

### The Liturgical Year

We are in Ordinary Time II (the first being between Epiphany in January and Ash Wednesday), which sounds like a boring name for a liturgical season, except that "ordinary" just means ordered, numbered. It's the same root as "ordination" which is an arrangement, a putting of things in order or following a religious order. Ordinary Time means we are ordained to place things as they should be. It's not a time of celebrating feasts, it's a time of cementing the message of those feasts into our daily lives. What did Advent matter? What did Lent matter? What did Easter matter? What did Pentecost matter if they don't find fruition in the ordering of our lives? Joan Chittister wrote, "It is what we do routinely, not what we do rarely, that delineates our character." Ordinary Time is the organized, disciplined building of who we are as a follower of Jesus and how we apply that to the work of worship.

The paraments and stoles are "liturgical green" which is the official color of Ordinary Time. It represents newness and growth, a symbol of how we have been given the spiritual nutrients to thrive, and now it's time to allow the daily discipline of the Christian life to give us deep roots, strong branches, and good fruit.

### What's Happening at St. Luke's

#### Your Voice Matters!

St. Luke's conducts an annual churchwide survey to help us understand your engagement and satisfaction with the programs of the church. To participate, please complete this anonymous survey by Friday, August 19. We appreciate your input. [StLukesMethodist.org/2022survey](https://StLukesMethodist.org/2022survey)

#### St. Luke's Community Youth Center Groundbreaking Thursday, August 11 | 9:30 a.m. | Gethsemane Campus (6856 Bellaire Blvd.)

Join us as we take the first step toward our vision of creating a place where young people from the Gulfton Sharpstown community can experience transformation by the love of Jesus. This groundbreaking is the beginning of a year-long process of construction to make this dream a reality.

#### Food Drive for CCSC | Saturday, August 13 | 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Pull up to the Main Entrance porte-cochere. with your non-perishable food donation. Volunteers will collect all grocery bags for you.

#### Blessing of the Backpacks

**Sunday, August 14 | 8:45 a.m. Contemporary and 11 a.m. Traditional**  
School's starting! As a congregation let's pray a blessing on the students, teachers, administrators, custodians and coaches. You'll go home with a "Prayer For The Night Before" to pray as a family.

#### reVision Homework Helper

Houston reVision is launching a drop-in center designed for students ages 14-18 who are unstably housed and attending nearby HISD schools. Homework helpers and mentors are needed even if you only have one hour a week to give to a student. Contact Rev. Carrie Leader at 713-560-8753.

**Meet artist Dana Cargile in the Rotunda Gallery** this morning following the 9:45 a.m. Traditional Worship service. A portion of gallery proceeds helps to build and maintain the permanent art collection at St. Luke's.

## Welcome to worship at St. Luke's! Please let us know you are here.



We are so happy you're with us today! Please check in by hovering your phone's camera over this QR code, and a form will pop up.

You can also check in on the St. Luke's App. If you don't have the app installed on your phone, you can download here: [StLukesMethodist.org/app](https://StLukesMethodist.org/app)

### Sermon Notes

#### *Less Greed, More God*

#### First in the Series *When Less is More*

- All kinds of greed
- Be on your guard
- The things you have prepared
- Rich toward God

#### Possible best next steps for you

- Sort through some of the things you have prepared, and give them away
- Schedule five times for prayer throughout the day

**Leading in Worship Today:** Dr. Tom Pace; Rev. Colin Bagby; Rev. Michelle Manuel; Rev. Cliff Ritter.

**Musicians:** Sid Davis, Director of Music & Fine Arts; Jim Roman, Organist; Chancel Choir; Staff Singers.

The altar flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Hartung and Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. McGaha by Babs and Ed Smith and family; in celebration of the baptism of Calem Michael Stull by his parents, Jessica and Cory Stull and sister, Emmaline Stull; in celebration of the baptism of Clara Ray Cook by her parents, Karen and Jason Cook; and in celebration of the baptism of Elizabeth Kate Needham by her parents, Allison and Clark Needham, and sisters, Charlotte and Vivian Needham.



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St. Luke's United Methodist Church  
August 7, 2022 | 9:45 and 11:00 a.m.



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Dr. Tom Pace, Senior Pastor

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**PRELUDE** *Adagio* Craig Phillips

**HYMN OF PRAISE**  
127 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* CWM RHONDDA

**\*THE APOSTLES' CREED** UMH #881 **Shelby Olive**  
I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the  
Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was  
crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he  
ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father  
Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick 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.

**\*GLORIA PATRI** UMH #70 MEINEKE

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in  
the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM**

11:00  
**Calem Michael Stull**  
Son of Cory Justin Stull & Jessica Michelle Stull

**Elizabeth Kate Needham**  
Daughter of Clark James Needham & Allison Lauren Needham

**Clara Ray Cook**  
Daughter of Donald Jason Cook & Karen Troylyn Karnaky Cook

Minister: Beloved of the household of faith, I commend to your love and  
care these children whom we this day recognize as members of the family  
of God. Will you endeavor so to live that they may grow in the knowledge  
and love of God the Father, through our Savior Jesus Christ?

**People: With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live  
according to the example of Christ. We will surround these children with  
a community of love and forgiveness that they may grow in their service  
to others. We will pray for them that they may be true disciples who  
walk in the way that leads to life eternal.**

**WELCOME** **Dr. Tom Pace**

**ANTHEM** 11:00 Ken Medema  
*A Brand New Day* from *A Little More Love*  
Children's Summer Musical Cast

**SCRIPTURE READING** Luke 12:13-21 **Rev. Michelle Manuel**  
<sup>13</sup> Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the  
family inheritance with me." <sup>14</sup> But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to  
be a judge or arbitrator over you?" <sup>15</sup> And he said to them, "Take care! Be on  
your guard against all kinds of greed, for one's life does not consist in the  
abundance of possessions." <sup>16</sup> Then he told them a parable: "The land of a  
rich man produced abundantly. <sup>17</sup> And he thought to himself, 'What should  
I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' <sup>18</sup> Then he said, 'I will do this:  
I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all  
my grain and my goods. <sup>19</sup> And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample  
goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' <sup>20</sup> But God said to  
him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the  
things you have prepared, whose will they be?' <sup>21</sup> So it is with those who  
store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

**SCRIPTURE RESPONSE**  
The Word of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER**

**MORNING PRAYER** **Rev. Colin Bagby**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**  
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily  
bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass  
against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For  
thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

**\*HYMN OF PREPARATION**  
405 *Seek Ye First* SEEK YE

**OFFERTORY**  
*Without Seeing You* David Haas  
Staff Singers Chancel Choir

*Refrain*  
Without seeing you, we love you;  
Without touching you, we embrace;  
Without knowing you, we follow;  
Without seeing you, we believe.

We return to you deep within, leave the past to the dust;  
Turn to you with tears and fasting; you are ready to forgive.  
*Refrain*

The sparrow will find a home, near to you, O God;  
How happy, we who dwell with you, forever in your house.  
*Refrain*

Forever we sing to you of your goodness, O God;  
Proclaiming to all the world of your faithfulness and love.  
*Refrain*

**\*DOXOLOGY UMH #95** OLD 100TH  
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here  
below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy  
Ghost. Amen.

**SERMON** *Less Greed, More God* **Dr. Tom Pace**  
First in the Series, *When Less is More*

**INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP**

*If you would like to become a follower of Jesus Christ, or if you are interested in  
joining St. Luke's United Methodist Church, we would love to talk to you about  
what that means. Please visit the Connection Desk after the service to meet  
with a member of our Hospitality Team and learn more.*

**\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT**  
549 *Where Charity and Love Prevail* ST. PETER

**\*BENEDICTION** **Dr. Tom Pace**

**\*CHORAL BENEDICTION** 11:00 *Amen* Rutter

**POSTLUDE** *Toccata on How Firm a Foundation* Craig Phillips

At places marked \* those who are able may stand.

**COMMUNION IN THE CHAPEL**  
MEET IN THE CHAPEL AT 12:05 P.M. FOR A  
SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION AND HEALING PRAYER.