



Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 16, 10:00 AM

Saint Luke Lutheran Church and School

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God's word is like the rain that waters the earth and brings forth vegetation. It is also like the sower who scatters seed indiscriminately. Our lives are like seeds sown in the earth. Even from what appears to be little, dormant, or dead, God promises a harvest. At the Lord's table we are fed with the bread of life, that we may bear fruit in the world.

GATHERING

PRELUDE—Euphonium and Piano

Euphonium Concerto No. 1
II. Lento

Philip Sparke (b. 1951)

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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

Silence for reflection and self-examination may follow.

Most merciful God,
we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. **Amen.**

Rejoice with all creation around God's throne! In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN • ELW 679

For the Fruit of All Creation

1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
 3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.

For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.
 In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.
 For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.

For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
 In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
 For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,

fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
 in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
 most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

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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.

KYRIE • ELW 157

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

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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.

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CANTICLE OF PRAISE • ELW 167

Refrain

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

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

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

1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has

freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.

Refrain

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Refrain

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

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

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

2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and

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glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.

3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of

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God; to make all things new.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 55:10-13

God's word to Israel's exiles is as sure and effective as never-failing precipitation. Their return to the Holy Land in a new exodus is cheered on by singing mountains and by trees that clap their hands.

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY

Psalm 65: 9-13

Please sing the refrain after the organ introduction. Please sing all the verses.

Your paths o - ver - flow with plen - ty, O God, your
paths o - ver - flow with plen - ty.

⁹You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; the river of God is | full of water.

You prepare the grain, for so you provide | for the earth.

¹⁰You drench the furrows and smooth | out the ridges;
with heavy rain you soften the ground and | bless its increase.

¹¹You crown the year | with your goodness,
and your paths over- | flow with plenty.

¹²May the fields of the wilderness be | rich for grazing,
and the hills be | clothed with joy.

¹³May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak them- | selves with grain;
let them shout for | joy and sing. **R**

SECOND READING

Romans 8:1-11

There is no condemnation for those who live in Christ. God sent Christ to accomplish what the law was unable to do: condemn sin and free us from its death-dealing ways. The Spirit now empowers proper actions and values in our lives and gives us the promise of resurrected life.

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God’s law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION • ELW 169

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le-lu-ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The proper verse may be sung, or all may sing this verse. *Repeat alleluia*

All: *Alleluia.* The word | is very near to you;* it is in your mouth and | in your heart.
Alleluia. (Deut. 30:14)

GOSPEL

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

The holy gospel according to Saint Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

In Matthew's gospel, both Jesus and his disciples "sow the seed" of God's word by proclaiming the good news that "the kingdom of heaven is near." Now, in a memorable parable, Jesus explains why this good news produces different results in those who hear.

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!"

"Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Miller

Please stand as you are able.

1 We plow the fields and scat - ter the good seed on the land,
 2 You on - ly are the mak - er of all things near and far.
 3 We thank you, our cre - a - tor, for all things bright and good,

but it is fed and wa - tered by God's al - might - y hand,
 You paint the way - side flow - er, you light the eve - ning star.
 the seed - time and the har - vest, our life, our health, our food.

who sends the snow in win - ter, the warmth to swell the grain,
 The winds and waves o - bey you, by you the birds are fed;
 No gifts have we to of - fer for all your love im - parts,

the breez - es and the sun - shine, and soft re - fresh - ing rain.
 much more to us, your chil - dren, you give our dai - ly bread.
 but what you most would trea - sure—our hum - ble, thank - ful hearts.

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Refrain

All good gifts a - round us are sent from heav'n a - bove.

We thank you, Lord, we thank you, Lord, for all your love.

Text: Matthias Claudius, 1740–1815; tr. Jane M. Campbell, 1817–1878, alt.
 Music: WIR PFLÜGEN, Johann A. P. Schulz, 1747–1800

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

Trusting in God's abundant mercy, let us offer our prayers for a world in need.

After each portion of the prayers:

God, in your mercy,
 hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

Receive our prayers and answer us, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ.
 Amen.

PEACE

Jesus says: Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.
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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MUSIC DURING THE OFFERING– Euphonium and Piano

Allegro Spiritoso

Jean Baptiste Senaillé (1687-1730)

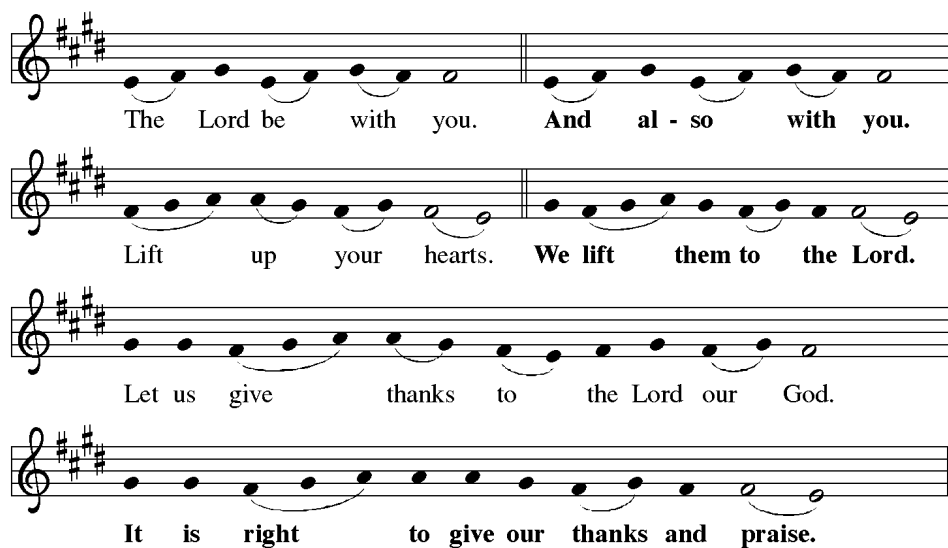
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OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

**God of field and forest, sea and sky, you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
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 are you, God of pow - er and
 might; heav - en and earth are filled with your
 glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est, 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 ris-en. Christ will come, come a - gain.

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.



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

All people are called to Christ's table.
Come, eat what is good.
Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.

COMMUNION

All are invited to the Lord's table, a table of grace and mercy. There are two stations at the foot of the chancel steps. Please stretch out your hand, palm up, to receive the host, the body of Christ. (Gluten-free wafers are available; please ask your server) Then receive in the individual cup the blood of Christ. You may deposit your cup in the basket near the side wall. Those who wish to receive a blessing instead of the Lord's supper are also encouraged to come forward. Those who wish to receive the sacrament in the pew please inform an usher. All are welcome to the Lord's table.

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.



Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre - pared with the wine and the bread.



All who are hun - gry and thirst - y, come, and your souls will be fed.



Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hand.



Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

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COMMUNION HYMN • ELW 508

As Rain from the Clouds

1 As rain from the clouds will your word come to earth,
 2 As grain that is scat - tered your word has been sown
 3 As rays of the sun shall your word light the world,

as snow from the heav - ens re - fresh - ing the land.
 on rocks and on road - ways, in good earth and sand.
 a - wak - ing and warm - ing, and heal - ing our land.

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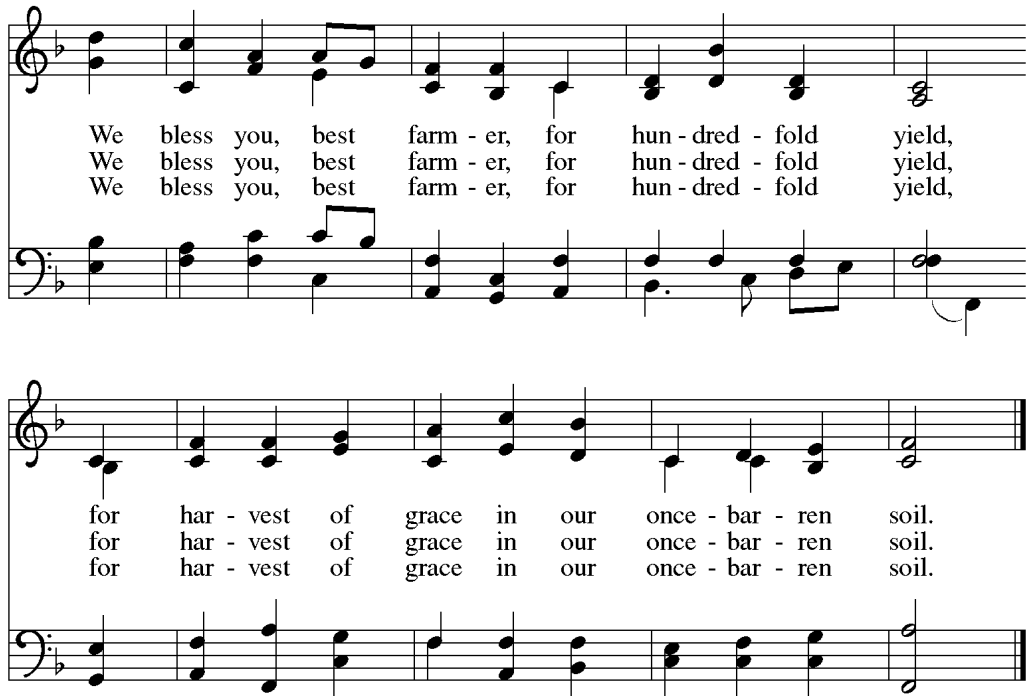
Then soft - en our soil that the good seed may grow
 Make fer - tile our soil that the good seed may grow
 Then shine in our hearts that the good seed may grow

and rip - en rich fruit to re - turn to your hand.
 and rip - en rich fruit to re - turn to your hand.
 and rip - en rich fruit to re - turn to your hand.

We praise you, our God, for the dew of your word;
 We praise you, our God, for the seed of your word;
 We praise you, our God, for the light of your word;

we thank you, good gar - d'ner, for your ten - der toil.
 we thank you, good gar - d'ner, for your ten - der toil.
 we thank you, good gar - d'ner, for your ten - der toil.

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We bless you, best farm - er, for hun - dred - fold yield,
 We bless you, best farm - er, for hun - dred - fold yield,
 We bless you, best farm - er, for hun - dred - fold yield,
 for har - vest of grace in our once - bar - ren soil.
 for har - vest of grace in our once - bar - ren soil.
 for har - vest of grace in our once - bar - ren soil.

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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 • ELW 208



1 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -
 2 From of old you loved and sought us: thanks be to you for -
 3 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -



ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:
 ev - er! Truth and jus - tice you have taught us:
 ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:



thanks be to you for - ev - er!
 thanks be to you for - ev - er!
 thanks be to you for -



Strong is your faith - ful-ness, strong is your love, re -



mem - b'ring your cov - e - nant of life with us.



ev - er! Thanks be to you for - ev - er!

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

We thank you, generous God, for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

The God who calls across the cosmos
and speaks in the smallest seed

✠ bless, keep, and sustain you
now and to the end of the age.

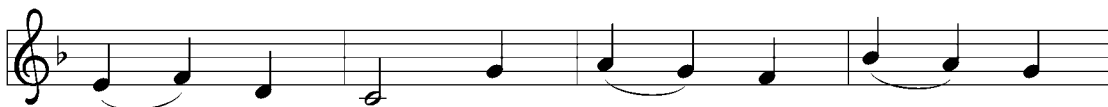
Amen.

SENDING HYMN • ELW 551

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve



1 The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we go in
2 We go to com - fort those who mourn and set the
3 We go to be the hands of Christ, to scat - ter
4 Then let us go to serve in peace, the gos - pel



Je - sus' name to bring glad tid - ings
bur - dened free; where hope is dim, to
joy like seed and, all our days, to
to pro - claim. God's Spir - it has em -



to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim.
share a dream and help the blind to see.
cher - ish life, to do the lov - ing deed.
pow - ered us; we go in Je - sus' name.

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the harvest.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

Elaine S. Dykstra (1945-2011)

WORSHIP LEADERS

PRESIDING MINISTERS

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

The Rev. Richard Zawistoski, *Confirmation Pastor*

ASSISTING MINISTER

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

MUSICIANS

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

Cas Campagna, *Euphonium*

THE FLOWERS ABOUT THE ALTAR are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for their 61st wedding anniversary, by Don and Aggie Steinbach. Their actual anniversary was yesterday, July 15.

The flowers are also given by the Bolleddu family, in honor of Jacob Bolleddu's 77th birthday yesterday, July 15.

The flowers are given as well by the Heinbaugh family in celebration of Charles Heinbaugh's 99th birthday on July 21st.

We give thanks to these families and the people and events they honor in the name of Jesus Christ.

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This week at Saint Luke Lutheran Church

SUNDAY, July 16—7th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 AM Holy Communion
11:00 AM Reception

SATURDAY, July 22

9:30 AM AA
11:00 AM Al-Anon

MONDAY, July 17

6:00 PM Yoga

SUNDAY, July 23—8th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 AM Holy Communion
11:00 AM Reception
5:00 PM San Lucas Misa Español
6:00 PM Reception

TUESDAY, July 18

4:30 PM Piano Lessons
7:00 PM Girl Scouts

*NB: Worship Services are in person and
livestreamed*

WEDNESDAY, July 19

7:00 AM Faith Connections (Zoom)
10:00 AM Women in Community
5:30 PM Zoom Sara/Lydia Circle
7:30 PM AA

THURSDAY, July 20

7:30 PM Centering Prayer (Zoom)

FRIDAY, July 21

Upcoming Commemorations

Bartolomé de Las Casas, missionary to the Indies, died 1566

Monday, July 17, 2023

A native of Spain, Las Casas first came to the Western hemisphere while serving in the military. Upon arriving in the West, Las Casas was granted a large estate with Indigenous enslaved people whom he freed after he was ordained a priest. He worked in the Caribbean and Central America to improve the lives of the native peoples.

Mary Magdalene, Apostle

Saturday, July 22, 2023

Sometimes called "the apostle to the apostles" because she told them of her encounter with the risen Lord, Mary was a woman of Galilee who followed Jesus throughout his ministry. She was present at Jesus' crucifixion and his burial.

Saint Luke Update 7/16/2023 Edition

CONGRATUALATIONS ARTURO! 10 YEARS OF SERVICE

During the announcement time, **we honor and give thanks for Arturo Villarroel, this month celebrating 10 years of service with Saint Luke.** When we have an electrical problem, who fixes it? When we have a plumbing issue, who is there to solve the problem? Who makes sure all the classrooms and other areas are set for the day? Who takes good care of the physical plant and the houses? When we need extra help at Hallowood, who heads there to lend a hand? We could go on and on. Of course, the one and only servant we are talking about is Arturo Villarroel. He is actually contracted through a janitorial service company, but is full time at Saint Luke, and a vital part of our staff family and our mission and ministry. We present him with a gift during the announcements. Thank you Arturo, for these 10 years of service!



It is all about “45 Alive.” Have you seen the videos showing the ministry and mission outreach of Saint Luke? It is amazing! As we look to a new fiscal year, the Stewardship Committee is asking each giving unit, household, to increase giving each month by \$45. Inflation is a very big factor. We have slimmed down the budget to have major cost savings and done the math—\$45 extra will greatly help to balance the budget. Some may not be able to do this but others may consider giving extra for those who cannot. We hope to begin this with the fiscal year starting August 1. Thank you for prayerfully considering “45 Alive.” We can do it!

BUILDING BACK UP

As we get ready for another program year, new groups and ministry committees are being formed. Watch for a listserv soon where you will be able to volunteer for so many wonderful ministries. Please consider ministries such as Ushers, Altar Guild, Committees like Finance, Stewardship, Worship and Music, Youth, Fellowship outreach, Social Outreach, Care of God’s Creation, Greeters, Liturgy Assistants, and so much more! During the pandemic ,staff people covered as much as possible, but now it is time for all of us to share our amazing talents and interests. Watch for the sign up information soon. Thank you for considering a specific interest.

CHRISTIAN DAY SCHOOL

We are so blessed with such a wonderful school. Enrollment is happening for fall. Spots are still available.

Thank you for helping pass the word. Thank you for helping pass this word through your social media, neighborhood listservs and the like. To learn more and apply on-line, visit www.saintlukekids.org. Students will be accepted on a first come, first served basis. Call to schedule a tour today, 301-588-3866. Again thanks for passing this information along.

****REMINDER: HOMECOMING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10****

Today's Music

Philip Sparke (b. 1951) was born in London and studied composition, trumpet and piano at the Royal College of Music, where he gained an ARCM.

The Euphonium Concerto has its origins in a concerto for horn and brass band, commissioned by the River City Brass Band (Pittsburgh) in 1992. It was composed at the request of British euphonium virtuoso, Steven Mead, and first performed by him with the Breeze Brass Band in Osaka, Japan, in 1995. In conventional three-movement form, performed without a break, the concerto covers the panoply of the euphonium's range and character. The second movement opens with tuned percussion taking centre stage, laying for the foundations for a long cantilena from the soloist in resigned mood, but with a touch of optimism. After a central climax for the band, this melody returns, with soloists from the band answering in counterpoint.

This "harvest hymn," "**For the fruit of all creation**" states several basic themes: thanks for the harvest of nature, a call to share with others and thus do God's will, and thanks for the harvests of the Spirit: goodness, truth and love. The lines beginning "For the wonders that astound us" are a poetical tour de force in terms of ideas and rhymes. – Hymn Notes for Church Bulletins

Jean Baptiste Senaillé (23 November 1687 – 15 October 1730) was a French born Baroque composer and violin virtuoso. His father was a member of Les Vingt-quatre Violons du Roi. Senaillé studied under Jean-Baptiste Anet, Giovanni Antonio Piani and in Italy under Tomaso Antonio Vitali and imported Italian musical techniques and pieces into the French court. He wrote around 50 violin sonatas. He is most well-known for a fast 2/4 movement from one of these sonatas, **Allegro spiritoso**, which has had versions published transcribed for a wide variety of instruments, from cello to bassoon to euphonium.

Today's version was arranged by **Leonard Falcone (5 April 1899 – May 2, 1985)** who was an Italian-American musician, conductor, arranger, lecturer, and educator. He was well known as a virtuoso on the baritone horn, having extensively performed, written, and educated on the instrument. - Wikipedia

Matthias Claudius (1740-1815) was a commissioner of agriculture in Germany, and his poem, *Paul Eardmann's Festival* (1782), gives a romantic picture of the celebration of harvest in a German farmhouse. Its thesis is that we must cooperate with God by ploughing and sowing, but God provides wind, sunshine and rain to bring forth the fruits. "**We plow the fields, and scatter**" is an expression of humble and thankful hearts for all of God's good gifts around us. – Hymn Notes for Church Bulletins

Delores Dufner (b. 1939) wrote "**As Rain from the Clouds**" in 1983, having in mind a host of biblical sources that begin with Psalm 119. The themes she points to are "thanksgiving for God's Word, source of light and life" and "God as the sower who tenderly cares for the seed and brings it to fruitfulness." – ELW Hymnal Companion

Of "**The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve**" **Delores Dufner (b. 1939)** said, "I wanted to write a straight-forward closing hymn for the Sundays of Ordinary Time, a hymn to energize and empower the assembly to live the gospel during the week ahead" It appropriately closes off the Sending section of the hymnal in Christ's name with God's favor proclaimed in glad tidings and loving deeds by the baptized assembly as it scatters to the poor, those who mourn, the burdened, the hopeless, and the blind. – ELW Hymnal Companion

Today's postlude is a clever hymn setting on Chesterfield by **Elaine Dykstra (1945-2011)**, organist at Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd in Austin, TX. The piece starts with a brief introductory phrase. The tune is then played on a reed sound in the left hand. The introductory phrase comes back and leads into the tune being played in the pedals. After an upward modulation, the tune is played ornamented in the top part of a 4-part texture.