



# Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 25, 11:15AM

## Saint Luke Lutheran Church and School

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*Consideration of and care for those in need (especially those “at our gate,” visible to us, of whom we are aware) is an essential component of good stewardship. It is in the sharing of wealth that we avoid the snare of wealth. It is the one whom death could not hold—who comes to us risen from the dead—who can free us from the death grip of greed.*

## GATHERING

### PRELUDE

Allegretto

Arthur Foote (1853-1937)

### 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,  
who is eager to forgive  
and who loves us beyond our days.

**Amen.**

Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God of mercy and forgiveness,  
**we confess that sin still has a hold on us. We have harmed your good creation. We have failed to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Turn us in a new direction. Show us the path that leads to life. Be our refuge and strength on the journey, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. Amen.**

Beloved of God: your sins are forgiven ✠ and you are made whole. God points the way to new life in Christ, who meets us on the road. Journey now in God’s abiding love through the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN • ELW 723

*Canticle of the Turning*



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the  
 2 Though I am small, my . . . God, my all, you . . .  
 3 From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a  
 4 Though the na - tions rage from . . age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the  
 work great . . things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the  
 stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your  
 mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.  
 depths of the past to the end of the age to be.  
 jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant . . . from his throne.  
 liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my  
 Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to  
 The hun - gry poor shall . . weep no more, for the  
 This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my  
 those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the  
 food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry  
 prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?  
 strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
 mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
 crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.



*Refrain*  
 My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn.



Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

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 Music: STAR OF COUNTY DOWN, Irish traditional  
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## 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*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb

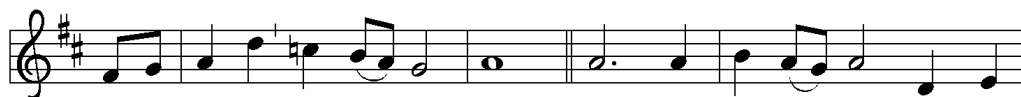


who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.


*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,  
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was  
 slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Final refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.  
 Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

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.**

*Please be seated.*

## WORD

### FIRST READING

Amos 6:1a, 4-7

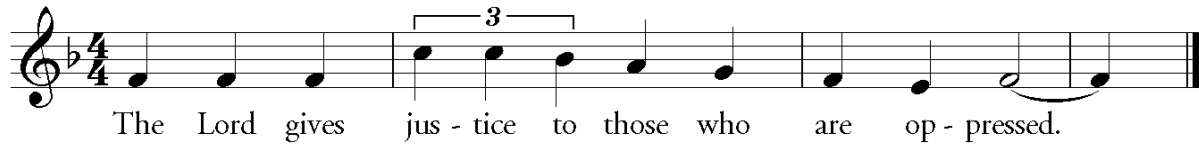
*The prophet Amos announces that Israel's great wealth is a cause not for rejoicing but rather sorrow, because God's people have forgotten how to share their wealth with the poor. The wealthy will be the first to go into exile when judgment comes.*

Alas for those who are at ease in Zion, and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria, Alas for 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.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The refrain is introduced by the Organ. Please sing the refrain the 2nd time. Please sing all the verses.*



*tone: SINE NOMINE*



Hallelujah! ... Praise the [Lord O] my soul!\*

I will praise the Lord as long as I live; ...

I will sing praises to my God while I [have] my being.

Put not your trust in rulers, ... nor in any [child] of earth,\*

for [there is] no help in them.

When they breathe their last, ... they re-[turn] to earth,\*

and in that day their [thoughts] perish.

*Antiphon*

Happy are they who have the God of Jacob [for] their help,\*

whose hope is in the [Lord] their God;

who made heaven and earth, ... the seas and [all that] is in them;\*

who keeps his [promise] forever;

who gives justice to those who [are] oppressed,\*

and food to [those] who hunger.

*Antiphon*

The Lord sets the prisoners free; ... the Lord opens the [eyes of ] the blind;\*

the Lord lifts up those who are [bow'd] down;

the Lord loves the righteous; ... the Lord [cares for] the stranger;\*

he sustains the orphan and widow, ... but frustrates the [way of] the wicked.

The Lord shall [reign] forever,\*

your God O Zion, ... throughout all generations. ... [Hal]-lelujah!

*Antiphon*

## SECOND 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. 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.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## GOSPEL

Luke 16:19-31

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*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 looked up 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, father, I beg you 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 goes to them from the dead, 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.’”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

Pastor Morales

*Please stand as you are able.*



1 The church of Christ, in ev - 'ry age be - set by  
 2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims  
 3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing  
 4 For he a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the  
 5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -



change, but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its  
 of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for  
 church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's  
 fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to  
 be - dience to our Lord; to care for all, with -



her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.  
 bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.  
 sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.  
 share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.  
 out re - serve, and spread his lib - er - at - ing word.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: WAREHAM, William Knapp, 1698–1768

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## 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.**



## Commissioning of Prayer Partners

Dear Christian friends: Scripture reminds us “In everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.” Also, Saint Paul continues, “Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.” Baptized into the priesthood of Christ we all are called to offer our gifts. It is our privilege to recognize, thank and support those engaged in the ministry of Prayer Partners.

You who stand before us deserve our deepest thanks for your commitment to regular intercession on behalf of each disciple in this congregation, a foundational ministry of this community of faith. Having offered yourselves in ministry as a Prayer Partner, will you follow our Lord’s example of humble service?

Prayer Partners: *Yes, with God’s help.*

People of God, will you support these saints who intercede for us, and regularly lift them in your prayers of thanksgiving, sharing in the mutual ministry that Christ has given to all of us?

Congregation: *Yes, with God’s help.*

Prayer Partners, thank you for accepting this powerful spirit-filled ministry, serving as examples of faith active in love. God’s blessings be with you always.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God’s good creation.

*After each portion of the prayers:*

God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude:*

Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**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](http://saintlukegive.us)

You may also mail your checks to:

Saint Luke Lutheran Church  
9100 Colesville Road  
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### ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Meditation

Arthur Foote

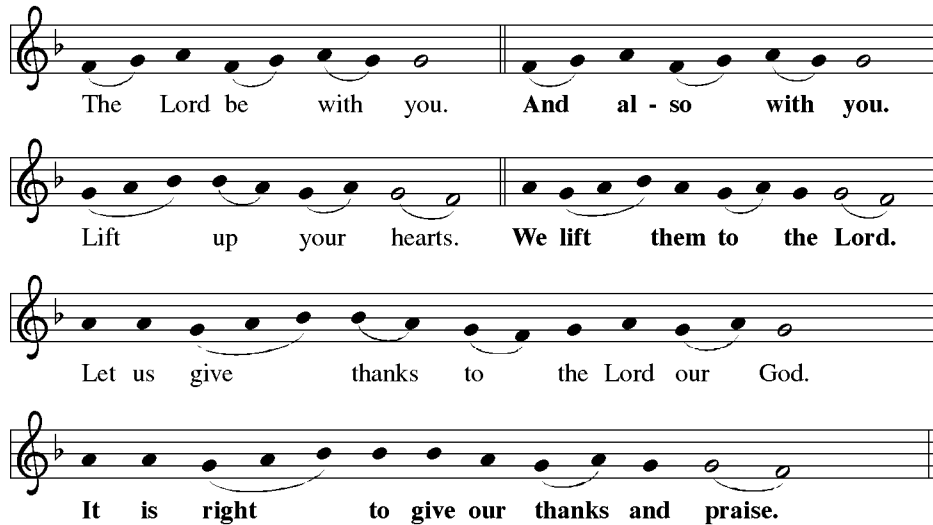
*Please stand as you are able.*

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

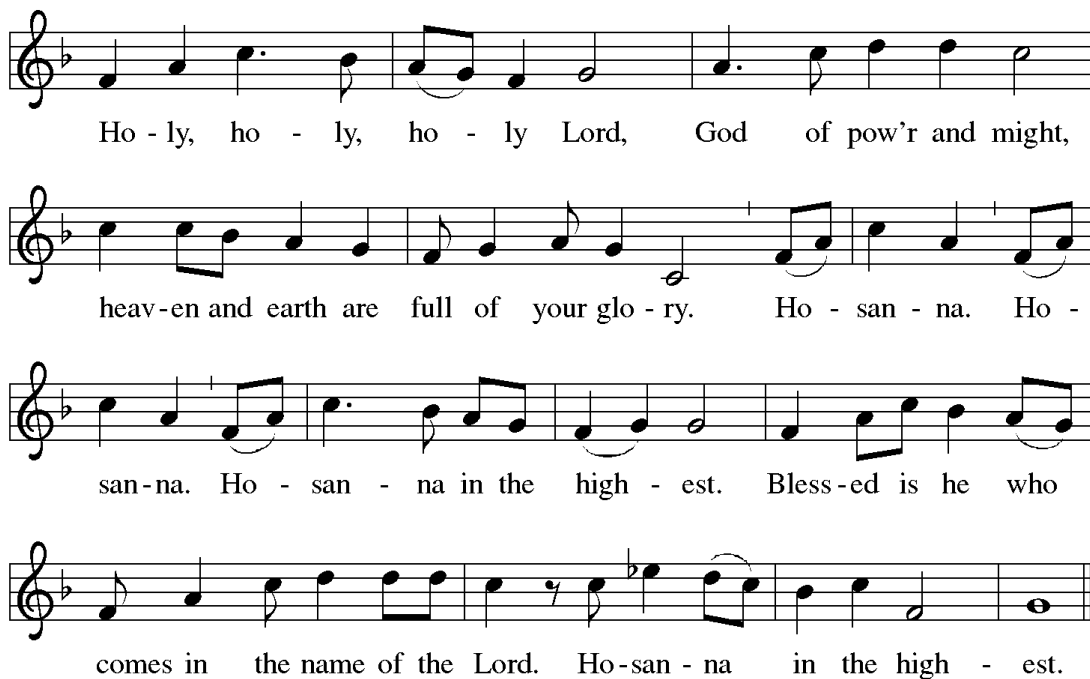
**Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all. Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING



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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

Holy, living, and loving God, we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth.

We bless you for bringing Noah and his family through the waters of the flood, for freeing your people Israel from the bonds of slavery, and for sending your Son to be our Redeemer.

We give you thanks for Jesus who, living among us, healed the sick, fed the hungry, and with a love stronger than death, gave his life for others.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his life-giving death and glorious resurrection, we await your promised life for all this dying world.

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again!**

Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup: carry us in your arms from death to life, that we may live as your chosen ones, clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

**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

Christ invites you to this table.  
Come, taste and see.  
**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.

COMMUNION HYMN • ELW 659

*Will You Let Me Be Your Servant*



1 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as  
2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, we are trav - 'lers  
3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the night - time  
4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you laugh I'll  
5 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as



Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to  
on the road; we are here to help each oth - er  
of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you,  
laugh with you. I will share your joy and sor - row  
Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to



let you be my ser - vant, too.  
walk the mile and bear the load.  
speak the peace you long to hear.  
till we've seen this jour - ney through.  
let you be my ser - vant, too.

Text: Richard Gillard, b. 1953  
Music: THE SERVANT SONG, Richard Gillard  
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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



Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.



Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980  
Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923  
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## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

God of the abundant table, you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Amen.**

## SENDING

### BLESSING

God, creator of all things, finding us and holding us from eternity

Jesus Christ, savior of the world, raising the dead;

Holy Spirit, living voice, calling and enlightening the church:

Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit,

bless you now and forever.

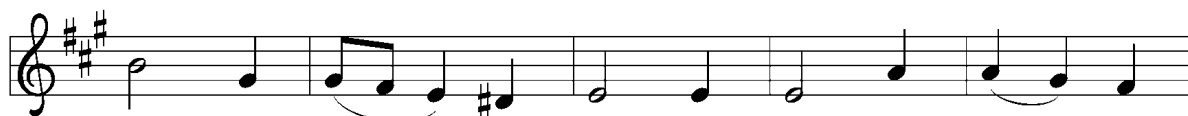
**Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN • ELW 719

*Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life*



1 Where cross the crowd - ed ways of life, where sound the  
2 In haunts of wretch - ed - ness and need, on shad - owed  
3 From ten - der child - hood's help - less - ness, from hu - man  
4 The cup of wa - ter giv'n for you still holds the



cries of race and clan, a - bove the noise of  
thresh - olds dark with fears, from paths where hide the  
grief and bur - dened toil, from fam - ished souls, from  
fresh - ness of your grace; yet long these mul - ti -



self - ish strife, we hear your voice, O Son of Man.  
lures of greed, we catch the vi - sion of your tears.  
sor - row's stress, your heart has nev - er known re - coil.  
tudes to view the strong com - pas - sion in your face.

5 O Master, from the mountainside  
make haste to heal these hearts of pain;  
among these restless throngs abide;  
oh, tread the city's streets again;

6 Till all the world shall learn your love,  
and follow where your feet have trod;  
till glorious from your heav'n above  
shall come the city of our God.

Text: Frank M. North, 1850–1935, alt.

Music: WALTON, W. Gardiner, *Sacred Melodies*, 1815

### DISMISSAL

Go in peace,  
with Christ beside you.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE

Postlude in C Major

Arthur Foote

## WORSHIP LEADERS

### PRESIDING MINISTERS

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

The Rev. Franklin Morales, *Associate Pastor*

### COMMUNION SERVERS

Deacon Kyle Warfield, *Director of Discipleship and Senior High Ministries*

The Rev. Richard Zawistoski, *Confirmation Pastor*

### READERS

Art Sensenig, Prayer Partner

Barbara Sensenig, Prayer Partner

### MUSICIAN

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



THE FLOWERS ABOUT THE ALTAR are given to the glory of God by Mary Ann Shepherd in gratitude for another birthday and in honor of her "birthday sisters" Cynthia Pratt and Janice Matsumoto. The flowers are also given by Sarah Province in thanksgiving for all the September birthdays at Saint Luke.

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# This week at Saint Luke Lutheran Church

## SUNDAY, Sept. 25—16th Sunday After Pentecost

8:45 AM **Holy Communion**  
10:00 AM SLSHY  
10:00 AM Prayer Partners Brunch  
10:00 AM Sunday School  
10:00 AM Affirmation of Baptism Class  
10:00 AM Reception  
11:15 AM **Holy Communion**  
5:00 PM Wickre Organ Concert (Organized Rhythm)

8:00 AM CDS Classes  
4:00 PM CARing Project  
7:30 PM Zoom Centering Prayer

## FRIDAY, September 30

8:00 AM CDS Classes

## SATURDAY, October 1

9:30 AM AA  
9:30 AM Schola Retreat

## MONDAY, September 26

8:00 AM CDS Classes  
6:00 PM Yoga

## TUESDAY, September 27

8:00 AM CDS Classes  
4:30 PM Piano Lessons  
7:00 PM Book and Video Discussion Group  
7:00 PM Reformation Bells  
7:00 PM Girl Scouts

## WEDNESDAY, September 28

7:00 AM Zoom Faith Connections  
8:00 AM CDS Classes  
10:00 AM CDS Chapel  
10:00 AM Women in Community  
5:00 PM Choristers RSCM program  
7:30 PM AA  
7:30 PM Schola Cantorum Rehearsal

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10:00 AM Affirmation of Baptism Class  
10:00 AM Reception  
10:15 AM Forum  
11:15 AM **Holy Communion**  
12:30 PM Picnic in the Park  
3:00 PM Zoom San Lucas Gospel Meditation  
5:00 PM Blessing of the Animals

*NB: Worship Services are in person and livestreamed*

## THURSDAY, September 29

## Upcoming Commemorations

### Michael and All Angels

*Thursday, September 29, 2022*

Michael the archangel, captain of the heavenly hosts, is remembered on this day along with the other angels and archangels. The word "angel" means messenger, and in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam, these beings have a fully spiritual nature and no physical body.

### Jerome, translator, teacher, died 420

*Friday, September 30, 2022*

Jerome was a biblical scholar and translator, but rather than translating the original Hebrew and Greek scriptures into classical Latin, he worked in the commonly-spoken Latin of the day, creating a version called the Vulgate.

## Saint Luke Update 9/25/2022 Edition

**THE COVID TRANSMISSION RATE in Montgomery County has for now decreased, so now masks are STRONGLY RECOMMENDED indoors at Saint Luke. Thank you for staying safe and well.**

### PRAYER PARTNER COMMISSIONING TODAY

Thank you so much to so many who have answered the call to be a Prayer Partner. Did you know that each day, thanks to these wonderful saints, each member of Saint Luke, the staff of Saint Luke and many others are lifted in prayer? Can you feel those prayers?

Today at both morning services we commission these Prayer Partners for their ministry. Perhaps you can spend a few minutes each day lifting up 6-8 individuals or families in prayer? If so, please contact the Parish Nurse/Director of Caring Ministries, Ruth Manchester, [rmanchester@saintluke.us](mailto:rmanchester@saintluke.us)

### WICKRE ANNUAL CONCERT TONIGHT

Don't miss it—the Wickre Concert by Organized Rhythm with Grammy Award Winner percussionist Joseph Gramley and organist Clive Driskill-Smith this evening at 5:00 pm. Performance will include works from the Carnival of the Animals by Camille Saint-Saëns, the Planets by Gustav Holst, and works by Aaron Copland. This is an fun intergenerational concert. Kids are welcome!

There is no cost but a free will offering will be received. You may also give your offering electronically by going to [saintlukegive.us](http://saintlukegive.us) and click *Wickre Concert*. A reception will follow the concert. You may learn more about the artists: [https://youtu.be/7xR5S\\_4bihE](https://youtu.be/7xR5S_4bihE)

### BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Yes, it is time to invite Fluffy and Fido (and all other pets) to church. It is a service just for them, this coming **Sunday, October 2, 5:00 p.m.** in the Bit Top. Yes, it is the **BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS**.

Just a reminder then to make sure it is on their schedule. Humans warmly welcomed, too. Please know all animals must be on a leash or in a crate. A reception will follow – for the animals.

Please pass the word to neighbors and friends.

# Today's Music

## HYMN NOTES

### **Canticle of the Turning**

*Rory Cooney, b. 1952*

This paraphrase of the Magnificat (Luke 1:46-55) has a wild flair about it that cries out the radical nature of this canticle. “Let the king beware,” for justice will ultimately bring down every tyrant. Cooney says he “simply wanted to write a setting of the canticle that attempted to capture the revolutionary spirit of the gospel, of a God who ‘pulls down the mighty from their thrones and raises up the lowly.’” - ELW Hymnal Companion

### **The Church of Christ, in Every Age**

*Fred Pratt Green, 1903-2000*

The author is well known for his willingness and enthusiasm in writing hymns “on demand” for special occasions. In 1967 he received a request from the Methodist hymnal committee of Great Britain for “a hymn which tackled the relationship of Sabbath and Sunday.” His willingness also to make alterations is reflected in his comment about *Lutheran Book of Worship* when it included this hymn, “The changes asked for by your committee have improved it.” This is a powerful hymn about the mission of the Church.—Hymn Notes for Church Bulletins

### **Will You Let Me Be Your Servant**

*Richard Gillard, b. 1953*

Gillard wrote both this hymn and its music. A change from the original first stanza “Sister, let me be your servant” and the last one “Brother, let me be your servant” to “Will you let me be your servant?” is more universal in its address, and it retains the dignity of the recipient by asking permission before service is rendered.—ELW Hymnal Companion

### **Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life**

*Frank Mason North, 1850-1935*

This is probably the earliest Christian hymn of the modern city. North, a Methodist Missionary Society secretary and editor of *Christian City*, wrote the hymn looking down on the busy canyons of New York City. Based on Matthew 22:9 (“Go ye therefore unto the partings of the highways”) it is a poignant picture of Christ’s concerns for the down-trodden and needy people of every city.—Hymn Notes for Church Bulletins

## MUSIC NOTES

### **Prelude: Allegretto—Arthur Foote (1853-1937)**

Foote was an American classical composer, and a member of the "Boston Six." The other five were George Whitefield Chadwick, Amy Beach, Edward MacDowell, John Knowles Paine, and Horatio Parker. Foote wrote in many different musical genres and some pieces for the organ. The “Allegretto” is from *Three Compositions for Organ, op. 29* written in 1893. This very piece was performed by the famous French organist Alexandre Guilmant who played it on two of his American tours.

### **Musing at the Offering: Meditation—Arthur Foote**

The first piece from the collection *Six Pieces, op. 50* written in 1902, this quite piece does set the mood for meditating with its straightforward harmonies and melodies.

### **Postlude: Postlude in C Major—Arthur Foote**

This piece is a standalone composition that features the louder sounds of the organ and focuses on harmony and the dotted rhythm pattern.