

St. Luke's United Methodist Church

Rev. Mark Huff

August 2, 2026

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost



Ministers- Every Member of the Congregation

We are the People of the United Methodist Church

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mary Lewis, Liturgist

PRELUDE

Praise Him, Praise Him

Leon Beaudin, Organist

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, all who are hungry.

We come with empty hands and open hearts.

Come, all who are weary.

We come seeking rest in the presence of God.

The Lord does not send us away to fend for ourselves.

The Lord says, you give them something to eat.

What we bring may seem small, five loaves, two fish, a little faith.

But placed in Christ's hands, our little becomes enough for all.

So let us worship the God of abundance.

Let us worship the One who feeds us and fills us. Amen.

*HYMN *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing vs 1, 2, 3 + 4*

UMH 57

*PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Gracious God, before there was bread enough, there was your Word. Before there was a miracle on the hillside, there was your voice calling your people to a lonely place to rest and to listen. Open our ears now as we turn to your Word. Quiet the noise of our own hunger long enough to hear what you are saying to us today. Take what is read and proclaimed and multiply it in our hearts the way you multiplied the loaves in the hands of your disciples, until it is more than enough for everyone gathered here. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

READING FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 55:1 through 5
RSV p. 650

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Mark Huff

*HYMN

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

UMH 140

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Mark Huff

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 14:13-21
RSV p. 15

MESSAGE

"Only Five Loaves"

Rev. Mark Huff

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY INVITATION

Friends, when the disciples looked at the crowd and saw only a problem too large to solve, Jesus took the little that was offered, five loaves and two fish, and in his hands, it became more than enough. Let us bring forward our own loaves and fish this day, trusting that what feels small in our hands is never small in the hands of God.

OFFERTORY

Whispering Hope

**Mary Lewis, Piano
Leon Beaudin, Organ**

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH 95

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Generous God, we bring you these gifts, the offering of our resources and the offering of ourselves. We know these gifts are small compared to the needs of this world, but we have seen what you can do with small things surrendered in faith. Take what we bring to you. Bless it, break it, and multiply it, that it might become nourishment for the hungry, hope for the weary, and good news for all your people. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

**HOLY COMMUNION
COMMUNION MUSIC**

Leon Beaudin

***HYMN**

Here I Am, Lord

UMH 593

SENDING FORTH

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Mark Huff

Go now from this place carrying the truth of the hillside with you, that you do not need abundance to begin, only willingness. Where you find scarcity, offer what you have. Where you find hunger, trust that God will provide the increase. And may the compassion of Christ, the providence of the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit go with you now and always. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE

Christ Has Made the Sure Foundation

Leon Beaudin, Organist

**Congregation stands (as able to)*

Worship Design Summary

Worship Design Summary: For three weeks Jesus has been telling stories about the kingdom of heaven. Today he steps out of the boat and shows us what it looks like for a grieving Savior, a hungry crowd of thousands, a handful of bread, and a God who takes what little we bring and makes it more than enough. This sermon invites us to stop counting what we lack and start offering what we have.

PRAYER LIST



The Families of

Lori Awrey (Duranczyk)

Pray For

Tena Trudell

Cheryl Atkinson, Ashley & Aaron Markham

Lisa Killey

Eric Ives

Vicky for an oncology appointment (prayer box request)

William Roeder (brother of Henry Roeder)

Tom Nankeruis (brother of Linda Sterling)

William Kozuch (husband of Fritzi Stevenson)

Rachel Lochinski (daughter of Fritzi Stevenson)

Tom Piotrowski (brother-in-law of Jan Deming)

Shut-ins

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

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 app 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.

HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the table of love.

Jesus meets us here.

We gather as the beloved community,

**hungry to be fed with the gifts of the Spirit,
thirsting for the waters of life.**

God is here and everyone is welcome.

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.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. You have made from one every nation and people to live on all the face of the earth. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. He commissioned us to be his witnesses to the ends of the earth and to make disciples of all nations, and today we join the family of God throughout the world at Christ's holy table.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, Jesus took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, Jesus took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

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, now and forever. Amen.

BREAKING THE BREAD

Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf. The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ. The cup over which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Voting Reminder

St. Luke's will be used as a polling place on Tuesday, August 4. Thank you for your flexibility as we host our community.

UwiF Prayer Walk

In this time of turmoil and anxiety, join the St. Luke's United Women in Faith for a prayer walk on Wednesday, August 12 at 6:30. We will gather in the sanctuary before participating in self-guided walk around St. Luke's campus to various stations to pray for individual, local and national prayer concerns. All ladies of St. Luke's family are welcome to attend.

Chaperones Needed for Garber High School Cheer Team

The Garber High School Cheer Team is seeking adult chaperones for the Garber "Duke" Open on Saturday, August 15th at 9:00 AM. Several members of St. Luke's Crew 206 Youth Group are part of the cheer team, and this event is a great opportunity to support them while helping Crew 206 gain positive exposure at Garber sporting events and on the school's webpage. If you're available to lend a hand, encourage our youth, and represent Crew 206 with pride, we'd love to have you join us. Please see Janie Good if you are interested.

Help us fill Back-to-School Baskets!

Basket pickups are set for August 15th. No need to grab everything—just choose a few items from the list and make a difference! So there's enough time to get the baskets packed, please have your donations turned in no later than August 12th. Bagging will be done beginning August 13th.

- Canned spaghetti
- Canned ravioli
- Tomato soup
- Chicken noodle soup
- Canned chili
- Canned fruits
- Ramen noodles
- Boxed Mac n' cheese
- Individual apple sauce and pudding
- Peanut butter
- Jelly
- Single serve salty snacks
- Single serve sweet snacks

Grocery Bags for Mats are still needed

Our Mission Needleworkers are still collecting clean, undamaged plastic grocery bags to create sleeping mats for people facing homelessness. Each mat offers comfort, dignity, and protection—and keeps hundreds of bags out of landfills. Bags may be flattened and placed in the basket on the Missions table. Join us in giving plastic a second life, one strand at a time.

Memorial Garden Care – Volunteers Welcome

All are welcome to help weed and trim the Memorial Garden to keep it looking beautiful. Please bring your own garden tools. When: Wednesdays, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM (weather permitting)

Dates:

- August 5 & 19
- September 2 & 16

Rummage Sale | August 13-15 | 9 AM – 4 PM

We are now accepting items for the annual church rummage sale. Donations may be brought to Room 1. Please remember that we cannot accept computers, mattresses, box springs, tube TVs, or exercise equipment. Sign-up sheets are posted on the bulletin board, and we invite everyone to consider lending a hand—even for just a couple of hours. This is a large event, and every bit of help truly makes a difference.

- **Set-up** will take place on **Sunday, August 9** immediately following fellowship. Volunteers will arrange tables and move all items out of Room 1; no sorting or pricing will be done that day.
- **Sorting and pricing** will occur **Monday, August 10 through Wednesday, August 12** from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
- The **sale will run Thursday, August 13 through Saturday, August 15**, from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
- Volunteer sign-up sheets are available on the bulletin board, and many helping hands are needed.

There will also be a bake sale, so donations of baked goods are needed. If you have any questions, please contact Brenda Kemp at 989-326-2314. Thank you!

Breakfast Book Club at Esther's Parlor

Join us for a delightful morning of conversation, community, and breakfast at Esther's Parlor on Saturday, August 29, from 10 AM–12 PM as we discuss *Griselda Takes Flight* by Joyce Magnin, a lighthearted and engaging novel set in the quirky town of Bright's Pond, where an unexpected airplane landing sparks adventure, mystery, and new beginnings for Griselda and her neighbors. Whether you've finished the book or are just starting, all are welcome to enjoy good food, great company, and meaningful discussion—bring a friend! Pick up a free copy from the library shelf and please sign up on the bulletin board, online, or through the app by August 23; a light breakfast will be provided.

Crew 206 Youth Group Outdoor Movie Night

Come hang out with the Crew 206 Youth Group for a fun outdoor movie night on Monday, September 14, 2026 at 7:00 PM. We'll have fresh popcorn, a great movie, and plenty of space to relax under the evening sky. Bring your own lawn chair and favorite beverage to stay comfy. If it rains, we'll move inside to the Fellowship Hall so the night can still go on. Everyone is welcome — come enjoy the show! Please sign-up on the bulletin board or online at

<https://subspla.sh/cf22nnw>.

Fellowship Time, following worship, provides a wonderful opportunity for our congregation to connect and engage with one another. At present, several slots remain open on the Fellowship Time sign-up board, and volunteers are needed. Those interested may sign up on the bulletin board located across from the Fellowship Hall. Your participation is sincerely appreciated. For new volunteers, guidelines, procedures, and helpful suggestions are posted on the refrigerator in the kitchen for your reference.

Upcoming

Online calendar: <https://www.stlukesumcmi.org/calendar>

Sun Aug 2, 2026

10am Worship Service

Mon Aug 3, 2026

12pm Golden Friends @ Silver Palace

Tue Aug 4, 2026

All day [Fellowship Hall] Reserved for State Primary Election

10am Crew 206 Youth group

10:30am Needleworkers Meet-up

Wed Aug 5, 2026

10am Memorial Garden Weed and Trim

10:30am Wednesday Weavers

Thu Aug 6, 2026

10am Women's Bible Study

Sun Aug 9, 2026

All day Fellowship Hall reserved - Rummage Sale setup

10am Rich Durkee - pianist sub for Leon

10am State of the Church - Worship - Lisa Foster (also liturgist)

10am Worship Service

Mon Aug 10, 2026

All day Fellowship Hall reserved - Rummage Sale setup

Tue Aug 11, 2026

All day Fellowship Hall reserved - Rummage Sale setup

10am Crew 206 Youth group

10:30am Needleworkers Meet-up

Wed Aug 12, 2026

All day Fellowship Hall reserved - Rummage Sale setup

10:30am Wednesday Weavers

6:30pm Needleworkers meet-up

6:30pm UWif Prayer Walk

Thu Aug 13, 2026

9am Rummage Sale

6pm Girl Scout Leader's Meeting in Room 1

Fri Aug 14, 2026

9am Rummage Sale

Sat Aug 15, 2026

9am Rummage Sale

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

Sun Aug 16, 2026

10am Worship Service

Tue Aug 18, 2026

10am Crew 206 Youth group

10:30am Needleworkers Meet-up

6pm Missions Meeting

Wed Aug 19, 2026

10am Memorial Garden Weed and Trim

10:30am Wednesday Weavers

Thu Aug 20, 2026

10am Women's Bible Study

Sun Aug 23, 2026

10am Dedication of the Pillowcases

10am Worship Service

Mon Aug 24, 2026

6:30pm Governance Board Meeting

Tue Aug 25, 2026

10am Crew 206 Youth group

10:30am Needleworkers Meet-up

Wed Aug 26, 2026

10:30am Wednesday Weavers

6:30pm Needleworkers meet-up

Thu Aug 27, 2026

10am Women's Bible Study

Sat Aug 29, 2026

8am Breakfast Book Club

Sun Aug 30, 2026

10am Worship Service

Mon Aug 31, 2026

7pm Crew 206 Youth Group

Tue Sep 1, 2026

10:30am Needleworkers Meet-up

Wed Sep 2, 2026

10am Memorial Garden Weed and Trim

10:30am Wednesday Weavers

Thu Sep 3, 2026

10am Women's Bible Study

Sat Sep 5, 2026

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

Sun Sep 6, 2026

10am Worship Service

Mon Sep 7, 2026

All day Labor Day

Tue Sep 8, 2026

10:30am Needleworkers Meet-up

Wed Sep 9, 2026

10:30am Wednesday Weavers

6:30pm Needleworkers meet-up

6:30pm UWif Meeting

Thu Sep 10, 2026

6pm Girl Scout Leader's Meeting in Room 1

Sun Sep 13, 2026

10am Worship Service

Mon Sep 14, 2026

7pm Outdoor Moving Night hosted by Crew 206 Youth Group

Tue Sep 15, 2026

10:30am Needleworkers Meet-up

Wed Sep 16, 2026

10am Memorial Garden Weed and Trim

10:30am Wednesday Weavers

3:30pm UWif - Helen Nickless Clinic Meal

Fri Sep 18, 2026

All day [Reserve] Fellowship Hall for Yegiela BARE event

Sat Sep 19, 2026

All day [Reserve] Fellowship Hall for Yegiela BARE event

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

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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

Youth Group

Tuesdays at 10 am

☉ Fellowship Time ☉

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✿ Altar Flowers ✿

If you'd like to offer altar flowers in honor or celebration of someone or something meaningful, please add your name to the sign-up board for an upcoming Sunday.

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Serving This Sunday

Liturgist

Mary Lewis

Children's Church

Sheila Good (L)
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Ushers

Henry Roeder,
Joe Fleming,
and others

Counters

Eric Yagiela
Becky Scott

Communion

Mary Lewis
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Serving Next Sunday

Liturgist

Lisa Foster

Children's Church

Brenda Toyzan (L)
Becky Scott

Ushers

Henry Roeder,
Joe Fleming,
and others

Counters

Eric Yagiela
Brenda Kemp

Acolytes

(varies week to week)

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