

# *St. Luke Lutheran Church*

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

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The Rev. Daniel Tisdell

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

**Setting X  
September 1, 2024**

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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.

# SERVING US THIS MORNING

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

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**Children's Message:** Pastor Dan Tisdel

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

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

**Greeters:** Doug & Doriann Shreve (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, 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 Tisdel**

**PRELUDE**

***"CONSOLATION"***  
(By Esther S. Higgins)

**Beth Stauter**

**GATHERING HYMN**

***"FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH"***

**ELW #879**

## **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.**

## **KYRIE (Sung by all)**

*(music found on page 203)*

**Have mercy on us, Lord, and hear our solemn prayer.**

**We come to hear your living word; it saves us from despair.**

**Have mercy on us, Christ, and wash away our sin.**

**Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may begin.**

**Have mercy on us, Lord, make sin and shame depart.**

**Renew us with your saving pow'r; create in us new hearts!**

## **CANTICLE OF PRAISE – GLORY TO GOD IN HEAVEN**

*(music found on page 204)*

**Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth.**

**Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth:**

**we exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.**

**Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.**

**Glory be to Christ forever, Lamb of God and Lord of love.**

**Son of God and gracious Savior, you have come from heav'n above;**

**on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.**

**Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us; in your promise firm we stand.**

**Holy One we now acclaim you; Lord alone, to you we call;**

**Holy One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:**

**Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father's splendor bright.**

**For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

[A] Let us pray...

**[C] O God our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures.**

**Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse**

**us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved**

**through your Son, 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 – Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

*The Israelites believed the law was a divine gift that provided guidelines for living out the covenant. Moses commands the people to obey the law and to neither add to nor subtract from it. The Israelites are also to teach the law to their children and their children's children.*

So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the LORD your God with which I am charging you.

You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!" For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is whenever we call to him? And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

## Psalm 15

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

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

[OT] LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? Who may abide upon your holy hill?

[NT] *Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right, who speak the truth from their heart;*

[OT] they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends; they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.

[NT] *In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the LORD.*

[OT] They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.

[C] **They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.**

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – James 1:17-27

*The letter of James was intended to provide first-century Christians with instruction in godly behavior. Here Christians are encouraged to listen carefully and to act on what they hear, especially by caring for those least able to care for themselves.*

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In

fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*(music found on page 205)*

**Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word.**

**Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred.**

**Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.**

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

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

### **Gospel – Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23**

**Read by Pastor Dorcas Wang**

*Mark's gospel depicts Jesus as challenging traditional ways in which religious people determine what is pure or impure. For Jesus, the observance of religious practices cannot become a substitute for godly words or deeds that spring from a faithful heart.*

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around [Jesus], they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, 'This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.' You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.

“For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

[P] This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**MESSAGE** “**GOD’S WORK, OUR HANDS**” **Pastor Dorcas Wang**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** “**LORD, LET MY HEART BE GOOD SOIL**” **ELW #512**

### **GATHERING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

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

### **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] Merciful God,

[C] **Receive our prayer.**

### **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, 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. You reveal your glory as the glory of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, one Lord, one God, ever to be adored in your eternal glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name.

## **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.**

### **"LAMB OF GOD"**

*(music found on page 208)*

**O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away; you suffered death our lives to save: have mercy now, we pray.**

**O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away; you set us free from guilt and grave: have mercy now, we pray.**

**O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away; eternal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.**

### **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 receive a blessing of the day.

**COMMUNION SONG**

***“BUILD MY LIFE”***

**Olivia Mitchell &  
Andy Wadsworth**

**POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

[P] Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

[C] **Amen.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SENDING HYMN**

***“TAKE MY LIFE, THAT I MAY BE”***

**ELW #583**

**BENEDICTION**

[P] God all mighty, God most merciful ✝ bless you, keep 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:**

***“GO FORTH IN FAITH”***  
(By David Paxton)

**Beth Stauter**