

\*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 Dissension, More Harmony* Dr. Tom Pace  
Fourth 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  
548 *In Christ There Is No East or West* McKEE

\*BENEDICTION Dr. Tom Pace

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION 11:00  
*Go Now in Peace* GO IN PEACE

POSTLUDE *In Christ There Is No East or West* Wood

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.


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.

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.

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Sermon Notes

*Less Dissension, More Harmony*  
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- Why we fight
- Yeast in the world
- Ways of resolution
- The power of harmony


Possible Best Next Steps for You

- Identify someone with whom you have conflict and choose a way to move toward resolution.
- Pick up an invitation card for one of our upcoming ministries and invite a friend

**Leading in Worship Today:** Dr. Tom Pace; Rev. Katie Montgomery Mears; Rev. Cliff Ritter; Suzi Pitts, Director of Communications; Rachel Fisher, Children's Ministries Communications Specialist.

**Musicians:** Sid Davis, Director of Music & Fine Arts; Jim Roman, Organist; Randy Murrow, Associate Director of Music & Fine Arts; Credo; Chancel Choir.

**The altar flowers are dedicated to the glory of God** and given in celebration of the baptism of Anna Braly Doyle by her parents, Elizabeth and Simon Doyle and brother, Jonathan Doyle; in celebration of the baptism of Hallie Hamilton Holmes by her parents, Hilary and Gregory Holmes and sister, Lily Holmes; in memory of Kay Kerr Walker by Ellen and Allen Potter; in celebration of the baptism of Matthew Townsend Ellis by his parents, Lauren and Carlton Ellis and sisters, Paige and Jane Ellis; in loving memory and in honor of the wedding anniversary of Alene and Jack Williams by Nancy W. and Joe Smith and Lynne and John Williams.




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St. Luke’s United Methodist Church  
August 28, 2022 | 9:45 and 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE A Quiet Prayer Martin

HYMN OF PRAISE 547 O Church of God, United ELLACOMBE

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH UMH #885 Rev. Cliff Ritter  
Pastor:  
Where the Spirit of the Lord is,  
There is one true church, apostolic and universal,  
Whose holy faith let us now declare:

Pastor and People:  
We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, power, and love,  
whose mercy is over all his works,  
and whose will is ever directed to his children’s good.  
We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of man,  
the gift of the Father’s unfailing grace, the ground of our hope,  
and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives,  
whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance  
of the truth of Christ, and find the strength and help in time of need.  
We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love  
as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord, to the end  
that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. 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  
9:45  
Matthew Townsend Ellis  
Son of Carlton Matthew Ellis & Lauren Goodnight Ellis

Minister: Beloved of the household of faith, I commend to your love and  
care this child whom we this day recognize a member of the family of God.  
Will you endeavor so to live that he 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 this child with a  
community of love and forgiveness that he may grow in his service to  
others. We will pray for him that he may be a true disciple who walks in  
the way that leads to life eternal.

11:00  
Hallie Hamilton Holmes  
Daughter of Gregory Kramer Holmes & Hilary Mundinger Holmes

Grace Ann Fryar  
Daughter of William Dee Fryar and Kristen Celeste Fryar

Anna Braly Doyle  
Daughter of Simon Lawrence Doyle & Elizabeth Thomas Doyle

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WELCOME Dr. Tom Pace

ANTHEM 11:00 To Everything There Is a Season Harris  
Chancel Choir  
To ev’rything there is a season, to ev’rything there is a time;  
For ev’ry purpose under heaven there is a time, a proper time.

To live and die, to plant and harvest. To kill and heal, to wreck and build;  
To cry and laugh, to mourn and dance there is a time, a proper time.

A time to cast away, to bring together, A time to be embraced, to be alone;  
To find and lose, to keep and give, There is a time.

To tear apart, to mend together, to be silent, and to speak;  
to love and hate, for war and peace, There is a time, a proper time.

SCRIPTURE READING 9:45 Suzi Pitts  
11:00 Rachel Fisher

1 Corinthians 12:12-31  
<sup>12</sup> For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members  
of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup> For in the  
one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or  
free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. <sup>14</sup> Indeed, the body does  
not consist of one member but of many. <sup>15</sup> If the foot would say, “Because  
I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any  
less a part of the body. <sup>16</sup> And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an  
eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of  
the body. <sup>17</sup> If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be?  
If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? <sup>18</sup> But  
as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he  
chose. <sup>19</sup> If all were a single member, where would the body be? <sup>20</sup> As it is,  
there are many members yet one body. <sup>21</sup> The eye cannot say to the hand,  
“I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of  
you.” <sup>22</sup> On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker  
are indispensable, <sup>23</sup> and those members of the body that we think less  
honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members  
are treated with greater respect, <sup>24</sup> whereas our more respectable members  
do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater  
honor to the inferior member, <sup>25</sup> that there may be no dissension within the  
body, but the members may have the same care for one another. <sup>26</sup> If one  
member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all  
rejoice together with it. <sup>27</sup> Now you are the body of Christ and individually  
members of it. <sup>28</sup> And God has appointed in the church first apostles,

second prophets, third teachers, then deeds of power, then gifts of healing,  
forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. <sup>29</sup> Are all  
apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work powerful deeds?  
<sup>30</sup> Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret?  
<sup>31</sup> But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

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

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER

MORNING PRAYER 9:45 Rev. Cliff Ritter  
11:00 Rev. Katie Montgomery Mears

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 11:00  
557 Blest Be the Tie That Binds DENNIS

OFFERTORY Witness arr. Halloran  
Credo  
Who’ll be a witness for my Lord? I’ll be a witness for my Lord.

There was a man of the Pharisees,  
His name was Nicodemus and he didn’t believe.  
The same came to Christ by night, wanted to be taught out of human sight.  
Nicodemus was a man who desired to know  
How a man can be when he’s old.  
Christ told Nicodemus as a friend,  
“Man, you must be born again.  
He said, “Marvel not, man,  
If you want to be wise, repent and be baptized.”

Then you’ll be a witness for my Lord, Soul is a witness for my Lord.

You read about Samson from his birth  
He was the strongest man that ever lived on earth.  
Way back yonder in ancient times  
He killed ten thousand of the Philistines.  
Then old Samson went a wand’rin about  
Samson’s strength was never found out.  
Til his wife sat upon his knee.  
She said, “If you please!”  
Well old Samson’s wife, she talk so fair  
Samson said, “Cut off a my hair!  
Shave my head just as clean as your hand,  
And my strength will come like a natural man.”

Samson was a witness for my Lord. Soul is a witness for my Lord.  
There’s another witness for my Lord. My soul is a witness for my Lord!