



Re-Gathering Sunday

October 3, 2021, 8:45 & 11:15 am

Saint Luke Lutheran Church and School

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Gathering

Prelude

Rhosymedre

Ralph Vaughan Williams
(1872-1958)

Welcome

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
who upholds us through adversity,
who consoles us in our sorrows,
whose mercy endures forever.
Amen.

Prayer of Lament

We lament before you, O God, Comforter in our distress, the losses and suffering this community and the world has seen. Millions sickened, countless dead, the thousands unemployed, racial tensions escalated, we have missed our weekly assembled worship, our sharing of bread and cup, our communal song, our greetings of peace; the mutual consolation of the faithful enacted each Sunday. We mourn members, friends, and family who have died of COVID-19. O God, we lament our losses, for they are many. Restore us, and heal us, gracious God.

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Prayer of Praise

Yet today, O God of the everlasting arms, we rejoice at this re-gathering in person and virtual, we praise you for Sunday worship, for the personal presence of our pastors, deacon, director of music, worship leaders, for the mutual consolation of the faithful enacted on Sundays and weekdays. Empower the church, faithful God.


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And we pray, O God of safe harbor, for the emergence of a wholesome world: with health restored; mourners consoled; vaccines available for all; employment reinstated; poverty averted; sustenance shared; science respected; fear replaced with confidence; sorrow turned to joy. O God, we pray for the emergence of a wholesome world. Renew the whole world, merciful God.


Renew the whole world, merciful God.

Entrance Hymn

ELW 879




1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,
2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
5 For each per - fect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light:
for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:
friends on earth and friends a - bove; for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
for thy - self, best gift di - vine, to our world so free - ly giv'n:

Refrain



Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.

Text: Folliott S. Pierpoint, 1835–1917, alt.
Music: DIX, Conrad Kocher, 1786–1872

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

Canticle of Praise

Refrain

Assisting minister



Final refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain

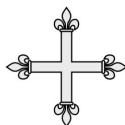
has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.



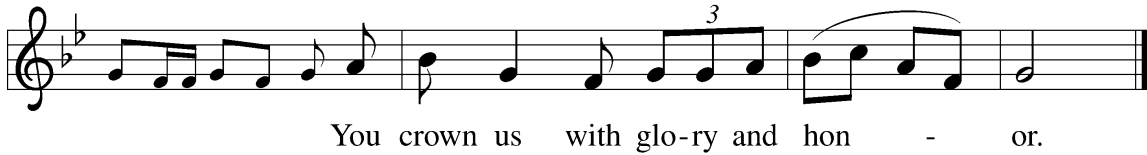
Word

Psalm

Psalm 8

Setting: Mark Mummert

*The Choir introduces the refrain; please sing the second time. Subsequent refrains are sung only once by all, at the places indicated by **R**.*



- ¹O LORD our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!—
- ²you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children;
you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger. **R**
- ³When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,
- ⁴what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them,
human beings that you should care for them? **R**
- ⁵Yet you have made them little less than divine;
with glory and honor you crown them.
- ⁶You have made them rule over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under their feet: **R**
- ⁷all flocks and cattle,
even the wild beasts of the field,
- ⁸the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,
and whatever passes along the paths of the sea. **R**

Gospel Acclamation



- Choir* Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
All **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**
Choir If we love one another, God lives in us and God's love is perfected in us. (1 John 4:12)
All **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Gospel

Mark 10:2-16

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark, the tenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Some Pharisees came, and to test him they asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.” But Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ ‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”

Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”


People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

The Gospel of the Lord.



Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon


Pastor Miller



1 What a fel - low-ship, what a joy di - vine, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms;
2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms;
3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms?



what a bless-ed-ness, what a peace is mine, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.
oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.
I have bless-ed peace with my Lord so near, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.




Refrain




Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se-cure from all a - larms;



Lean - ing on Je - sus, lean - ing on Je - sus,



lean - ing, lean - ing, lean-ing on the ev - er - last-ing arms.



lean - ing on Je - sus, lean - ing on Je - sus,

Apostles' Creed

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

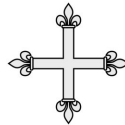
**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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.**

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.



Meal

Offering

We invite you to give your offering online at saintlukegive.us or on the Give Plus app.
You may also mail your checks to:

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Music at the offering
(8:45)

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is thy name in all the earth! Thou whose glory above the heavens
is chanted by the mouth of babes and infants. When I look at thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the
moon and the stars which thou hast established;

O what is man that thou art mindful of him, and the son of man that thou dost care for him? Yet thou
has made him little less than God, and dost crown him with glory and honor.

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is thy name in all the earth!

How Majestic Is Thy Name
Text: Psalm 8
Music: Emma Lou Diemer (b. 1927)

Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

God of abundance, you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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,.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

The Lord's Prayer

Please pray in your own preferred language.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

**Padre Nuestro Que estas en los cielos
Santificado sea tu Nombre
Venga a nosotros tu Reino
Hagase tu voluntad asi en la tierra como en el cielo
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada dia
Perdona nuestras ofensas
Como nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden
Y no nos dejes caer en la tentacion mas libranos del mal
Porque tuyo es el reino, el poder y la Gloria
Por los siglos de los siglos. Amen**

Invitation to Communion

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.
Thanks be to God.

Communion

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say
The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.
and each person may respond
Amen.

Post-Communion Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

Prayer After Communion

Let us pray.
God of blessing, at this table we have seen you face to face, and in the gift of Christ's body and blood, our hearts have been refreshed. Send us now to shine with your goodness and bear witness to the one we have received: Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.



Sending

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
Amen.



1 All crea-tures, wor-ship God most high! Sound ev - 'ry voice in earth and
 2 Sing, broth - er wind; with clouds and rain you grow the gifts of fruit and
 3 Sing, broth - er fire, so mirth-ful, strong; drive far the shad-ows, join the
 4 All who for love of God for - give, all who in pain or sor - row



sky: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Sing, broth - er sun, in splen-dor
 grain: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Dear sis - ter wa - ter, use - ful,
 throng: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Dear moth - er earth, so rich in
 grieve: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Christ bears your bur-dens and your



bright; sing, sis - ter moon and stars of night:
 clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to hear: Al-le - lu - ia, al-le -
 care, praise God in col - ors bright and rare:
 fears; still make your song a - mid the tears:



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

5 And you, most gentle sister death,
 waiting to hush our final breath:
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Since Christ our light has pierced your gloom,
 fair is the night that leads us home.
 Alleluia.

6 O sisters, brothers, take your part,
 and worship God with humble heart:
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 All creatures, bless the Father, Son,
 and Holy Spirit, Three in One:
 Alleluia.

Text: Francis of Assisi, 1182–1226; tr. composite
 Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1623
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Dismissal

Go in peace.
 Love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

March on “Lasst uns erfreuen”

David Bednall
 (b.1979)

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HYMN NOTES

For the Beauty of the Earth

The original text was intended to show Holy Communion as a joyful, holy feast, and the refrain was “Christ our God, to Thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.” Changing “sacrifice” to “this our hymn” of grateful praise has made it more generally a thanksgiving for creation, for our physical senses, for human love, and for everything good which God gives to us.

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine

This hymn was inspired by Deuteronomy 33:27, “The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms” (KJV). As the hymn is sung, contemplate what it means to find refuge in our heavenly Father's arms in times of fear and trial, and to allow His joy and peace to replace our loneliness and anxiety.

All Creatures, Worship God Most High!

The life of the founder of the Franciscan monastic order is most astounding. Born to wealth, he forsook all for a life of asceticism, mysticism and charitable works with the sick and down-trodden. It is said that he even preached to the birds and they listened! an early environmentalist, his “Canticle of the Sun” was the first genuine religious poem in the Italian language. St. Francis saw all of nature and everything—including death—as praising God.

at Saint Luke Lutheran

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03 NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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10:15 am	Faith Formation Classes, <i>in person & online</i>
11:15 am	Worship, <i>in person</i>

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10:15 am	Faith Formation Classes, <i>in person & online</i>
11:15 am	Worship, <i>in person</i>
5:00 pm	San Lucas Missa, <i>Online</i>

MUSIC NOTES

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958) wrote *Three Preludes for Organ* based on Welsh tunes in 1920. Today's prelude is the second of the set based on "Rhosymedre." The arrangement features a quiet accompaniment featuring heavily the interval of a sixth. The tune is played in the left hand in long notes.

The anthem at the offering "How Majestic Is Thy Name," based on Psalm 8, was written by American composer Emma Lou Diemer (b. 1927). The unison anthem is a simple setting of a hymn of praise. Diemer may have had a youth choir in mind when writing the piece, but it is equally suited for any age as its simplicity allows the listener to focus on the text.

March on "Lasst Uns Erfreuen" was written by English composer David Bednall (b. 1979). It opens with loud thick chords outline the well-known melody. After the introductory material, he sets the melody in minor using softer sounds. The piece builds back up to a triumphant ending.

Upcoming Commemorations

Francis of Assisi, renewer of the church, died 1226

Monday, October 4, 2021

Born into the family of a wealthy merchant, Francis gave up his inheritance to serve poor people. He formed the Order of Friars Minor (called Franciscans), who took on poverty and the task of preaching "using words if necessary." Francis had a spirit of gratitude for all of God's creation.

Theodor Fliedner, renewer of society, died 1864

Monday, October 4, 2021

Fliedner helped to bring about a revival of the ministry of deaconesses among Lutherans. He was influenced in this by Moravian deaconesses he had met. The motherhouse he founded in Kaiserswerth, Germany, inspired many around the world to take up this ministry.

William Tyndale, translator, martyr, died 1536

Wednesday, October 6, 2021

Tyndale was ordained a priest in England, and wished to translate the Bible into English. He was opposed in this by King Henry VIII, causing him to flee to Germany. He completed the New Testament in 1525, but before he could finish the Old Testament, he was tried for heresy and burned at the stake.

Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, pastor in North America, died 1787

Thursday, October 7, 2021

Divided Lutherans in America asked leaders in Europe to send someone who could take charge and unite their work. Muhlenberg was sent, and was effective in organizing the American Lutherans. Among other accomplishments, his liturgical principles became the basis for the Common Service of 1888.