

St. Luke's United Methodist Church

Rev. Seok Nam Lim

Ministers- Every Member of the Congregation

June 29, 2025

Third Sunday after Pentecost



We are the People of the United Methodist Church

Our Vision~ “Share Love and Give Hope”

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Eileen Casciano, Liturgist

PRELUDE

For the Beauty of the Earth

Leon Beaudin, Organist

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We will call to mind the works of the Lord,
and remember God's wonders of old.

In times of trouble, we cry out to God,
longing for our souls to be comforted.

When our spirits are weary,
we reach for God's arms.

Even when we don't feel courageous,
we need to receive God's peace.

Keeping God's deeds in mind,
we carry them in our hearts.

For God's ways are holy,
and God's grace is great.

HYMN

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty

UMH 64

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

God, the Holy One, the waters tremble, and the skies open. Your voice rumbles with thunder, flashes with lighting, and crashes with waves as the earth shakes. And yet, there is peace in your voice. You trouble the waters of our spirits, even as you soothe the struggles of our souls. Your footprints guide our way—unseen by human eyes but always visible to our hearts. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

A READING FROM THE PSALMS

Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Seok Nam Lim

HYMN

O Master Let Me Walk with Thee

UHM 430

PILLOWCASE MISSION PRESENTATION

Joye Kramer & Recipients

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Seok Nam Lim

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 9:51-62

Rev. Dr. William P. Sanders

MESSAGE

“But First ...”

Rev. Dr. William P. Sanders

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY Whispering Hope

Mary Lewis, Piano
Leon Beaudin, Organ

DOXOLOGY Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH 95

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Gracious God, you have put your Spirit within us and laid your mantle upon us. These are gifts we could never earn and can never repay. Yet we are filled with your love, joy, patience, peace, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. And so we offer them all to you, grateful to pass them on to your people and to your world. In the precious name of your Son, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

HYMN

O Jesus, I Have Promised

UMH 396

SENDING FORTH

BENEDICTION

Rev. Seok Nam Lim

People of God, the mantle of God's love and mercy is upon you.
Carry it with you, as you go and serve. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE

Recessional in C

Leon Beaudin, Organist

Sermon Summary: Luke chapter 9, verses 1 to 50

The Mission of the Twelve

Luke chapter 9, verses 1 to 6: "Then Jesus called the twelve together and gave them power and authority over all demons and to cure diseases, and he sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal the sick. He said to them, "Take nothing for your journey: no staff, nor bag, nor bread, nor money - not even an extra tunic. Whatever house you enter, stay there, and leave from there.

Wherever they do not welcome you, as you are leaving that town shake the dust off your feet as a testimony against them." So they departed and went through the villages, bringing the good news and curing diseases everywhere."

In Luke chapter 9, verses 10 to 13a, 15 to 17 we read: "On their return the apostles told Jesus all they had done. Then, taking them along, he slipped quietly into a city called Bethsaida.

[Note: Bethsaida is located on the northern shore of the Sea of Galilee]. When the crowds found out about it, they followed him, and he welcomed them and spoke to them about the kingdom of God and healed those who needed to be cured.

The day was drawing to a close, and the twelve came to him and said, "Send the crowd away, so that they may go into the surrounding villages and countryside to lodge and get provisions, for we are here in a deserted place." But he said to them, "You give them something to eat." [The Feeding of the 5000.]

Then Peter's Declaration about Jesus

In Luke chapter 9, verse 18 to 20: "Once when Jesus was praying alone, with only the disciples near him, he asked them, 'Who do the crowds say that I am?' They answered, 'John the Baptist; but others, Elijah; and still others, that one of the ancient prophets has arisen.' Then he said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Peter answered, 'The Messiah of God.'"

Then Jesus Foretells About His Death and Resurrection

Luke chapter 9, verse 22: saying, "The Son of Man must undergo great suffering and be rejected by the elders, chief priests, and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised."

Jesus Then Challenged Those Who Would Follow Him

Luke chapter 9, verses 23 to 24: reads "Then he said to them all, 'If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will save it.'"

Then Transfiguration of Jesus

Luke chapter 9, verses 28 to 30: "Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray.

And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him."

Jesus Again Foretells About His Death

Luke chapter 9, verses 43 to 44: "While everyone was amazed at all that he was doing, he said to his disciples, 'Let these words sink into your ears: The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into human hands.'"

[Note: According to the Gospel of Mark, Chapter 8, verses 27-30, Jesus left Bethsaida and traveled north with his disciples to Caesarea Philippi - about 24 miles north, a days journey

We can only speculate why Jesus traveled to Caesarea Philippi when he spent most of his time preaching to large crowds in bigger cities. It was a beautiful location, a Gentile area, perfect for a getaway from the Jewish people, it may have been that Jesus wanted to spend some time with His disciples in relative peace.

The Families of

Ray Snyder, husband of Jill Snyder and brother-in-law of Sally Roby
Virginia Failing (sister of Ron Batzer)
The brother of Bob and Remy Holmes
Paula (Bates) Miller, (cousin of Sue McCarty)

Pray For

Betty McDonald
Barb Meyer
Jean Killey
Melissa Morin
David (grandson of Joan Gray)

Shut-ins

Ann Davis, Bob Davidson, Florence Decker, Sandy Gillam,
Marletta Gross, Susan Hendrickson, Betty Martinek, Betty McDonald, 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.

So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.
(Isaiah 41:10)

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@stlukesumcmti.org, by filling out a connection card, located on the pew backs, or the Prayer box located in front of the church.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join us after today's worship service for our Church Family Picnic! Enjoy food, fellowship, and fun. The United Women in Faith will provide hot dogs. If you didn't bring a dish, no worries—there's plenty to share. Let's create wonderful memories together.

Community Prayer Journey

The United Women in Faith invite all congregation members and friends of St. Luke's UMC to pause and pray for his/her community. Using your daily routines—walks, commutes, and errands—as opportunities to pray by letting God be your eyes, your heart, and your words. Pray where you are. Pray for who is there.

Each of you may complete it individually as you wish within your own community, wherever that may be. Can you imagine the impact of intentional prayer for the entire month of July?

Community Prayer Journey Guides will be available on the Mission Table for the entire month of July. Pick up an extra one and invite a friend to join in the journey.

Come celebrate Chelsae & Michael Wrone and family at a baby shower on July 6th, right after the worship service! Let's come together to share love, laughter, and heartfelt blessings as they prepare to welcome their little boy, Lincoln James. Baby Registry on Amazon. <https://www.amazon.com/baby-reg/chelsae-wrone-july-2025-essexville/3I3PN1O46A6SY>

Building a World of Peace

Peace with Justice Sunday will be next Sunday July 6th.

On Peace with Justice Sunday, we come together to support programs that promote reconciliation and justice. Your contributions create lasting change in communities near and far. 📅 Join us to make a difference! #PeaceWithJustice

Every year the United Women in Faith update the books in our library.

Help yourself to books on the cart near the Welcome Desk. Take them home and enjoy! If you like the book pass it on to a friend. It's yours to keep.

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. Each date has a designated church contact - there is a limit of five additional volunteers, as per the Salvation Army guidelines.

Church Coordinators & Spring Dates are:

Becky Scott

July 19

TBD

Aug 16

There will be no Golden Friends gathering in July. We will resume on Monday, August 4th @ 12 Noon. Place is to be determined.

Donations for the rummage sale, being held August 14-16, may be dropped off starting July 1st.

Wesleyan Bible Study

Pastor will lead a class on *Anti-Racism* using John Wesley's writings, *Thoughts upon Slavery* and *A Plain Account of the People Called Methodists*, on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. A sign-up sheet is available on the bulletin board, and the book will be available at the welcome desk.

- July 10 On Humanity, "Thoughts upon Slavery"
- July 17 On God, "Thoughts upon Slavery"
- July 24 On Civilization, "Thoughts upon Slavery"
- July 31 On Methodism, "A Plain Account of the People Called Methodist"

Rev. Dr. William Sanders will lead a 4-week Thursday Bible study, "Cotton Patch Gospel: The Greatest Story Ever Re-Told," in August 2025, on August 7, 14, 21, and 28 @ 6:30 pm. **Cotton Patch Gospel** is a musical by Tom Key and Russell Treyz with music and lyrics written by Harry Chapin and produced by Philip M. Getter just after Chapin's death in 1981. It ran off-Broadway at the Lamb's Theatre for 193 performances beginning on October 21, 1981. Based on the book *The Cotton Patch Version of Matthew and John* by Clarence Jordan, the story retells the life of Jesus as if it were in modern-day, rural Georgia. See the sign-up board to register.

Tue Jul 1, 2025

Rummage sale drop-off begins

10:30 am Needleworkers Meet-up

Wed Jul 2, 2025

10:00 am Memorial Garden weeding/watering

10:30 am Wednesday Weavers

Thu Jul 3, 2025

7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous Meeting

Fri Jul 4, 2025

All day Independence Day

Sat Jul 5, 2025

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

7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous Meeting

Sun Jul 6, 2025

10:00 am Peace with Justice Sunday

Baby Bottle Boomerang blessing

11:30 am Baby Shower for Chelsae & Michael
Wrone**Tue Jul 8, 2025**

10:30 am Needleworkers Meet-up

Wed Jul 9, 2025

10:30 am Wednesday Weaver

6:30 pm Needleworkers Meet-up

Thu Jul 10, 2025

6:30 pm Thursday Bible Study – Anti-Racism

7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous Meeting

Sat Jul 12, 2025

11:00 am Needleworkers Outdoors

7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous Meeting

Tue Jul 15, 2025

10:30 am Needleworkers Meet-up

Wed Jul 16, 2025

10:00 am Memorial Garden weeding/watering

Thu Jul 17, 2025

6:30 pm Thursday Bible Study – Anti-Racism

7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous Meeting

Sat Jul 19, 2025

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

9:30a-1:30p Salvation Army Soup Kitchen

Volunteers L-Becky Scott

7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous Meeting

Tue Jul 22, 2025

10:30 am Needleworkers Meet-up

Wed Jul 23, 2025

10:30 am Wednesday Weavers

Thu Jul 24, 2025

6:30 pm Thursday Bible Study – Anti-Racism

7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous Meeting

Sat Jul 26, 2025

7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous Meeting

Mon Jul 28, 2025

6:30 pm Governance Board Meeting

Tue Jul 29, 2025

10:30 am Needleworkers Meet-up

Wed Jul 30, 2025

10:00 am Memorial Garden weeding/watering

10:30 am Wednesday Weavers

Thu Jul 31, 2025

6:30 pm Thursday Bible Study – Anti-Racism

7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous Meeting

Sat Aug 2, 2025

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

7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous Meeting

Mon Aug 4, 2025

12:00 pm Golden Friends

Tue Aug 5, 2025

All day Possible Primary Election

10:30 am Needleworkers Meet-up

Wed Aug 6, 2025

10:30 am Wednesday Weaver

Thu Aug 7, 2025

6:30 pm Thursday Bible Study – Biblical

Reflections

7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous Meeting

Fri Aug 8, 2025

6:00 pm Puzzle Contest

Sat Aug 9, 2025

11:00 am Needleworkers Outdoors

7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous Meeting

Sun Aug 10-Sat Aug 16, 2025

Annual Rummage Set-up & Sale

Actual sale is 14th – 16th

Tue Aug 12, 2025

10:30 am Needleworkers Meet-up

Wed Aug 13, 2025

10:30 am Wednesday Weavers

6:30 pm Needleworkers Meet-up

Thu, Aug 14, 2025

8a – 4p Rummage Sale

6:30 pm Thursday Bible Study – Biblical

Reflections

7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous Meeting

Fri Aug 15, 2025

8a – 4p Rummage Sale

Sat Aug 16, 2025

8a – 4p Rummage Sale

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

9:30a-1:30p Salvation Army Soup Kitchen

Volunteers L-TBD

7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous Meeting

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Volunteers

Serving This Sunday

Liturgist

Eileen Casciano

Children's Church

Ann Talaga and Sheila Good

Counters

Brenda Kemp and Char McGrath

Ushers

Sandy Mercer, Gloria Barriger,
Hope Bertelsen, Kathleen Erndt

Serving Next Sunday

Liturgist

Brenda Scramlin

Children's Church

Becky Scott and Joy Clark

Counters

Brenda Kemp and Char McGrath

Ushers

Henry Roeder, Joe Fleming, and others

Communion

Brenda Scramlin, Sheila Good
Eileen Casciano, Wanda Horton

Adult Sunday School

9:00 am in Esther's Parlor

Children's Church:

Following the Children's Message in Classroom 3

Online Giving

<https://stlukesumcmi.org> → Click on "Give" in top menu bar

To Sign up for our E-newsletter

<https://stlukesumcmi.org/newsletter-subscribe>

June 5, 2025 Newsletter

<https://bit.ly/newsletter-2025-June-26>

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.