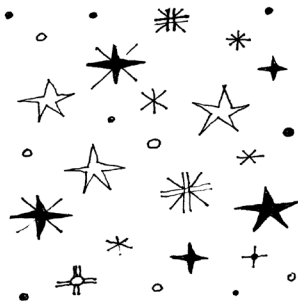


**St. Luke Lutheran Church and
Lutheran Campus Ministry**
Holy Communion

Season of Creation: Sky Sunday
Sunday, September 15, 2024
10:00 AM



YOU are welcome here! As a Reconciling in Christ Congregation, the people of St. Luke Lutheran Church are called by God to be a community...because we believe we are one in God's eyes, we welcome the mix of ages, races, gender identities, physical and mental capabilities, and sexual orientations with which God's children are blessed. Everyone is invited to share in God's grace. We rejoice in the knowledge that nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus--not our wealth, nor our poverty, nor our nationality, nor our political convictions, nor whom we love, nor anything else in all creation.

Sky refers to the all the domains of creation above and around Earth. Sky especially refers to the domains close to Earth—the wind, the clouds, the air—the atmosphere.

It is important to note that the term translated 'heavens' in the Old Testament normally means sky, not some abode of God far above. It is the sky in Psalm 19 that proclaims God's glory, God's visible presence on Earth.

Everything you need for worship today is contained in this bulletin.

*All are invited to stand as able / Items in **bold** are spoken or sung by the assembly.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE

Thaxted

setting by David Cherwien

an extract from "Jupiter" from Holst's "The Planets"

WORD OF WELCOME

*CONFESSION

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us.

**We confess that we have honored you with our lips,
but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues.**

**The cravings at war within us
cause conflicts and disputes.**

In our desire to be first

we make distinctions among ourselves.

We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last.

In your great mercy, forgive us our sins.

**Draw near to us with grace in time of need,
and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord.**

Amen.

...your sins are forgiven.

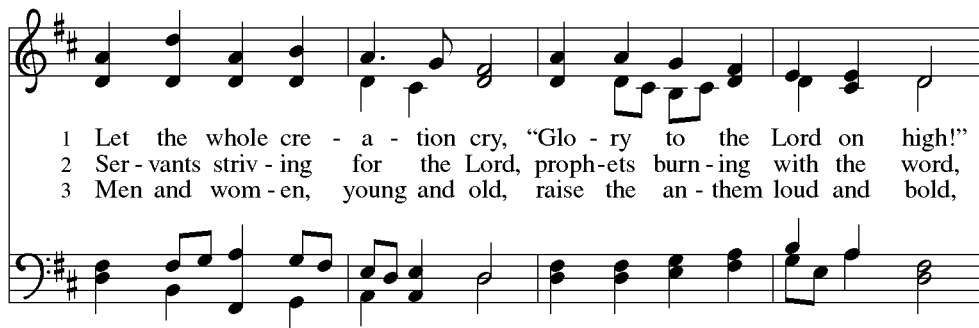
Amen.

*PEACE

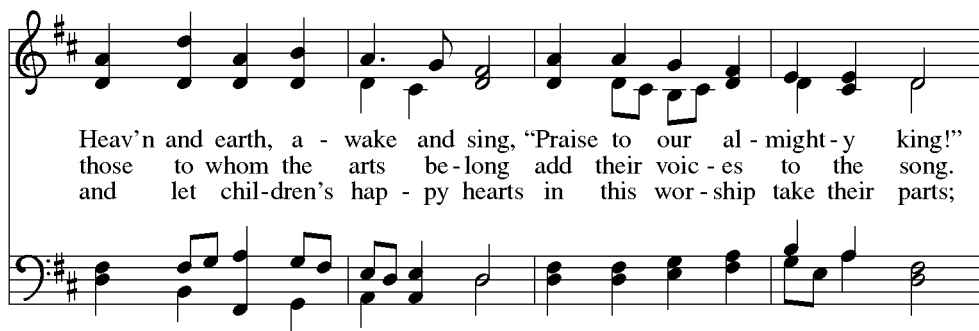
The presiding minister will offer a word of peace and the assembly responds:

And also with you.

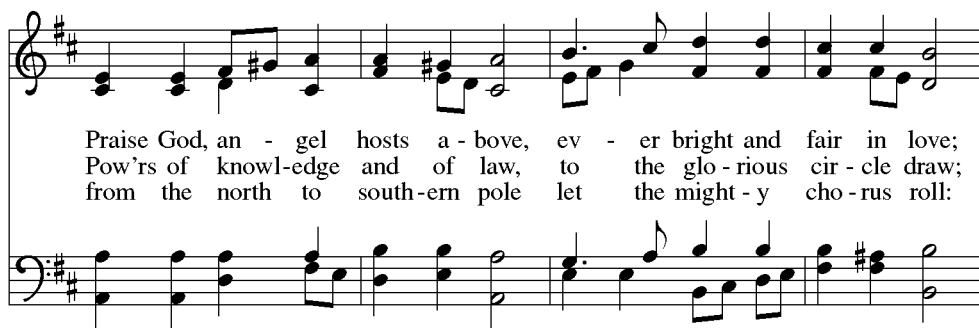
Please greet one another with a sign of peace, such as a handshake, being mindful of those who prefer less contact, or the "peace" sign.



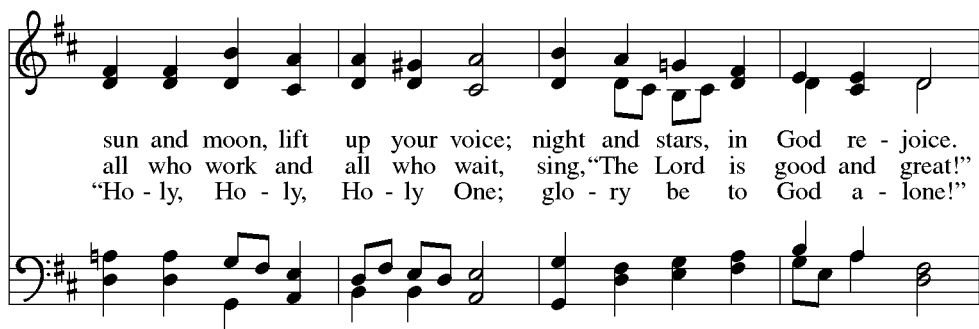
1 Let the whole cre - a - tion cry, "Glo - ry to the Lord on high!"
2 Ser - vants striv - ing for the Lord, proph - ets burn - ing with the word,
3 Men and wom - en, young and old, raise the an - them loud and bold,



Heav'n and earth, a - wake and sing, "Praise to our al - might - y king!"
those to whom the arts be - long add their voic - es to the song.
and let chil - dren's hap - py hearts in this wor - ship take their parts;



Praise God, an - gel hosts a - bove, ev - er bright and fair in love;
Pow'rs of knowl - edge and of law, to the glo - rious cir - cle draw;
from the north to south - ern pole let the might - y cho - rus roll:



sun and moon, lift up your voice; night and stars, in God re - joice.
all who work and all who wait, sing, "The Lord is good and great!"
"Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly One; glo - ry be to God a - lone!"

***GREETING**

The presiding minister will greet the assembly and the assembly responds:
And also with you.

***KYRIE**

Setting Nine

The response to the first four petitions sung by the assisting minister is:



Lord, have mer - cy.

The response to the final petition is:



A - men.

***HYMN OF PRAISE** Canticle of the Sun

text attrib. St. Francis

Refrain:



The heav-ens are tell - ing the glo - ry of God, — and



all cre - a - tion is shout - ing for joy. — Come,



dance in the for - est come play in the field — and sing,



sing to the glo - ry of the Lord. —



4.Praise to the fire, who gives us his light, the warmth of the

5.Sing to the earth, who makes life to grow, the crea - tures you

6.Praise to our death, that makes our life real, the knowl - edge of



sun to bright - en our night; he dan - ces with joy, his

made to let your life show; the flow - ers and trees that

loss that helps us to feel; the gift of your - self, your



spir - it so bright, he sings of you. _____

help us to know the heart of Love. _____

pres - ence re - vealed to lead us home. _____

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

The assisting minister offers the prayer of the day and the assembly responds:

Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 4:23-28

I looked on the earth, and it was complete chaos,
and to the heavens, and they had no light.

I looked on the mountains, and they were quaking,
and all the hills moved to and fro.

I looked, and there was no one at all,
and all the birds of the air had fled.

I looked, and the fruitful land was a desert,
and all its cities were laid in ruins

before the Lord, before his fierce anger. For thus says the Lord: The whole land shall be
a desolation, yet I will not make a full end.

Because of this the earth shall mourn
and the heavens above grow black,

for I have spoken; I have purposed;

I have not relented, nor will I turn back.

PSALM 19:1-6

¹The heavens declare the glo- | ry of God,
and the sky proclaims its | maker's handiwork.

**²One day tells its tale | to another,
and one night imparts knowledge to another.**

³Although they have no words or language,
and their voices | are not heard,

**⁴their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends
| of the world.
where God has pitched a tent for the sun.**

⁵It comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to | run its course.

**⁶It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about
to the end of | it again;
nothing is hidden from its | burning heat.**

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son
and to the | Holy Spirit.**

As it was in | the beginning,

SECOND READING

Philippians 2:9-18

Therefore God exalted him even more highly
and gave him the name

that is above every other name,
so that at the name given to Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,

to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence but much more now in my absence, work on your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Do all things without murmuring and arguing, so that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, in which you shine like stars in the world, holding forth the word of life so that I can boast on the day of Christ that I did not run in vain or labor in vain.

But even if I am being poured out as a libation over the sacrifice and the service of your faith, I rejoice, and I rejoice together with all of you; in the same way also you should rejoice and rejoice together with me.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The assembly sings the acclamation, then repeats it after the choir proclaims the verse of the day.



The sky proclaims the glory of God, and the firmament announces the work of God's hands.

*GOSPEL

Mark 15:33-39

The holy gospel according to Mark, the fifteenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "Listen, he is calling for Elijah." And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. Now when the centurion who stood facing him saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S TIME

SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY** Song of Sky

Sung to the tune Abbot's Leigh ("Lord, you give the great commission")

1. Lord of suns and star exploding
Galaxies and swirling skies,
Where you chose to show your glory
Took the heavens by surprise.
Lord of solar winds and wisdom,
Super stars that blow our mind,
Choosing such a fragile planet
Hardly seems a grand design.

2. On this piece of stardust swirling,
On this spinning spot in space,
Life itself was born like music,
When you showed your hidden face.
What an honor to be chosen,
Silent planet blue and green,
Filled with glory, grace and gardens,
Where the breath of God is seen.

3. What is even more amazing
We have poisoned Earth like fools.
Help us change our way of living,
Love the Earth and love her rules.
Help us stem the tide of traders
Leaving Earth an empty store;
Join us now Creator Spirit,
Come renew your Earth once more.

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***APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God, 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**

The response to the petitions, which all end "Hear Us, O God" is
Your mercy is great.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

An offering supports the mission of the church, and the care of
those in need. Offerings can be given online at stlukeithaca.org.



OFFERTORY For the Beauty of the Earth

setting by John Rutter

*1 For the beauty of the earth
For the beauty of the skies
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies
Refrain: Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our joyful hymn of praise*

*2 For the beauty of the hour
Of the day and of the night
Hill and vale and tree and flower
Sun and moon and stars of light*

*3 For the joy of human love
Brother, sister, parent, child
Friends on earth and friends above
For all gentle thoughts and mild*

*4 For each perfect gift of thine
To our race so freely given
Graces human and divine
Flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n*

*CONGREGATIONAL OFFERTORY 183 Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and
fill to the brim our cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a
har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the
bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

*OFFERING PRAYER

The assisting minister will lead an offering prayer and the assembly responds:

With all creation, we bless our Creator. Amen.

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

*DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*PREFACE

*HOLY HOLY HOLY

Setting Nine




Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and




might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -



san - na in the high-est, 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

***THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

Three times the assembly responds as follows:

Your mercy endures forever.

Your mercy endures forever.

The Thanksgiving continues, and the assembly responds to this line

.....as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

with:

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

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

**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.**

***INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

At St. Luke, all are welcome to the table of Christ without exception. Please make your way forward to the kneelers around the altar by exiting the center aisle and coming up the steps. To the right of the steps is a lift if you need assistance. As you gather around the altar you may stand or kneel, bread is received in your hands, let the presider know if you would like a gluten free wafer. Cups are available as you approach the altar. To return to your seats, please exit after receiving the wine or juice via the side steps and aisles, leaving the cup in the basket provided. If you wish to receive communion at your seat, please tell the ushers.

*LAMB OF GOD

Setting Nine

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, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN 245 Creator of the Stars of Night CREATOR ALME SIDERUM

Please use the red hymnal in the pews for this hymn.

*TABLE BLESSING

***POST COMMUNION CANTICLE** Now, Lord, You Let Your Servant Go in Peace



Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace: your word has
been ful - filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion
which you have pre - pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple:
a light to re - veal you to the na - tions and the glo - ry of your
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son,
and to the Ho - ly Spir - it, as it was in the be - gin - ning,
is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

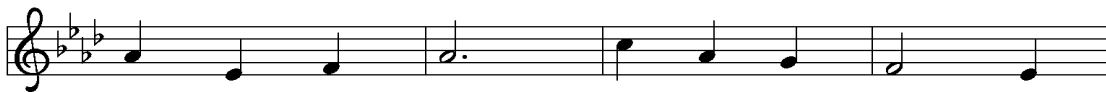
*The assisting minister will lead the Prayer after Communion and the assembly responds: **Amen.***

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

***BLESSING** *Blessings are offered and the assembly responds:*

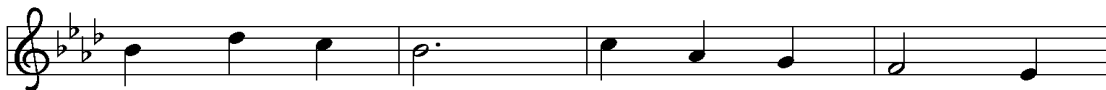
Amen.



1 Earth and all stars! Loud rush - ing plan - ets!
2 Trum - pet and pipes! Loud clash - ing cym - bals!
3 En - gines and steel! Loud pound - ing ham - mers!
4 Class - rooms and labs! Loud boil - ing test tubes!
5 Knowl - edge and truth! Loud sound - ing wis - dom!



Sing to the Lord a new song!
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Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blow - ing snow - storm!
Harp, lute, and lyre! Loud hum - ming cel - los!
Lime - stone and beams! Loud build - ing work - ers!
Ath - lete and band! Loud cheer - ing peo - ple!
Daugh - ter and son! Loud pray - ing mem - bers!



Sing to the Lord a new song!
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Sing to the Lord a new song!
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Sing to the Lord a new song!

Refrain



God has done mar - vel - ous things.



I too sing prais - es with a new song!

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Postludium

Flor Peeters

PARTICIPATING IN WORSHIP TODAY

St. Luke Ministers:	All the people of this Community
Assisting Minister:	Janelle Alvstad-Mattson
Readers:	? and Aara Edwards
Ushers:	John and Monica Vakiner
Music Director:	Erik Kibelsbeck
Piano:	Kristin Zaryski
Presider and Preacher:	The Rev. Jason R. Churchill

The flowers are given to the Glory of God by Diane Conneman..

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CALENDAR

Tues., Sept 17	12:15	Bible Study (bring your lunch)	Campus Ministry Lounge
Thus., Sept 19	9:00	Quilters	
	8:00p	Compline at St. John's Episcopal	
Fri., Sept 20	10:30	Campus Min: Tea and Tarot,	ATH Founders Room
Sun., Sept 22	10:00	Season of Creation: Mountain	Sunday Morning Prayer
Tues., Sept 24	12:15	Bible Study (bring your lunch)	Campus Ministry Lounge
Thurs., Sept 26	8:00p	Compline AT ST. LUKE!	
Fri., Sept. 27	10:30	Campus Ministry: Tea and Tarot,	ATH Founders Room

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Caring Globally: Share God's love far and wide by making a gift of \$10.00 for School Supplies for a Child to ELCA's Good Gifts Program. Learn more on how to donate and other Good Gifts options to support schools at: <https://goodgifts.elca.org/school-supplies-for-a-child>

Caring Locally: This is the time of year when folks need funds from everything from school supplies to groceries and clothing. Please help by contributing GIFT CARDS (\$25.00 per card) from any of the following stores: Target, Walmart, or Tops Friendly Markets. Place cards in the wooden collection box in the Narthex or in the Offertory collection plate during Worship. Cards will be used by Pastor Jason and Erik to help those in need. If you would like a donation receipt, please include your name.

THE SEPTEMBER ITEM for the Ithaca Kitchen Cupboard is peanut butter.

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR: Christine and Debbie.

COMPLINE RESUMES: Compline resumes on Thursday, September 19 at 8pm at St. John's Episcopal and on the *Compline from St. Luke Ithaca* YouTube Channel. On the following Thursday, the 26th, we'll hold possibly the only service of the fall at St. Luke--please come again or for the first time! This contemplative candlelit service is under 30 minutes and a wonderful chance to pause and recharge.

MUSIC AT ST. LUKE: Sunday, September 29 at 4pm

Jeffrey Snedeker's annual recital will celebrate the centennial of the dedication of the first organ to serve St. Luke with much of the music from the dedication recital of that organ in October 1924. In addition, a few selections will be played by Erik Kibelsbeck, pre-recorded, on that first organ, which is now in Bellingham, WA. This will be live-streamed on YouTube at the Music at St. Luke Ithaca channel.

UPCOMING READINGS

The foundational premise of this set of daily readings is their relationship to the Sunday lectionary, though for September we are using an alternate lectionary, so you may want to check the regular readings for Sunday listed below as well. The readings are chosen so that the days leading up to Sunday (Thursday through Saturday) prepare for the Sunday readings. The days flowing out from Sunday (Monday through Wednesday) reflect upon the Sunday readings.

<i>Sunday</i>	Isaiah 38:10-20	Hebrews 11:17-22
Isaiah 35:4-7a	Joshua 8:1-23	<i>Friday</i>
Psalms 146	Hebrews 12:3-13	Psalms 116:1-9
James 2:1-10 [11-13] 14-17	<i>Wednesday</i>	Joshua 2:15-24
Mark 7:24-37	Isaiah 38:10-20	James 2:17-26
<i>Monday</i>	Judges 15:9-20	<i>Saturday</i>
Isaiah 38:10-20	Matthew 17:14-21	Psalms 116:1-9
Joshua 6:1-21	<i>Thursday</i>	Joshua 6:22-27
Hebrews 11:29—12:2	Psalms 116:1-9	Matthew 21:23-32
<i>Tuesday</i>	Joshua 2:1-14	

COMMEMORATIONS THIS WEEK

Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage, martyr, died around 258 | September 16

Cyprian served as a bishop during a time of great persecution of Christians. He insisted on receiving back those who had left the faith under duress. He also provided medical care during a severe epidemic.

Hildegard, Abbess of Bingen, died 1179 | September 17

A mystic who was widely influential within the church, Hildegard advised and reproved kings and popes, wrote poems and hymns, and produced treatises in medicine, theology, and natural history. She was also a musician and artist.

Dag Hammarskjöld, renewer of society, died 1961 | September 18

A Swedish diplomat, Hammarskjöld served as the second Secretary General of the United Nations until his death in a plane crash while trying to negotiate peace in present-day Zambia. His journal, published as *Markings*, revealed the depth of his Christian faith.

Nelson Wesley Trout, bishop, died 1996 (TFF) | September 20

A native of Ohio, Trout served parishes in several parts of the United States before being elected bishop of the South Pacific District of the American Lutheran Church, the first African American Lutheran to serve in such a capacity.

Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist | September 21

Matthew (or Levi) was a tax collector in Capernaum for the Roman government. Tax collectors were frequently despised for dishonesty and for assisting the occupiers. Jesus nevertheless showed love for them, and chose Matthew to be a disciple.

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