



Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

October 9, 8:45 AM

Saint Luke Lutheran Church and School

9100 Colesville Road, Silver Spring, MD

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It's a miracle! Multiple miracles! The waters of holy baptism have healed us. The body and blood of Jesus in holy communion have made us clean. We have died with Christ and been raised with him. For all this we have returned to offer thanks. From this place we are sent on our way rejoicing to share the good news.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Hymn Improvisation on "Bunessan"

Michael Burkhardt (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 865

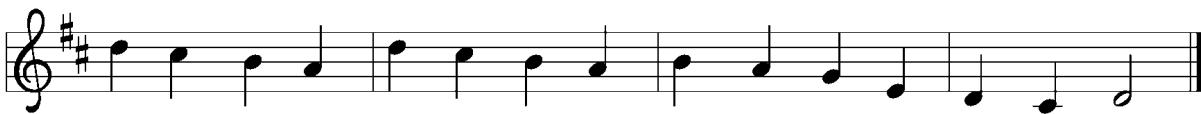
Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven



- 1 Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en; to his feet your trib - ute bring.
- 2 Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to our fore-bears in dis - tress.
- 3 Tend - er - ly he shields and spares us; well our fee - ble frame he knows.
- 4 An - gels help us to a - dore him, who be - hold him face to face.



Ran-somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more his prais - es sing.
Praise him, still the same for - ev - er, slow to chide and swift to bless.
In his hands he gent - ly bears us, res - cues us from all our foes.
Sun and moon bow down be - fore him; all who dwell in time and space.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly as his mer - cy flows.
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793–1847

Music: PRAISE, MY SOUL, John Goss, 1800–1880

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty and most merciful God, your bountiful goodness fills all creation. Keep us safe from all that may hurt us, that, whole and well in body and spirit, we may with grateful hearts accomplish all that you would have us do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING

2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c

Naaman, a Syrian general, suffers from leprosy. In this passage Elisha miraculously cures his illness, but only after Naaman realizes, with the help of his servants, that he also needs healing for his pride. This foreign general then acknowledges the sovereignty of the God of Israel.

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean." But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean?'" So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

2 Timothy 2:8-15

Though Paul is chained as a prisoner, the word of God is never shackled or confined. Timothy is encouraged to proclaim that word of freedom in an honest and upright life as well as in his teaching and preaching.

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure:

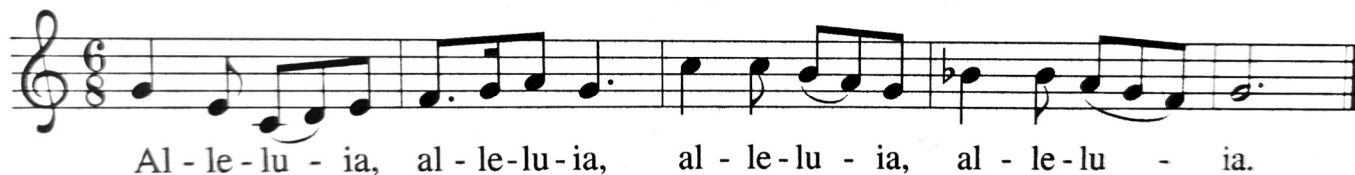
If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful—for he cannot deny himself.

Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



All: Alleluia

Choir: Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. (1 Thess. 5:18)

All: Alleluia

GOSPEL

Luke 17:11-19

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus' mission includes making people clean again. Unexpectedly, a Samaritan healed of leprosy becomes a model for those who would praise and worship God and give thanks for God's mercy.

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Zawistoski

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY • ELW 456

Baptized in Water



1 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the
2 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the
3 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the



blood of Christ our king: heirs of sal - va - tion, trust-ing his
tomb with Christ our king: one with his ris - ing, freed and for -
sign of Christ our king: born of the Spir - it, we are God's



prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

Text: Michael Seward, b. 1932

Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune

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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.**

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:

Saint Luke Lutheran Church
9100 Colesville Road
Silver Spring, MD 20910

CHORAL ANTHEM

Now Thank We All Our God

Now thank we all our God
with hearts and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom this world rejoices;
who, from our mothers' arms,
has blest us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

Text: Martin Rinkhart, 1586-1649; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878

Music: Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750), from *Gott der Herr ist Sonn und Schild*, BWV 79

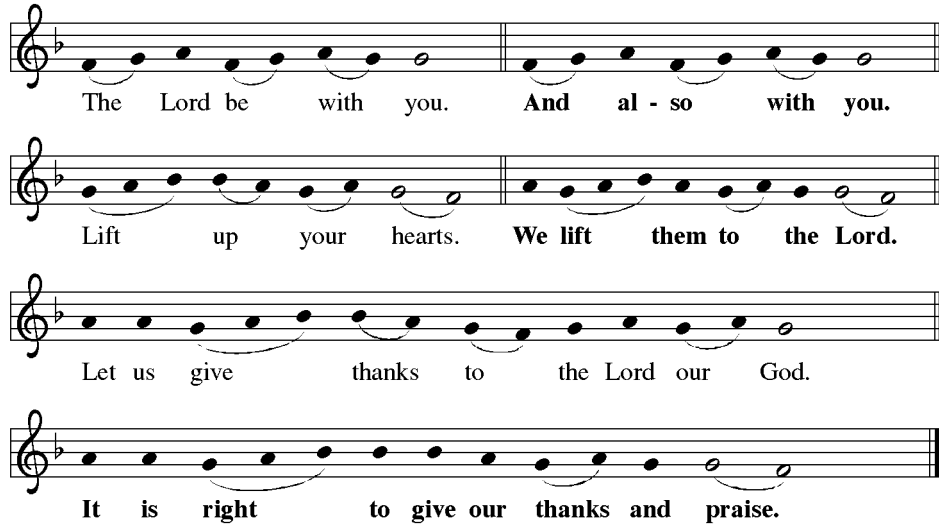
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OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

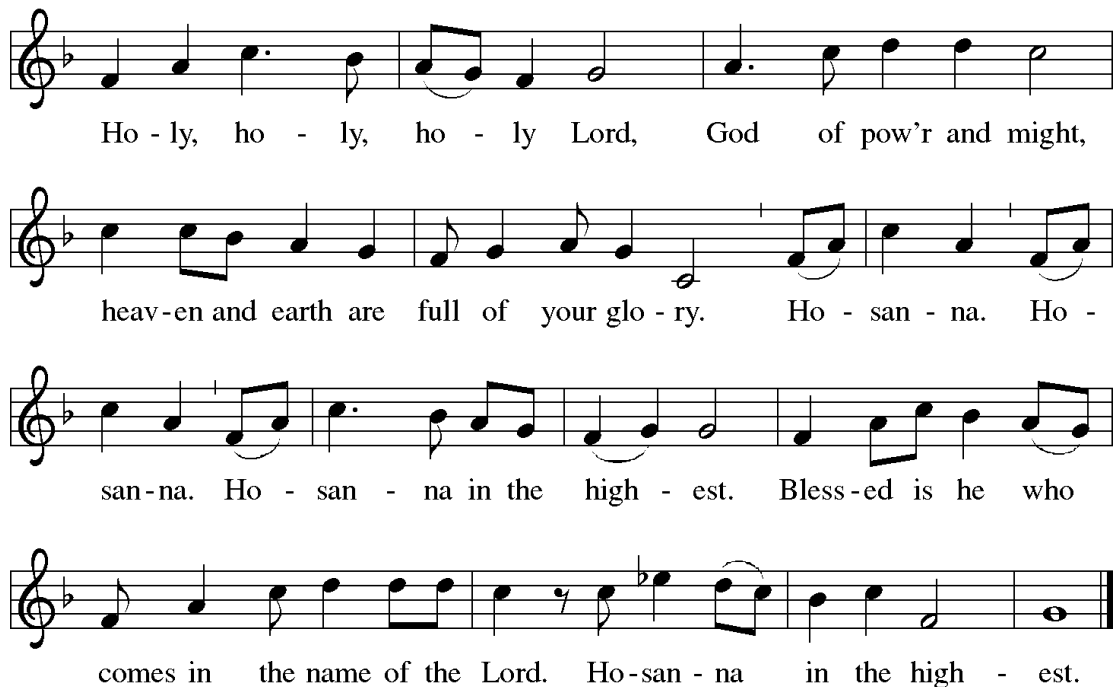
Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all. Amen.

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 us 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.

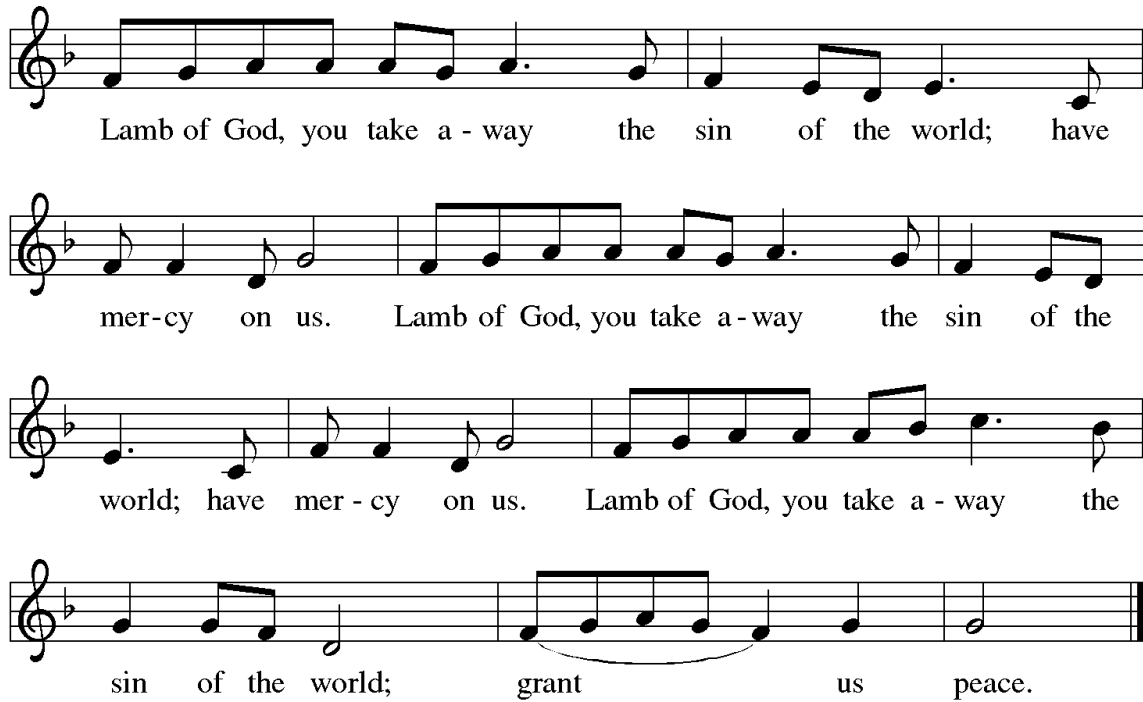
When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say:

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.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Sung by the choir.

Psalm 111—Anglican chant by Richard Massey

COMMUNION HYMN • ELW 484

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart



You sat - is - fy the hun - gry heart with gift of fin - est wheat.



Come give to us, O sav - ing Lord, the bread of life to eat.



- 1 As when the shep - herd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;
- 2 With joy - ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat - i - tude
- 3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out - poured?
- 4 The mys - t'ry of your pres - ence, Lord, no mor - tal tongue can tell:
- 5 You give your - self to us, O Lord; then self - less let us be,



so when you call your fam - 'ly, Lord, we fol - low and re - jice.
that you should count us wor - thy, Lord, to share this heav' n - ly food.
Do not one cup, one loaf, de - clare our one - ness in the Lord?
whom all the world can - not con - tain comes in our hearts to dwell.
to serve each oth - er in your name in truth and char - i - ty.

Text: Omer Westendorf, 1916–1997
Music: BICENTENNIAL, Robert E. Kreutz, 1922–1996
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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 - 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 822

Oh, Sing to the Lord



1 *Can - tad al Se - ñor un cán - ti - co nue - vo.*
 1 Oh, sing to the Lord, oh, sing God a new song.
 2 For God is the Lord, and God has done won - ders.
 3 So dance for our God and blow all the trum - pets.
 4 Oh, shout to our God, who gave us the Spir - it.
 5 For Je - sus is Lord! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia!



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¡Can - tad al Se - ñor, can - tad al Se - ñor!
 Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.
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 Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.
 Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.
 Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.

2 *Pues nuestro Señor ha hecho prodigios.
 Pues nuestro Señor ha hecho prodigios.
 Pues nuestro Señor ha hecho prodigios.
 ¡Cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor!*

4 *Es él que nos da el Espíritu Santo.
 Es él que nos da el Espíritu Santo.
 Es él que nos da el Espíritu Santo.
 ¡Cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor!*

3 *Cantad al Señor, alabadle con arpa.
 Cantad al Señor, alabadle con arpa.
 Cantad al Señor, alabadle con arpa.
 ¡Cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor!*

5 *¡Jesús es Señor! ¡Amén, aleluya!
 ¡Jesús es Señor! ¡Amén, aleluya!
 ¡Jesús es Señor! ¡Amén, aleluya!
 ¡Cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor!*

Text: Brazilian folk song; tr. Gerhard M. Cartford, b. 1923, Spanish and English
 Music: CANTAD AL SEÑOR, Brazilian folk tune
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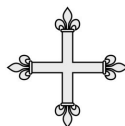
DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Oh, Sing to the Lord

Emma Lou Diemer (b. 1927)



WORSHIP LEADERS

PRESIDING MINISTERS

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

The Rev. Franklin Morales, *Associate Pastor*

PREACHING MINISTER

The Rev. Richard Zawistoski, *Confirmation Pastor*

COMMUNION SERVER

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

MUSICIANS

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

Schola Cantorum & Choristers

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This week at Saint Luke Lutheran Church

SUNDAY, October 9—18th 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

MONDAY, October 10

6:00 PM Yoga

TUESDAY, October 11

8:00 AM CDS Classes
10:00 AM Mary/Martha Circle (Hybrid)
1:30 PM Program Staff Meeting
4:30 PM Piano Lessons
7:00 PM Girl Scouts
7:00 PM Reformation Bells

WEDNESDAY, October 12

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

THURSDAY, October 13

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

FRIDAY, October 14

8:00 AM CDS Classes

SATURDAY, October 15

9:00 AM Quilters
9:30 AM AA
10:00 AM Affirmation of Baptism Retreat
11:00 AM Affirmation of Baptism Retreat
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 SLSHY
10:00 AM Congregation Service Project
10:00 AM Sunday School
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

Massie L. Kennard, renewer of the church, died 1996 (TFF)

Monday, October 10, 2022

A native of Chicago, Kennard was a major figure in supporting and working toward ethnic and racial inclusiveness in the former Lutheran Church in America. Ordained in 1958, he served in positions including Director for Minority Concerns of the Division for Mission in North America.

Teresa of Avila, teacher, renewer of the church, died 1582

Saturday, October 15, 2022

A mystical writer and reformer of the monastic order (Carmelites) to which she belonged, Teresa may also be commemorated with John of the Cross on December 14. Latino Christians traditionally remember her on this date.

Saint Luke Update 10/9/2022 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.

NEXT SUNDAY: OCTOBER 16 FESTIVAL OF ST. LUKE, EVANGELIST GODS WORK OUR HANDS SUNDAY

What a special day next Sunday will be! Let us celebrate our name Sunday, St. Luke, the Great Physician and Evangelist. We will also then observe God's Word Our Hands—participating in a **congregation-wide servant project**. Between the worship services at 10:00 a.m. all are invited to gather to assemble 500 personal care kits for Lutheran World Relief. Wow! This will be an inter-generational event—we can do it!

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

MEET DR. MARTIN LUTHER

What might Martin Luther, historic reformer, say to us today? Is there a reformation happening today? So often we think of this as something that happened in the 16th century, but how about right now, here in this place, our world, our country, our community? Come to **The Forum**, between the services, hosted by several of our pastors in the sanctuary, Reformation Sunday, October 30, and meet Dr. Luther, in the flesh. You will not want to miss this experience! See you then.

THE BLUE BINS ARE OUT: DONATIONS NEEDED

On **November 13**, the PreK-12th graders will be creating Thanksgiving Bags in the Great Hall, that will be given along with a grocery card to Food Pantry clients on November 18. Items needed for the Thanksgiving Bags are cereal (unsweetened), granola bars, fruit cups, body wash, shampoo, deodorant, and lotion (small bottle) and donations can be placed in the blue bins across from the sanctuary. Donations will be accepted until October 30. Monetary donations can be give at www.saintlukegive.us under the line item “children/youth service project.”

DEDICATE ALTAR FLOWERS

What a wonderful way to beautify the altar area as we worship, and at the same time remember or give thanks for a loved on or event, or yes, simply give thanks to God. Thank you for considering dedicating flowers for the altar for Sundays. In order to do so, simply go to www.saintluke.us and in the left hand column click on Dedicate Altar Flowers.

Today's Music

HYMN NOTES

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven

Henry F. Lyte, 1793-1847

While earlier hymnodists made paraphrases of hymns, Lyte, who won the prize for poetry three years in a row at Trinity College, Dublin, added a new dimension by making them poetical interpretations. This version of Psalm 103 includes such memorable lines as “Ransome, healed, restored, forgiven,” and “Father’like he tends and spares us.” Unfortunately a stanza based on verses 15-17 beginning “Frail as summer’s flower we flourish, Blows the wind, and it is gone” is usually omitted.—Hymn Notes for Church Bulletins.

Baptized in Water

Michael Saward, 1932-2015

Saward wrote this hymn in London on May 29, 1981. Each stanza begins with allusions to John 3:5 and Ephesians 1:13 and then, somewhat like “Wash, O God, our sons and daughters”, runs out aspects of what God does in baptism—cleanses, makes us heirs of salvation, promises, brings death and life in Christ, frees, forgives, marks, and gives new life in the Spirit as God’s children—so that in trust we thankfully and joyfully sing God’s praise.—ELW Hymnal Companion

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

Omer Westendorf, 1916-1997

Westendorf wrote this hymn for the Forty-First International Eucharistic Congress, held in Philadelphia in 1976, with the theme “The hungers of the human family.” With the tune BICENTENNIAL it was selected as the official hymn for the Congress from among two hundred entries. Like the sacrament it celebrates, it gathers many connections from a host of multiple images—hungry heart, finest wheat, saving Lord, bread of life, shepherd, sheep, family, rejoicing, praise, gratitude, blood of Christ outpoured, one cup, one loaf, one body, the mystery that Christ’s presence cannot be contained in the world but dwells with us, God’s giving to us, and our service to others.—ELW Hymnal Companion

Oh, Sing to the Lord

Gerhard Cartford, 1923-2016

In November 1982, Cartford and his wife went to a meeting of Brazilian Lutheran pastors in Itapuranga in Southern Brazil. The new hymnal *Hinos do Povo de Deus* (1981) they were using contained this hymn, and they sang it. Cartford says that “the song was well known in Brazil and sung frequently. I was strongly attracted to it, so when we got back to Buenos Aires, Argentina, where we were living then, I translated it from Portuguese to Spanish, and we began to sing it in Argentine Lutheran churches. Later, I translated it also to English, and introduced it in the U.S. when we were home on furlough.” - ELW Hymnal Companion

MUSIC NOTES

Prelude: Hymn Improvisation on “Bunessan” - 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 hymn tune BUNESSAN, in an irregular meter, begins with a ritornello with arpeggio figuration. The first half of the tune is played in the tenor range in the left hand. This is followed by the ritornello. The second half of the tune is played again in the left hand. The piece finishes with the ritornello.

Choral Anthem: Now Thank We All Our God—J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

The chorale *Now Thank We All Our God* is taken from Bach’s cantata “Gott der Herr ist Sonn und Schild” (God the Lord is sun and shield, Psalm 84:12). To celebrate the feast of the Reformation, this cantata was premiered on October 31, 1725. Originally scored for orchestra, today the organ is playing an adaptation. The chorale is sung by phrases with instrumental interludes.

Postlude: Oh, Sing to the Lord—Emma Lou Diemer (b. 1927)

Diemer is an American composer from Kansas City, Missouri. Diemer has written many works for orchestra, chamber ensemble, keyboard, voice, chorus, and electronic media. Diemer is a keyboard performer and over the years has given concerts of her own organ works at Washington National Cathedral, The Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels in Los Angeles, Grace Cathedral and St. Mary's Cathedral in San Francisco, and others.

Her interpretation of the hymn “Oh, Sing to the Lord” is an exploration of the tune with registration changes and harmonic twists. Emphasized is the dancing nature of the tune.