

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

557 *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* DENNIS

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

We are guests at Christ’s table which is open to all. Receive the wafer in your hands, and the server will say, “The body of Christ, given for you,” and your response could be, “Amen.” Then dip the wafer into the juice and the server will say, “The blood of Christ, given for you,” and again you may respond, “Amen.”

Gluten-free wafers and pre-filled cups are available. Indicate your need to your server. Offerings left at the communion rail will be directed to the Member Care Fund, which aids our friends in need.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

470 *My God, I Love Thee* WINCHESTER OLD

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *in unison* Rev. Cliff Ritter
Lord, you have put gladness in our hearts;
you have satisfied our hunger with good things.
In giving all, you have not withheld from us
your own dear Son.
How can we withhold anything from you,
our Lord and our God?
Renew us day by day with the gift of your Spirit,
that we may give ourselves completely to your service
and walk with joy in the footsteps
of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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 Rev. Cliff Ritter

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

At places marked * those who are able may stand

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

Sermon Notes

Less Dissension, More Harmony
Fourth in the Series, *When Less is More*

- 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. Cliff Ritter; Mary Schuler, Director of Senior Adult Ministries.

Musicians: Sid Davis, Director of Music & Fine Arts; Jim Roman, Organist; Pure Sound Youth Choir; B.B. Bamberg, accompanist.

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 | 8:30 a.m.



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Dr. Tom Pace, Senior Pastor

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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.

WELCOME Dr. Tom Pace

SCRIPTURE READING 1 Corinthians 12:12-31 Mary Schuler
¹² 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. ¹³ 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. ¹⁴ Indeed, the body does
not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵ 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. ¹⁶ 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. ¹⁷ 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? ¹⁸ But
as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he
chose. ¹⁹ If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰ As it is,
there are many members yet one body. ²¹ 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.” ²² On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker
are indispensable, ²³ 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, ²⁴ whereas our more respectable members
do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater
honor to the inferior member, ²⁵ that there may be no dissension within the
body, but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶ If one
member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all

rejoice together with it. ²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ and individually
members of it. ²⁸ 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. ²⁹ Are all
apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work powerful deeds? ³⁰
Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret?
³¹ 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 Rev. Cliff Ritter

SERMON Less Dissension, More Harmony Dr. Tom
Pace Fourth in the Series, When Less is More

OFFERTORY Bound for Greater Things Ken Medema
Pure Sound

When I meet you on the highway,
I will greet you with a song.
We’ll play music by the roadside
when the journey seems too long.
In the rain and in the fire I will strain to hear you sing.
The Kingdom is our hearts’ desire. We are bound for greater things.

Refrain
Singin’ we are bound for greater things, bound to walk a higher road.
Drawn by dreams and led by visions, we will know the grace of God
We will leave the past behind. We will fly with eagles’ wings.
We will run the race before us. We are bound for greater things!

Help me find the chains that bind me
as we walk into the light.
We can see with clearer vision
what confused us in the night.
The One who made the golden morning,
the One who gave our spirits wings,
Gave us these hands to help each other
on our way to greater things.

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.

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION Rev. Cliff Ritter

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Almighty God
You love us, but we have not loved you.
You call, but we have not listened.

We walk away from neighbors in need,
Wrapped in our own concerns.
God of grace,
Help us to admit our sin,
So that as you come to us in mercy,
We may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness;
Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer,
Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND PARDON

The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He
will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; he does not treat
us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as
the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him;
as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions
from us.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...the pastor continues

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Rob Landes

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might.
Heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san-na in the high - est
Bles-sed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

...the pastor continues

...in union with Christ’s offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died, Christ is ri-sen, Christ will come a - gain!
A - men, A - men, A - men.