

# 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 III**  
**September 21, 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:** Grant Hannon

**Eucharist Assistant(s):** Sue Hutchins & Tim 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, 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**

**CONFESSIONS AND FORGIVENESS**

[P] Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God, our maker, our helper and our keeper.

**[C] Amen.**

[P] Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

[P] Merciful and loving God,

**[C] we are your stiff-necked people. We trample on the needy. We grumble about your grace to others. We turn away from the poor. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins. Rejoice over us once who were lost and have been found Amen.**

[P] Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. You who were lost have been found. In the name of ✙ Jesus, your sins are forgiven!

**[C] Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN      "SON OF GOD, ETERNAL SAVIOR"****ELW #655****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] **God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### CHILDREN’S MESSAGE WITH GRANT HANNON

## GOD ENCOUNTERS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

### 1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Amos 8:4-7

*Amos was called by God to prophesy in the Northern Kingdom of Israel. Peace and prosperity in Israel led to corrupt business practices and oppression of the poor. The prophet declares that God will not tolerate such a situation.*

Hear this, you who trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, saying, “When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain, and the Sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah smaller and the shekel heavier and practice deceit with false balances, buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals and selling the sweepings of the wheat.”

The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

### Psalms 113

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

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

[NT] *Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants of the LORD; praise the name of the LORD.*

[OT] Let the name of the LORD be blessed, from this time forth forevermore.  
 [NT] *From the rising of the sun to its going down let the name of the LORD be praised.*  
 [OT] The LORD is high above all nations; God's glory above the heavens.  
 [NT] *Who is like the LORD our God, who sits enthroned on high,*  
 [OT] but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?  
 [NT] *The LORD takes up the weak out of the dust and lifts up the poor from the ashes,*  
 [OT] enthroning them with the rulers, with the rulers of the people.  
 [C] The LORD makes the woman of a childless house to be a joyful mother of children. Hallelujah!

## CHOIR ANTHEM

## "GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST"

St. Luke Choir

(By John Bell)

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – 1 Timothy 2:1-7

*The pastoral epistles offer insight into how early Christians understood many practical matters, such as church administration and worship. The church's focused prayer for others is an expression of the single-minded passion God has toward us in Jesus.*

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and acceptable before God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all—this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth; I am not lying), a teacher of the gentiles in faith and truth.

## 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 Luke ...

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

## Gospel – Luke 16:1-13

Read by Pastor Dan Tisdell

*Jesus tells the curious story of a dishonest manager who cheats his employer and then is commended by him for having acted so shrewdly. Jesus wonders why his own followers are less creative and diligent in their stewardship given that they are managers of a far more valuable household.*

Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then

the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly, for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

"Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much, and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If, then, you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters, for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

[P] This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**MESSAGE**

**"????????????????????"**

**Pastor Dan Tisdell**

**HYMN OF THE DAY "GOD, WHOSE GIVING KNOWS NO ENDING"**

**ELW #678**

**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] Grace of 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**

**Sung by Pastor Dan Tisdell**

### **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 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**

***“GIVE ME JESUS”***  
(By Jeremy Camp)

**Led by Andy Wadsworth**

**POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

[P] O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name.

[C] **Amen.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SENDING HYMN**

***“LET JUSTICE FLOW LIKE STREAMS”***

***ELW #717***

**BENEDICTION**

[P] The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, ✝ bless you now and forever.

[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:**

***“TRUMPET TUNE”***  
(By Jerry McCrory)

**Beth Stauter**