



Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

October 2, 11:15AM

Saint Luke Lutheran Church and School

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A little faith goes a long way is Jesus' point in the gospel. A mustard seed's-worth of faith has miraculous potential. The patience, tenacity, and endurance required for the life of faith are the blessings received in holy baptism, holy communion, and the word read and proclaimed in this assembly. Anticipate them. Receive them with thanksgiving.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Musings on "Engelberg"

Paul Leddington Wright (b. 1957)

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 851

When in Our Music God Is Glorified



1 When in our mu - sic God is glo - ri - fied, and ad - o -
2 How oft, in mak - ing mu - sic, we have found a new di -
3 So has the church, in lit - ur - gy and song, in faith and
4 And did not Je - sus sing a psalm that night when ut - most
5 Let ev - 'ry in - stru - ment be tuned for praise; let all re -



ra - tion leaves no room for pride, it is as
men - sion in the world of sound, as wor - ship
love, through cen - tu - ries of wrong, borne wit - ness
e - vil strove a - gainst the light? Then let us
joyce who have a voice to raise; and may God



though the whole cre - a - tion cried:
moved us to a more pro - found
to the truth in ev - 'ry tongue: Al - le - lu - ia!
sing, for whom he won the fight:
give us faith to sing al - ways:

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: ENGELBERG, Charles V. Stanford, 1852–1924

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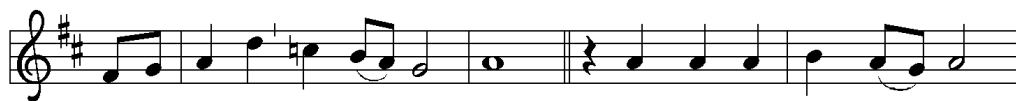
GREETING

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



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.

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.

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

Injustice and violence in the time leading up to the Babylonian exile move this prophet to lament: How can a good and all-powerful God see evil in the world and seemingly remain indifferent? God answers by proclaiming that the righteous will live by faith.

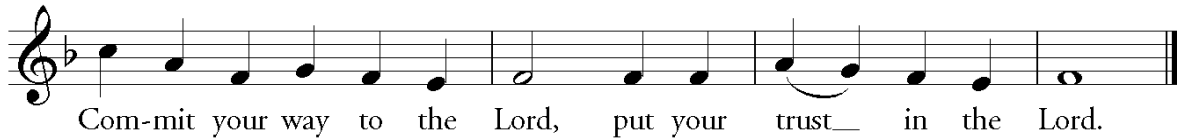
O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you “Violence!” and you will not save? Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous—therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

I will stand at my watchpost, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint. Then the Lord answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay. Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.

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



Do not fret yourself be-[cause] of evildoers;*
do not be jealous of [those who] do wrong.
For they shall soon wither [like] the grass,*
and like the green grass [fade] away.
Put your trust in the [Lord and] do good;*
dwell in the land and [feed on] its riches.
Take de-[light in] the Lord,*
and he shall give you your [heart's] desire.

Antiphon

Commit your way to the Lord and [put] your trust in him,*
and he will [bring it] to pass.
He will make your righteousness as [clear as] the light*
and your just dealing [as] the noonday.
Be still be-[fore] the Lord*
and wait [patiently] for him.
Do not fret yourself over the [one] who prospers,*
the one who succeeds in [e]-vil schemes.

Antiphon

Refrain from anger, ... leave [rage] alone;*
do not fret yourself; ... it leads [only] to evil.
For evildoers [shall be] cut off,*
but those who wait upon the Lord shall pos-[sess] the land.

Antiphon

SECOND READING

2 Timothy 1:1-14

This letter written to Timothy is a personal message of encouragement. In the face of hardship and persecution, Timothy is reminded that his faith is a gift of God. He is encouraged to exercise that faith with the help of the Holy Spirit.

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,
To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL

Luke 17:5-10

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus instructs his followers about the power of faith and the duties of discipleship. He calls his disciples to adopt the attitude of servants whose actions are responses to their identity rather than works seeking reward.

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

"Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Miller

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY • ELW 818

O Master, Let Me Walk with You



1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with you in low - ly
2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,
3 Teach me your pa - tience; share with me a clos - er,
4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the



paths of ser - vice true; tell me your se - cret;
win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward
dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith
fu - ture's broad - 'ning way, in peace that on - ly



help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.
sweet and strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong,
you can give; with you, O Mas - ter, let me live.

Text: Washington Gladden, 1836–1918, alt.
Music: MARYTON, H. Percy Smith, 1825–1898

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.**

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
You may also mail your checks to:

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9100 Colesville Road
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ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Faith of Our Fathers

Michael Burkhardt (b. 1957)

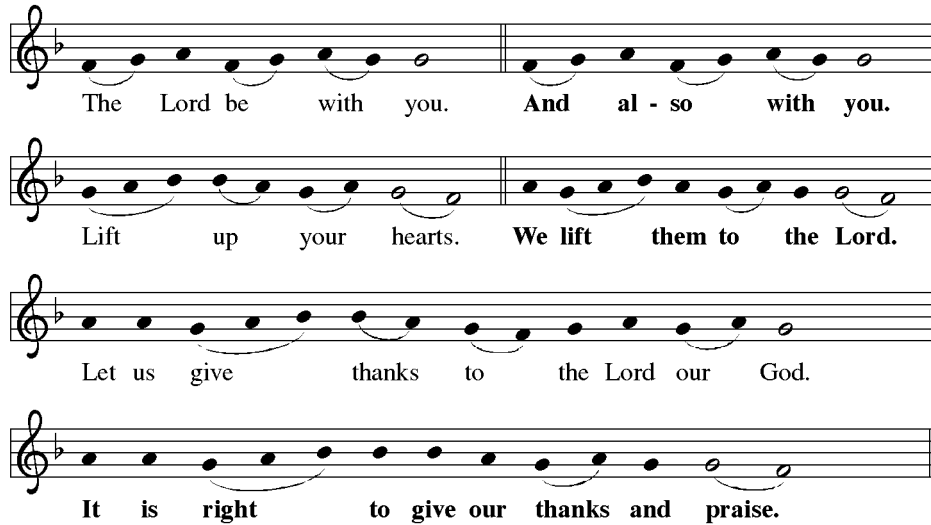
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OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

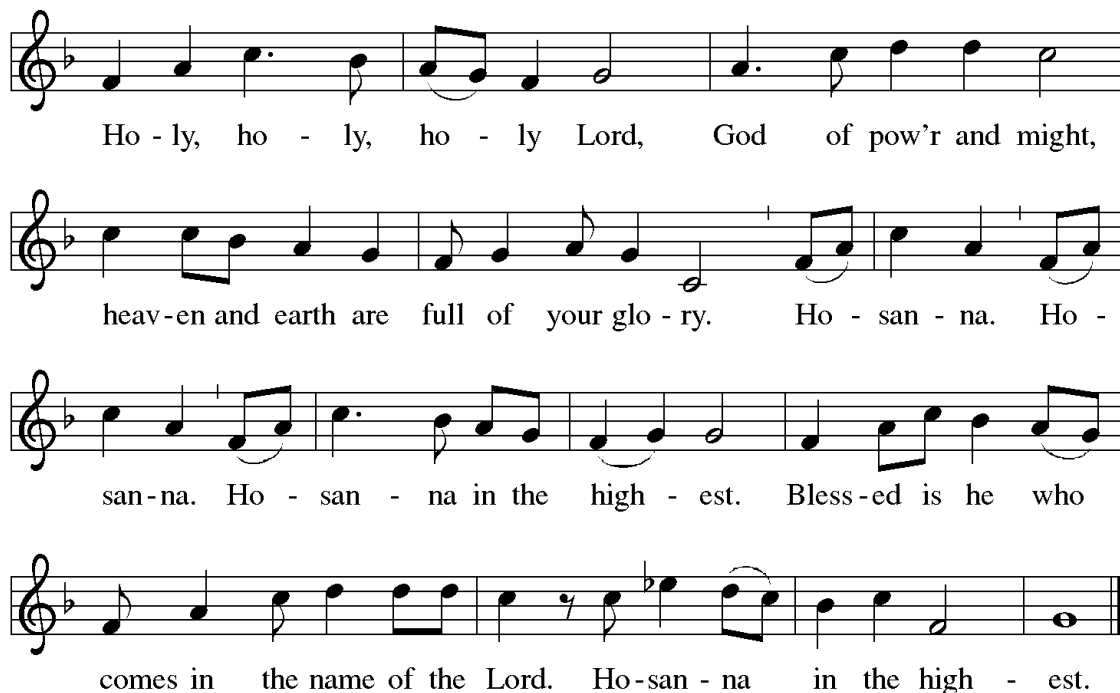
Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all. Amen.

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 863

My God, How Wonderful Thou Art



- 1 My God, how won - der - ful thou art, thy maj - es - ty how bright!
- 2 How won - der - ful, how beau - ti - ful the sight of thee must be—
- 3 No earth - ly fa - ther loves like thee; no moth - er, e'er so mild,
- 4 Yet I may love thee too, O Lord, al - might - y as thou art,
- 5 My God, how won - der - ful thou art, thou ev - er - last - ing friend!



How beau - ti - ful thy mer - cy seat in depths of burn - ing light!
thine end - less wis - dom, bound - less pow'r, and awe - some pu - ri - ty!
bears and for - bears as thou hast done with me, thy sin - ful child.
for thou hast stooped to ask of me the love of my poor heart.
On thee I stay my trust - ing heart till faith in vi - sion end.

Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814–1863

Music: DUNDEE, *Psalter*, Edinburgh, 1615

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 - joice 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 813

Faith of Our Fathers



1 Faith of our fa - thers, liv - ing still in spite of dun - geon,
2 Faith of our moth - ers, dar - ing faith, your work for Christ is
3 Faith of our sis - ters, broth - ers too, who still must bear op -
4 Faith born of God, oh, call us yet, bind us with all who



fire, and sword. Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy
love re - vealed, spread - ing God's word from pole to pole,
press - ion's might, rais - ing on high, in pris - ons dark,
fol - low you, shar - ing the strug - gle of your cross



when-e'er we hear that glo - rious word. Faith of our fa - thers,
mak - ing love known and free - dom real. Faith of our moth - ers,
the cross of Christ still burn - ing bright. Faith for to - day, O
un - til the world is made a - new. Faith born of God, O



ho - ly faith, we will be true to you till death.
ho - ly faith, we will be true to you till death.
liv - ing faith, we will be true to you till death.
liv - ing faith, we will be true to you till death.

Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814–1863, st. 1, alt.; Joseph R. Alfred, b. 1947, sts. 2–4
Music: ST. CATHERINE, Henri F. Hemy, 1818–1888; James G. Walton, 1821–1905, refrain
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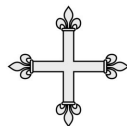
DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Chorale Prelude on “Engelberg”

Aaron David Miller (b. 1972)



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*

READER

Andrew Vigliotta

MUSICIANS

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



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This week at Saint Luke Lutheran Church

SUNDAY, October 2—17th Sunday After Pentecost

8:45 AM Holy Communion
10:00 AM SLSHY
10:00 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Affirmation of Baptism Class
10:00 AM Reception
11:15 AM Holy Communion
12:30 PM Picnic in the Park
3:00 PM Zoom San Lucas Gospel Meditation

MONDAY, October 3

8:00 AM CDS Classes
6:00 PM Yoga

TUESDAY, October 4

8:00 AM CDS Classes
1:30 PM Program Staff Meeting
4:30 PM Piano Lessons
7:00 PM Reformation Bells
7:00 PM Girl Scouts

WEDNESDAY, October 5

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

THURSDAY, October 6

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

FRIDAY, October 7

8:00 AM CDS Classes

SATURDAY, October 8

8:30 AM Zoom Men's Group
9:30 AM AA
11:00 AM Al-Anon Family Groups/ Courage to Change

SUNDAY, October 16—God's Work. Our Hands

8:45 AM Holy Communion
10:00 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Affirmation of Baptism Class
10:00 AM Congregation Service Project
10:00 AM SLSHY
10:00 AM Reception
11:15 AM Holy Communion
3:00 PM San Lucas Gospel Meditation online

NB: Worship Services are in person and livestreamed

Upcoming Commemorations

Francis of Assisi, renewer of the church, died 1226

Tuesday, October 4, 2022

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

Tuesday, October 4, 2022

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

Thursday, October 6, 2022

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

Friday, October 7, 2022

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.

Saint Luke Update 10/2/2022 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.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS—CANCELLED

Due to the predicted weather, the Blessing of the Animals originally scheduled for 5:00 p.m. is cancelled. Please share this blessing with your beloved pet:

Holy God, thank you for the gift of *pet name*. Through this animal you have brought many blessings. Today we pause to name this gratitude, and to pray a blessing on *pet name*. For the companionship of our pets, we say thank you. Bless this animal's life in our care; may *they* know love throughout all *their* days. Amen.

LIFTING PRAYERS AND SUPPORT

The images are unbelievable. At first the devastation of Hurricane Fiona, and now such a catastrophic Hurricane, Ian. How our hearts go out to our brothers and sisters from Puerto Rico, to Florida, and beyond, beholding endless destruction. We pray and support. **First let us pray:**

God our refuge and strength, we pray for all those now numb and so fearful from the destruction of such powerful hurricanes. We especially pray for those who behold such devastation of property. We pray for the restoration of physical property and the restoration of hearts and souls. Surround search and rescue crews with your protection, fill volunteers and civic leaders with wisdom and compassion. Hold families who mourn with your sure hope of the resurrection and grant all courage and hope to face the future, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Let us support. Thank you for the sheer generosity that pours out in the time of need. One way to help our partners in these devastated areas is through our ELCA Lutheran Disaster Response. 100% of these gifts are channeled to help those affected by the devastating hurricanes. Partners are also working through the ECA Florida/Bahamas synod to make sure assistance get to those in need. Thank you for your help. To make a gift electronically go to saintlukegive.us and see the line for US Hurricanes-Lutheran Disaster Response. Checks may also be made out to Saint Luke and note for Hurricane Relief and we will make sure they get to ELCA Lutheran Disaster Response—Hurricane assistance. Thank you.

GODS WORK OUR HANDS SUNDAY

FYI—Just a reminder, this special Sunday will take place **October 16**, the Festival of St. Luke, Evangelist. Between the morning worship services we will have an all congregation service project for Lutheran World Relief.

PUMPKIN CARVING AND DECORATING

Bring your pumpkins on **October 22** at 10:00 a.m. to the big, white tent in the upper parking lot to carve or paint your pumpkins while spending time with others from the Saint Luke community. Paint and carving supplies will be provided. The paint is not washable so wearing older clothes is advisable, if you are painting. Any questions? Contact Melissa Groen, Director, Children's Ministry, mgroen@saintluke.us

Today's Music

HYMN NOTES

When In Our Music God Is Glorified

Fred Pratt Green, 1903-2000

This hymn was written by the retired Methodist minister-hymnist for a Festival of Praise in 1972 to be sung to Stanford's tune ENGELBERG. No finer hymn has been written about the reasons for the use of music in worship, and it is reassuring to know that a new hymn can become immensely popular world-wide in a few short years while the author is still living. No hymnal editor would dare omit this hymn.—Hymn Notes for Church Bulletins

O Master, Let Me Walk With You

Washington Gladden, 1836-1918

Gladden, one of America's best known Congregationalist ministers, was a powerful and fearless advocate of the "social gospel." The heart of this message is found in the first two lines, "O Master, let me walk with you, in lowly paths of service free" and the poem was entitled "Walking with God."—Hymn Notes for Church Bulletins

My God, How Wonderful Thou Art

Frederick Faber, 1814-1863

This hymn had originally nine stanzas. The framing theme of the hymn is a beatific vision. It contains the wonder that the God of such unfathomable brightness stoops to us in love and invites us to respond in love.—ELW Hymnal Companion

Faith of our Fathers

Frederick Faber

This is a hymn whose focus and meaning is completely different from the intention of the author. Faber sought to convert England to Catholicism with "Mary's prayers" and "faith of our fathers," but Unitarians altered it for Protestant use, and it is found in practically all American hymnals and sung with enthusiasm as singers vow to be true to the faith till death. God moves in mysterious ways! —Hymn Notes for Church Bulletins

MUSIC NOTES

Prelude: Musings on "Engelberg" - Paul Leddington Wright (b. 1957)

Paul Leddington Wright was organ scholar at St. Catharine's College, Cambridge where he studied with Peter Le Huray, David Willcocks and Alan Ridout. On leaving Cambridge, he freelanced for four years working mainly in the professional theatre as a musical director.

His arrangement of the tune ENGELBERG starts quiet. As the piece modulates (changes keys) it becomes louder. When the original material comes back, it is played softly again. The coda features a quick crescendo (getting louder) and decrescendo (getting softer).

During the Offering: Faith of Our Fathers—Michael Burkhardt (b. 1957)

Burkhardt is internationally known for his innovative and inspiring hymn festivals and for his creative work with children. He is in frequent demand as a choral clinician, organ recitalist, and hymn festival leader.

His setting of the tune ST CATHERINE is quiet throughout and features the melody played in the tenor range in the left hand.

Postlude: Chorale Prelude on "Engelberg" - Aaron David Miller (b. 1972)

Aaron David Miller is a renowned organ improviser having won numerous international awards and given concerts across the country. Dr. Miller is Music Director at House of Hope Presbyterian Church in St. Paul, MN. He is also a Forensic Musicologist for Donato Music, Scarsdale, NY.

His setting of the tune ENGELBERG starts with an opening fanfare. The tune proper is featured in the pedals followed by a return of the fanfare material. This leads to a dialogue of the tune between the right hand and pedals with frequent key changes. The opening material comes back and ends triumphantly.