

# *St. Luke Lutheran Church*

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

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The Rev. Daniel Tisdell

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

**No Setting**  
**August 31, 2025**



**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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**Children's Message:** Deb Mandac

**Eucharist Assistant(s):** Sue Hutchins & Kirk Autsen

**Altar Guild:** Wendy Callahan, Debbie Ryan, 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, 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 "THE LORD'S MY SHEPHERD, I'LL NOT WANT" C.H. #694**

**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] O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE WITH DEB MANDAC**

**GOD ENCOUNTERS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Proverbs 25:6-7**

*The book of Proverbs is part of a collection of writings known as wisdom literature. Wisdom literature gave directions to Israel's leaders and people for the conduct of daily life. Today's reading is about humility.*

Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great, for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

**Psalms 112**

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

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

**[NT]** *Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the LORD and have great delight in God's commandments!*

**[OT]** Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.

**[NT]** *Wealth and riches will be in their house, and their righteousness will last forever.*

**[OT]** Light shines in the darkness for the upright; the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.

**[NT]** *It is good for them to be generous in lending and to manage their affairs with justice.*

- [OT] For they will never be shaken; the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.
- [NT] *They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; their heart is steadfast, trusting In the LORD.*
- [OT] Their heart is established and will not shrink, until they see their desire upon their enemies.
- [NT] *They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast forever; they will hold up their head with honor.*
- [C] **The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away; the desires of the wicked will perish.**

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16**

*The conclusion of the letter to the Hebrews contains suggestions for the conduct of a holy life, all of which are shaped by God's love toward us in Jesus Christ.*

Let mutual affection continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them, those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have, for he himself has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?"

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

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

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

## **Gospel – Luke 14:1, 7-14**

**Read by Pastor Dan Tisdell**

*Jesus observes guests jockeying for position at the table. He uses the opportunity to teach his hearers to choose humility rather than self-exaltation. Jesus also makes an appeal for hosts to imitate God's gracious hospitality to those in need.*

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the Sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at

the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host, and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

[P] This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **MESSAGE**

## **"TABLE MANNERS"**

**Pastor Dan Tisdell**

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

***"LET US GO NOW TO THE BANQUET"***

**ELW #523**

## **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.**

## **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)

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

[P & A] Hear us, O God.

**[C] Your mercy is great.**

## **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

Beth Stauter

### 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

***"O GOD BEYOND ALL PRAISING"***

***ELW #880***

### 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:

***"O GOD BEYOND ALL PRAISING"***  
(Arr. By David Cherwien )

**Beth Stauter**