

# *St. Luke Lutheran Church*

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

Dynamisé par l'amour de Dieu

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The Rev. Daniel Tisdell

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

**No Setting**  
**August 10, 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!**

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**Children's Message:** Kirk Autsen

**Eucharist Assistant(s):** Tim & Denise Tsang

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

**Greeters:** Doug & Doriann Shreve (Front Door), TBD (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**

**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] Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE WITH KIRK AUTSEN****GOD ENCOUNTERS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD****1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Genesis 15:1-6**

*God promises childless and aging Abram that a child of his own will be his heir and that his descendants will number as many as the stars. Abram trusts God's promise, and through this faith he is considered righteous.*

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the LORD, and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

**Psalms 33:12-22**

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

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

[OT] Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD! Happy the people chosen to be God's heritage!

**[NT] The LORD looks down from heaven, and sees all humankind.**

[OT] God sits firmly enthroned and watches all who dwell on the earth.  
 [NT] *God fashions all their hearts and observes all their deeds.*  
 [OT] A king is not saved by the size of the army, nor are warriors rescued by their great strength.  
 [NT] *The horse gives vain hope for victory; despite its great strength it cannot save.*  
 [OT] Truly, your eye is upon those who fear you, O LORD, upon those who wait for your steadfast love,  
 [NT] *to deliver their lives from death, and to keep them alive in time of famine.*  
 [OT] Our innermost being waits for you, O LORD, our helper and our shield.  
 [NT] *Surely, our heart rejoices in you, for in your holy name we put our trust.*  
**[C] Let your lovingkindness, O LORD, be upon us, even as we place our hope in you.**

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16**

*Abraham and Sarah exemplify the vision of faith that people of God enact in every age. Their hope and trust in God's promise allowed them to face an unknown future and to receive the promise of God.*

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance, and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith, with Sarah's involvement, he received power of procreation, even though he was too old, because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better homeland, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

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

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

## **Gospel – Luke 12:32-40**

**Read by Pastor Dan Tisdell**

*Jesus encourages disciples to invest their hearts and live fully into God's reign. Instead of facing life with fear, those who know God's generosity are always ready to receive from God and to give to others.*

[Jesus said:] "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night or near dawn and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

[P] This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **MESSAGE**

**"WHERE IS YOUR TREASURE?"**

**Pastor Dan Tisdell**

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

**"REJOICE, REJOICE, BELIEVERS"**

**ELW #244**

## **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**     ***“PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING”*** Led by Andy Wadsworth  
(By Albert Frederick Bayly and Donald Davison)

## **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 US EVER WALK WITH JESUS”***             ***ELW #802***

## **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:**                     ***“FIRM IN THE FAITH I STAND”***                     **Beth Stauter**  
(By David Paxton)