

St. Luke Lutheran Church

"Energized by God's Love"

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

**Setting IV
October 5, 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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Organist: William Polzin

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Bell Choir Director: Wil Mandac

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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

William Polzin

WELCOME

Pastor Dan Tisdell

BELL INTROIT**“THERE IS A REDEEMER”****St. Luke Bells**

(By Melody Green, Arr. By Patricia Sanders Cota)

PRELUDE**“ORGAN VARIATIONS ON “FOUNDATION”****William Polzin**

(By Gilbert M. Martin)

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**“MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS”****ELW #597****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] **Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE WITH PASTOR DAN TISDEL

GOD ENCOUNTERS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

1st Reading – Genesis 1:1,20-28

When God began to create the heavens and the earth,

And God said, “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.” So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.” And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind and the cattle of every kind and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, “Let us make humans in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth and over every creeping thing that

creeps upon the earth.”

So God created humans in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.”

Psalm 148

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

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

Circle of Praise – A Version of Psalm 148

[NT] All dogs and cats, large and small: Praise the Lord!

[OT] All rabbits, hamsters, and guinea pigs: Praise the Lord!

[NT] All goldfish, guppies, and swimming creatures: Praise the Lord!

[OT] All robins, wrens, and singing birds: Praise the Lord!

[NT] All bats, squirrels, and raccoons: Praise the Lord!

[OT] All horses, cows, and sheep: Praise the Lord!

[NT] All lizards, snakes and creeping things: Praise the Lord!

[C] Every animal in the sky, the sea, and the forest: Praise the Lord!

CHOIR ANTHEM

“ALL WE ARE BELONGS TO YOU”

St. Luke Choir

(By Ephemeral Feeler)

2nd Reading – Revelation 5:11-14

Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice, “Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!”

¹³ Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea and all that is in them, singing, “To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!”

And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” And the elders fell down and worshiped.

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 Matthew ...

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

Gospel – Matthew 6:25-29

Read by Pastor Dan Tisdell

Solomon is all his royal splendor cannot match the brilliance of the creatures of land and sky that God creates and feeds.

“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by worrying can add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these.

[P] This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

MESSAGE

“LIVING LIFE LIKE A SQUIRREL”

Pastor Dan Tisdell

HYMN OF THE DAY

“HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION”

ELW #796

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

GREETING AND PRAYER

[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.**

[P] Source and sustainer of life, we cherish the myriad works of your hands. Water, earth, and sky are yours, as are all their inhabitants, wild and tame. We thank you for creatures that nourish and serve us, befriend, enrich, entertain, and protect us. May we, who are made in your image, care for them well. And may your groaning yet wondrous creation rally and thrive, revealing to all who come after us your wise, redemptive, transfiguring love; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

[C] **Amen.**

READINGS FROM SAINT FRANCIS

Saint Francis is beloved by many for his many well known prayers but also for his affinity to animals. He considered preaching to animals a calling equal to preaching to humans.

BLESSING OF ANIMALS

[P] The Lord be with you.

[C] **And also with you.**

[P] Let us pray. Gracious God, in your love you created us in your image and made us stewards of the animals that live in the skies, the earth, and the sea. Bless us in our care for our pets and animals. Help us recognize your power and wisdom in the variety of creatures that live in our world, and hear our prayer for all that suffer

overwork, hunger, and ill-treatment. Protect your creatures, and guard them from all evil, now and forever.

[C] Amen.

[P] Dear God, we ask for your blessing on these animals, that your mighty hand give them strength, health and happiness.

INDIVIDUAL BLESSINGS ON EACH ANIMAL PRESENT

[P] (*name of animal*) may the power of this blessing from God fill you with life, bind you to your human partners, and lead you to praise your creator.

[C] Amen

OCTOBER STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE: HEART-TO-HEART

GATHERING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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

OFFERING MUSIC

William Polzin

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

"I WILL FOLLOW"

Led by Andy Wadsworth

(By Chris Tomlin, Jason Ingram, and Reuben Morgan)

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 ALL THINGS NOW LIVING"

ELW #881

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:

"MELITA"
(By Wayne L. Wold)

William Polzin