

St. Luke Lutheran Church

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**Evangelical Lutheran Worship
17th Sunday after Pentecost**

**Setting III
September 15, 2024**



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

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Greeters: Doriann & Doug 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.

ORDER OF *WORSHIP*

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

Beth Stauter

WELCOME

Pastor Dan Tisdel

PRELUDE

"LEANING ON THE EVERLASTING ARMS"
(Arr. By Gilbert M. Martin)

Beth Stauter

INVOCATION

(music found on page 138)

[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

[A] In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

[C] Lord, have mercy.

[A] For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

[C] Lord, have mercy.

[A] For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

[C] Lord, have mercy.

[A] For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

[C] Lord, have mercy.

[A] Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

[C] Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE "The Feast of Victory" – (Congregation sings all verses and refrain)

(music located in hymnal on pg. 140)

Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

vs. 1 Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

vs. 2 Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his.

Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

vs. 3 Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

vs. 4 For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia.

Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

[A] Let us pray...

[C] O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE WITH GRANT HANNON

GOD ENCOUNTERS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

1st Reading – Isaiah 50:4-9

The image of the servant of the Lord is one of the notable motifs in the book of Isaiah. Today's reading describes the mission of the servant, whom early Christians associated with Jesus. Like Jesus, the servant does not strike back at his detractors but trusts in God's steadfast love.

The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Psalm 116:1-9

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

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

[OT] I love the LORD, who has heard my voice, and listened to my supplication,

[NT] *for the LORD has given ear to me whenever I called.*

[OT] The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave came upon me; I came to grief and sorrow.

[NT] *Then I called upon the name of the LORD: "O LORD, I pray you, save my life."*

[OT] Gracious is the LORD and righteous; our God is full of compassion.

[NT] *The LORD watches over the innocent; I was brought low, and God saved me.*

[OT] Turn again to your rest, O my soul. for the LORD has dealt well with you.

[NT] *For you have rescued my life from death, my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling;*

[C] I will walk in the presence of the LORD in the land of the living.

CHOIR ANTHEM

"EVERY KNEE SHALL BOW"

St. Luke Choir

(By Lloyd Larson)

2nd Reading – James 3:13—4:3, 7-8a

This text uses various images to illustrate how damaging and hurtful the way we speak to and about others can be. Not only are we to control our speech, but what we say and how we say it are to reflect our faith.

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(music found on page 142)

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

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

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

Gospel – Mark 8:27-38

Read by Pastor Dan Tisdell

This story provides the turning point in Mark's gospel. Peter is the first human being in the narrative to acknowledge Jesus as the Messiah, but he cannot accept that as the Messiah Jesus will have to suffer. Moreover, Jesus issues a strong challenge to all by connecting discipleship and the cross.

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and

be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

[P] This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

MESSAGE **"CLOSE ONLY COUNTS IN HORSESHOES Pastor Dan Tisdel
AND HAND GRENADES"**

HYMN OF THE DAY **"LORD JESUS, YOU SHALL BE MY SONG"** **ELW #808**

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.**

"LAMB OF GOD"

(music found on page 146)

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.**

COMMUNION SONG

“JESUS MESSIAH”
(By Chris Tomlin)

Led by Andy Wadsworth

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.

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

“LIFT HIGH THE CROSS”

ELW #660

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:

“LIFT HIGH THE CROSS”
(By Lani Smith)

Beth Stauter