

St. Luke Lutheran Church

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The Rev. Daniel Tisdell

Evangelical Lutheran Worship
16th Sunday of Easter

Setting IV
September 28, 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

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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 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

"GOD OF GRACE AND GOD OF GLORY"

ELW #705

INVOCATION

(music found on page 147)

[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"

(music found on page 149)

[A] *This is the feast of victory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.*

[C] ***Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing, and glory are his.***

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever.

Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia, Alleluia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

[A] Let us pray...

[C] **O God, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE WITH CHRISTINA CHANG

GOD ENCOUNTERS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

1st Reading – Amos 6:1a, 4-7

The prophet Amos announces that Israel's great wealth is a cause not for rejoicing but rather sorrow, because God's people have forgotten how to share their wealth with the poor. The wealthy will be the first to go into exile when judgment comes.

Woe to those who are at ease in Zion and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria.

Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory and lounge on their couches and eat lambs from the flock and calves from the stall, who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp and like David improvise on instruments of music, who drink wine from bowls and anoint themselves with the finest oils but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!

Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile, and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

Psalm 146

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

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

[OT] Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise God in the heights.

[NT] *Praise the LORD, all you angels; sing praise, all you hosts of heaven.*

[OT] Praise the LORD, sun and moon; sing praise, all you shining stars.

[NT] *Praise the LORD, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens.*
 [OT] Let them praise the name of the LORD, who commanded, and they were created,
 [NT] *who made them stand fast forever and ever, giving them a law that shall not pass away.*
 [OT] Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps;
 [NT] *fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing God's will;*
 [OT] mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars;
 [NT] *wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds;*
 [OT] sovereigns of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world;
 [NT] *young men and maidens, old and young together.*
 [OT] Let them praise the name of the LORD, whose name only is exalted, whose
 splendor is over earth and heaven.
**[C] The LORD has raised up strength for the people and praise for all faithful
 servants, the children of Israel, a people who are near the LORD.
 Hallelujah!**

CHOIR ANTHEM “GOD HAS SPOKEN BREAD IS BROKEN” St. Luke Choir
 (By Jeremy Young)

2nd Reading – 1 Timothy 6:6-19

Timothy is reminded of the confession he made at his baptism and of its implications for daily life. His priorities will be different from those of people who merely want to be rich.

Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment, for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it, but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. ¹⁶ It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches but rather on God, who richly provides us

with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

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 16:19-31

Read by Pastor Dan Tisdell

Jesus tells a parable in which the poor one is “lifted up” and the rich one is “sent away empty.” Jesus makes it clear that this ethic of merciful reversal is not new but is as old as Moses and the prophets.

[Jesus said:] “There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.’ But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things and Lazarus in like manner evil things, but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ He said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ He said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’ He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’ ”

[P] This is the Gospel of the Lord.

[C] Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE

“SEEING LAZARUS”

Pastor Dan Tisdell

HYMN OF THE DAY

“GATHER US IN”

ELW #532

GATHERING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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

OFFERING MUSIC “ACCEPT, O LORD, THE GIFTS WE BRING” Beth Stauter
(Arr. By David Cherwien)

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] God of grace,

[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 154)

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 **"GREAT ARE YOU LORD"** **Led by Andy Wadsworth**
(By David Leonard, Jason Ingram, Leslie Jordan)

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 **"CANTICLE OF THE TURNING"** **ELW #723**

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:

“PROMENADE”
(By Gordon Young)

Beth Stauter