrews

7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous Meeting

Sat Oct 18, 2025

UWiF Mi Conference Annual Training & Celebration, Clio UMC

9:00 am U.M.M. Breakfast @ Krzysiak's

9:30–1:30 Salvation Army Soup Kitchen Volunteers L-Bev Walke

7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous Meeting

Mon Oct 20, 2025

6:30 pm UWiF Executive Meeting

7:00 pm Youth Group

Tue Oct 21, 2025

10:30 am Needleworkers Meet-up

Wed Oct 22, 2025

10:30 am Wednesday Weavers

6:30 pm Needleworkers Meet-up

Thu Oct 23, 2025

5:00 pm Planning Meeting – Thanksgiving Dinner

6:30 pm Thursday Bible Study for Hebrews

7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous Meeting

Fri Oct 24, 2025

2:00 pm Ruth Felch's Visitation

4:00 pm Service with meal following

Sat Oct 25, 2025

10:00 am All ages Cookie Bake.

Mon Oct 27, 2025

7:00 pm Governance Board Meeting

7:00 pm Youth Group

Tue Oct 28, 2025

10:30 am Needleworkers Meet-up

5:30 pm Girl Scouts – Big Class Room

Wed Oct 29, 2025

10:30 am Wednesday Weavers

Thu Oct 30, 2025

5:00 pm Planning Meeting – St. Patrick's Day Parade

6:30 pm Thursday Bible Study for Hebrews

7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous Meeting

Fri Oct 31, 2025

6–8pm Halloween Haunted Hallway

Sat Nov 1, 2025

9:00 am U.M.M. Breakfast @ Krzysiak's

7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous Meeting

Sun Nov 2, 2025

Daylight Savings Time ends

All Saints Sunday

Advent Puzzle Fun during Fellowship

Mon Nov 3, 2025

12:00 pm Golden Friends at Krzysiak's

7:00 pm Youth Group

Tue Nov 4, 2025

All Day Church reserved – General Election

10:30 am Needleworkers Meet-up

Wed Nov 5, 2025

10:30 am Wednesday Weavers

Thu Nov 6, 2025

5:00 pm Planning Meeting – Parent's Day Out/VBS

6:30 pm Thursday Bible Study for Hebrews

7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous Meeting

Fri Nov 7, 2025

6:00 pm Puzzle night (tentative)

Sat Nov 8, 20257:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous Meeting
Cookie Dough Pickup**Sun Nov 9, 2025**

Advent Puzzle Fun during Fellowship

Mon Nov 10, 2025

7:00 pm Youth Group

Tue Nov 11, 2025

All day Veterans Day

10:30 am Needleworkers Meet-up

5:30 pm Girl Scouts – Big Class Room

Wed Nov 12, 2025

10:30 am Wednesday Weavers

6:30 pm Needleworkers Meet-up

Thu Nov 13, 2025

6:30 pm Thursday Bible Study for Hebrews

7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous Meeting

Sat Nov 15, 2025

10:00 am Breakfast Book Club

9:30–1:30 Salvation Army Soup Kitchen
Volunteers L-TBD**Sun Nov 16, 2025**

Advent Puzzle Fun during Fellowship

Mon Nov 17, 2025

6:30 pm UWiF Executive Meeting

7:00 pm Youth Group

10:30 pm Needleworkers Meet-up

Volunteers

Serving This Sunday

Liturgist

Becky Scott

Children's Church

Sheila Good

Brenda Toyzan

Ushers

Henry Roeder, Joe Fleming
and others TBD

Serving Next Sunday

Liturgist

Char McGrath

Children's Church

Becky Scott

Linda Manyen

Ushers

Henry Roeder, Joe Fleming
and others TBD

Acolytes

(varies week to week)

**Connor Yagiela, Lauren Yagiela,
Jazzlyn Jones, Kyliana Green, Ethan Lanava**

Altar Flowers

The signup form for arranging altar flowers to adorn the sanctuary during Sunday's Worship service is available on the bulletin board designated for sign-ups.

Stay Connected

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Adult Sunday School

Fall, Winter, Spring
9:00 am in Esther's Parlor

Children's Church:

Following Children's Message
in Classroom 3