



ST. LUKE'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Welcome to St. Luke's. We are happy you are here!

Are you looking for a new church home?

We would love you to join us! Please see **Pastor Mark** for more information!

Are you looking to get more involved in serving God and your neighbor?

Check out our upcoming events for opportunities to get involved in our community!

Please join us for fellowship following our worship service today.

If you would like to bring a snack to share with the fellowship, please see **Joyce Stone!**

If you would like to make a flower dedication in honor or in memory of your loved ones, please sign up on the sheet posted outside of the office. The cost to sponsor both vases is \$38, or you can sponsor one vase for \$19. The payment can be turned in with the weekly collection any time until the sponsored week.

This Week's Flower Dedication:

Celebrating Pastor Mark's 8th Ordination Anniversary
(September 16, 2017)

Birthdays This Week:

Nancy Petersen – September 15

Beth Jaremczuk – September 19

Joyce Craft – September 20

Last Week's Attendance: 33

THE FEAST OF THE HOLY CROSS

SEPTEMBER 14, 2025 | 10:00 AM

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, as indicated by the *.*

WE GATHER TOGETHER FOR WORSHIP

The Holy Spirit gathers and moves us from our individual experience into worship together.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ORGAN PRELUDE

*CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

ELW p. 94

Please rise, in body or in spirit, and face the back of the church.

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

*The Presiding Minister prays the Collect of Purity, at the end of which we all reply **Amen.***

P: Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Please kneel or remain standing, as you are most comfortable.

Merciful and loving God,

C: **we are your stiff-necked people, who have sinned against you. We trample on the needy. We grumble about your grace and welcome to others. We turn away from the poor. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins. Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found. In the name of Christ, our Mediator and Lord. Amen.**

*The Presiding Minister pronounces the words of forgiveness, assuring us of the forgiveness of our sins by grace. At the end of the assurance, we all reply **Amen.***

***GATHERING HYMN**

ELW #660, vs. 1 & 2

Lift High the Cross

***APOSTOLIC GREETING**

ELW p. 138

The Presiding Minister greets the congregation with the words of the Apostle Paul (2 Corinthians 13:14). This greeting is not merely social in nature but is rather a profound reminder of God's presence and blessing with and among God's holy people, as we gathered together for worship.

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

***CANTICLE OF PRAISE**

ELW Setting 3, S140

Refrain

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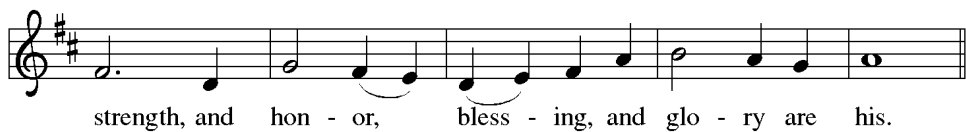
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb

who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich-es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.



Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon-or,

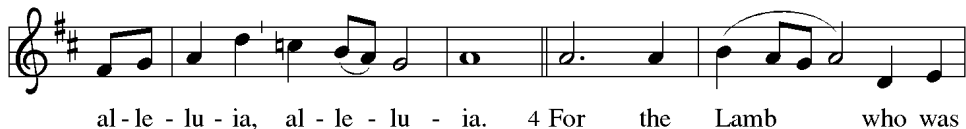


glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for-ev - er. A - men.

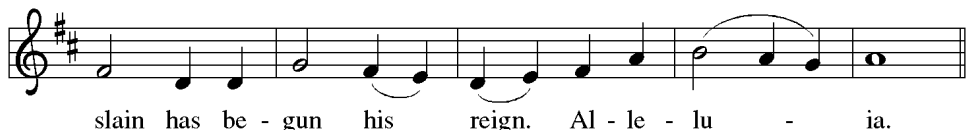


Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was



slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



Final refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



*PRAYER OF THE DAY

ELW p. 57

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross so that he might draw the whole world to himself. To those who look upon the cross, grant your wisdom, healing, and eternal life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

WE LISTEN & RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

Called together by the Holy Spirit, we hear God speaking to us through the Word.

We respond to God's Word with our Profession of Faith & with our prayers.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

All children are invited to come forward for a special time of sharing God's Word.

FIRST READING

Numbers 21:4b-9

Moses lifts up a bronze serpent in the wilderness.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalms 98:1-4

The Lord has done marvelous things.

¹ Sing a new song to the Lord, who has done marvelous things,
whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

² **O Lord, you have made known your victory,
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

³ You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

⁴ **Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands;
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:18-24

The cross is the power of God to those who are being saved.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Please rise for the proclamation of the Holy Gospel.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

ELW Setting 3, S142a

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

***GOSPEL READING**

John 3:13-17

The Son of Man will be lifted up.

The Holy Gospel according to John, the third chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

The Rev. Mark G. Dickson-Patrick

Following the Sermon, there will be a few moments of silent meditation on the Word of God.

*HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW #803

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

*THE APOSTLES' CREED

ELW p. 105

A: With the whole church, let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed. I believe in God,

C: **the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Please kneel or be seated, as you are most comfortable. We join together in prayer for the Church and the world. At the end of each petition, we respond:

A: God of grace,

C: **receive our prayer.**

*The Presiding Minister closes the Prayers of Intercession with a prayer, to which we respond **Amen.***

*THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

A: Let us offer one another a sign of Christ's peace.

The Peace we share with one another is the same Peace shared by Jesus with his disciples after the resurrection (John 20:19). Please greet one another with a sign of peace, either verbally or non-verbally, or with a handshake, as you are comfortable.

WE SHARE IN CHRIST'S HOLY MEAL

Strengthened by the Word of God, and united in our prayers, we gather around the table for the Meal which our Lord commanded us to undertake "in remembrance" of him.

THE OFFERING

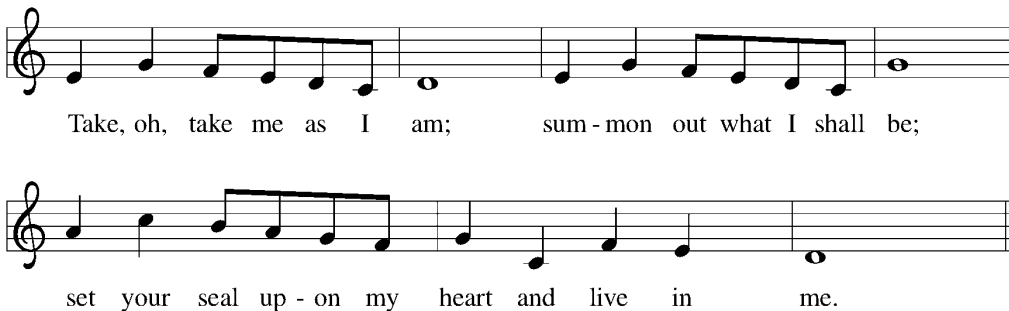
In addition to placing your offering in the offering plate, you may also take advantage of giving through our website www.StLukesDundalk.org, or by scanning the QR code presented with your smartphone.



*OFFERTORY HYMN

ELW #814

Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am (3x)



Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: TAKE ME AS I AM, John L. Bell

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***OFFERING PRAYER**

A: Let us pray. Lord of the harvest,

C: **we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

***PREFACE OF SUNDAY OF THE PASSION**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

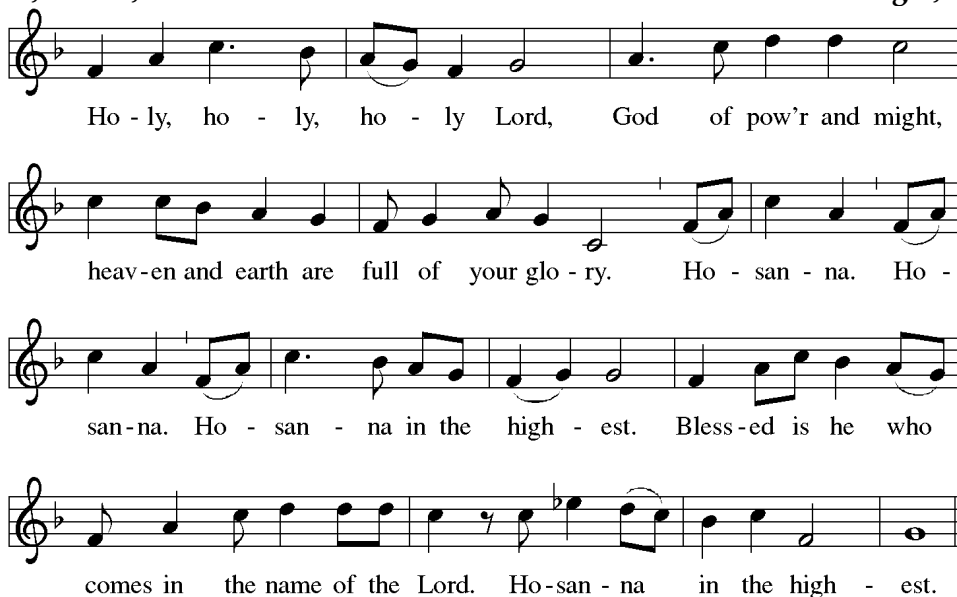
C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection open to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

ELW Setting 3, S144b



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. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

*EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER IV

Please kneel or remain standing, as you are able and are most comfortable.

P: Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

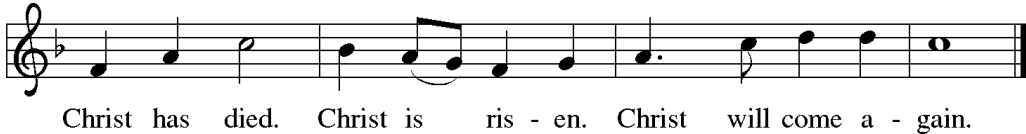
Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth. Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood. Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea. Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey. Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one. Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ. Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave you thanks and praise; he broke the bread, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave you thanks and praise, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

ELW Setting 3, p. 145



P: O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

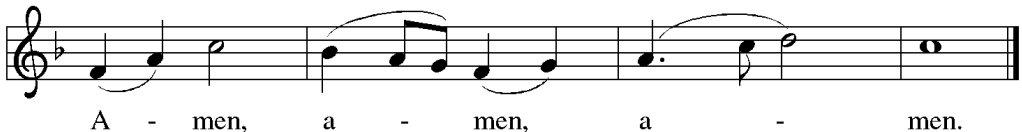
C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: With St. Luke, St. George, St. Matthew, and your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

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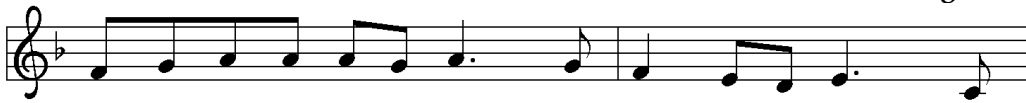
THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C: **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 and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

ELW Setting 3, S146



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION & RESPONSE

P: Jesus welcomes all to the table, to this meal of mercy.

These are the gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

C: **Merciful God, we do not presume to come to your table trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat and drink the body and blood of your dear Son, Jesus Christ, that we may live in him and he in us, now and forever. Amen.**

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

All are welcome at the Lord's Table. Communion is distributed to the baptized, and blessings are provided to the unbaptized, at the altar rail.

Please come forward, and either stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please open your hands, palms up, and a small host, the Body of Christ, will be presented to you. You may then either drink from the chalice of red wine, the Blood of Christ, or take a small cup from the tray with either red wine or white grape juice, the Blood of Christ. Once all have communed, a blessing will be given to the group, and you can then return to your seat via the outside aisles.

If you would like a blessing in lieu of Communion, please cross your arms over your chest and bow your head. If you are unable to come to the altar or do not wish to do so, the communion ministers will bring Communion to you in your seat.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in eternal life.

C: **Amen.**

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

A: Let us pray. O God of love and provision,

C: **through this sacred feast you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us now into the world to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

WE ARE SENT TO SHARE THE GOSPEL WITH THE WORLD

Strengthened by the Word of God, and fed with the Body and Blood of Christ, we go out into the world to proclaim the Good News – Christ is risen! Alleluia!

***THE BLESSING**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: May God's love abound in you, that you may give that love to all whom you meet. May the grace of Jesus fill your hearts, that you may be gracious, merciful, and just to those who need it the most. And may you receive the peace of the Holy Spirit from on high, that you might work for justice, freedom, and peace in a world that so desperately craves it. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, and the Son +, and the Holy Spirit, come down upon you and remain with you always.

C: **Amen.**

***SENDING HYMN**

ELW #660, vs. 3-4

Lift High the Cross

***THE DISMISSAL**

A: Go in peace. Do not lose heart, for God is with you!

C: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

ORGAN POSTLUDE

FEAST OF ST. MATTHEW THE EVANGELIST

Please join us as we celebrate the Feast of St. Matthew the Evangelist, one of the patronal feasts of St. George & St. Matthew Episcopal Church. We will celebrate with a Service of Holy Communion according to Rite II of the *Book of Common Prayer* on Sunday, September 21, 2025 @ 10am.

Guest Preacher:

The Rev. Travis K. Smith

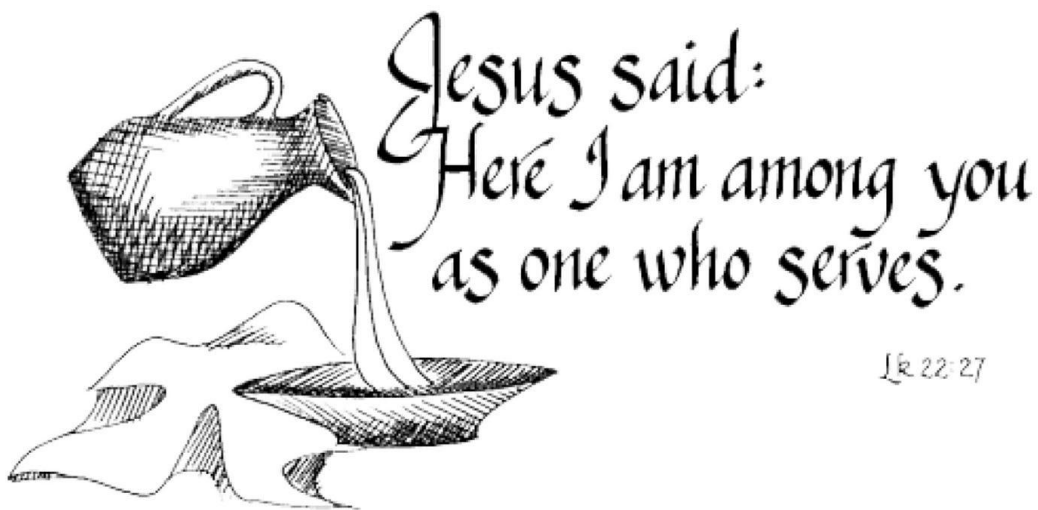
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ROOF REPLACEMENT CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Total Cost of Roof Replacement:
\$116,000

Total Raised to Date:
\$41,230.50



Is Jesus calling you to serve to deeper service of Him
and your church community?

We have a lot of opportunities to serve!

LECTOR
CRUCIFER
ACOLYTE
WORSHIP ASSISTANT
COMMUNION ASSISTANT
USHER
GREETER
HOMEBOUND VISITOR
SHARING SUPPER VOLUNTEER
CLOTHING CLOSET VOLUNTEER
SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER

Talk to Pastor Mark for more information on how to sign up to serve!

THROUGHOUT THE MONTH @ ST. LUKE'S

Worship Service	Sunday @ 10am	Sanctuary
Sunday School	Sunday @ 10am	Undercroft
Property Committee	Monday Morning	
Narcotics Anonymous	Wednesday @ 7pm	Undercroft
Congregation Council	4 th Thursday @ 7pm	Classroom
Midweek Service	Thursday @ 6:30pm	Trinity Chapel
Bible Study	Thursday @ 7:00pm	Classroom
Youth Night Out	2 nd Friday of the month	
Sharing Supper	2 nd Thursday & following Monday @ 4:30pm	Undercroft
Clothing Closet	2 nd Thursday & following Monday @ 5pm	Undercroft
Pastor's Day of Rest	Saturday	Please contact Deacon Sherma for pastoral emergencies.

UPCOMING EVENTS @ ST. LUKE'S

- September 15: Sharing Supper @ 4:30pm
 Clothing Closet @ 5pm
- September 18: Evening Prayer @ 6:30pm (Trinity Chapel)
 Bible Study @ 7pm
- September 19: Pastor's Office Hours 9am-12pm
- September 25: Evening Prayer @ 6:30pm (Trinity Chapel)
- September 28: Congregation Council @ 11:30am (change from usual time)
- October 2: Evening Prayer @ 6:30pm (Trinity Chapel)

SIGN UP FOR OUR NEWSLETTER!

Stay up to date on all things St. Luke's by signing up for our weekly newsletter – *The Evangelist!*
 Visit our website www.StLukesDundalk.org to sign up!

TOGETHER WE PRAY...

Please keep our members, family, and friends in your prayers.

If you would like a name to be on the prayer list longer than 30 days, please inform Pastor Mark by email at Pastor@StLukesDundalk.org or by text at (443) 693-3530.

Karen Clarke, Lauren Ryan, Janet Ensinger, Annette Beland, Deanna Aleusia, Paula Sollers, Christopher & Dawn Bading, Kay Belbot, Walter Bohn, Jordan Beland, Joan Springham, Ralph Barton, Ann Marie Brummet, Robin Melones, Patricia Lyons, Betty Bowman, Doug Bowman, Linda Beuger, Elizabeth Daniels, Mary Cullum, Kathy Jarvis, Sandra Williams, Bernice Gordon, Robin Viands, Sue & Tom Daily, Frida Bartlett, Laura Ensinger, Joe Aleusia, Kameron Shiflett, for an end to gun violence in our country, and for proper intervention and peace in all places stricken by war and chaos.

The families of Pastor Lee Hudson, Christie Ramey, Anden Sampson, Charlie Kirk, Fletcher Merkel, & Harper Moyski.

Prayer Chain/List Requests

Please email Prayer@StLukesDundalk.org or text or call Pastor Mark directly if you or someone you know is in need of prayer or if you would like to be notified of prayer requests.

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