

# *St. Luke Lutheran Church*

**"Energized by God's Love"**

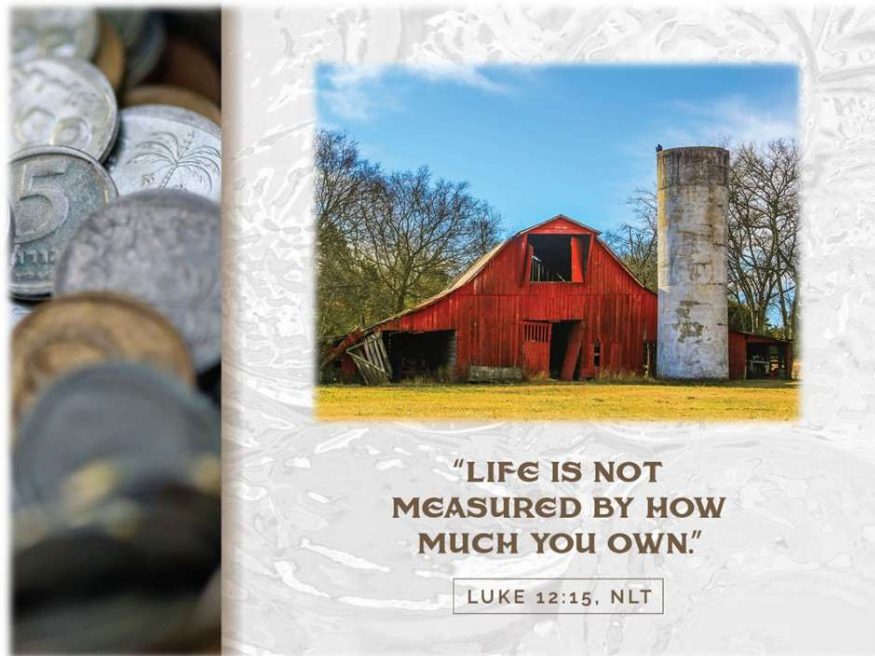
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The Rev. Daniel Tisdell

**Evangelical Lutheran Worship**  
**8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**No Setting**  
**August 3, 2025**

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**Dear Members & Guests - Welcome to Worship!**  
God has greatly blessed us with your presence today.  
Thank you for responding to his invitation.

If you have a prayer request, please send it by email or voicemail to Letty in the church office.



**Sunnyvale Community Services**  
Preventing Homelessness and Hunger in Our Local Community

## SERVING US THIS MORNING

**Ministers: All of the Members of this Congregation!**

**Pastor:** The Rev. Daniel Tisdell

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**Lector(s):** Danae Moreno (1<sup>st</sup> Reading, the Psalm & 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading)

**Children's Message:** Andy Wadsworth

**Eucharist Assistant(s):** Kirk Autsen & Laura Rubio

**Altar Guild:** Wendy Callahan, Shirley Loo, Denise Tsang & Tim Tsang

**Greeters:** Sandi Wilkening (Front Door), Don & Loretta Merry (Side Door)

**Worship Team:** Andy Wadsworth, Beth Stauter, Wil & Deb Mandac

**Background Worship:** Beth Stauter

**Organist:** Beth Stauter

**Choir Director:** Chris Frye

**Bell Choir Director:** Wil Mandac

**Tech Team:** Andy Wadsworth, Alan Martinez, Ethan ElAmir, Jordan Mandac, Justine Skov, Madeleine Gan, Olivia Mitchell, Ryan Peters, Tim and Denise Tsang

**Prayer Chain Coordinator:** Marlene Custer

Hearing Assistance devices are available in the Library/AV Room.

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

**PRE-SERVICE MUSIC**

**Beth Stauter**

**WELCOME**

**Pastor Dan Tisdell**

## GATHERING HYMN

**"GOD IS HERE!"**

ELW #526

## INVOCATION

[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.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

[A] Let us pray...

**[C] Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE WITH PASTOR DAN TISDEL

**GOD ENCOUNTERS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD****1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23**

*The teacher of wisdom who wrote Ecclesiastes sees that working for mere accumulation of wealth turns life into an empty game, a "vanity of vanities." Nevertheless, he asserts in the next verse, it is good to find enjoyment in one's work because such enjoyment is a gift from God.*

Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

I, the Teacher, was king over Israel in Jerusalem. I applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to humans to be busy with. I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun, and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to my successor, and who knows whether he will be wise or foolish? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

## Psalm 49:1-12

OT => Old Testament windows (right) side of sanctuary

NT => New Testament windows (left) side of sanctuary

- [NT] *Hear this, all you peoples; give ear, all you who dwell in the world,*  
[OT] you of high degree and low, rich and poor together.  
[NT] *My mouth shall speak of wisdom, and my heart shall meditate on understanding.*  
[OT] I will incline my ear to a proverb and set forth my riddle upon the harp.  
[NT] *Why should I be afraid in evil days, when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,*  
[OT] the wickedness of those who put their trust in their own prowess, and boast of their great riches?  
[NT] *One can never redeem another, or give to God the ransom for another's life;*  
[OT] for the ransom of a life is so great that there would never be enough to pay it,  
[NT] *in order to live forever and ever and never see the grave.*  
[OT] For we see that the wise die also; like the dull and stupid they perish and leave their wealth to those who come after them.  
[NT] *Their graves shall be their homes forever, their dwelling places from generation to generation, though they had named lands after themselves.*  
[C] **Even though honored, they cannot live forever; they are like the beasts that perish.**

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – Colossians 3:1-11

*Life in Christ includes a radical reorientation of our values. Just as the newly baptized shed their old clothes and put on new garments, so Christians are called to let go of greed and take hold of a life shaped by God's love in Christ.*

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, enslaved and free, but Christ is all and in all!

[P] This is the Holy Gospel according to Luke ...

**[C] Glory to you, O Lord.** (spoken)

**Gospel – Luke 12:13-21**

**Read by Pastor Dan Tisdell**

*In God's reign, the "rich will be sent away empty." Jesus uses a parable to warn against identifying the worth of one's life with the value of one's possessions rather than one's relationship with God.*

Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus,] "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

[P] This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**[C] Praise to you, O Christ.**

**MESSAGE**

**"WHAT'S THE POINT OF IT ALL?"**

**Pastor Dan Tisdell**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**"SON OF GOD, ETERNAL SAVIOR"**

**ELW #655**

**GATHERING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

Prayer requests collected in the offering plates will be brought forward for the Prayers of the People.

**OFFERING MUSIC**

**Beth Stauter**

**PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS**

[A] Let us pray...

**[C] Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

[P & A] God of grace,

**[C] Hear our prayer.**

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**[C] I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again 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.  
(\*universal)**

## **PEACE OF CHRIST**

### **TRANSITIONAL PRAYER**

**[A] Let us pray...**  
**[C] Oh God, Each time I worship and take communion, I want to recommit my life, my heart, my thoughts, my everything to You. Fill me today with Your powerful Spirit and help me grow closer to you and to my neighbor. Amen.**

## **MEAL**

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

**[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 . . .**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND BLESSING**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**[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.**

## **COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION - THE EUCHARIST** (be seated)

Our Lord Jesus is the host of his table. He invites all to come to him. Everyone is welcome to commune with communion fellowship cups or by intinction with bread and your choice of wine or grape juice. If you are not communing, please come up to receive a blessing of the day.

### **COMMUNION MUSIC**

***"I WILL RISE"***  
(By Chris Tomlin)

**Led by Andy Wadsworth**

### **POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

[P] Mothering God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.

[C] **Amen.**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **SENDING HYMN**

***"LET STREAMS OF LIVING JUSTICE"***

***ELW #710***

### **BENEDICTION**

[P] The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit ☩ bless you and give you peace.

[C] **Amen.**

### **THE DISMISSAL**

[A] Our worship continues; our service is just begun. Go in peace to love and serve The Lord.

[C] **THANKS BE TO GOD!**

### **POSTLUDE:**

***"PROCESSION OF THE HOLY ONES"***  
(By George Blake)

**Beth Stauter**