



Second Sunday after Pentecost

June 19, 8:45 & 11:15 AM

Saint Luke Lutheran Church and School

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This Sunday's texts paint startling pictures of the horrific nature of sin. The church's repeated celebration of holy communion counters that tragic reality in a continued showing forth of the death of Jesus until he comes again. It is a dramatic declaration of "how much God has done for you."

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Toccata, BuxWV 165

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
whose steadfast love endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.

Hear the good news! God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy. In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love as God loves.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN • ELW 705

God of grace and God of glory



1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -
3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;
sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us
your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion



bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,



for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.
serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

Text: Harry E. Fosdick, 1878–1969

Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

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.

KYRIE

Leader

In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have

For the reign of God, and for

mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peace through-out the world, for the u-ni-ty of all, let us pray to the

Lord.

For your

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peo - ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your

word, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Lord, have

Help, save, and de-fend us, O God.

mer - cy. A - men.

Text: *Lutheran Book of Worship*, adapt. Marty Haugen, b. 1950
 Music: *Now the Feast and Celebration*, Marty Haugen
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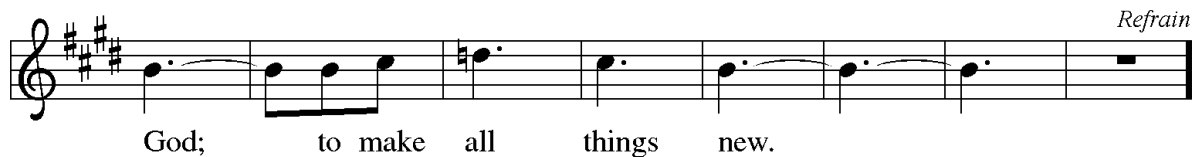
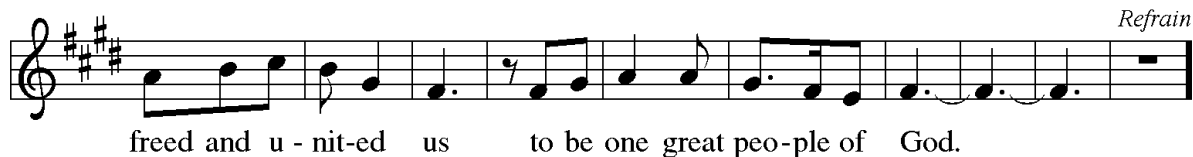
CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Refrain

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion

p sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;

praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



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PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord God, we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world. In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us, and defend us from everything that is evil, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 65:1-9

The prophet announces God's impatience. The people's self-absorption is idolatry, and images of practices that displease God fill this reading. Like a vintner who crushes the grape to release the wine, God will use Israel's exile to establish a new community of the faithful.

I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask, to be found by those who did not seek me. I said, "Here I am, here I am," to a nation that did not call on my name. I held out my hands all day long to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices; a people who provoke me to my face continually, sacrificing in gardens and offering incense on bricks; who sit inside tombs, and spend the night in secret places; who eat swine's flesh, with broth of abominable things in their vessels; who say, "Keep to yourself, do not come near me, for I am too holy for you." These are a smoke in my nostrils, a fire that burns all day long. See, it is written before me: I will not keep silent, but I will repay; I will indeed repay into their laps their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities together, says the Lord; because they offered incense on the mountains and reviled me on the hills, I will measure into their laps full payment for their actions. Thus says the Lord: As the wine is found in the cluster, and they say, "Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it," so I will do for my servants' sake, and not destroy them all. I will bring forth descendants from Jacob, and from Judah inheritors of my mountains; my chosen shall inherit it, and my servants shall settle there.

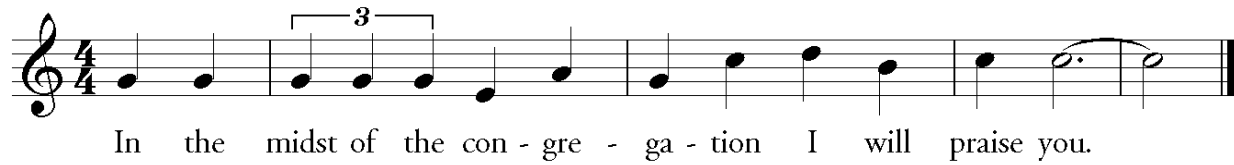
The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY

Psalm 22:18-29

The organ introduces the refrain. Please sing the 2nd time. Please sing all the verses.



- 18 Be not far a-[way] O LORD;*
you are my strength; ... [hasten] to help me.
- 19 Save me [from] the sword,*
my life from the power [of] the dog.
- 20 Save me from the [li]-on's mouth,*
my wretched body from the horns of [wild] bulls.
- 21 I will declare your [name to] my brethren;*
in the midst of the congregation [I] will praise you.

Antiphon

- 22 Praise the LORD [you] that fear him;*
stand in awe of him O offspring of Israel; ... all you of Jacob's [line] give glory.
- 23 For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; ...
neither does he [hide] his face from them;*
but when they cry to [him] he hears them.
- 24 My praise is of him in the [great] assembly;*
I will perform my vows in the presence of [those] who worship him.
- 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied, ...
and those who seek the [LORD] shall praise him:.*
"May your [heart live] forever!"

Antiphon

- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and [turn to] the LORD,*
and all the families of the nations shall [bow] before him.
- 27 For kingship be-[longs to] the LORD;*
he rules [over] the nations.

Antiphon

SECOND READING

Galatians 3:23-29

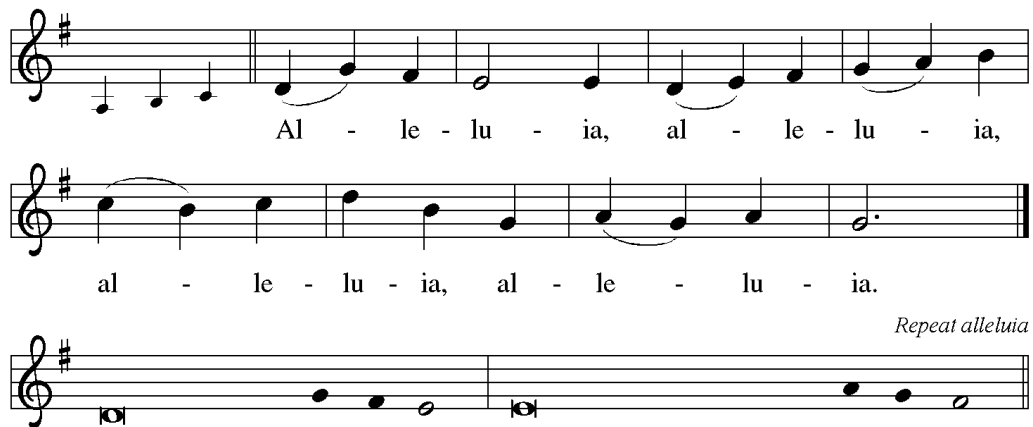
For Paul, baptism is a powerful bond that unites people not only with God but with other believers. Those who call themselves children of God experience a transformation that removes prejudices of race, social class, or gender in favor of true unity in Christ.

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



**All: Alleluia. Return | to your home,* and declare how much God has | done for you.
Alleluia. (Luke 8:29)**

GOSPEL

Luke 8:26-39

The holy gospel according to Saint Luke, the eighth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus' mission includes foreigners and his authority extends to the casting out of demons. Some who witness Jesus' work are seized with confusion and fear, but the man who was healed is commissioned to give testimony to God's mercy and power.

Then [Jesus and his disciples] arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me"—for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Hernandez

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY • ELW 843

Praise the One who breaks the darkness



- 1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light;
- 2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen - tle word;
- 3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;



praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners, turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.
praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc - ing, two - edged sword.
Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,
Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand;
Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done.



calm - ing storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the ver - y bread of peace.
from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

Text: Rusty Edwards, b. 1955

Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813

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APOSTLES' CREED

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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

United in Christ and guided by the Spirit, we pray for the church, the creation, and all in need.

After each portion of the prayers:

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

God of every time and place, in Jesus' name and filled with your Holy Spirit, we entrust these spoken prayers
and those in our hearts into your holy keeping.
Amen.

PEACE

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

Please be seated.

MEAL

OFFERING

We invite you to give your offering online at saintlukegive.us
You may also mail your checks to:

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ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

Setting, Edwin T. Child

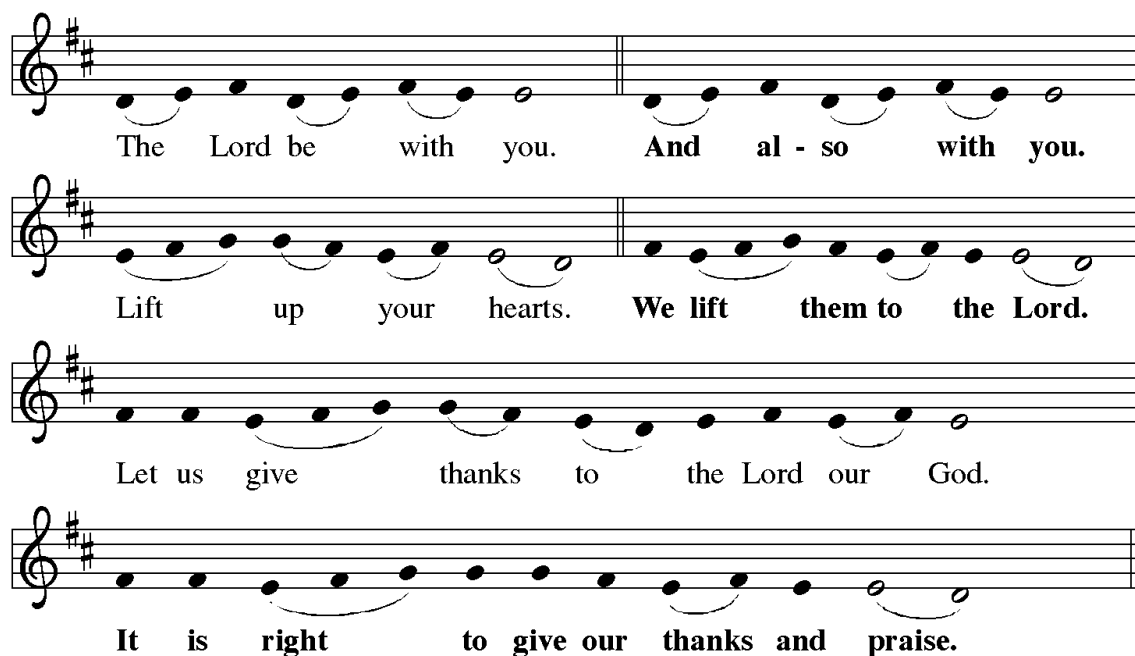
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OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of abundance: you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING



The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The notes are mostly quarter and eighth notes, with some slurs. The lyrics are written below the notes.

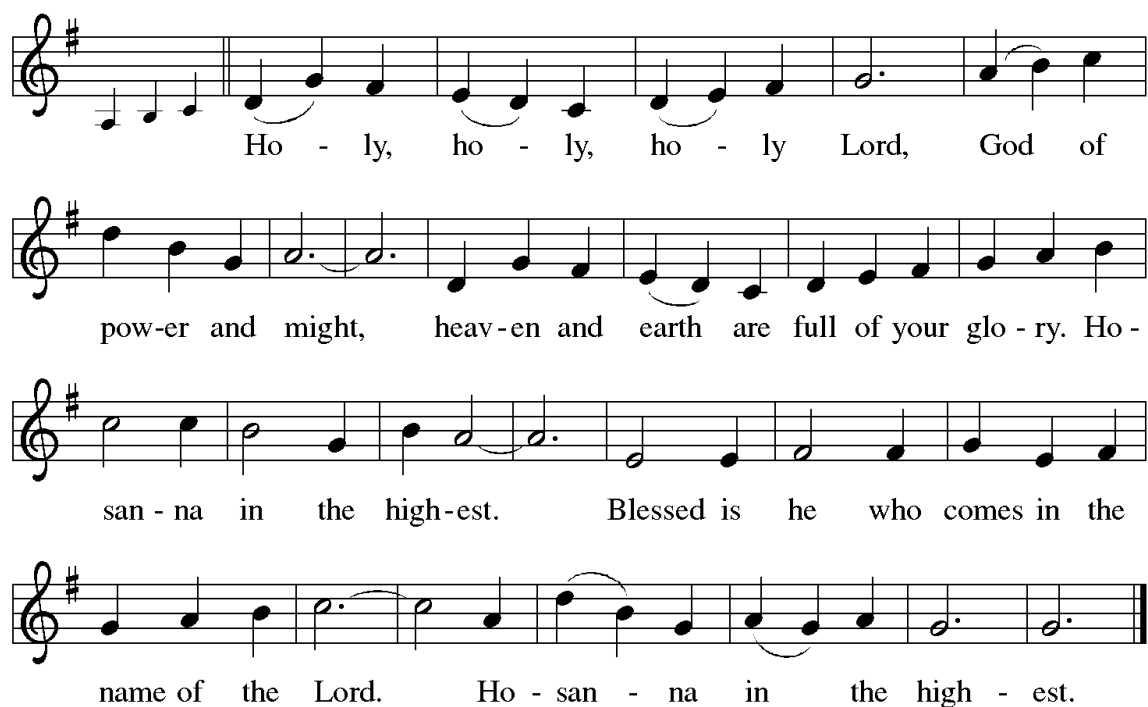
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



God, Creator of all time and space, in this, our own time and place, we give you thanks and praise for giving us life, and inviting us to share in the history of a people who are blessed by your faithfulness, challenged by your prophets, forgiven by your mercy, and ever surprised by your power to do more, working in us, than we can ask or imagine.

We thank you for your life manifest in Jesus, whose life, death and resurrection reveal you fully: your love for humanity, your desire for human freedom, your passion for justice.

We remember that Jesus, gathered at table with his friends in a time of struggle and fear, took bread, 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.

Let us proclaim together the mystery of our faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again!

Come now, Holy Spirit of God. As you were present at creation, be present now, and let these gifts of bread and cup become for us the Bread of Life and the Cup of Blessing. As you were sent by Jesus to accompany us on our journey of faith, be present now, and make this community, in receiving this bread and cup, one body in Christ.

Amen.

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

In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy.
Come to the banquet.
Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.

COMMUNION

When communing, kindly receive the communion elements from the servers. The servers will then step back. At that time, please remove your mask and partake of the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Then proceed to the appropriate station to deposit your individual cup. If you wish gluten free bread, simply let the server know .

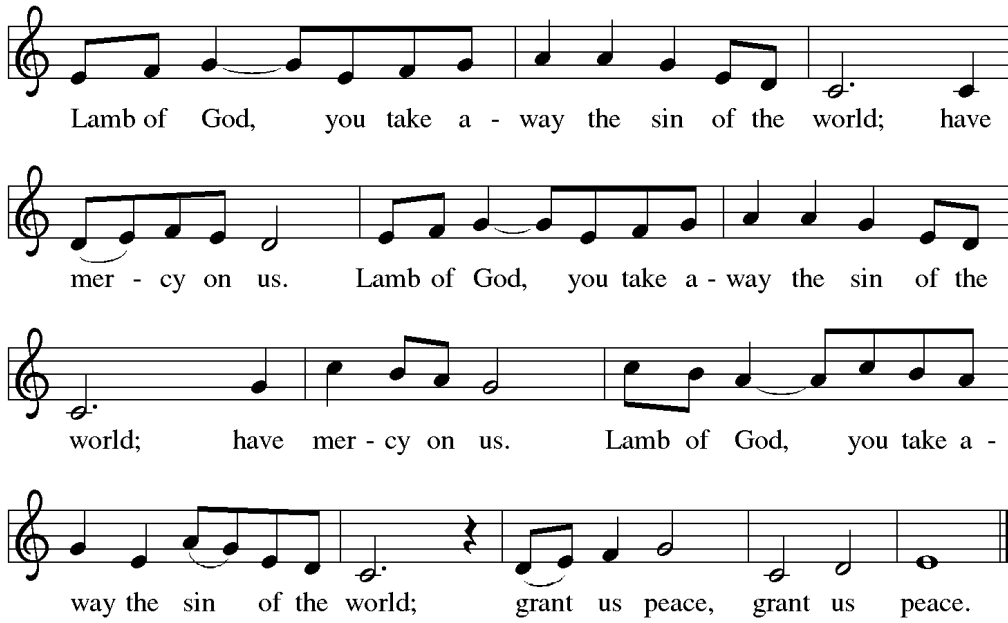
When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say:

The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

The communicant may say:

Amen.

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN • ELW 496

One Bread, One Body



Refrain
One bread, one bod - y, one Lord of all; one cup of
bless - ing which we bless, and we, though man - y
through - out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.
1 Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or free,
2 Man - y the gifts, man - y the works,
3 Grain for the fields, scat - tered and grown,
Refrain
wom - an or man, no more.
one in the Lord of all.
gath - ered to one for all.

Text: John Foley, SJ, b. 1939

Music: ONE BREAD, ONE BODY, John Foley, SJ

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Please stand as you are able.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

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

Amen.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful -

filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre-pared in the

sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the na - tions

and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus.

Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

The God of peace,
Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you, comfort you,
and show you the path of life
this day and always.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN • ELW 886

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing



- 1 Oh, for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,
- 2 My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, as-sist me to pro-claim,
- 3 The name of Je-sus charms our fears and bids our sor-rows cease,
- 4 He speaks, and lis-t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re-ceive;



the glo-ries of my God and king, the tri-umphs of his grace!
to spread through all the earth a-broad the hon-ors of your name.
sings mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.
the mourn-ful, bro-ken hearts re-joice, the hum-ble poor be-lieve.

- 5 Look unto him, your Savior own,
O fallen human race!
Look and be saved through faith alone,
be justified by grace!
- 6 To God all glory, praise, and love
be now and ever giv'n
by saints below and saints above,
the church in earth and heav'n.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.

Music: AZMON, Carl G. Gläser, 1784–1829; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

DISMISSAL

Go in peace.
Love your neighbor.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Setting, Barbara Harbach

WORSHIP LEADERS

PRESIDING MINISTERS

The Rev. Connie A. Miller, *Senior Pastor*

The Rev. Richard Zawistoski, *Confirmation Pastor*

PREACHING MINISTER

The Rev. Rosario Hernandez, *Saint Luke Member, former Associate Pastor*

MUSICIANS

Dr. Alain Truche, *Director of Music and Organist*

Summer Choir (11:15)

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This week at Saint Luke Lutheran Church

SUNDAY, June 19—The 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

8:45 AM Holy Communion
10:00 AM Summer Choir Rehearsal
11:15 AM * Holy Communion

MONDAY, June 20

6:00 PM Yoga

TUESDAY, June 21

7:00 PM Reformation Bells

WEDNESDAY, June 22

6:30 AM Zoom Faith Connections
10:00 AM Women In Community
7:30 PM AA

THURSDAY, June 23

7:30 PM Zoom Centering Prayer

FRIDAY, June 24

SATURDAY, June 25

9:30 AM AA

SUNDAY, June 26—The 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

8:45 AM Holy Communion
10:00 AM Summer Choir Rehearsal
11:15 AM * Holy Communion
5:00 PM San Lucas Misa

*NB: Worship Services are in person and livestreamed
* in person only*

Upcoming Commemorations

Onesimos Nesib, translator, evangelist, died 1931

Tuesday, June 21, 2022

Onesimos was born in Ethiopia. Captured, enslaved, and taken to Eritrea, he was there freed by Swedish missionaries. He translated the Bible into his native Oromo and returned to preach there.

John the Baptist

Friday, June 24, 2022

John said, "[Jesus] must increase, but I must decrease." And so his birth is celebrated half a year before Jesus', just as the daylight in the northern hemisphere begins to wane. Jesus honored John as being the greatest prophet.

Presentation of the Augsburg Confession, 1530

Saturday, June 25, 2022

On this day in 1530 the German and Latin editions of the Augsburg Confession were presented to the Emperor Charles of the Holy Roman Empire. The Augsburg Confession was written by Philipp Melanchthon and endorsed by Martin Luther, and consists of a brief summary of points in which the reformers saw their teaching as either agreeing with or differing from that of the Roman Catholic Church of the time.

Philipp Melanchthon, renewer of the church, died 1560

Saturday, June 25, 2022

Though he died on April 19, Philipp Melanchthon is commemorated today because of his connection with the Augsburg Confession. Colleague and co-reformer with Martin Luther, Melanchthon was a brilliant scholar, known as "the teacher of Germany."

Saint Luke Update 6/19/2022 Edition

THE GREEN GROWING SEASON is among us. This is what is called the Time After Pentecost or The Time of the Church, or even, Ordinary Time. We **celebrated the resurrection of Jesus Christ, seven weeks of Easter, and now during these green weeks, we are invited to practice resurrection.**

WE LIFT PRAYERS TODAY for Juneteenth, giving thanks for emancipation, yet we continue to pray for justice and fairness in our world. We lift prayers of thanksgiving for all who provide **fatherly love**, fathers, father figures, single parents who reach out in fatherly as well as motherly ways.

SUMMER CHOIR—Are you too busy to join choir during the program year? Starting **today** you are invited to sing at the 11:15 Holy Communion Service. Just come down to the music room at 10:00 a.m. robe up, and we'll get ready to sing for the service. No need to commit for the entire summer!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS next week! If you are here in person today you notice all the decorations in the narthex. Yes, the theme is *Food Truck Party On a Roll with God*. Thank you for your prayers as we get ready for this wonderful week beginning Monday, June 27. There will be a closing program Thursday evening, June 30, 7:00 p.m. and all are invited.

PRESCHOOL OPENINGS! Saint Luke Christian Day School (CDS) is still enrolling for the 2022-2023 school year. CDS is a part-time, play-based program serving children ages 2, 3, Pre-K. The first day of school is September 6, 2022. CDS has space available for all age levels.

To learn more and apply on-line, visit www.saintlukekids.org. Students will be accepted on a first come, first served basis.

MIGHT YOU CONSIDER serving as an usher (8:45 or 11:15 a.m.), a member of the Altar Guild, a Carillon player, a reader on Sunday morning? If you might be able to help in any way, please email stluke@saintluke.us. Thank you for prayerfully considering these possibilities. More to come. Gradually we are safely getting ministry teams restarted.

SUMMER IS HERE YET THE MISSION AND MINISTRY of Jesus continues. Thank you for your regular offering. A very easy way to give is electronic giving, especially signing up for recurring giving. We can go on vacation and our regular offering is still there or the outreach we share in the name of Jesus. Check if out at www.saintlukegive.us

INVITATION TO FORMER HANDBELL RINGERS—You are invited to ring the National Anthem at the Nationals vs. Braves game—by Handbell Musicians of America Area 3 July 14, 2022. Registration deadline is June 24. Ringer tickets are \$50.00 which includes a T-shirt that will be worn for the event and transportation to and from the ballpark from First Baptist Church Alexandria. The music must be memorized (AG36050 by John Benke) and is available from your favorite supply store. Cluster rehearsals will be held in June to refresh ringers on the music or for new ringers to the event. Family and guest tickets are \$35.00 that does not include transportation to the ballpark. For more information email Jerry at jdeanhill@aol.com. If you would like to participate, please contact Edie Venit at evenit1@verizon.net

Today's Music

HYMN NOTES

God of grace and God of glory

Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1878-1969

With heavy Rockefeller financial support, Riverside Church in New York was built for Fosdick, one of America's foremost preachers. Non-denominational, the church was opened on October 5, 1930—a grand occasion which invited self congratulation and more than a little pride. Fosdick faced the time with hopeful enthusiasm but with humility and sometimes fearful apprehension. To mark the occasion he wrote this famous hymn at his summer home in Boothbay Harbor, Maine with its call to face the call of Christ to be disciples, and to pray for wisdom and courage to face the hour, rather than to glory in it.—Hymn Notes for Church Bulletins

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

Rusty Edwards, b. 1955

This hymn was written in 1986, and was first published in *The Lutheran Journal* (Minneapolis, 1986). Written while Edwards was doing a Bible study on the life and ministry of Jesus, it moves from praising the One who breaks the darkness and does other liberating deeds of mercy to the One who makes us one. “It is astounding,” says Edwards, “how much Jesus did in such a brief earthly ministry, yet more astounding is how God’s blessing and saving acts continue on through Christ. How can we do other than to praise this Light in the darkness?”—ELW Hymnal Companion

One Bread, One Body

John Foley, b. 1939

This hymn and its tune by Foley first appeared in *Wood Hath Hope* (1978). It is based on 1 Corinthians 10:16-17, where Paul speaks about the cup of blessing and the bread we break as a sharing in the body and blood of Christ. Stanza 1 comes from Galatians 3:28, and stanza 3 draws on imagery from the *Diidache*, a cut-and-paste catechetical manual from the late first or early second century.—ELW Hymnal Companion

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Charles Wesley, 1707-1788

This hymn has characteristically stood as the first hymn in Methodist hymnals and is probably the best known of Charles Wesley’s hymns. It may have been stimulated by the hymn of the Lutheran pastor Johann Mentzer, “Oh, that I had a thousand voices,” or it may be that Mentzer’s hymn stood behind the remark of the Moravian Peter Böhler, who had said to Charles Wesley, “Had I a thousand tongues, I would praise Him with them all.” - ELW Hymnal Companion

MUSIC NOTES

Prelude : Toccata, BuxWV 165—Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

The Toccata in G Major is one of several pieces written for manuals only (hands). It starts with a “free” section that sets the tone. The second section explores tonalities that would have sound particular on instruments of the time that were tuned in the meantone temperament. (obtained by narrowing the fifths so that their ratio is slightly less than 3:2 (making them narrower than a perfect fifth), in order to push the thirds closer to pure. Meantone temperaments are constructed the same way as Pythagorean tuning, as a stack of equal fifths, but it is a temperament in that the fifths are not pure.—Wikipedia). The third section is a single fugue that dissolves not into a completely free section but into a quasi-ostinato passage, with the repeated pattern varying between six and eight beats. Irregularities such as this are a mark of the stylus phantasticus that was in vogue at the time.

Postlude: Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing - Setting, Barbara Harbach (b. 1946)

Dr. Barbara Harbach, Curators’ Distinguished Professor Emerita of Music at the University of Missouri-St. Louis, has a large catalog of works, including; symphonies, operas, string orchestra, musicals, works for chamber ensembles, film scores, modern ballet, pieces for organ, harpsichord and piano; choral anthems; and many arrangements for brass and organ of various Baroque works.

Her setting of the hymn tune “Azmon” opens with a pedal introduction followed by a open fifth figuration in the right hand which accompanies the first phrase of the tune. The rest of the setting explores various keys as the tune is played in the left hand in phrase segments.